



Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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**BRONSON POTTER
CROSS COUNTRY**





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*

A prayer for Pentecost Sunday and World Environment Day - Sunday 5th June.

***All powerful God, you are present
in the whole universe and in the
smallest of your creatures.***

***You embrace with your tenderness
all that exists.***

***Pour out upon us the power of your
love, that we may protect life and
beauty.***

***Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no
one.***

***O God of the poor, help us to rescue
the abandoned and forgotten of this
earth, so precious in your eyes.***

***Bring healing to our lives, that we
may protect the world and not prey
on it, that we may sow beauty, not
pollution and destruction.***

***Touch the hearts of those who look
only for gain at the expense of the
poor and the earth.***

***Teach us to discover the worth of
each thing, to be filled with awe as
we journey towards your infinite
light.***

***We thank you for being with us each
day.***

***Encourage us, we pray, in our
struggle for justice, love and peace.***

Amen

(Pope Francis- Laudato Si)

Just in the last week, with winter well upon us, we have seen an increase in the spread of COVID and the flu among students and staff. Last week ten of our staff were taken ill. Many families are struggling with positive cases or the flu also. I know this is a difficult time for everyone, staff, families and students alike. We are grateful we have managed to maintain as much as possible of regular classes to this point, thanks to the generosity of our staff. I would like to thank all staff sincerely for their efforts and willingness to accommodate the current changing conditions and to support our students, families and each other. They are a fabulous team. We will continue to monitor the situation and will keep you informed should we need any further adjustments to classes. It is pleasing to see that most are recovering well and are generally back onboard after the seven days in isolation. We wish everyone well for a speedy return to health.

Keeping everyone safe.

Please notify the school as soon as possible if your child tests positive to COVID. Please keep them home if they are unwell. We are seeing a number of cases where an individual has tested negative before school and positive later the same day. Other family members who live in the same location become close contacts. While they may attend school, they must test negative every day for five days and wear masks at all times inside and on buses. If you have any concerns please contact the College Office.

Year 10 and Year 11 Exams

Following the Queen's Birthday holiday, we begin Year 10 and 11 exams on Tuesday 14th June until Thursday 16th June. All Year 10 and 11 students are required to attend.

Friday the 17th June (Correction and Marking Day) is a Student Free Day for all students.

Work Experience Year 10

The following week, Year 10 students begin Work Experience. Well done to all students who have completed the paperwork ready for this experience. We especially thank the many local businesses, industries and providers who are supporting our students. Aside from alternative arrangements to meet local needs or illness, students who have not finalized their placement will be required to attend school for the week.

ReLate Project Professional Development

On Monday 6th June, all teachers will be engaged in professional development in the ReLate project. Relate is a research and evidence informed model

of supporting schools to create the preconditions for improving teaching, learning and wellbeing.

Combining educational research, social science, behavioural theory and neuroscience, ReLATE supports teachers to implement practical strategies in their classrooms. ReLATE was developed in Australia by MacKillop Family Services, drawing on the practice model implemented in our schools and delivered by The MacKillop Institute. At its core, ReLATE promotes transformational relationships, not only for students, but also for school leaders, teachers and other staff working with children, young people and families. Within ReLATE, wellbeing is understood as an essential precondition for quality teaching and learning. Safe, predictable and supportive learning environments are created and maintained in classrooms where students are not just known, but deeply understood. School leaders and staff are supported both on their professional learning and development journey and in their wellbeing. (Relate MacKillop Institute).

Have a wonderful week.

Carmel

YEAR 10 and 11 MID YEAR EXAMS

During Week 8 of this term we are conducting exams for Year 10 and 11 students. It is a three day week from Tuesday 14th June to Thursday 16th June. There is a public holiday on Monday and a report writing day on Friday.

During these three days both Year 10 and Year 11 students will attend school as normal and be either attending their scheduled exam or their usual timetabled classes. Most teachers will use their scheduled class time with students for revision or study for exams.

All exams are scheduled during normal class time, except for Year 11 English.

These exams are compulsory for all students. If your child is unable to attend because of illness or COVID-19 please let the office know the reason for their absence. Alternative arrangements can be made for your child to sit the exam at a different time.

