



Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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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*

Welcome back to the new term. With only two and a half weeks remaining with our Year 12 classes, students and staff are fully engaged in preparation for the external exams or their final projects for the Vocational Masters. 2023 has been a challenging and enjoyable year in so many ways. We know the difficulties the Year 12 students have faced this year, and how well they have supported one another. They have brought joy and courage to the work they have undertaken. While not an isolated case, this was most evident on our Fred Hyde/St Brigid Day at the end of last term. Once again the finances raised by our senior students through their generous efforts will support the continued work in our kindergarten in Bangladesh. We wish all our seniors the best for their future as they embark on the next stage of either future education or work. We are very proud of the young men and women who will soon leave Marian College at the end of their six year journey.

Gracious and compassionate Lord,

Please bless and guide our Year 12 graduates as they enter their final weeks of school, and as they chart new beginnings. May what they have learned by being here with us allow them to truly be women and men of strength and gentleness. May what we have learned from them enable us to be the same.

Please help them to use all that they have learned here at Marian College to make the world a better place - to serve others in true solidarity and kinship - to seek ways to help the poor, the marginalized, and those who are suffering - and to always seek the greater good.

We know that some of them will experience pain and hardship, and we know that some of them already have, and we ask you to grant them solace and strength.

Finally, Father, we thank you for giving us the opportunity to build our community with these

young men and women while they are here. Though they are leaving our College, we know

that they will always be with us as part of the Marian family, and we ask that the bonds that have been created here remain strong despite any distance.

We ask all of this in your name, and in the name of your Son.

- Adapted from the work by Xavier College prayer

Year 7, 2024 Information Night

Next Tuesday the 10th of October starting at 6.30 in the Brigidine Centre, we warmly welcome all parents of the Year 7, 2024 cohort to the College for an important Information Night in preparation for the 2024 school year. Year 7 is an important year of transition from primary to secondary schooling, and all that may entail. It is also a very joyous time for students and staff as they get to know each other and learn a little more about the talents, skills and interests of those in our community. The journey through secondary school is a shared experience. Parents, students and staff are encouraged to work together to ensure that a student's journey with Marian College is safe and supportive, challenging and enriching. This begins with great communications, clear information, and ongoing feedback and adjustments where needed. Parents are crucial to this process.

School Review

This week we undergo our Full School Review process with an external panel as part of the requirements for all schools. This is a time to celebrate the good work that is happening at Marian College, and for staff to reflect upon our continual improvement and the strategies and resources we need to ensure good outcomes for all students. Over the last six to twelve months we have gathered data, evidence and documentation in preparation. The review consists of analysis of the data, interviews and discussions with staff, students, parents and our Stewardship Committee members. We welcome Catholic Education Ballarat, Kildare Education Ministries and two additional educational leaders to conduct this review of the next three days.

Term 4 - Hats

Now the weather is improving, all students are required to wear their school hats at all times while in the yard. If students have misplaced this they can be purchased from the front office for \$10. All students are asked to comply with the sun safety rule by Wednesday of this week.

Advance Notice - Kildare Ministries National Conference

March 25th to 28th, 2024

Next year, to celebrate the 10th anniversary since the gifting of land and governance from the Brigidine Sisters to Kildare Ministries, all staff from schools under this governance will attend the KM National Conference at one of the five locations. This is planned for the final week of term (25th to 28th March 2024) leading into Good Friday and the start of the first term holidays. This will mean, for Term 1 2024, holidays for students begin on the 25th March to include an extra four days. This is an extraordinary operation to bring together staff from all nine school communities, Community Works, Kildare Ministries and Kildare Education Ministries, Stewardship Council members for schools and the Trustees of KM. The opportunity to gather, talk, and share the common beliefs and values that draw us together will be highly valuable.

