

# Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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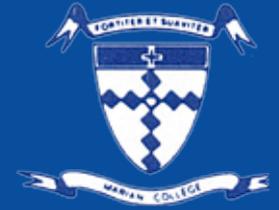
Principal: Mrs. Carmel Barker



***"They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them,  
nor the years condemn.  
We will remember them."***



# From the Principal's Office



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Students of Marian College,

- ❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*
- ❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

***Dear Heavenly Father,***

***As we begin a new school term, we come to you with grateful hearts for the opportunity to learn and grow. We pray for your guidance and wisdom to be upon us as we embark on this new journey.***

***We ask that you bless our teachers with patience and understanding as they impart their knowledge to us. May they have the strength and endurance to meet the challenges of each day.***

***We pray for our fellow students, that we may all be open to learning and supportive of one another. May we develop friendships that uplift and encourage us.***

***Lord, we ask that you bless our schools with safety and security. Protect us from harm, and danger, both seen and unseen.***

***Above all, we ask that you be with us in every step of our academic journey. Help us to be diligent in our studies and give us the perseverance to overcome any obstacles we may face.***

***We place our trust in you, knowing that with your grace and guidance, we can accomplish all things. We thank you for hearing our prayer and for your never-ending love.***

***In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.***

Welcome back to term two. I am hoping that the Easter break has everyone well rested for the second half of Semester one. As you are aware Mrs Barker is taking some well deserved leave and for the next four weeks I will be taking the chair as Acting Principal. Unlike last time (2021) I'm hoping not to have to 'shut the school down' for remote learning purposes!

Ms. Alexandra Abela will be looking after Learning and Teaching as well as her role as Head of Staff Development.

Another big term ahead with such things as State swimming, football, netball and basketball to name just a few of the sport activities on the calendar. We also have numerous internal activities and subject based competitions underway most notably in the areas of Science, English, Maths and Humanities. I highly encourage all students to have a go in all the variety of activities that are on offer.

## **School review**

As Mrs Barker has previously mentioned the school is part of the Diocesan School Improvement Framework (SIF) review. This is taking place in week five of this term. It involves outside representatives coming in and reviewing all areas of our school. This is our first year as part of the SIF review having previously been reviewed using the Kildare Education Ministries review process.

## **Parent Teacher Interviews**

Week three of this term will see Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday the

10th of May from 1pm until 8pm. They will be held in the College gym. Please note this is a Pupil Free Day. Students are encouraged to come along to interviews with their parents. Bookings can be made online and instructions will be in this newsletter and for the next few weeks. I highly encourage all families to book interviews with their child's teachers.

### **Congratulations to Mr Harricks on his marriage.**

A very big congratulations to Mr Michael and Mrs Julia Harricks who married over the school holidays. A special day for them and our school which sees Michael and Julia Boatman (Mary-Lou's) daughter start their new life together.

### **Athletics Carnival last week of term**

Congratulations to all students who participated in a very warm athletics carnival on the last Tuesday of last term. A special congratulations to Synnott House for winning the athletics. It was a fantastic day. Well done to all the staff involved in setting up and packing up and a special thanks to Mr Harricks for his organization on the running of such a smooth carnival.

Postponement of Black Ranges Athletics  
Unfortunately Black Ranges Athletics scheduled for week 3 of this term has been postponed. As soon as a date is re-set we will inform families.

