

# Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith;  
the warmth of Christmas, which is purity;  
the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice;  
the belief in Christmas, which is truth;  
the all of Christmas, which is Christ.



# 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*

***Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.***

*-Robert Louis Stevenson*

In the busyness of these final school weeks leading into Christmas, it is great to see so many students and staff eagerly awaiting the Christmas season to gather with extended family and friends. Despite the many obstacles in 2021, there have been many very enjoyable Marian moments throughout the year. Last Friday was no exception, as all Year

7 and Year 8 students and staff ventured out to Halls Gap for the annual 'Gap Day'. We wish them all a safe and Merry Christmas.

## **Student Leadership Team for 2022**

It is my great pleasure to announce the Student Leadership team for 2022. I look forward to working more closely with this wonderful team and all Year 12 students as we move into what we anticipate to be a more normal year.

Congratulations to:

### **College Captains:**

Ivana Donnan and Gabriel Tonks

### **Learning Leaders:**

Lily Parsons, Noah Wineberg, Layla Dale, Georgia White and Charlotte Walker.

### **House Leaders:**

#### **Barron:**

Jacqueline Grayling and Elly Galoso

#### **Clancy:**

Elise Monaghan and Nellie Hitchcock

#### **Kelly:**

Louise Cooper and Ruby Smith

#### **Synnott:**

Mia Lardner and Jemima Harney

## Gap Day

The weather was terrific on Friday for our annual Gap Day with the Year 7 and Year 8 students.

This was a tremendous way to finalise formal classes after our very disruptive year. Seeing the students together again playing cricket, swimming and bush walking, or just chatting was great to see after so long apart. The students were excellent and a credit to their parents and the school. Well done to all concerned for the wonderful finish for the students.

## The 2022 School Year

We welcome back Years 7 and 12 students on **Tuesday February 1st**, and Years 8 to Year 11 on **Wednesday 2nd February**. During the first couple of days back, all students will attend Child Protection and Wellbeing sessions as part of our normal processes.

## Year 7 Students

Year 7 students will be involved in a Transition program for the first couple of weeks of school, that will include the Year 7 Lorne Camp in Week 2. Details about your child's group and dates will be provided well ahead of time.

## Year 8 Students 2022

We understand that it has been a very difficult introduction into secondary school for our students and parents of the current Year 7 cohort. COVID certainly has had an impact upon the usual processes and sense of community we usually experience at this time of year, with restrictions and lockdowns disrupting extending across the year. . With this in mind, we have planned further formation and induction into our Marian Community to build community and relationships among this cohort. This will begin with a Marian Community Engagement Day

planned for the Year 8 Students on Friday 4th February.

## Parent Information Sessions

Year 7 Parent Information Night – Thursday 3rd February at 6.30

Year 8 Parent Information Night - Tuesday 8th February at 6.30

## Year 12 Student - Retreat

Year 12 Students will attend the three day Seniors Retreat at Cave Hill Creek from Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th February. This is an essential part of the senior year program to support the development of our leading year level as they contemplate the year ahead and post school years. All Year 12 students are required to attend.

## Production Open this Thursday 9th December.

Our school production opens this Thursday evening for three nights. The final show will be Saturday 11th December starting at 7.30pm at the Ararat Performing Arts Centre. Please see the advertisement enclosed. This will be the final production for Mrs Teresa Tonks after many wonderful years of entertainment, skill and dedication at Marian College. I sincerely thank Teresa for sharing her talents with so many students over the years and for encouraging and inspiring the next generation of artists.

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas break.

Carmel

# SO SAD TO SEE YOU GO!

As we wave goodbye to another crazy year I also say goodbye to my time here at Marian College. As you may know I have been cursed with the cruel blow that is breast cancer and as hard as I have fought over the past ten years it appears that the villain is winning. I am sure you have seen me go through different styles, weights and looks over the years and have been able to piece it all together.

I started my time here at Marian in 2001, fresh up from Melbourne and had moved into my 1850 stone cottage in the beautiful hamlet Rhymney. It has been my home ever since and it looks like it will be where I lay my hat. In 2002 I gave birth to my beautiful babies Imogene Ruth and in 2004 Gabriel Francis. They have been my *raison d'être* ever since and have given me a drive and passion to continue my career as a Drama teacher.

In 2007, my dear friend Christine Bulger asked me if I would like to direct a production with her and I agreed. I have not looked back since then and I now count my years by the shows we have mounted. For those of you who have a love of theatre and live performance, you will understand how incredibly motivating and inspiring it can be. Drama and Theatre have helped me crawl out of bed after the heavy blow of divorce and climb back on the bicycle of life after my crushing cancer diagnosis and endless treatments.