Welcome back, Carmel

IN MY WORDS *with Mia Chace*

I woke my mother up at 2 a.m. 12 hours later I finally made an appearance. Born to Joanne Holm and Peter Chace on the 1st of March 2006, my arrival in this world made for one perplexing web of a family. With three older step-brothers already making their way in the world I was Auntie Mia the instant I was born, a cause of great confusion for all I meet. "You're niece is 4 years older than you!". Yes, and I couldn't be more grateful for the family I have. To add to the confusion, I was lucky enough to become an additional member of the Schwab family, I won't try to explain because it's a long story for another time, just know they have shaped much of who I am. Having little contact with my biological cousins those I have found within the Schwab clan are ever more special, I love them all with my whole heart and always will!

When I'm not with my family or at school you'll find me cuddled up with my books or a movie and if not there, I'm at dance. I've been dancing for the past 13 years and as such I've challenged myself, found an escape and formed beautiful friendships. My dance family has been a large part of my childhood; many hours have been spent at the studio.

Even with many incredible dance memories, my greatest love of dance comes from my kinder students whom I have helped each Saturday morning for the past 7 years. Watching them grow and learn every year fills my heart.

In 2010, Jazzmin, my staffy became a part of our family, a great surprise to my father who had been away the weekend in question. She quickly became my world. Needed someone to talk to or cuddle, and she was there. I couldn't have asked for a better friend. Sadly, at the start of the lockdown in 2020, Jazz passed away. We now have Cree, our too-large lapdog and Raffy, our manic but loving blue staffy.

Born early in the year, I started school in 2011 as a 'young one' after attending Jack and Jill Kindergarten. Thus began my journey at Ararat West Primary School. Unlike most kids I loved school. While at Ararat West, I had some wonderful friendships, but none are still a constant in my life.

Beginning high school scared me, but I took comfort in knowing that after 7 years at different schools, I would be with my best friend at Ararat Community College. Sruthi has



been like a sister to me our entire lives. Having no siblings present in my everyday life, that is who she became. We fight, we laugh, we share everything and we always will. As life would have it, my friends left for Ballarat schools at the end of Year 8. In Year 10 I began a new chapter when I moved from Ararat College to Marian so I was able to take Year 11 Biology. It's one of the best decisions I've made. Thank you Ms Lindsay for being the cheery person to start each of my days and for listening without judgement. After a rocky start in Year 10, I was able to make more friends in Year 11. I don't think any of them will ever understand the impact they have had on my life.

My parents have always been my greatest cheerleaders, and will both attest to the fact that I am extremely stubborn and completely sarcastic. The quiet moments spent with my parents are some of the best memories I possess. My Mum works hard (often too hard) whilst still being someone I can rely on and confide in invariably. We've shared many laughs and movie moments (like the time we ran through an empty shopping mall at midnight or the nav-man we invented- but never manufactured). My Dad with his tough exterior has always provided me with someone to challenge

but also a great sense of safety and comfort. He's also likely where my sarcasm stems from. Dad introduced me to competition shooting at the age of 12. Shooting is our way of spending time together and through it, I have met some remarkable people.

In the future, I hope to be working as a paramedic or midwife, possibly even a paediatric nurse. Although the uncertainty of the future terrifies me I have to admit the idea of starting a life and family of my own is intriguing.

I would like to say a massive thank you to every single person in my life, both past and present, but especially those with me through and through, you all hold a special place in my heart and endlessly will.



IN MY WORDS *with Riana Drendel*



On the 7th of March, 2005, at 2:30 PM (or as my beloved, comedic dad, Shane, calls 'tooth-hurty'), my adored mum Carrie brought me into the world at the Wimmera Base Hospital. I became the youngest of my siblings Rudi, Ashlee and Lochie, where I was undoubtedly spoiled - as all youngest are. However, as I can't quite remember those first three years, my memories begin when my youngest brother Shannon was born, coincidentally also at 'tooth-hurty'.

