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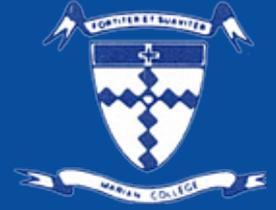
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From the Head of Learning & Teaching



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

- ❖ We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,
- ❖ We strive for continuous improvement

Prayer for Compassion to Reach Others

Heavenly Father, You are the God of all compassion. You have shown me kindness my whole life, and Your word teaches me that I should respond to others with this same kindness. My life experiences have taught me to stay at arm's length from others, so I need Your help. Please give me the compassion I need to reach those around me. Amen.

If you are reading this, we have managed to stay in school, open and learning for over half of the first term. This in itself is something to be thankful for and feel proud of. This year is an opportunity not only for us but all schools to begin to rebuild culture and to reinvigorate a love of learning.

We must not forget the lessons of the last two years and how important coming together for learning is. On numerous occasions over the last series of lockdowns, students in my TA regularly 'craved for school'. This is something that they openly admit had never crossed their mind before. "Wanting to be at school". A simple way that all families can be a part of 'our' school is through the use of PAM. Assessment is 'live' for all families and every second Monday the TA

interview cycle is updated to include the interviews that have taken place between the TA and your child.

By March 28th all students should have had at least one TA interview. If this hasn't occurred I encourage you to contact your child's TA teacher and or House Leader.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT's)

Today your child received their next box of 'RAT' tests. State government directives are that school students will continue to test twice weekly until the end of term.

We thank you for your support with this, in trying to keep the number of positive cases to a minimum.

The Week that was.

Year 7 Camp Last Week.

What an absolute delight it was to finally have a Year 7 camp after the disjointed last two years. The students finally got away this week, (later than hoped) for an exciting week at Lorne. The year level was split into two halves where the first half camped Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, whilst the second half joined them on the Wednesday for a whole group day before finishing out the week. A special thankyou to all the staff involved. Without committed staff, experiences like this just could not happen.

Black Ranges Swimming Last Week

Last Tuesday saw a large contingent of students participate in the Black Ranges swimming carnival. This is the next stage after completing school swimming. Congratulations to all those who attended and participated, as well as the staff who joined them on the day.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday Last Week

Mr East and a group of students cooked up a feast of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday last week. They were eagerly sought after by the students at both recess and lunchtime.

Thank you to Mr East for organising this along with TA based liturgies for Ash Wednesday.

Studio Art Excursion

Last week also saw our VCE Studio Art students on a 'big' excursion to Ballarat and Melbourne in one day!

Matthew Summers
Head of Learning and Teaching

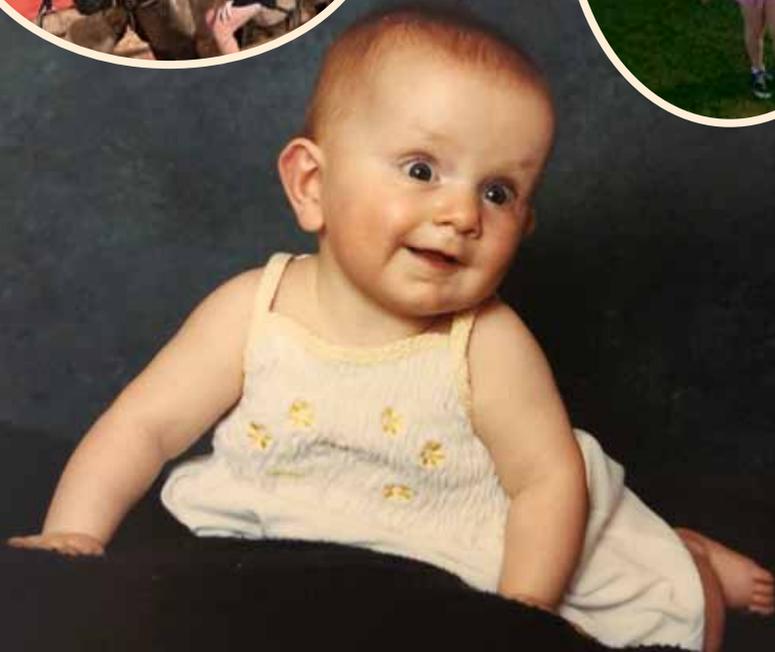
IN MY WORDS *with Ruby Smith* *Kelly House Leader*



On the 14th of May 2004, Andrew and Tamara Smith welcomed their not so little second child into the world in the St John of God Hospital Ballarat. Matilda was the firstborn, being 2 ½ years old by the time I came around. We lived in Lexton for the first 18 months of my life before building a house on land out of Beaufort which is where I still live. By the time I was 6 and Matilda was 9, two became three as our little brother Archie was born adding more to our adventures. This completed our family. Growing up with land around gave me plenty of opportunities to learn things. Let's just say that there weren't many dull moments when we were outside, either building cubbies, going for a hunt with dad, playing with our dogs, going fishing, driving the paddock bomb, or riding our bikes around.

