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From the Head of Pathways, Organisation & Catholic Identity



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

❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*

❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

Remembering others

O God, when I have food,

help me to remember the hungry;

When I have work,

help me to remember the jobless;

When I have a home,

***help me to remember those who have
no home at all;***

When I am without pain,

***help me to remember those who
suffer,***

And in remembering,

help me to destroy my complacency;

bestir my compassion,

and be concerned enough to help;

By word and deed,

***those who cry out for what we take
for granted.***

Amen

What a wonderful day Friday turned out to be!

The sun was shining all day and as the Year 12s began arriving at 8am to set up for their Fred Hyde Day stalls and activities there was a buzz of excitement and energy in the yard.

While the Year 12s were busy setting up, each TA group undertook a rotation of 5 activities based on our Brigidine foundations. These activities were organised by Ms Saravanja and involved TAs working together to create displays of courage, reflecting on what courage is, as well as having some fun with a quiz and a very informative talk from Sr John on the life of St Brigid.

After the rotation activities it was time for the Fred Hyde portion of the day. As the students came out of the classes they were greeted by food stalls selling BBQ, meat and gravy rolls, churros, fairy floss, cupcakes and biscuits. These stalls were a hive of activity from the get go.

Once students had had a chance to fill their bellies it was off to the activities. And what a range!

There was the ever popular "Sponge the Teacher" where brave teachers volunteered to be splattered by their students with soaking wet sponges. Some students got more than they bargained for when a caught sponge all of a sudden came hurtling back at them! Kudos to Ms MacPherson who subjected herself to the sponge throw 3 times! Each time she returned though, the cost of the throw went up. What's interesting is that the students were prepared to pay it!!!

There were the sporting activities of the footy kick and 3 point showdown as well as a mini golf course, where a number of prizes were up for grabs. For those willing to test their strength there was the strong person course as well as the

tug of war and for those who just wanted to chill out, they could head down to the Brigidine Centre where there was a range of games on offer.

There were a number of guessing games which included guessing the amount of lollies in a jar as well as matching the teacher to their baby photos, which were a lot of fun. A couple of raffles with some wonderful prizes were also on offer.

One of the big highlights of the day was the inaugural Marian Teacher Inflatable Boxing Championships that had sell out crowds witness the athletic prowess of Misters East, Naus, Armstrong and Otto as they battled it out in the squared circle to determine who the worthy champion was to hold the belt aloft. The showmanship all four displayed was something to behold with surprises around every corner and suspense in every bout, the crowd were on their feet in excitement!

The Marian's Got Talent showcase rounded out the day with a range of acts vying for the title of MGT winner. There were contortionists, acrobats, physical challenges and of course music. Well done to every student (and staff member) who got up in front of their peers to perform. No matter how versed you are, it can still be quite nerve racking being on stage and we all appreciate the work that everyone put into their acts. Taking out the top 3 positions in this year's event were 3 music acts. Asher Dunks and Maiara Barry Goncalves, fresh off their successful performances during this year's production, both mesmerised the crowd with their respective solos, but it was the band of the Elijahs, Cinta, Seth and Clark (with Mr Otto on Bass) which got the crowd pumping with their high energy songs that took out the top spot and crowned Marian's Got Talent winners for 2023.

A huge thank you to those involved in the running of Marian's Got Talent, to the hosts and the judges and especially to David Nicholson for his sound wizardry, it wouldn't have been the success it was without you.

Thank you to everyone who came along on the day to raise money for such a worthy cause. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and are looking forward to what next year's day will hold in store.

Lastly, well done to the Year 12s for all of your hard work to make the entire day the success it was! You should all be very proud of yourselves.

Due to everyone's efforts on the day we raised \$6,278.45 for our Kindergarten in Bhola. A massive achievement! Well done everyone.

Stephen East
AP: Student Pathways, Organisation and Catholic Identity

IN MY WORDS *with Greta Pinniger*

Seeing as though it's finally my turn, I guess I should start this how we all do...