I spent my early years on a farm on the outskirts of the quaint town Rainbow, where I passed time chasing our ponies in our paddocks (to my mum's horror), adorned in Dora trackies with miscellaneous flowers and trinkets stashed haphazardly in my pockets. Although I admit to having been a handful, remembering when I cut my fringe with crinkle-cut craft scissors and practically swam in puddles, I loved it there!

This is also the time when I started dancing at the age of 4, following in my big sister's footsteps. I enjoyed my 11 years of dance, now often reminiscing on the memories of costumes being strewn across rooms and the ghastly blue eyeshadow/red lip combo I once wore. And although it's been almost four years since I last danced, my memories continue through the photographs on the walls of my home.

My family frequently moved during my childhood, eventually settling in Stawell, resulting in me jumping from school to school. The move from Rainbow, although unfortunately due to droughts, allowed me to seek out different opportunities and meet new people I otherwise wouldn't have ever dreamt of meeting!

When the time of entering high school rolled about, I braced myself for the big, daunting step of entering senior school. However pleasantly, my time at Marian College remained pretty tame these past 6 years, littered with the expected ups and downs, but also the countless joyous



memories I cherish. Here, within the walls of the classrooms I once sat in, I met the very people who have made a grand impact on my life, from my peers to my teachers, all of whom helped me get to the point I am now.

For my thank yous: I'd like to first wholeheartedly thank my teachers who throughout the years have encouraged me to give my best shot at school. I was lucky enough to have so many passionate people coaching me; please know that your efforts do not go unnoticed! I'd also like to extend this to my Year 12 cohort and friends - I couldn't have landed in a more welcoming group. I have only ever faced acceptance in the face of you guys and can't wait to see what the future has in store for you all!! Truly, thank you all for making school a second home for me.

But most importantly, I want to thank my amazing parents for letting me live such a rewarding life, as well as my siblings for brightening my days when things got tough. I love you guys!

I suppose what anyone should take from this small glimpse into my life (as cliché as it sounds), is to find joy in the simple things. I know school can feel like a chore at times, but don't let that distract you from the memories you can make here.

Thanks :]



Marian Summer Uniform

Summer Uniform

- Approved Marian College dress or approved navy shorts
- 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



Summer dress



Summer shirt and shorts

Sports Uniform

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



Sports Uniform



Sports Rugby Top



Summer Uniform with jumper



Navy Bucket hat

Please note Marian College accepts and appreciates donations of second hand uniform items

Parents are welcome to view and select from these uniform items at reception free of charge

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello,

Welcome back to school for another term of learning. This term will be very busy as they always are. Especially for our senior students. Take each day as it comes. Your teachers are here to help and all that is expected of you is that you do your best. Our Year 12's have a few weeks of exam revision and then the Year 12 breakfast to signify the start of the exam period and the end of their formal schooling. I wish you all the best.

I'll use this opportunity to remind all students that we are now in Term 4 uniform and hats are a requirement for recess and lunch times. We have had some great sunshine of late, so we must ensure we are being sunsmart. Please make it easy on your TA teacher and yard duty teachers by remembering to bring your hats into the yard.

Junior classes have recently been completing some workshops from House Leaders and our Head of Wellbeing Miss Saravanja around bullying prevention. It's important for students to explore the effects that bullying and harassment can have on individuals and these workshops have given junior students some time to reflect on how we know we should treat each other. With respect, always.

For now, welcome back and I look forward to once again working with the students in Synnott House. My door is always open and please contact me at the school should you have any concerns in regards to your child's wellbeing.