I went to Elizabeth Watkin Kindergarten in Beaufort and then to Beaufort Primary School. This was where I met some of the people who I am still close to, to this day. Ever since I can remember I have grown up in and out of shearing sheds and farm work with Dad being a shearer and a farmer. This was where my love for agriculture began. I always love going to work with dad, especially when we got Rocky and Eve our kelpies, and watching them work has been something that I always enjoy. Dogs have always been a big part of my life, we've mainly had hunting dogs but now have kelpies for work.

In 2013 I started playing netball for Beaufort Crows and still do to this day. I have always loved the sport and



playing with all my mates. In 2020 our team made it to the Grand Final in the Ballarat summer comp, although it unfortunately got cancelled due to COVID. When I made the transition from Primary School to Marian College, I was very nervous as there were only two of us coming from Beaufort in Year 7, but soon found friends and came out of my shell and have never looked back.

In 2017, my family went on a trip up north for 8 weeks, to the Northern Territory. This was definitely an eye-opener and definitely something I will never forget. I loved going on walks and seeing all the different sceneries, although one walk seemed like I might not have made it back to camp because it wasn't an actual track to be walking on. Another hobby that is my all-time favourite is water skiing. We normally go away camping and skiing every Summer. I think as soon as I was born, I grew up in the boat all summertime. By the time kinder came around it was finally my time to shine and give kneeboarding a crack, although Dad did forget to mention the most important rule which was, "let go when you fall off", so I did manage to do a submarine for a few metres but eventually got up after a few tries. I learned to wakeboard and then double ski, but never liked doubles so I pretty much

went straight to single skiing. This was where I found that slalom skiing was what I loved, and what I was actually alright at doing, so that has been me for the past 7 years every Summer. I have gotten to ski with both Mum and Dad which was something that I have found special.

In August 2021 me and Matilda made a last-minute decision to fly to Darwin, we escaped a lockdown by only a few hours. Let's say Darwin didn't let us down, as there were no rules for COVID up there and it felt like life before COVID, being able to go wherever and go to a concert on Mindil Beach, no masks, and being such a relaxed lifestyle, it was so good. I honestly don't know what I'll be doing next year, whether I'll just go working or maybe studying a course at Longerenong College, but something to do with Agriculture. I would like to thank Mum, Dad, and family for giving me loads of opportunities as I've grown up, and friends for being there for me and putting up with me, and all my teachers along the way, when I probably was being annoying, especially in Year 9.

Best of luck to my other Year 12s, let's hope this year is better than the previous two.

Ruby :)



IN MY WORDS *with Louise Cooper* *Kelly House Leader*

As any other good story starts, I was born... on the 14th of March 2004 in Adelaide to my awesome parents Katherine and Robert. My older brother Will was already in the world and as you can imagine I rudely interrupted his single child life. Two years and two months later, my younger sister Sophie was born and our family was complete. My siblings and I grew up on a farm outside of Dunkeld until we moved to another farm just outside of Moyston in 2011. Still, some of my favourite memories of my childhood were from Dunkeld, all the adventures in the scrub, camping on Easter with some of Mum's family and where I learnt to ride a bike.

I started my schooling journey at Dunkeld Consolidated School until Grade one and then went to 800 up until the end. Primary school was filled with fun, laughter and I'm not going to lie a few tears here and there (mostly when my parents dropped me off on the first day). Then high school happened. I have learnt many valuable lessons over my time here at Marian - including that Bio is just not for me, so shout out to Mr Naus for getting me through it!



I have been part of the Moyston Willaura Football Netball club since we moved to Moyston and I have been lucky enough to win a grand final with the under 17s in 2019, a memory that I will never forget.

As living on a farm gives you lots of space, I am lucky enough to have animals surrounding me at all times. We have 8 dogs - 5 being working dogs, one being my sister's dog, a house dog and my dog Milo who is the absolute best thing that's happened to me.

In 2017 I was lucky enough to start my travel adventures around the world as my family and I explored around Europe for 5 weeks. It was one of the best experiences I have had so far and I am so incredibly grateful for the opportunity. We started our trip in London, staying with a family that my Mum used to nanny, travelled up to Scotland to see some family friends and then across to France, visiting yet again some family friends.