At 8:21 am on the 30th of September 2005, my beautiful parents Annie and Dean Pinniger, brought me, Greta Maddesyn Pinniger into the world. The first sibling to my older brother Sam, with who I enjoyed a peaceful 2 years with, until my wild child sister Imogen came into the world in 2007, completing our family.

My journey began in Ararat, until we moved to Kerang in 2007. I attended my first year of kindergarten there and completed a year of ballet. We also met our closest and dearest family friends there, before moving back to Ararat in July of 2010. I then completed my last year of kindergarten at Saint Andrews, making friendships I still have today, before beginning my primary schooling at St Mary's in 2011. Although looking back now I cringe at some of my primary school memories, there I made various beautiful friendships which I will forever hold close to my heart.

From there, in 2018 I began my journey here at Marian College. This school has brought me some of my closest friendships, such as Madison Potter, my rock, as well as unforgettable memories that will last a lifetime. My particular favourites are Year 11 and 12 camp, as well as this year's swimming and athletics carnival. Whilst I have also experienced some of my toughest, most unexpected challenges during my time here, I look back with gratitude towards the incredible support of my family, friends and staff here at Marian who helped me through them.

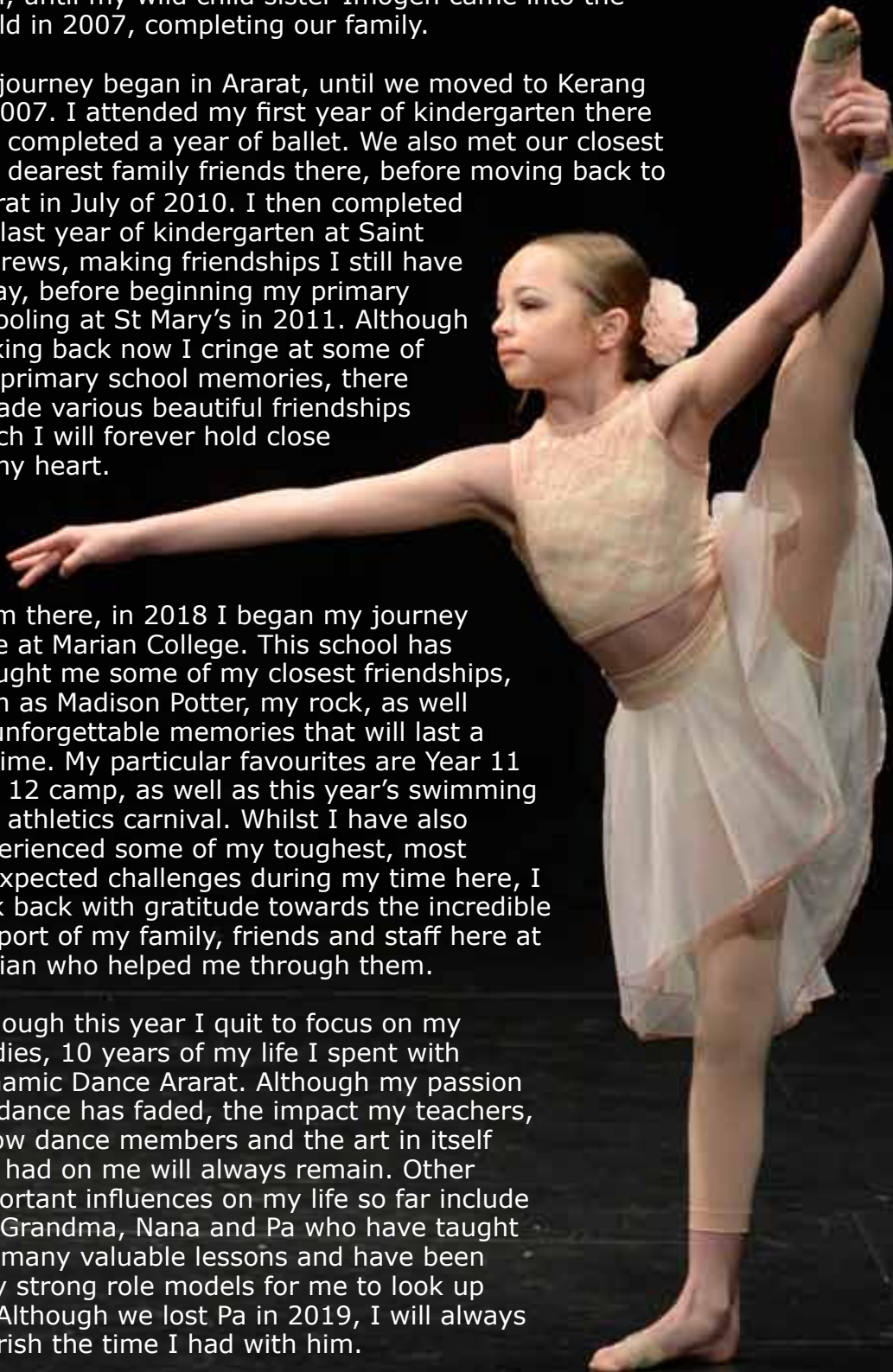
Although this year I quit to focus on my studies, 10 years of my life I spent with Dynamic Dance Ararat. Although my passion for dance has faded, the impact my teachers, fellow dance members and the art in itself has had on me will always remain. Other important influences on my life so far include my Grandma, Nana and Pa who have taught me many valuable lessons and have been very strong role models for me to look up to. Although we lost Pa in 2019, I will always cherish the time I had with him.

