



Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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School Production The Addams Family



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From the Business Manager



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

❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*

❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

August 15th the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady when according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory".

Mother Mary, I offer you all that I am, all that I have, all that I hope to be. Place me within your Immaculate Heart and teach me how to honour and glorify God in all I do. Thank you, sweet Mother for your example, love and protection.

Fill our hearts with joy

Fill our minds with learning

Fill our classroom with peace

Fill our lessons with fun

Fill our friendship with kindness

Fill our school with love

Amen

As we start week 6 of term three we notice the days starting to become a little longer each week and the blossom starting to come out. I reflect on how many events we have already had in term three and yet there is still more to come. Thank you to our dedicated team of staff who continue to work incredibly hard to fit into their already full schedules these extra events. Words cannot express our appreciation of their ongoing commitment to our students and Marian College.

Winter appeal

This week is the last week of our winter appeal. Right now in Australia, the cost of living has increased significantly and many people are struggling to make ends meet. We are asking the Marian community to donate non-perishable food items, as well as toiletries for St Vincent's to hand out to families in need.

Your generosity will help change lives. Students should please hand donations to their TA or place them in the charity bins placed in the corridor near BD2.

Thank you! The J&D Students and Mrs Waterson

Macbeth Performance Year 10s

Thank you to the English department for the opportunity for our Year 10s to view a live performance of Macbeth as part of their English studies. These live performances enable students to increase their knowledge, understanding and improves their appreciation of this play by Shakespeare.

Production Week

This is the week! The work behind the scenes, countless hours of rehearsal, costumes, props and remembering lines are now all coming together for opening night this Thursday!

Drama is an art form highly accessible to young people. In education, it is a mode of learning that challenges and supports students to make meaning of their world and enables them to express and

communicate ideas in the art form. We are so fortunate to have dedicated staff who put in many additional hours to assist our students in being able to present the production each year to the school and wider community. A big thank you to Mr Bas Otto and Mrs. Christine Bulger for their hard work, dedication and commitment to assisting the students in presenting their best. This coming few days are going to be very busy for the students and staff involved getting ready for the productions opening night on Thursday. We wish them the best of luck or should we say "break a leg".

Marian College proudly presents this year's production of The Addams Family, a new musical. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family - a man her parents have never met.

And if that weren't upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before - keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's 'normal' boyfriend and his parents.

Featuring a star-studded cast, join us for a night of confusion, suspense, laughter, and tear-jerking ballads.

Bus Behaviour

A reminder to all students the importance of appropriate behaviour while travelling on school buses to and from school or while going on excursions. Students need to be respectful of the driver and the other students on the bus. Students must remain seated at all times, use a standard conversational tone, not use offensive language, do not throw any items out of the bus window and not leave any rubbish on the bus. Any misbehaviour or vandalism will be reported to the College. I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/guardians that we have a code of conduct for bus travel signed by the students and their parent /guardians. A copy of this can be found on the College Website

<https://www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au/uploads/2022-Bus-Information.pdf>

Year 7 students for 2024 Orientation days.

We are currently hosting orientation days for our Year 7 students for 2024. These orientation days assist the students in preparation from their transition from primary school to secondary school and they get to meet some of the staff and other students. We host the students in smaller groups allowing them to get to know a little about the College before they come as a whole group for orientation in November. It is great to meet the students and see their enthusiasm for their transition into secondary school and the next step in their education.

National Science Week

National Science Week 2023 runs from Saturday, 12 August to Sunday, 20 August. National Science week is a celebration of science for our schools as well as our communities. The 2023 theme is 'innovation: powering future industries'. This includes the advancement of technology in all industries especially using artificial intelligence. Our dedicated STEM team are running additional activities which students will have the opportunity to participate in during lunch times. Thank you to our dedicated STEM hub for providing these activities and encouraging younger generations to be fascinated by the world we live in.

School Fees

A reminder it is a requirement that school fees are to be paid in full by the end of November 2023. If you would like to have your fees put on a payment plan of a weekly, monthly or by term payment direct debited out of your accounts please contact our accounts payable to assist you in setting this up.

Leonie McGuckian

Business Manager

IN MY WORDS

with Layla Alexander-Foster

On the 9th of March, 2006, my loving parents, Shayna and Daniel welcomed me into the world as their firstborn child. Not long after I became a big sister to Stella when she was born on the 16th of July 2007. My parents split up in 2013, and my dad met Jess and introduced her and her two children Emily and Lachlan into the family while my mum met Chris and they had two kids of their own, Milla and Deegan in 2015 and 2016 respectively.

I've lived in Ararat my entire life, attending Ararat North where I received all of my Primary education. My primary school was small and didn't have many students. I was school captain and one of only five other grade sixes. I started Year 7 at Marian where the difference in the number of students was pretty drastic, however, I settled in pretty quickly and met some great people.



