

Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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Marian College's

Production of

Disney

**HIGH
SCHOOL
MUSICAL**

ON STAGE!

Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie Written
by Peter Barsocchini

Licensed exclusively by Music Theatre International (Australasia).
All performance materials supplied by Hal Leonard Australia

18, 19, 20th August 2022

Ararat Town Hall

Tickets available at: www.ararattownhall.com.au
Concession \$10, Adults \$20, Family of 4 \$50



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*

"The Pilgrim Prayer"

***Guardian of my soul,
guide me on my way this day.
Keep me safe from harm.
Deepen my relationship with
you,
your Earth, and all your family.
Strengthen your love within me
that I may be a presence of
your peace
in our world.
Amen***

This week all Kildare Ministries Principals, RECs (Religion Coordinators and Kildare staff head to the Aboriginal community at Lake Mungo National Park, north of Mildura. This three days immersion retreat explores the richness of the indigenous people, their stories and their land over the last 50,000 plus years. The lake is long extinct but the landscape that remains is breathtaking. We wish all pilgrims well as we set out on this journey together with Kildare Ministries.

Subject Selection Night

Thank you to all the parents and students who attended our Subject Selection evening last Tuesday night. This is an important part in empowering students to be invested in their own learning and career pathway. The timetable for 2023

is changing. Following our very long review process, we are moving to a five-period day. The new timetable prioritises Literacy and Numeracy and increases time for all Senior subjects. Year 10 students who are progressing well will have an opportunity to study one senior subject, thereby lessening their workload later on. Subject Selection is due no later than Friday 12th August.

Staff Employment 2023

Next year, the demand for staffing in all schools will be at a premium. Proposed changes to conditions in Victoria will increase educational staffing needs. With this in mind, I am very aware of the importance of retaining and supporting our very good staff, and inviting new colleagues who possess a passion for assisting our young people. We are interested in hearing from individuals with a current VIT to submit an Expression of Interest for further discussion regarding teaching in 2023, or an Expression of Interest for Learning Support staff. All who teach at Marian must have a current Victorian Institute of Teaching Certificate (VIT), or Current Working with Children Check for all other staff. Please give us a call if you would like to know more.

Child Safety and the Ministerial Order 1359.

Marian College Child Protection Officers (CPOs)

Broad areas of responsibility of the CPO are to:

PROVIDE AUTHORITATIVE ADVICE

Act as a source of support, advice and expertise to staff on matters of child safety. Liaise with the principal and school leaders to maintain the visibility of child safety. Lead the development of the school's child safety culture, including being a child safety champion and providing coordination in communicating, implementing, monitoring, enhancing and reporting on strategies to embed a culture of child safety.

RAISE AWARENESS

Ensure the school's policies are known and used appropriately. Ensure the school's child safety policy is reviewed in the context of school self-evaluation undertaken as part of the school accountability framework. Ensure the child protection policy is available publicly and parents are aware of the fact that referrals about suspected abuse or neglect may be made and the role of the school in this. Be alert to the specific needs of children in need, those with special educational needs and young carers. Encourage among all staff a culture of listening to children and taking account of their wishes and feelings in any measures to protect them.

Our College Child Protection Officers are: Mrs Steph Saravanja (Head of Wellbeing), Mrs Mary-Lou Boatman (Head of House) and Mrs Emma Dawes (Psychologist). Please feel free to speak to them in confidence or contact DHHS or the police in matters of Child Safety.

Circuit Break Weekend

With the flu, COVID and other ailments at a premium this term, the 11th and 12th of August are designed as a mid-term circuit breaker, for students and staff to recharge the batteries and forge ahead for the remainder of the term. This is

a one-off situation in a time of ongoing stresses for families and staff. Students who have had a significant number of days away from school, and hoping to catch up, will have work from their teacher (in most cases on their google classroom).