That is a quick summary of my life so far... as for next year, and the future ahead, I hope to further my studies in Psychology at university

and make a successful career out of it (hopefully becoming Dr. Greta). I have truly found a passion for psych, which although I think I've had

in me all along, I owe it to Mrs Hogan for her incredible way of teaching! I also hope to travel the world, particularly places like Greece and Italy, and fulfil all of the dreams that little me had. I have already been fortunate enough to experience some of my favourite places with holidays to Hamilton Island, Noosa, Adelaide and our annual trips to Portarlington, instilling my love for the beach.

A few thank yous I'd like to include would first and foremost be to my parents. My biggest supporters, role models and inspiration. I wouldn't be here without you and couldn't have gotten through the past couple of years if it weren't for you. My beautiful friends, thank you for everything, for your constant support, care, love and laughs, I truly don't know what I would do without you

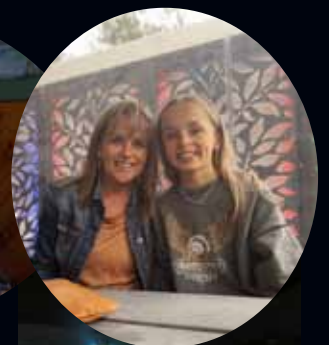


guys. My incredible teachers and support staff, Mrs Hogan, Mr McLoughlan, Ms Wirper, Mrs Mansell, as well as Mrs Spalding, Mrs Knights, Ms Saravanja and of course the best TA ever, Bakes! Thank you for your constant support and dedication this year, I couldn't have gotten this far without your encouragement and I am forever grateful for all that you do and have done for me!

And last but definitely not least, thank you to my incredible cohort. I could not have asked for a better group of people to complete my schooling journey with. Although we could have never in a million years predicted what this year had in store for us, I am extremely proud of each and every single one of you, and I hope you achieve everything you want out of this life.

If you take anything from me it would be a simple reminder that - you've got this :) You may shock yourself, but you truly can achieve great things when you put in the effort, just make sure you're not too hard on yourself and enjoy life whilst doing so.

Thank you, Greta x



IN MY WORDS *with Madison Potter*



Summarising the first 18 years of my life in one document has proved to be more difficult than I initially thought. Not to mention the fact that I'm also sharing this newsletter space with my brainiac best friend: Greta Pinniger. However, I cannot delay this any longer. It all started on the 31st of January 2005, when my parents Rebecca and Daryl welcomed the light of their lives into the world. After a few weeks of being called 'baby', Mum and Dad finally adorned me with the name Madison Grace, the final piece of the Potter family puzzle. I have two older brothers- Jarrod and Jayden- who have consistently been two of my biggest role models.