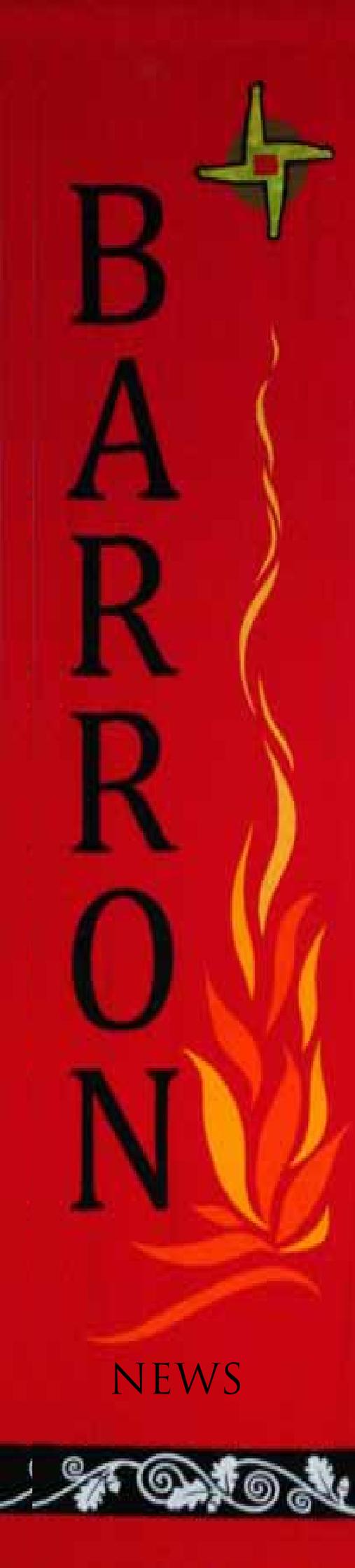
### **Anzac Day**

As part of ANZAC day ceremonies we had a small group of students participate in a Shrine Excursion to Melbourne on the last Wednesday of last term. Thank you to all those involved. We also have students laying wreaths at Stawell and Ararat on Anzac Day as part of these ceremonies.

This week is just as big as any other. We start the term with State swimming and Girls football as well as setting back into term two.

I gently remind all families that winter uniform is a requirement for Terms 2 and 3. Please find general information about this in this edition of the newsletter.

Matthew Summers  
Acting Principal



# BARRON

NEWS

## FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello, Marian College community, welcome to Term 2. I hope that everyone experienced some rest and a change of scene over the break.

On students' first day back (Wednesday) we will be having our ANZAC Day Liturgy during period 2. Honouring our ANZAC history and spirit by taking the time to remember their contribution and sacrifice, as well as the role they played in the shaping of world history, is an integral part of our Australian culture. Each year, it's a time to reflect on ancestors, soldiers, and personnel within Australia and overseas who support/ed the ANZAC military efforts through endeavours such as machinery production and medical care. Try to read, listen to, or watch some ANZAC stories to better understand how momentous (albeit terrible) events like wars have influenced the way we all live today.

During the Easter break, I was reflecting on the intensity of Term 1. One thing that I'm very grateful for is the compassion and support that students and staff offered each other when we were hit hard by tragic loss. Students have been asking staff how we are doing. The number of wonderful hugs given and received was amazing. Friends sought each other out to cry or to share memories. Thank you for doing these things. It is so wonderful and so important. I continue to be so proud of our college community's kindness and resilience. Let's keep being kind to each other, keep checking in, keep talking about how we are doing. Now. Later. Always.

**Can each of you please ask at least one person today: 'Are you okay?'**

***And, when you yourself are not okay, commit to telling at least one person that you are struggling.***

Thank you.

Erica McConachy  
Barron House Leader

# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The athletics carnival was held on Tuesday the 4th of April at Alexandra Oval. It was a perfect day for athletics with the sun out and no breeze. The Year 12's made their annual entrance into the oval with some unbelievably good costumes.

There were so many amazing performances from all students competing throughout the day. A number of records were broken during the day highlighting the great ability of Marian students.

It was the tightest athletics carnival that I have seen in my time as sports coordinator with only 51 points separating 1st and 4th and every house held the lead at some point during the day. But at the final count it was Synnott who found themselves ahead of the pack. Much to the delight of House Captains Ruby Preston and Bel Harney!

The overall standings were as follows:-

- 1st Synnott -704 points
- 2nd Kelly -692 points
- 3rd Barron -676 points
- 4th Clancy - 653 points

Individual age champions were:-

- 13 Female- Darcy Venn
- 13 Male- Jackson Richardson
- 14 Female- Marissa Flavell & Sophie Birch
- 14 Male- Barney Baker
- 15 Female- Billie Donnan
- 15 Male- Sam Harrington
- 16 Female- Natalie Marshall
- 16 Male- Jack Kuchel
- 17 Female- Nikki Watts
- 17 Male- Cameron Roberts
- 18 Female- Sabaya Woods
- 18 Male- Jayde McMurtrie

Well done to all of our age champions.

A massive congratulations to all of our Year 12's who did an excellent job of getting students into events on the day and thanks to all staff for your terrific work at making the day run so smoothly.