Year 10 Camp

Thank you and well done to all staff and Year 10 students on camp last week. The program was excellent, and the engagement and behaviour by the students were impressive and a credit to their parents and the school. Thank you to all staff who journeyed with the students throughout the three days away, and thanks also to those who undertook extra work back onsite to ensure this valuable experience could go ahead.

Stewardship Council

After the last two years of managing many meetings online, it was wonderful to be face to face with the College Stewardship Council once again this week. Over this period of incredible support and advice by this team for the work we undertake, especially through a pandemic, I would like to personally thank Sister Angela Ryan (Kildare Ministries Board member) and Mr Scott Woolley (Chair) for their invaluable contribution over a number of years. We welcome this term to the role of Chair, Mr Cameron Evans, and Mrs Marita Wright (Kildare Education Ministries Board representative). We also welcome back Mrs Ainsley Cameron, and new to the team, Mrs Liz McIntyre and Mrs Sandra Fanneco. The role of the college's Stewardship Council is to provide support, guidance and advice to the Principal, especially but not exclusively in the areas of policy, finance and community engagement.

Take care,
Carmel

IN MY WORDS *with Christam Castro*



One morning, in the middle of the hustle and bustle around the Christmas holidays, a gift was bestowed upon my parents, Chonna and Marvin Castro. A Mitsubishi Lancer! ...and me. I was born on the 22nd of December, 2004 to my parents, Chonna and Marvin Castro. I am the eldest of three, my younger siblings being 12 and 7. Although Justin and Althea drive me up the bend sometimes, I always have, and always will love and care for them.

I remember very little about my first years on this planet. Little comes to mind from our time in Melbourne, and even less from our time in the Philippines unfortunately. One of the very first memories that I do actually remember is being at some beach in Melbourne, and hearing the sound of Formula 1 cars in nearby Albert Park. The sound of the cars blasting around the track were out of

this world to me at the time. They left such a lasting impression that I've been a fan since then. Another thing that sparked my interest in cars was a little known racing game on the PS2 called Gran Turismo 4. I spent countless hours driving cars around so many tracks, the memories of racing against my dad are ones that I remember fondly. My other interest, soccer, started a couple of years ago. During the pandemic I stumbled upon a team by the name of Tottenham Hotspur. Since then, I've enjoyed our successes, and have felt the lows of our not-so-successful times. Although I get plenty of stick for supporting a team that hasn't won a major trophy in over a decade, I'm Lilywhite through and through. (And North London is white, not red!)

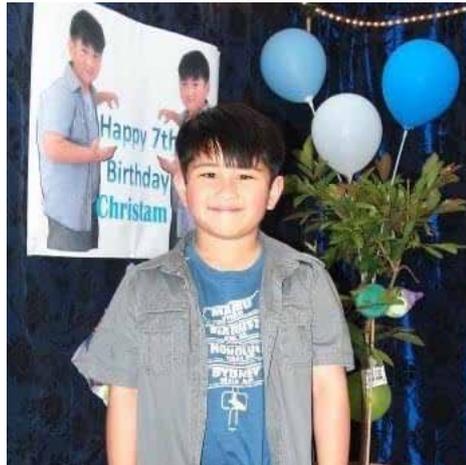
After my family's move to Ararat, I found myself going to what is now called the Ararat

Childcare and Kinder Retreat when we first moved in. I think I remember bawling my eyes out when my dad dropped me off for the first time. According to Gabe, the place was "a living hell, where we did our best to find the little joys in preschool life. (Despite our environment)" I didn't really remember my experience being like that, so I guess I'll take his word for it.

And so started Saint Mary's. Although I remember taking a lot of knocks and falls in my time there, many fun times were had there, hide and seek, tag - oh the camps! Our time in Sovereign Hill and Melbourne were probably the best ways to spend our last couple camps at the school. And our 'Big Day Out' was also such a fun one for me and a great way to finish off my primary school years. With my first years in Marian, it felt as though I had settled in at the school quite quickly, and I can only thank those in my T.A. at the time for making me feel welcomed and a part of the group. I especially thank Mr East for being such a wonderful teacher for his time as a T.A. If you happen to read this, I would like to say that I missed the dad jokes you insisted on telling from time to time, but I wouldn't want to lie! I hope that in my time here, I've helped give some students in the younger year levels as warm a welcome as I had received when I first came to Marian.