My curious nature was evident from early on, and unless I was ill or injured, you'd find me in the backyard creating some sort of mischief. I grew up in the heart of a quaint Western Victoria country town, nestled amidst rolling hills; it was where my childhood unfolded like a cherished storybook. Every chapter was painted with the hues of simplicity, joy, and a connection to the land that has left an indelible mark on my heart. My days in Harrow are now treasured memories of my past, but a source of inspiration that fuels my present, and a reminder of the beauty that resides in the simplest of moments.

If there are two things to know about me, it's that I love sports and travelling. When I began walking as a baby, I also began running just as fast, and boy was I fast. My parents thought it would be beneficial to let me burn off some steam in the backyard, and it was, as I found myself placing 1st in every event at school athletics, every single time. Once I started caring less about competitiveness, I began to find interest in the world and all of its wonders.

In 2018, my family decided to embark on a captivating month-long journey through England, Scotland and Paris. Our trip was enriched by encounters with locals, cultural insights and the joy of discovery, leaving us with memories to last a lifetime. In the future, I hope to save up enough money to travel the globe with my friends and eventually gather experiences through volunteering in third-world countries.

When I was 7, my family made the decision to move to the town of Ararat, an area I had no idea would ultimately feel like home. I began grade one at Ararat West Primary School, a place that transformed into a realm of endless possibilities. Holding games of tag or elaborate make-believe adventures, every day brought a new opportunity for laughter, and the bonds I formed during those years became the foundation of lifelong friendships. Ararat was also where I found my passion for dancing, a hobby that gave me the power of self-expression and became a constant source of inspiration and fulfilment in my life.



My first day as a Year 7 at Marian was a whirlwind of emotions - excitement, nervousness, and curiosity. The school seemed like a maze, and the Year 12's like giants. Sure enough, though, I found myself thriving in a new environment. Marian has taught me to step outside of my comfort zone, forge connections and always embrace challenges. It feels like quite a cliché to advise you to make the most of high school, but in all seriousness, it goes by in the blink of an eye.

Today, I find myself with a heart overflowing with gratitude and excitement as I reflect upon this incredible journey. My family's unwavering love and guidance have been my driving force for the last 18 years and I am forever grateful. To my cohort, the stars that lit up my high school experience: You've been my companions on this exciting ride, and it has been a pleasure to learn beside you. We've grown together and supported one another, and I consider myself lucky to know such inspiring people. I can't wait to see all of the prodigious things you will complete in your life.

As the final year of high school is in the midst, a mixture of excitement and nostalgia fills the air. While this is the end of my chapter here at Marian, it's also the beginning of a new adventure. It's hard to say goodbye to this school, with all its character. Nonetheless, I'm excited to create a life for myself outside of this little town. It's difficult to share what you aspire to do in the future, as the future is entirely unknown, but I'm hoping to complete a university degree in physio or occupational therapy, and eventually find bliss wherever the wind takes me.

As we stand on the threshold of the future, I am humbled by the collective influence each of you has had on my growth. You have been instrumental in moulding me into the person I am today.

Thank you,

Maddie <3



ST BRIGID'S DAY

FRED HYDE DAY





MARIAN'S GOT TALENT



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NEWS

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

We had a fantastic day on Friday! What a showcase of Marian College spirit, and we had some lovely spring weather. We began St Brigid's Day by rotating through a series of activities with our TA groups. Each activity was centred around the theme of Courage and prompted students to reflect on their own courage, symbols of courage and historical people of courage from around the world, the courage of St Brigid (and Sister John!), as well as create tokens of courage as gifts for St Mary's students.

Next, it was time for Fred Hyde Day activities. This year's Year 12 students did an amazing job!