Nick Lloyd
Synnott House Leader



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NEWS



SENIOR FORMAL









Term 4 2023



2nd October	Students commence Term 4
10th October	Year 7 2024 Information Evening
18th October	Year 12 Breakfast
24th October	Year 7 to 10 Social
24th October to 15th November	VCAA External Exams
6th November	Pupil Free Day
7th November	Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
8th to 10th November	Outdoor Education Camp (TBC)
15th November	Art & Technology Expo
16th November	Year 12 Graduation
17th to 24th November	Year 10 & 11 Exams
27th November to 8th December	Whole School Early Start 2024
4th December	Years 7 to 11 Awards Evening
5th December	Year 7 2024 Orientation Day
	Year 11s Last Day
6th December	Year 10s Last Day
7th December	Year 9s Last Day
8th December	Year 7 & 8 Gap Day
	End of Term 4
11th December	VCE Results released

Year 7 to 10 Social

Save the Date

Tuesday 24th October

Ararat Town Hall

7.00 pm to 10.00 pm

\$5.00 Entry

See next week's Newsletter for details



Miniera, Ararat and District junior tennis summer competition is starting in Term 4. The competition is run on a Saturday morning between 9am-11am, catering for a range of age and ability.

We are planning a 'come and try' morning on Saturday 7th October at the Ararat City tennis club to gauge our numbers and organise some teams. The season will run until December 2nd. We will break over the summer holidays and return again at the beginning of the school term in 2024 until the beginning of March.

If you have any questions please contact Angela Day by email angeday@tpg.com or phone 0408012066. Otherwise come along to the Ararat City Tennis Club on the 7th October at 9am.



SEASON 2023-2024

ARARAT LITTLE ATHLETICS

**STARTING THURSDAY
OCTOBER 12TH**

Visit www.lavic.com.au to register.

@ George Road Oval, Ararat
4:15pm arrival for a 4:30pm start

**NEW MEMBERS
ALWAYS
WELCOME!**



Fun, fitness & friendship for ages 5 - 16 years.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

✉ ararat@lavic.com.au

f Follow us on facebook

*****Note:** New athletes can attend **FREE** for 2 sessions!

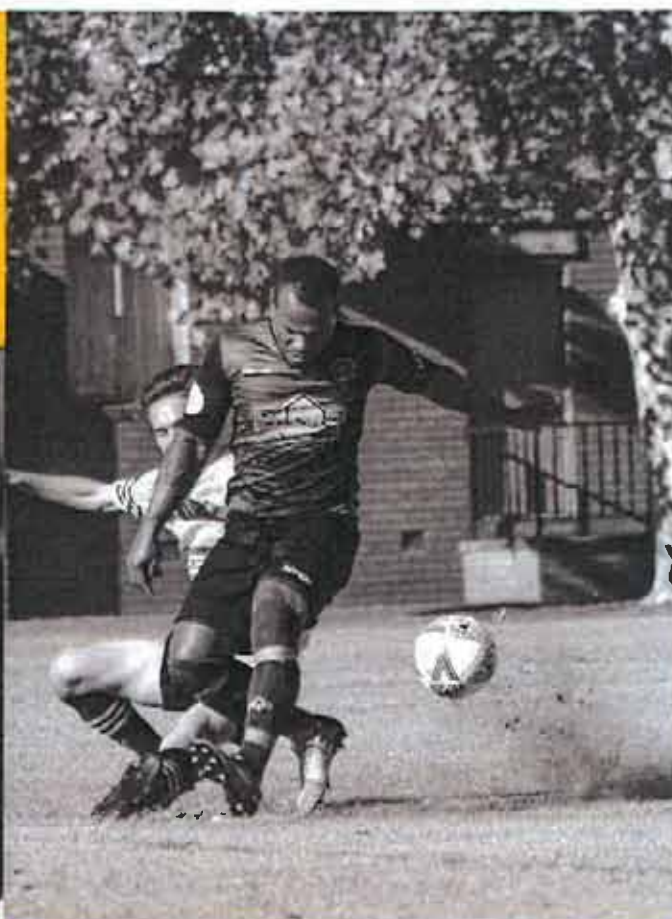
Please register as a trialling athlete on the LAVic website (www.lavic.com.au).