Lucy Edwards
Head of Organisation and Student Pathways

Management and Reporting of Covid-19 at Marian College

<p>Suspected cases</p> <p>A 'suspected' case means a person who displays any COVID-19 symptoms who has not yet tested positive for COVID-19</p>	<p><i>Action for a suspected case:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Student must Isolate and repeat RAT again in 24 hours2. If a further negative result is received on a RAT, a PCR test is recommended3. If a negative result is received on a PCR test, it is recommended that you stay isolated until your symptoms resolve to protect others from whatever illness you may have
<p>Confirmed cases</p> <p>A 'confirmed' case means a person has returned a positive result via a PCR or rapid antigen test.</p>	<p><i>Action for a confirmed case:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Isolate for 7 days and do not attend school.2. Notify the school as soon as possible. The school has an obligation to report this information to external parties and the school community.3. Report the positive test result through the Department of Health online system https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report or by calling 1800 675 398.4. Notify your household contacts.5. A negative test is not required to return to school following completion of 7 days of isolation.6. If symptoms such as sore throat, runny nose, cough or shortness of breath persist in the last 24 hours of the 7-day isolation period, continue isolation until these symptoms have resolved

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<p>Household contacts</p> <p>A household contact is defined as a person who has spent more than 4 hours in a house or accommodation setting with a diagnosed person. This would include contact that has occurred in a school based residential setting, such as school camp.</p>	<p><i>If no symptoms present:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Household contacts are no longer required to quarantine as long as they take additional safety measures in the 7 days that would have been the quarantine period 2. Notify the school if a student is returning during the 7 day period 3. Undertake RA testing five times within the 7 days, spaced 24 hours apart. 4. Student must wear a face mask indoors. <p><i>If symptomatic:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Isolate and undertake RA test upon symptom onset. 2. Stay at home and do not expose others. 3. Notify the school and Department of Health should a test return a positive result. 4. Avoid interaction with people at higher risk. 5. If all tests are negative by day 7, you are released of your household contact requirements
<p>Contact with a positive case at school</p>	<p><i>If no symptoms present:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to attend school and monitor for symptoms. <p><i>If symptomatic:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolate and take a RA test. On receipt of a negative test result, students can return to school if well enough. • Wear a face mask while any symptoms are present

IN MY WORDS *with Oliver Herbert-King*



I've written this so many times I can barely count, and each time it was completely different. I tried to make this one succinct, so let's go.

Hi, I'm Oliver, and I'm 18. An adult in age if not in mind. I'll work on that later... maybe... Anyway, I was born, just like thousands of other bebés to a couple of nice people: my Mum, Anna, and my Dad, David. I lived my life just like any average toddler, with a few near death experiences, but nothing completely out of the ordinary, and like any other kid, lived as the days came.

My early childhood was fine, I guess, as I don't remember much of it, but by the time primary school rolled around, things went a bit south. I was a kind and happy kid, but I wasn't always treated well by my peers. I jumped in and out of friendship groups. Some dissolved, others drifted, and I just went with the flow. I entered Marian College with a handful of my peers, but after Gretta left, it was really only me, Erin and Elly left in VCE. But I'm content. I feel comfortable here with everyone, and it's nice to still have a couple of friends from a primary school we graduated from together.

But first coming to Marian was scary. Nope. Terrifying. I fell head first into this huge place full of huge people, huge classes, huge hallways and stained glass windows everywhere. The school smelt old and strange and I felt so small. But I built myself a life slowly. I met one of my best friends, Maddy Quixley, in my first few weeks of Year 7 who is simply the sweetest and kindest person I have ever met in my life. Without her, I wouldn't be so established in the culture here. She introduced me to many of my fellow classmates, the "St Mary's Clan", who otherwise,

because of my heavily introverted self, I would not have socialised with.

But who am I now? Aside from loving anime, bugs and dinosaurs (yes, I am content living life as a 14-year-old thank you very much) I also have dreams to be a successful author, a fantasy that may be a little far fetched. But I'm very passionate about the series I'm writing and hope to publish it some day.

I also want to help people. I plan on going into clinical psychology after university so that I can reach a larger amount of people who need help and hopefully improve their lives. It's something I'm passionate about and look forward to doing in the future.