Two years after we travelled to Europe my family and I visited New Zealand, where we travelled around in a motorhome for 3 weeks and visited some



pretty amazing places. One of my favourite memories of the trip was on the first night of getting the motorhome we stayed just south of Christchurch in a little town called Little River, where my brother, sister and I found a water slide on the side of a hill. We spent way too much time sliding down it, but it was the best way to start our holiday.

And my latest travelling adventure was to America at the start of 2020 with 'G'day USA'. I was very lucky that we got paired with Broken Hill, which is where I met some amazing friends. Everyone got to stay with their own host family in Seattle and experienced what going to an American school is like, which is one of my favourite memories from the trip.

I swear I'm nearly done, just one last thing. To Marian - I don't really know where to start but thank you. To all of my teachers who have helped me along the way, Mrs Shea, Mr Casey, Mr Summers, Ms Waterson and Mrs Terry, thank you for your constant support over my journey here at Marian. I am so proud to be part of the community here and to have such strong support around me.

And lastly to my fellow Year 12s, good luck for the rest of the year. I know that all of you will achieve the goals that you have set for yourself this year. Don't be too hard on yourself and enjoy this year... we only do Year 12 once so make every day worth it!

Lots of love, Lou xx



WELCOME NEW STAFF

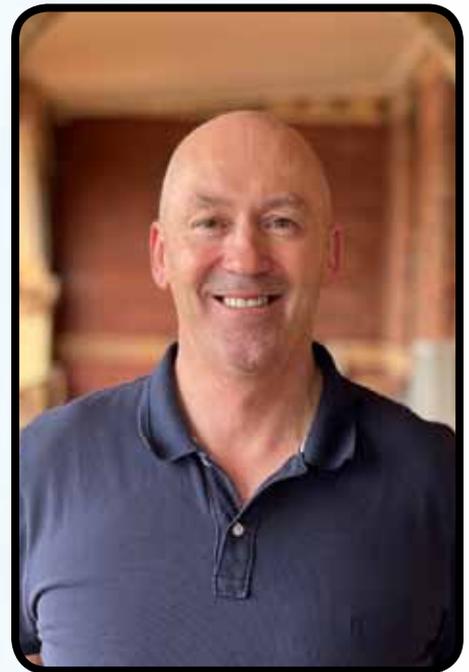
Name: Paul Kelly

Teaching Domains: Education Support Officer

My story so far...home grown Ararat boy... completed my primary and secondary education in Ararat.

At eighteen, I got my freedom and independence – (my very own car and 'P' plate licence), moved down to the big smoke (Melbourne) to pursue work and other social activities.

For the past 40 years...I have worked many different types of employment, however for majority of my working life , I have worked in the Victorian government public sector (Ararat and Melbourne) – to help keep communities safe and maintain public safety.



What I love about the classroom is:

The job satisfaction, that it provides me, by sharing my insight and life experiences, by being a positive mentor and role model for all young people, - as in reality, I believe that our students of today will be, some of our great leaders of tomorrow.

When I was at school I was:

Everyday, I used to really look forward to morning and lunch recesses – and yep....food was the order of the day!!! I lost count of how many super sized sausage rolls (slathered in tomato sauce) and pints (568ml) of chocolate flavored milk, that I consumed.

I am always being asked:

Who, is your barber/hairdresser?

It's not really fashionable but I love:

I recently purchased a brand new - iconic 70's and 80's - Australian Bluey Jacket - fabric consisted of 34 ounces of 85% wool and 15% polyester, that was manufactured by Norwellan Textiles Pty Ltd (no longer trading) in Stawell Vic.

As a young adult, I can remember, on many occasions (work and social) that my old faithful 'Bluey work jacket' kept me warm against the winter chills of an Ararat winter.

My friends say that I:

Talk too much and like the sound of my own voice.

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello Marian College community,

Welcome to another edition of Synnott news.

We are halfway through Term 1 for 2022 and it already feels like we have achieved so much. By now, students should be starting to feel like they are back in a normal school routine. It's time to try and put all the disruptions to learning behind us and focus on 'why' we are at school. To continuously improve and learn. Social development is also a very important aspect of school and it's great to be back together, but we must ensure we are all using class time wisely.

A couple of events have come and gone in the sporting arenas. Our swimming carnival was a huge success. Well done to all participants who competed. The spirit and vibe on the day was great to see and be a part of. Well done to any Synnott students who went to swim at the next stage in Horsham as well. Your swimming prowess is a sight to behold. Especially those butterfly swimmers.