Looking forward, I want to follow my passion, and get a job in the automotive industry, or even better yet, get into a job at a Formula 1 team. (I wouldn't be too picky, but if someone from McLaren sees this, hit me up in a decade.)

I want to thank all those who have been a big part of my life in the last 17 years, Mum, Dad, my siblings, and of course all the teachers that have had me as one of their students. I thank you all for helping me who I am (And for being patient and putting up with me.) And to my fellow Year 12s, best of luck with your studies, final push now!

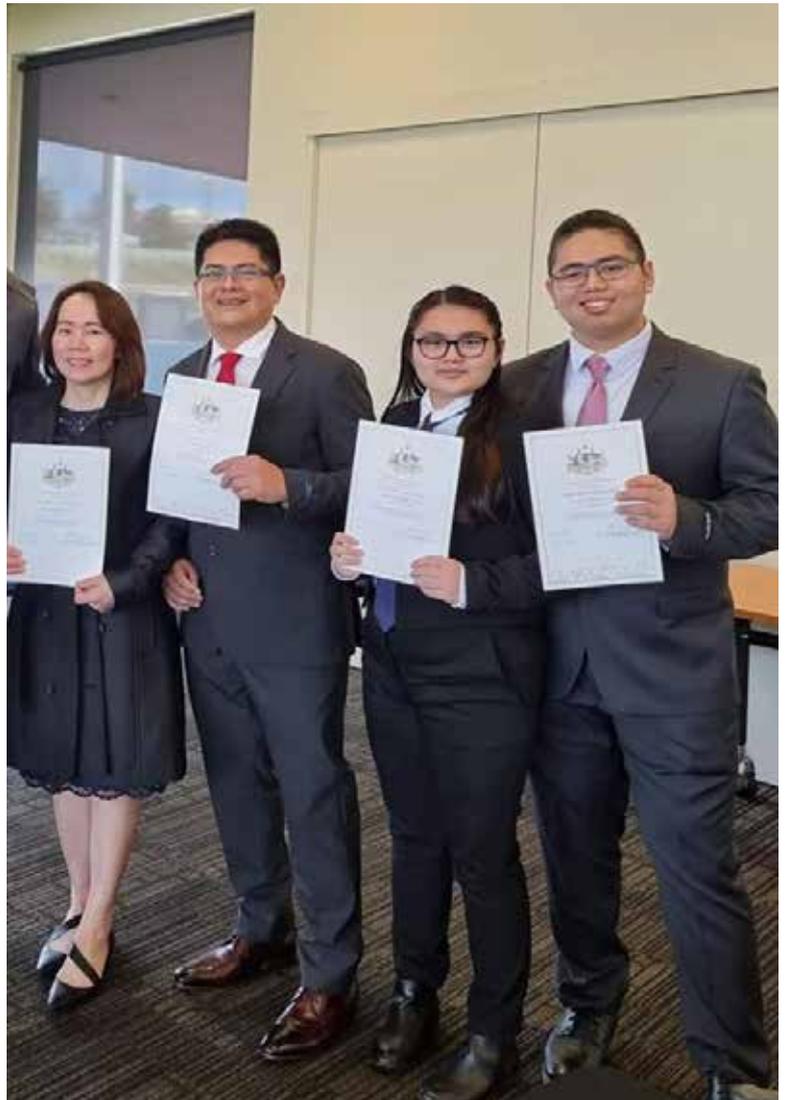


CONGRATULATIONS



The Marian College community would like to congratulate Aria Apita and her family on becoming Australian citizens.

Ararat Rural City recently welcomed 16 new Australian citizens at a Citizenship Ceremony held at Alexandra Oval. Aria (Year 10) was one of those, along with her brother Lance (past student) and her parents Marina and Rey.



FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Welcome back everyone. Oh, my it has been an extremely cold start to the term. I must admit it was a tad difficult to get back into the early morning alarm ringing. But like they say 'all good things must come to an end'. In saying that I have had a wonderful start to Semester Two.

On the very last day of term we had our House Day. This day was organised by our captains Louise Cooper and Ruby Smith. The girls demonstrated excellent leadership qualities by planning a fun day at Halls Gap which included the following; mini golf, a walk to Venus Baths and down time in the main park (which included a visit to the ice-creamery . I actually felt a little guilty because it was such an enjoyable day out. Thanks Louise and Ruby.

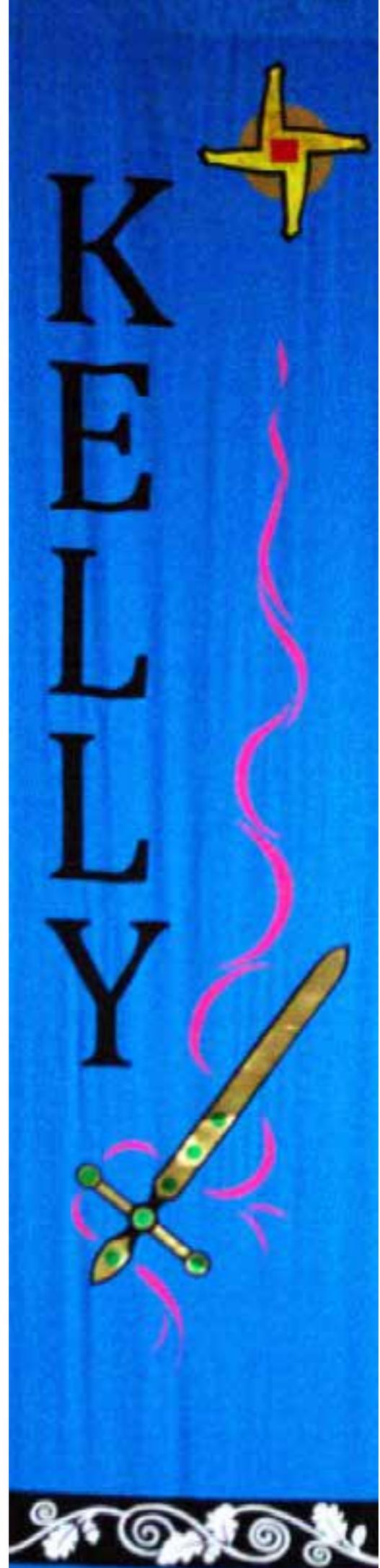
As a school community we make every effort to offer extra curricular activities. We have numerous sporting events, House Day, camps and Fred Hyde Day. These days are very important to bring us all together. Some of these days are expensive to run based on travel costs. Therefore, it is important that you support these days to ensure that they continue into the future and to avoid wasting money. On the House Day 20 students who said they were coming did not attend on the day. If I had known I could have cancelled a minibus (which was booked to transport Stawell students back to Stawell from Halls Gap). This was approximately a \$600 loss from our House budget. Please in the future do the right thing.

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of interviewing some of our new Year 7 students for 2023. Some of these students are the children of past students. This often brings a smile to my face because many memories come flooding back (of course fond memories). It really is an honor to teach different generations from the same family. Personally, can I please say 'thank-you' for trusting us to educate your children.

Last week I was fortunate enough to attend the Year 10 Retreat/camp at Lady Northcote Recreation camp. In total we took 59 students away with 7 staff, for three days. Prior to going on camp I asked the students to do 2 things whilst away. Be polite and respectful. They certainly did deliver. I was super impressed with the way in which they interacted with each other. The camp coordinator actually told me they were a sensational group of young people to work with.

As we now go into the final month of winter, continue to follow covid rules and look after your well-being.

Kind regards
Donna Spalding



SUPPORT FRED HYDE!