But I'm so lucky. I really am. I have two great parents and one hell of a butler-I mean *brother* who would do anything for me (within reason). Jude has been my best friend since I can remember and will continue to be. We have always been really close and one day we will rule the world (we just need our cult to get off the ground first).

I'm also really lucky to have been a part of this community (this is going to get cheesy and sappy so hold onto your hats). Although it hasn't always been easy, the support group here is phenomenal. I want to personally thank teachers that have really helped me and been there for me when I was in a tight spot. These are: my TA teacher, Ms Weir - who I have had many long TA sessions with and great chats - I couldn't ask for a better homeroom teacher. My head of house, Ms McConachy, who has made my social transition so much smoother. Ms Saravanja who has always been busy sorting things out behind the scenes. Mr Hunt who has given me many laughs over the years. And Emma who has helped me through so much and given me such insightful advice and life skills. Thank you all, and I will miss you so much.

Listing all of my peers who have contributed to my happiness would be too hard, so I'll just make a few special mentions, those who make my day and may not realise it. Without my core friendship group: Maddy, Katie and Jenna; guys, I'd probably be in a gutter somewhere if not for you, thank you. Erin makes sure I never get bored in class and my sidekick detective, Rennie, is someone I feel I can always confide in. Ivana and Gabe always make sure morning TAs are never boring and manage to make me smile, no matter what mood I'm in. But I want to thank my cohort. I feel so lucky to have gone through my education with all of you, and that you've accepted me, eccentricity and all. I am very grateful to every one of you and I hope you all have wonderful futures.

I don't want to leave Marian, as you can probably tell. I don't want to go out of this sheltered place and away from the people here that I love. It will be nice spreading my wings and flying like this place, and the people in it, have taught me to do, but it will be sad. I'm counting the days, the times I walk up and down these corridors, because I know that one day I'll miss the old, comforting smell of the school that I love. The school that has shaped so many wayward hearts.

Thank you, Marian.



IN MY WORDS *with Rennie Conteh*

It all started on November 13th, 2004 at St Alban's Hospital where I was forced into the world. I've lived in Taylor's Hill for my whole life until recently when we moved to Deep Lead. I was born to my parents Prince Conteh and Anielle Conteh who met and got married 3 months later. My parents were married for 18 years until late last year when they divorced. My mum decided in early 2021 for me to move schools and from Victoria University Secondary to Marian College with my little sister.

I was born into my family with an older stepbrother, Keegan Peck, and an older sister, Breann Conteh, but three years after I was born we welcomed my little sister, Jenel Conteh, who is now very much taller than me. We also had a few animals throughout my lifetime including Niki who sadly passed away on 11/11/2021, Sox who still has a massive attitude, and a few chickens. We've recently added 2 cats and 2 dogs, Luna, Angus, Beau and Willow to the family.

After I was born the doctors also found some issues, which caused me to be bow-legged. I had physio when I was a baby which didn't help too much as I would still fall on my face. So in 2017 I had surgery to put screws and plates into my knees, these later got taken out in 2019 and in 2021 I had to have physio as they started to become bow-legged again.

Anyways at the ripe age of 4, I had my first modeling gig for a children's book, named 'My Room' by Brimax. I had a scene where I had to act like I was sleeping which I didn't want to do, so my mum bribed me with Maccas because we rarely had it. My mum ended up purchasing four of the books once they came out and I destroyed the one that she gave to me. I still model but not as much, with an agency called Associated Models and Talent.

I used to do gymnastics for 6 years at Gymnastics Unlimited in Melbourne until we moved. I started gymnastics with Jenel in Stawell but fell out of love with gymnastics within 6 months of moving. Gymnastics helps with my legs but also caused quite a lot of pain when I started raising in levels. I reached level 8 before I quit.

My life before moving to Ararat felt so much easier and I had really close friendships, but since moving I've tried to make new bonds with others, which is a lot harder than it seems when everyone has known each other for ages. But I still miss a lot of my friends that I see when I have time off work and school which isn't very often at all sadly but it is what it is.