I want to take this opportunity to discuss the wellbeing program we have here at Marian. It has been in place for 4 years now and allows students the time to focus on their personal development in a number of areas. Each student partakes in 1 period a week of wellbeing class. We call it the 'Oak' program, named after our oak trees in the yard. We use a positive education model to teach students how to utilise their character strengths and develop reflective practice. I find it very beneficial to give students an opportunity to develop their physical, social and emotional wellbeing. I encourage you to ask your child about the program and have some reflective conversations at home.

Thanks
Nick Lloyd
Synnott House Leader



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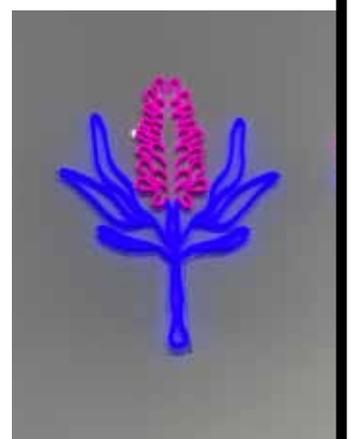
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Studio Art Excursion



2022 Year 10 Work Experience

Monday 20 to Friday 24 June (last week of Term 2)

All Year 10 students should participate in the Work Experience Program. Students are encouraged to organise their own work experience placement as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Why do Work Experience?

Work Experience provides students with the valuable opportunity to:

- Develop employability skills
- Explore possible career options
- Understand employer expectations
- Increase their self-understanding, maturity, independence and self confidence.

Students are placed with employers primarily to observe and learn, not to undertake activities which require extensive training or expertise.

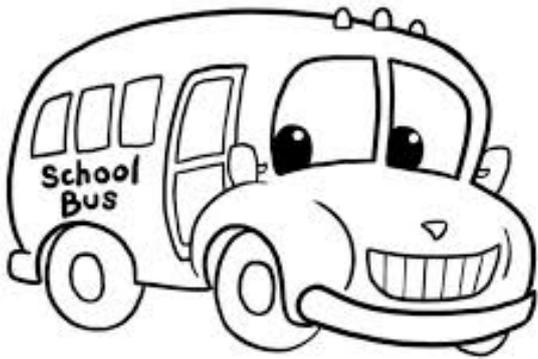
Further information regarding the above has been emailed out to Year 10 parents/guardians today.

Students who do not participate in this program will remain at school for the week.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Knights.
Email: knightsa@mcararat.catholic.edu.au

Andrea Knights
Careers Officer





Occasional Bus Use - Ad Hoc - How do I apply?

Ad-Hoc travel is where country bus travel is required for a non-eligible student where there is a legitimate need to use the country bus system.

Ad-hoc travel can be approved by the district bus principal or his delegate for a number of reasons including overnight visits to another student's house and sports training or if there is a requirement to either use another bus route or use another bus stop if you are currently a country bus traveller.

All applications must be made on the Public Transport Victoria (PTV) form 10 Application for Ad-Hoc Travel – Student and received by the District Bus Co-ordinator at Ararat College by 1.00pm on the day of travel. **Please note Marian College staff will forward these applications to Ararat College.** Applications can be approved for travel if there is a requirement to travel on a certain day each week - for example sports training. However this will be for a maximum of one term per application and can be revoked at any time. If there is more than one family member requiring travel each student is required to have a separate application.

All applications must be signed by the parent/guardian agreeing to the terms and conditions of travel on Page 2 of the application. The application must be the form that is available from the Marian College website (Enrolments - Transportation). Students can only travel on a country bus if they have an approved and signed application and it must also be stamped with the Ararat College stamp.

Please be advised that Ad-Hoc Travel applications (bus passes) will not be approved on Bus 1 Moyston as the bus is at capacity.



A reminder that country bus travellers are not permitted to get off the bus at the Ararat College interchange and walk to Marian College. The district bus principal has the duty of care for all bus travellers from their stop to the gate of Marian College.

Leonie McGuckian
Bus Co-ordinator

Occasional Bus Use - Sandlants

Please be advised that students who are occasional travellers on the Sandlants bus services departing from King Street are required to pay a fare to the driver prior to travel. **An Ad Hoc travel form is not required.**

Pricing as follows:

ARARAT TO	. SINGLE	. RETURN
Pomonal	. \$4.50	. \$9.00
Halls Gap	. \$3.90	. \$7.80
Stawell	. \$2.40	. \$4.80
Great Western	. \$2.40	. \$4.80

Please note that regular travellers do not pay this fare.

Should you require further information please contact the College Office on 5352 3861.

March 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	8	9	10	11
14 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	15	16	17	18 GREATER WESTERN REGION SWIMMING
YEAR 8 CAMP				
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30 YEAR 7 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENING (TBC)	31	1 April