**STAWELL PIONEERS
SOCCER CLUB**

CONTACT ROB: 0419 886 355

**NORTH PARK
STAWELL**



7 U 7 COMPETITION

SPRING/ SUMMER COMPETITION

THURSDAY EVENINGS

**No experience necessary. Ages 16
and above. Open to all genders.**

Commencing October 2023

\$5 per game



**Register as a team or as an individual
via this link:
<https://tinyurl.com/StawellSoccer7s>**

VICTORIA POLICE BLUE LIGHT FOUNDATION EVENT

Exciting 3 vs 3 Basketball Tournament Coming to Ararat: Showcasing Youth Talent and Unity

Ararat is gearing up for an action-packed day of basketball as it prepares to host a thrilling 3 vs 3 Tournament on the 22nd of October. The tournament will feature two age categories, catering to young athletes aged 14 and under, as well as those aged 18 and under. Organizers are expecting a highly competitive event that will bring the community together in celebration of the sport.

This eagerly anticipated tournament promises to be a platform for showcasing the immense talent of aspiring basketball players in the region. With the participation of young athletes from diverse backgrounds, the event aims to foster unity and sportsmanship among the participants. Sports tournaments like these provide an excellent opportunity for young individuals to showcase their skills, learn from one another, and build lifelong friendships.

The tournament will culminate in an awards ceremony, where the victorious teams will be honoured with trophies presented by members of the Victoria Police. This collaboration between the police and the tournament organizers highlights the importance of community engagement and the role of Sports in fostering positive relationships between law enforcement and youth.

In addition to the main competition, an all-ages 3-point shooting contest will be held, adding an extra layer of excitement to the event. Participants will have a chance to demonstrate their shooting prowess and vie for the top spot. The winner of this competition will also be recognized with a trophy during the presentation ceremony.

If you are eager to grab some friends and participate in this, please request a registration form by emailing either Jodee.nuske@police.vic.gov.au or Boogie81069@gmail.com

Registration must be submitted prior to the 17th of October, 2023 with start times to be advertised in due course.



Get out and move this Walktober!



With Spring in the air, what better time is there to get involved in Walktober? This national challenge aims to motivate people to '**Walk your 30'** minutes every day during October.

Ararat Parkrun

Walk or run every Saturday morning at Alexandra Gardens, starting at 8 am.

It's **free**, but please register before you join.

You only need to register with parkrun once (don't forget to bring a printed or screenshot copy of your barcode)

Register

<https://www.parkrun.com.au/ararat/>

Walk to school

VicHealth has developed some great resources to make walking to school fun!

You can keep it simple by **walking, riding, scooting, or skating** to and from school, or you can get adventurous by mapping out an **adventure trail** that takes in more of the sights and sounds of your neighbourhood!



Download the worksheet

bit.ly/3PlKygh

Local walks

Take a walk around the lake at **Alexandra Gardens**, head out to **Green Hill Lake**, or hike up **One Tree Hill**. You can also get some exercise by hiking at the **Ararat Hills Regional Park**!

Learn more bit.ly/3PlKIEp

Challenge
Yourself
This
walktober

🗺️ Visit <https://walkingmaps.com.au/discover> to find more walks in our area



Bush walks

Have you been to the **Grampians National Park**, **Ferntree Falls** near Buangor, or **Mount Cole**?

Learn more

bit.ly/3EJlQlb

October 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 4	3	4	5 GWR ATHLETICS	6
9 YEAR 7 & 8 BLACK RANGES TENNIS	10 YEAR 11 VM EXCURSION YEAR 7 2024 INFORMATION EVENING	11 GWR INTERMEDIATE BOYS CRICKET	12	13 VM MELBOURNE EXCURSION YEAR 7 BOYS BLACK RANGES CRICKET
16	17	18 YEAR 12 BREAKFAST YEAR 12 FINISH	19	20
23	24 YEARS 7 - 10 SOCIAL	25	26	27
VCAA EXTERNAL EXAMS				