I started working at Stawell Regional Health to fill up my free time while making money as well. The main reason I started working was that my mum didn't want to fund my shopping trips for much longer. I am now very aware of why, but damn why is everything so expensive and why can't I resist buying it. Working at the hospital and nursing home has





helped with my communication skills and the ability to talk to strangers; which I've been told never to do so.

When it comes to the future I'm not too sure where I want to go. I normally have everything in order with a plan because I'm aware that I like being in control but I have no clue which pathway I want to go down. But I'm 100% sure about having a gap year or a few months at least of traveling.



I become really close with Oliver when we had our math classes in Year 11 talking about everything and anything without a filter, which now we continue to do with our studies. I feel like he's more of my psychologist than anything else when we have our rants and very in-depth conversations about politics. He was one of my first friends when I moved to Marian and helped me find where I felt safe and connected. I can't say that without acknowledging everyone else in Year 12; you've all made me feel welcomed even though I started at Marian in Year 11 which compared to everyone else is quite late.



This year is completely different from last year, everything is so much harder than I expected which is difficult to manage with schooling and managing to work as well. But having classes and studies with Dea and Erin has made everything feel a lot easier which motivates me to go to school. We've become really close at the start of this year talking about our boy issues and inconveniences.



Anyway, I think I have written a bit too much so enjoy the baby photos I guess <3



BARRON



NEWS

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

We are at the week seven mark of this nine week term... I don't know where the time has gone! One of the most noticeable things in classes is that most students have been sick with colds, the flu, or Covid at one point or another - sometimes sick twice, and thus missing a lot of school. Having just spent a week out of school sick myself, I know that it feels like there is a lot to catch up on, like class content and assessments, and a lot still to fit into the rest of the term.

Please remind yourselves to take one thing at a time. Communicate with your teachers, ask questions, rest if you are unwell so that you can get better. We are doing our best to make things fit and move the things that we can do later instead. Year 10 and Year 11 have exam week coming up from June 14-16th, and there are still assessments and SACs in week nine, which will roll forward onto the semester two reports. Year 10s have work experience all of week nine; it is such an important opportunity to experience the workplace and ask industry-related questions.

We will round out week nine with House Day on Friday, June 24th. This is a mandatory school activity... and will also be a lot of fun and a well-needed change of pace to celebrate the end of the semester. It's been a long time since we've been able to run a house day and our House Captains and Year 12s are enjoying planning the day for their houses. See you there, Barron!

Erica McConachy
Barron House Leader



FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

How quickly the end of the semester is coming up. There have been so many things going on over this term that it's been difficult to keep up. If you are feeling as tired as I am, you'll be looking forward to a couple of weeks of holidays in a few weeks' time. Everyone needs to be as organised as possible for the final push to the end of term and get all assessment tasks completed and submitted on time.

Before we can enjoy a well-deserved rest, we have a few things left to do. For Year 10 and 11 students, this week will be time to prepare for next week's exams. These will start on Tuesday 14th June after the Queen's Birthday Holiday and continue on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th. Friday the 17th of June will be a pupil free day. This has been set aside for teachers to correct exams and complete reporting for Semester 1. Year 9 students will complete exams in some classes also. These will take place in their class time during the last week of term. The purpose of these exams is to allow students to become familiar with the exam process, revising more than one topic at a time and sitting and working for a longer period of time than a single class (longer than 50mins). It is important that students prepare for these exams and do their best. The exam timetable has been released to students.

During the last week of term, our Year 10 students will participate in the work experience program. This is a great opportunity to try various career or trade options and many students have impressed their employer so much that they have later gone on to get a job through their work experience placements. This is a very exciting time and I hope that you each make the most of the opportunity.

We are finally getting a taste of what is to come with cooler and finally wetter weather. At this point in the term, students should be in complete winter uniforms. Extra hoodies and non-school jackets are not part of the uniform and are not to be worn. Remember that the sports uniform should only be worn on days that you have practical PE or Outdoor Ed classes. Over the last few weeks, I've noticed many students wearing a large number of variations of the school uniform, none of which are appropriate. On the last day of term, the House Captains from each House have organised to finish the term with a House activity. For Clancy, we will compete as TA groups in a great race around Ararat and finish with a hot lunch back at school.