Some of my favourite memories involve travelling with my family. In 2015 I went to China with my Dad, Nan Sue, Stella and a group of about ten other people where we got to travel to different regions, experiencing the culture and meeting new people. I also went on a cruise in 2017 with my sister, my dad and his family. We went to Malaysia and then to Singapore where we boarded the Royal Caribbean and sailed through Kuala Lumpur, Penang and Phuket. Each place was a new experience and had a temperature of at least 40 degrees.

As a child I grew up surrounded by *Bratz* and *Lalaloopsy* dolls. Now that I'm older, my interests generally revolve around music, reading and netball. Currently my favourite bands are *Foo Fighters* and *Bad Omens* however it tends to change every couple of weeks. My favourite authors are currently *Roshani Chokshi* and *William Ritter* however they also change every few weeks.





I played for the Lexton FNC from 2011 up until 2020 when my family decided to make the move to Moyston Willaura FNC where the close drive was more convenient.

After graduation, I hope to travel plenty, currently planning a trip to Europe for September next year with Nan Sue. I want to go to the ADF before going to university in either Geelong or Melbourne to study to become a lawyer. If all things fail, I'll become a police officer or something.

Some of the most influential people have been my family, my parents in particular. My mother has always supported me through some questionable choices I've made specifically when I decided to cut my bangs and they were a little too uneven and my dad has forever encouraged me to set high goals for myself in hopes that I'll achieve my aspirations. I'm so thankful for so many people in my life, my friends and my family, my parents and grandparents and Stell who I've made so many significant memories with. I'm truly grateful for the opportunities this school has given me and all my Year 12 teachers who have helped me.



Good luck to everyone for the future.
Layla :)

IN MY WORDS *with Emily Marsh*



At the Royal Women's Hospital Melbourne on October the 11th 2005, making a dramatic entrance I decided to escape the womb six weeks early, I was welcomed into the world by my beautiful mum Jess Marsh, being the firstborn child and grandchild of my family. It took another five years for another one to come along, so as you could imagine I was very spoiled!! For a while, it was just Mum and I at home which meant I got to spend all my time with her, I didn't want to leave her side, she has been my sole supporter in life and I am so grateful to be able to call her my mum.

I attended kindergarten at St. Andrew's in Ararat, then St. Mary's Primary School where I was so lucky to have met some of my beautiful friends who I am still friends with today. Annette Slater was so important in helping me enjoy my time at school along with my other primary school teachers. My primary school years are something I'll always remember and cherish.

While I was in primary school my little brother Lachlan was born, I remember being so excited, ahead of us were many years of having fun together. My brother and I have a

being that I couldn't live without. As well as my brother, I also have two amazing step-siblings, Layla and Stella. We share the same Dad (Step Dad), Daniel who has been a part of my life for ten years.

I was very fortunate to live next door to my grandparents, Noel and Ilse Marsh, so growing up I spent a lot of time with them. One of my main memories would be watching football, my family is footy mad, in fact, if I didn't barrack for Collingwood I think I'd be disowned! Another memory I have from when I was little was when I wasn't cooking with Mum or Nan, I had a passion for making mud pies and pretending I was in master chef with my siblings. Cooking was something that we all loved to do together especially since I grew up around amazing chefs. Family is something that's very important to me, all my family is very close and we all try to spend as much time as possible together. My Aunt, Emma and my Uncle Luke have also been very important to me, I have been able to have many amazing experiences with them, fishing, riding quad bikes, feeding the goats, looking for deer, and camping. My favourite would be when we go out looking for smokey quartz near Rocklands.

Finally, the time came to attend Marian College, I am now in my final year of VCE VM. VM is something that has a close place in my heart, the people and staff that I get to work with every day have helped me grow. They are so supportive in everything we do and will always help you no matter what. I always enjoy our daily chats about life and what we can do to make a difference and how we can help better ourselves and others. I am still trying to figure out what to do in the future, I have a variety of interests and love learning new things, I really want to travel and help out in disadvantaged communities and maybe study horticulture as I love learning about the environment and plants.

I have so many people I need to thank, they have all helped me grow into who I am today, I am so very grateful. First of all, to my teachers, thank you for your endless support. To my friends, who know who they are, to my family for always encouraging me to do my best. I don't think I could thank you enough for being there every step of the way, to support me in anything I do; you are the most incredible people I have ever met.

Lastly, to my fellow Year 12 peers, I hope all of you have an amazing rest of the year and wish you guys the best of luck for the future.

- Em <3



KEELLY



NEWS

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Over the years as a teacher you sometimes get a pleasant surprise that you are not expecting. We often make comments that teenagers are self centred, perhaps at times inconsiderate and of course a little absent minded! My story paints quite a different picture.