Michael Harricks  
Head of Sport



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# Parent Teacher Interviews Pupil Free Day

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 10th May, 2023**. This is an important opportunity to speak to teachers for direct feedback about your child's progress throughout this semester and discuss any issues that may have arisen. It is highly recommended that students attend. Details of the interviews follow:

- Interviews start at 1.00pm and the evening concludes at 8.00pm
- There will be a whole staff break at 5.30pm for 30 minutes.
- Interview times are a strict 8 minutes per subject.
  - If you have teachers who teach multiple classes with your child, **please book only one interview timeslot**. Similarly, if you have a need to discuss an issue in greater depth, please organize a separate meeting time.

Interviews can be booked through the **Parent Access Module (PAM)** from the College website. **Bookings will open on Friday 28th April**. Follow these instructions to make a booking.

- From the College Website Homepage, click on the PAM icon.
- Log in to PAM using your current username and password.
- From your PAM homepage, Click on the Parent Teacher Interview Icon. This will open a page where you can make bookings for your child/children.
- Click on the child you wish to make a booking for, then select the subject. The times when that staff member is available will appear. Only available timeslots will appear.
- Click on a suitable time and select 'Book Interview'.
- Booked times will appear at the bottom of the page.
- Continue making bookings for subjects and teachers you wish to meet.
- You will be able to print off all bookings made using the print icon.

**Bookings may be cancelled and changed at any time. Please make cancellations as soon as possible to free up timeslots for others.**

If you require assistance please contact office staff who can make bookings on your behalf.

## Information Evening and Tours for Enrolments 2024

Marian College will host an information evening on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 6:30 pm commencing in the Marian College Gymnasium in Moore Street

In addition to the Information Evening the College is open for private tours any time from 8:00 am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday. Please contact the College to make an appointment on 5352 3861



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**Attend Today**

**Achieve Tomorrow**

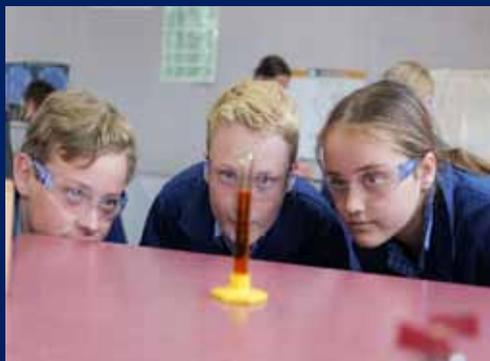
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Enrolments 2024**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**6:30pm**

**Marian College Gymnasium Moore St. Ararat**

**For more information 5352 3861**



**HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY**

**MONDAY 1ST MAY 2023**

**ALL STUDENTS SHOULD  
WEAR PE UNIFORM**

# LEGACY SHRINE EXCURSION



# VM ANZAC *Project*



# Winter Uniform

## Winter Uniform (Terms 2 and 3)

- Marian College skirt or approved navy slacks
- Pale blue short or long sleeved business shirt with Marian College logo
- V neck woollen jumper with Marian College logo
- Marian College tie (optional)
- Marian College grey school socks with blue stripes or navy tights (worn with skirt)
- Approved black lace up school shoes



**Winter slacks  
and jumper  
(tie is optional)**



**Winter skirt  
and jumper**



## Optional Uniform items

- Rain jacket with Marian College logo
- Beanie with Marian College logo
- Scarf with Marian College logo



**Beanie**



**Scarf**



**Rain jacket**

# Winter Uniform

## Sports Uniform

- Marian College Rugby Top with Marian College logo.
- Marian College sports top
- Approved navy blue shorts with Marian College logo
- Approved navy blue track pants with Marian College logo
- Marian College grey school socks with blue stripes.
- Athletics shoes.



**Sports Polo**



**Sports Rugby Top**



**Socks**



**Track pants**

## Uniform Supplier

Foster's Mensland in Ararat and Stawell are the sole suppliers of the Marian College Ararat uniform.

# April 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24 STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	25 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	26 STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 2	27	28 STATE SWIMMING  INTERMEDIATE & SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL

# May 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY	2	3	4	5
YEAR 11 CAMP				
8	9	10 PUPIL FREE DAY  PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS 1.00 pm - 8.00 pm	11 BLACK RANGES CROSS COUNTRY	12
15	16 YEAR 7 2024 INFORMATION EVENING	17	18 BLACK RANGES SENIOR NETBALL AND FOOTBALL	19 VCE CAREERS EXPO