I hope all students will co-operate and participate in the fun house activities to celebrate the end of the semester in a positive way.

Mrs Boatman
Clancy House Leader



SPORTS REPORT

On Monday a group of 15 students traveled to Warrnambool for Greater Western Region Cross Country. We left in the pouring rain and were pretty concerned about how the weather was looking but it ended up being a perfect day in Warrnambool. The Senior boys ran 5 km's and everyone else ran 3km. Marian College ended up with 5 students making it through to State Level.

13 Year Boys Bronson Potter who came 3rd in his age group
14 Year Boys Jack Bartlett (11th)
15 Year Boys Wilbur Shea (5th)
18 Year Girls Elise Monaghan (10th) and Ivana Donnan (11th)

Our Intermediate netball teams went to Horsham to compete against other schools in the Black Ranges. Both teams played some great Netball in the Pool matches coming up against some good competition. The Year 10's won all of their games until they faced St Brigid's who were a bit strong for the girls. The year 9 girls also won all of their games until they came up against eventual champions Horsham. It was an excellent day of competition with some great performances from a number of Marian Girls.

Michael Harricks
Head of Sport





Marian College Ararat



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Applications are invited from suitably experienced persons for
the position of

IT Technician

(ongoing part time FTE.6)

Immediate start (negotiable)

The successful applicant will have an understanding of
Catholic education and the safety and wellbeing of children.

Application information including position description is
available on the Marian College Ararat website.

Applications close at 4.00pm on
Friday 17th June, 2022

Email to the Principal - principal@mcararat.catholic.edu.au

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Marian College Ararat invites applications from a dynamic and passionate teacher/leader suitably experienced for

**The new Senior Leader role of:
Head of Staff Development**

(full time, ongoing)

Commencing Term 1, 2023

Application close 4.00pm on
Friday 22nd July, 2022

The successful applicant will have an understanding of Catholic education and the safety and wellbeing of children.

Employment packs and application information including position descriptions are available on the Marian College Ararat website.

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Applications are sought from enthusiastic and suitably qualified teachers with current VIT registration, a commitment to Catholic education as well as the safety and wellbeing of children.

Applications are invited for the following 2023 classroom teaching positions

ART

TECHNOLOGY

ENGLISH/HUMANITIES

MATHS/SCIENCE

Ability to teach Religious Education an advantage
(Full time, Ongoing, commencing Term 1, 2023)

Employment pack including position description, application form and application guide is available on the Marian College website.

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WIMMERA BOWLS REGION

JUNIOR BOWLS COME TRY DAY

An opportunity for juniors aged 8 and above to try the sport of bowls during the school holidays. No cost whatsoever.



- **MONDAY 27TH JUNE
@ ARARAT BOWLS
CLUB, 10AM - 12PM**
- **MONDAY 27TH JUNE
@ CHARLTON BOWLS
CLUB, 2PM - 4PM**
- **TUESDAY 28TH JUNE
@ HORSHAM CITY
BOWLS CLUB, 10AM -
12PM**
- **TUESDAY 28TH JUNE
@ WARRACKNABEAL
BOWLS CLUB, 2PM -
4PM**



For enquiries about the days, please contact Josh Thornton on 0474 741 177 or josht@bowlsvic.org.au

To register, and select the appropriate venue, click on the link below :

<https://wimmera.bowls.com.au/juniors/>



ARCAD-I-CON



9 July 10:00am-4:00pm

Then...

Original Ghostbusters
Screening 4:00pm - 6:00PM

Stawell Town Hall - Main Street
Stawell



An event for gaming, cosplay,
LARPing and fun. Family friendly
event (PG Rating).



Stay tuned for further details!



June 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 STAFF PROFESSIONAL DAY PUPIL FREE DAY	7 BLACK RANGES YEAR 7 & 8 GIRLS NETBALL	8 YEAR 7 2023 ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS	9	10
13 QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14	15	16	17 STAFF PROFESSIONAL DAY PUPIL FREE DAY
YEARS 10 & 11 EXAM WEEK				
20	21	22	23	24 HOUSE DAY END OF TERM 2 EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15 pm
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE				

July 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11	12 STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 3	13	14 STATE CROSS COUNTRY	15