Marian College has been my home, my respite and my studio. I cannot speak highly enough of the staff and students who have supported me through the tough times and the accolades that have been sung when the students have soared to levels beyond their expectations. So many people will belittle our little town and our little school, some leave looking for something better. I have always maintained that we can be as good as or better than anyone in the state or indeed

the world. There is no logical explanation as to why a kid from the country, blessed with talent, love and support, cannot strive for excellence and so I pushed for it. Sometimes I push too hard and many students and parents would say I am too hard. Please know that if I was harsh, it meant I believed in them and saw their potential.

This week we will present to the Ararat community the wacky, hilarious show "Lucky \$tiff". I wanted to exit this career doing what I do best and leave a legacy of determination and excellence. I want the students to know that tenacity and hard work can be a reward in themselves and that dreaming big gives you superpowers. I hope you will all come along to our show (Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week) and witness the amazing transformation that is theatre. I encourage you to keep playing all your life, be spontaneous, adventurous and brave. Love each other unconditionally and always have respect for life, it can be fleeting.

Adious amigos

Teresa Duffy (Tonks)



**Marian College Presents**

**L**UCKY

**\$**tiff

Proof of COVID  
vaccination is  
required upon entry

**Book and Lyrics by**

**LYNN AHRENS**

**Music by**

**STEPHEN FLANNERY**

*Please note patrons 12 years and two month old + need  
to be double vaccinated to enter the venue*

**7.30pm 9,10,11 December 2021**

**Tickets available at [try.booking.com](https://try.booking.com)**



# GAP DAY 2021







# *From the Business Manager*



## **2022 Fees**

Marian College endeavours to keep its fees affordable and as such we have limited our fee increase in 2022 to only 2%, you will recall that we did not increase fees in 2021. The new fees will be as follows:

<b>No. Students</b>	<b>2021 Fees</b>	<b>2022 Fees</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Student	\$1,890	\$1,930
2 <sup>nd</sup> Student	\$1,390	\$1,420
3 <sup>rd</sup> Student	\$1,130	\$1,150
4 <sup>th</sup> Student	\$880	\$895

Depending on the year level there are also a number of other charges relating to electronic books/resources plus the \$100 per student iPad cost for Years 7-10. In respect of the iPad, parents will own the iPad at the end of Year 10.

As in previous years where parents/guardians are entitled to claim the State Government Camps Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF). We will credit this against your fee account.

If you have any fee concerns or would like to discuss payment options, please contact me.

Leonie McGuckian  
Business Manager

## END OF SEMESTER REPORTS ONLINE

The end of Semester Reports and final Teacher Advisor Reports are available online.

Please access your son or daughter's report through the PARENT ACCESS MODULE (PAM) on the school website at <http://mcararat.catholic.edu.au> using your current login and password.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

## TERM 1 2022

25th January, 2022 - Office opens

1st February, 2022 - Years 7 and 12 commence Term 1

2nd February, 2022 - Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 commence Term 1

2nd February to 4th February - Year 12 Retreat

3rd February - Year 7 Meet TA & Cyber Safety Parent Presentation

7th February to 11th February - Year 7 Camp Week

8th February - Year 8 Parent Information Night

# Arts Department

## Archies Competition And the winner is ....



**ERIN PETER - 1st - Chris Cornell**

Congratulations Erin on your award winning artwork of Chris Cornell.

2nd place was Bella Smith with her portrait of a friend and 3rd Place was Jaxsen Finch with his portrait of Barack Obama.

Congratulations to all!

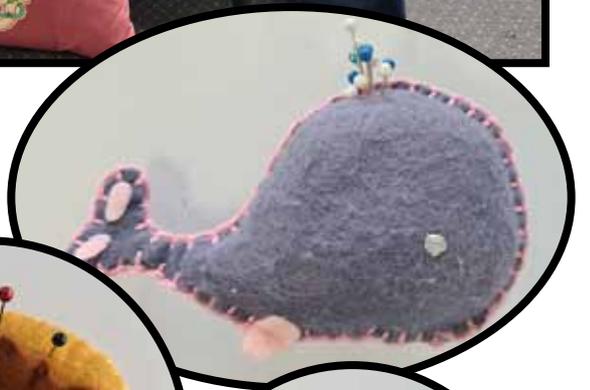


**JAXSEN FINCH - 3rd - Barack Obama**



**BELLA SMITH - 2nd - My Friend**

# Arts Department



# December 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 YEAR 10 LEADERSHIP TRAINING YEAR 10 LAST DAY	2 BLACK RANGES YEAR 8 BASKETBALL YEAR 9 LAST DAY	3 YEAR 7 & 8 GAP DAY LAST DAY
6	7 ORIENTATION DAY YEAR 7 2022	8	9 SCHOOL PRODUCTION 	10 SCHOOL PRODUCTION 
13	14	15	16 VCE RESULTS RELEASED SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSES	

# February 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 31 STAFF INSERVICE DAY	1 YEARS 7 & 12 COMMENCE TERM 1	2 YEARS 8, 9, 10 & 11 COMMENCE TERM 1	3 YEAR 7 MEET TA & CYBER SAFETY PARENT PRESENTATION	4
<b>YEAR 12 RETREAT</b>				