*Martian's
Got
Talent!*

19TH AUGUST 2022



CHECK YOUR EMAILS OR SIMON TO
SIGN UP!

YEAR 10 PARENTS



**WEDNESDAY
10th AUGUST, 2022**

**YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION INTERVIEWS
- 3.30 to 4.45pm**

**INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD WITH YOUR CHILD
AND THEIR TA TEACHER TO DISCUSS SUBJECT
SELECTIONS FOR VCE OR VCAL.**

**BOOKINGS ARE OPEN - PLEASE ACCESS VIA THE
PARENT PORTAL**

VICTORIAN UNIVERSITIES OPEN DAYS, 2022

Academy of Information Technology

Melbourne Saturday 6 August

Australian Catholic University (ACU)

Melbourne Sunday 7 August

Ballarat Sunday 14 August

Charles Sturt University

Albury Wodonga Sunday 21 August

Collarts

Melbourne Saturday 27 August

Deakin University

Geelong campuses Sunday 7 August

Warrnambool Sunday 14 August

Burwood Sunday 28 August

JMC Academy

Melbourne Saturday 31 August

Federation University

Ballarat Sunday 14 August

LaTrobe University

Melbourne Sunday 7 August

Mildura Wednesday 10 August

Shepparton Saturday 13 August

Albury Wodonga Sunday 21 August

Bendigo Sunday 18 August

Longerenong College

Longerenong Sunday 14 August

Marcus Oldham

Geelong & online Sunday 31 July

Monash University

Peninsula Saturday 6 August

Clayton & Caulfield Sunday 7 August

RMIT University

Bundoora Sunday 7 August

Melbourne CBD Sunday 14 August

Brunswick Sunday 14 August

Swinburne University

Hawthorn Sunday 31 August

SAE Creative Media Institute

Melbourne Saturday 13 August

Torrens University

Melbourne CBD Saturday 6 August

University of Melbourne

Parkville Sunday 21 August

Victoria University

Footscray Sunday 21 August

William Angliss

Melbourne Saturday 13 August

The University of Melbourne Open Day 2022

This year Open Day will take place on Sunday 21 August 10 AM – 4 PM (Melbourne Time). It will be a chance for interested and prospective students to have a peek at most aspects of the University. We have a few activities at the Parkville campus relating to maths and stats that you and your students may like to check out on the day. Below are two free activities that require a sign up.

Mathematical Escape Room (on-campus only)

See if you can work with a team to solve puzzles and problems to unlock the boxes. Have fun while you put all the clues together to solve the final problem. There are nine sessions available, each with limited capacity so book in advance to secure your place! The Mathematical Escape Room is suitable for students in Year 10 and above.

Registrations are open until Friday 19 August 4 PM:
<https://go.unimelb.edu.au/9n8e>

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School Maths Olympics (on-campus only)

The Schools Maths Olympics (SMO) is a fast-paced, teamwork-centred annual maths competition for high school students. This year, SMO will take place on the University of Melbourne Parkville campus on Sunday 21 August from 12 PM to 1:30 PM.

Info and registrations: <https://go.unimelb.edu.au/gn8e>

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August 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
1	2	3	4	5		
8	9 YEAR 7 2023 ORIENTATION DAY #1	10 YEAR 10 TA/ PARENT/STUDENT MEETINGS	11 SCHOOL CLOSURE CIRCUIT BREAKER LONG WEEKEND PUPIL FREE	12 SCHOOL CLOSURE CIRCUIT BREAKER LONG WEEKEND PUPIL FREE SUBJECT SELECTION WEB PREFERENCES CLOSE		
15	16 STEM SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE YEAR 7 2023 ORIENTATION DAY #2	17	18	19 FRED HYDE DAY/ MARIAN'S GOT TALENT		
HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL		PRODUCTION WEEK			HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL	
22	23 YEAR 7 2023 ORIENTATION DAY #3	24	25	26 VCAL CAREERS EXCURSION YEAR 12 METHODS/ PHYSICS EXCURSION		