Recently in a Year 9 food subject a young male student, along with his partner chose a Greek dish 'Gyros' for their class presentation. This student had to come in early to prep the lamb which was in cravate packaging with the price on it. When I arrived for class two lessons later he greeted me with 'Mrs. Spalding that lamb is really expensive!'. It took me back a bit because I didn't expect a 15 year old to take any notice. I asked how much were the three butterflied lambs. He informed me they were \$33 each. With a smile of appreciation, I explained that they were a cheaper option and once you divide the lamb by 14 it would work out to be \$7 per student. This conversation did take me back a bit because at times, young people take things for granted. He really wanted me to know he was grateful.

We do have many grateful students who show their appreciation in a variety of ways, for example I have many who leave my class and say 'thanks for the lesson' or they give a simple smile in the corridor or they stop to tell me about their weekend. So, I'm sending a special shoutout to parents/guardians for all the work you do. Please be proud of your child(ren).

This week the school's annual musical will take place. This year the school is doing 'The Addam's Family'. Of course we would like to wish everyone success, however our House would like to give a BIG shout out to Ayden Linsley, Maiara Barry, Ava Hines, Zia Van Straaten, Asher Dunks and Elsa McConachy all from 'The Kelly Family'.

Next week on the 25th of August we will celebrate St. Brigid's Day in the morning followed by some fun activities for Fred Hyde. This will be an out of uniform day (gold coin donation). It is a great day for our school community to come together for a good cause. Hopefully you can bring along some pocket money to support the Year 12's who will be selling a variety of food on the day as well as running activities. After lunch the school will gather on the netball courts for Marian's Got Talent. This would have to be my favourite part of the day. Each year I'm super impressed with the variety of acts and the level of talent.

With only a few weeks before Spring, you can now feel a change in the weather. Doesn't it put a spring in your step.

Donna Spalding
Kelly House Leader

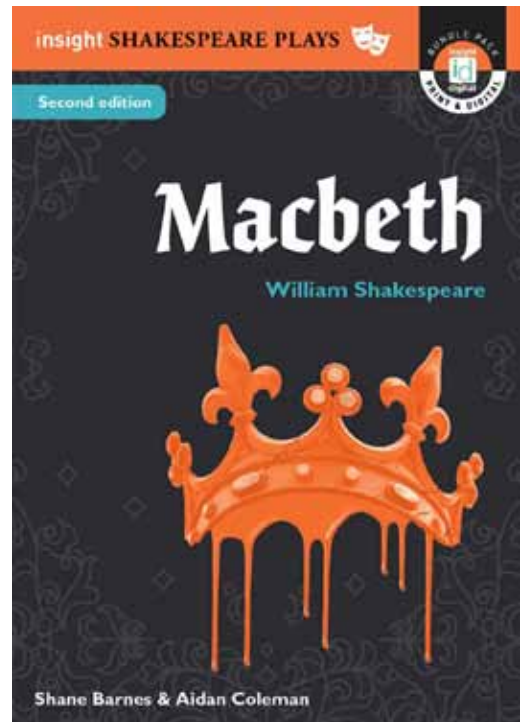
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NEWS

Last week Year 10 students were lucky enough to see a three-person play from a Melbourne based theatre group, telling and acting the story Macbeth. Along with fast costume changes, strong Scottish accents and props the cast also froze the play to come out of character and talk about the themes and symbols that all of Year 10 are studying. It was really helpful to see the play passionately performed and get some back story on why and how the play was written in 1606. Overall I'm sure no one was disappointed with the play and everyone could come away understanding the text more than we did coming in.

Emily Ross

Last week the whole of Year 10 watched a production of Macbeth. We have been studying the book in depth in our English classes so it was really helpful to be able to see the play put together by real characters with experience of the play and the time it was set in. The play really helped me to have a better understanding of what was happening because we could actually see it put in motion rather than just reading the language which is a little bit harder to read compared to modern English. The actors were really good and were able to answer some questions afterward which helped us when we returned to our English classes. Having seen the play I have a much better idea of the play and the themes which we are exploring whilst reading it.