I hope they realise how special their roles were. Their activities were varied and really fun, the food was great, and they were well-organised. Throughout the day, the whole school was either participating, watching netball or teacher 'boxing'/WWE, or eating... some kids did two things at once. I haven't heard the total yet, but I'm sure there was a superb total fundraising amount for the Fred Hyde Co-Id Foundation to continue to run our Kinder on Bhola Island, Bangladesh. To learn more about this wonderful foundation, visit <https://www.fredhyde.org/?v=6cc98ba2045f>

Everyone looks forward to Marian's Got Talent, and this year there were again some amazing performances. I always enjoy being surprised by who is up there sharing their talent - sometimes these talents are well-kept secrets! My favourites were some of the solo performers, as well as the winning group (who were a bit loud for Sister John... but just right for everyone else). There is so much for our students to be proud of - and it takes such Courage to get up in front of the whole school.

Some students in VM are producing a High Tea on Thursday and have invited staff to attend. They are raising awareness for the prevention of violence, especially against women. Funds raised will be donated to the White Ribbon Foundation. What a wonderful initiative!

I'll leave you with a couple of reminders. Please remember that hats are a requirement in the yard (for breaks and PE) in Term 4, so it's time to get organised now - find your hat or buy a new one. This week is the final week of Term 3 subjects/electives. Next week Term 4 subjects/electives will commence (Term-based subjects only). Please ensure that your tasks have been submitted and that you check your new timetable at the start of next week.

Enjoy these longer days!

Erica McConachy
Barron House Leader

VOCATIONAL MAJOR TRAINING COURSES

On Monday 21st Year 11 VCE VM students were professionally trained in Barista Coffee making with the skills to prepare and serve espresso in restaurants, bars and cafes using a commercial coffee machine. All students were successful on completion of the day and are now all accredited Barista's.

At the same time, our Year 12 VCE VM students participated in Responsible serving of Alcohol, this course covered all aspects required to responsibly sell, serve or supply alcohol and all students were successful in obtaining their accreditation.

We would like to acknowledge the amazing support from Central Grampians LLEN, especially Jane Moriarty and Nerissa Gee who funded this program, enabling all our VCE VM students to gain further employability skills for their future.

Dani Smith
Head of Applied Learning





YEAR 12 PRACTICE EXAMS

A full practice English and EAL exam will be held during the holidays on Thursday 21st September starting at 9.00am and concluding at 12.15pm. Students attending should wear full school uniform, bring a dictionary and their usual exam equipment. The exam will be held in the Brigidine Centre.

The purpose of this practice exam is to provide students with the opportunity to complete a full, three hour practice exam in conditions that replicate as closely as possible those of the final, end of year exam.

Attempting the full, three hour exam is a valuable experience as it provides students with the opportunity to reflect on and refine their revision and exam strategies as part of their exam preparation.

All English and EAL students are strongly encouraged to attend.

Stephanie Mansell
CAL Domain Leader





Earlier this year, students participated in The Australian History Competition. This experience provides an opportunity for students to demonstrate their skills in many areas of History including knowledge and comprehension, source analysis, chronology, historical concepts and language and archaeology and science. The following students received their certificate at assembly last week. Congratulations to the following students who scored highly:

Year 7

Stephanie McKiernan
Jackson Richardson

Year 8

Jasmine Bolzon
Jude Bulger
Almaco Galoso
Tahir Hassan
Archie Hunt
Eve Jones
Euan Lennie
Billy Wilson



Year 10

Penelope Bulger

A special congratulations to the following students receiving Distinctions:-

Jack Richardson (Year 8) and Jai Pettingill (Year 8)

and **High Distinction** Julianne Jarrett (Year 7).

Christine Bulger

Learning Leader: Culture and Languages Hub

August 2023

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September 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5 YEAR 7 BLACK RANGES BASKETBALL	6 YEAR 8 BLACK RANGES BASKETBALL	7	8
11 YEAR 12 VICROADS LOOKING AFTER OUR MATES PRESENTATION	12	13 YEAR 12 FOOD STUDIES MELBOURNE EXCURSION	14 YEAR 11 and 12 FORMAL	15 LAST DAY OF TERM 3 EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15pm

October 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 4	3	4	5 GWR ATHLETICS	6