Lily Sloper



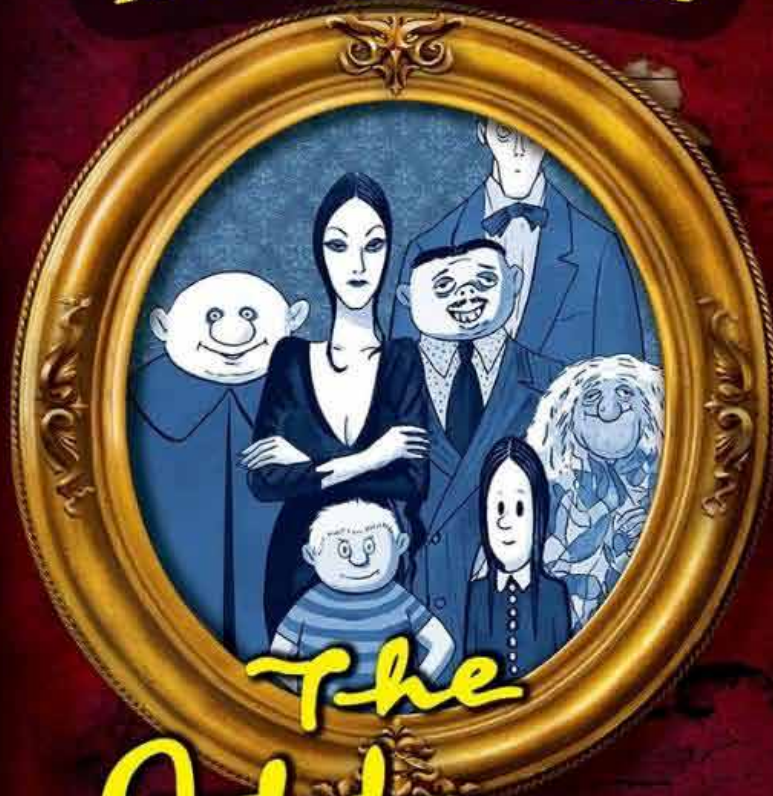
Watching the play Macbeth gave the cohort of Year 10 a better understanding into one of Shakespeare's most famous tragedies. The play itself was entertaining as the actors were able to click in and out of different characters and emotions to give us the full effect. They made sure to give us back stories in between scenes so we could comprehend what was happening, while also giving us a questionnaire at the end to better help us with our studies. Overall, the play was very enjoyable to watch and gave us a better insight into the story and life of Macbeth.

Bella Belcher



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AUGUST 2023

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MARIAN'S GOT TALENT

Friday 25th August 2023



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MONEY TO SUPPORT OUR
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GOLD COIN DONATION



MARIAN'S GOT TALENT



**BBQ, FOOD &
DRINK STALLS**



GAMES & ACTIVITIES

Thank you for your generous donation



We express our sincerest gratitude to Leonie and Brian Wood for their incredibly generous donation of ceramic equipment to the students of Marian College. Their thoughtful contribution has made a profound impact on our educational resources and artistic growth in our students.

Leonie and Brian's donation will provide the students with the tools they need to explore their artistic talents and learn valuable skills.

The act of kindness goes beyond the physical equipment - it sends a

message to our students that the Arts are valued and supported by the community.

Thank-you again, we look forward to seeing the incredible artistic endeavors that their donation will inspire. Thank you for being champions of education and advocates for the arts.

With warm regards,

Barb Venn and the Art Department.

Food relief in Ararat

Times are tough, and with the ever-increasing costs of groceries, rent and mortgages a lot of people are struggling to put food on the table, and pay the bills.

You are not alone, and there is help available.

Ararat Neighbourhood House

56 Campbell St, Ararat

Ararat Neighbourhood House provide food relief Tuesday – Friday each week.

ANH Food Hub is made up of two food relief programs – the SecondBite program and ANH FoodBank.

Individuals are able to access ANH Food Hub by contacting Ararat Neighbourhood House on **(03) 5352 1551**.

All welcome!



Ararat Emergency Relief

Ararat Emergency Relief runs on a rotating roster by 5 Ararat church groups.

Food relief, vouchers, personal items, counselling and crisis accommodation are available between 1pm and 2pm, Monday to Friday.

Health care card needed.

Date	Church	Location	Phone No.
Aug 5 – Aug 11	Uniting Church Outreach	Cnr King and Barkly St, Ararat	5352 5580
Aug 12 – Aug 18	Anglican Church	49 High St, Ararat	0407 857 378
Aug 19 – Aug 25	Salvation Army	Shop Cnr Vincent & High St Ararat	5352 2720
Aug 26 – Sept 1	Life Links	86 High St, Ararat	5352 2435

FREE SECOND HAND PIANO



Singer upright with steel frame. Body in good condition, needs tuning and some keys re-glued. Collect Lake Bolac. For details contact Moira Drew: 0438 117717

August 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14	15 YEAR 7 2024 ORIENTATION DAY #2	16	17 PRODUCTION OPENING NIGHT 7.30 pm	18 PRODUCTION 7.30 pm

PRODUCTION WEEK



21 VM BARISTA & RSA COURSES	22 YEAR 7 2024 ORIENTATION DAY #3	23	24	25 ST BRIGID'S DAY FRED HYDE DAY MARIAN'S GOT TALENT
28	29	30	31	SEPTEMBER 1

September 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5 YEAR 7 BLACK RANGES BASKETBALL	6 YEAR 8 BLACK RANGES BASKETBALL	7	8