Sheltering God, You were born in flight
Your parents anxious and given no rest.
The manner of your birth calls us to
Open-heartedness and sensitivity to the strangers in our midst.
Help us not to flee your challenge.
The violence of the present time teaches us fear of the stranger,
Reluctant to reach out to those who are different.
Grace us this day as we seek
To see you in the faces of those uprooted.
Weary, as they seek refuge and peace. Amen

The Refugee Council of Australia has chosen “with courage let us all combine” as the theme for Refugee Week in Australia. Taken from the second verse of the Australian national anthem, this year’s Refugee Week theme celebrates the courage of refugees who have refused to deny their beliefs or identity in the face of persecution, fled their homeland and often endured terrifying and dangerous journeys only to face the cruelty of detention before working hard to make a life for themselves and their families.

It serves for a call for unity and for positive action, encouraging Australians to improve our nation’s welcome for refugees and to acknowledge the skills and energy refugees bring to their new home.

*Welcoming the stranger* is a core element of all the major religious faiths. There are tens of millions of refugees and internally displaced people in the world. All faiths demand that we remember we are all migrants on this earth, journeying together in hope. In Matthew’s Gospel (25:35) we hear the call: “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me…”

Dear Parents, Students and Friends

The Marian Cabaret Club show finishes in front of a sell out audience tonight and those who have seen the show are in awe of our talented students! The cabaret reflects the dedication and determination of all involved to make sure that these opportunities are provided for all to enjoy. Thank you to Matt Segrave, Belinda Aventi, Lara Calabria, Don Hillam and Heath Neville for their dedication in nurturing and supporting our students. My thanks also to the Year 11 Hospitality students, Mrs Trembath and Mrs Davidson for providing supper, Mrs Quade and office staff for arranging ticketing and seating, maintenance staff Mr Aventi and Mr Bock for hall setup and Mrs Dickie for design and artwork. A number of other staff and students also worked behind the scenes to make the event such an enjoyable success. Quality sound equipment was provided by Mark Macedone from Pristine Productions, wine from Yarran Wines and the show was recorded on DVD by Paul Barlow with copies available soon.

Semester One Reports are currently being finalised and will be emailed home next week. Please contact the office if the current email address we use to contact you needs to be updated. Similarly, if you require a mailed copy please contact us. Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences take place on the 16th July 3.45-7pm.

Many thanks to the many members of the Marian community who have welcomed me back after my Long Service Leave. I feel refreshed and rejuvenated and look forward to working with you once again! My thanks to everyone who gave their support to staff who stepped into acting positions of leadership whilst I was away.

Peace and Best Wishes

Principal
Staff Spirituality Day

On Wednesday afternoon the Marian Catholic College staff were blessed to have the opportunity of attending a spirituality session with Sister Frances Fitzpatrick and Sister Angela Jordan, both of whom were former leaders at Marian Catholic College (formerly Catholic High School). The purpose of the session was to connect with the charism and the history of the founders of our College, the Sisters of Mercy. It was also an opportunity to share in the history of the College over time, from its beginnings in 1921 at St Patrick’s, where the administration building is located today.

The session included tapping in to the knowledge of our community, many of whom attended the College with five of our staff being former College Captains or Vice Captains; Gisella Barber, Belinda Aventi, Lora Segrave, Justine Amaro and Julie Cavallaro. There are also numerous members of staff who attended the College. This is particularly special and it certainly shows the influence the Sisters of Mercy had on the students in their care, with so many former students continuing the mission to bring a faith-filled education to young people in Griffith.

Who was Catherine McAuley?

Catherine McAuley was the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. She was born in Dublin in 1788 and in 1824 she used her inheritance to build a large House of Mercy to provide a shelter for homeless women, provide care to the sick and to educate young girls.

In 1831, Catherine took her vows and founded the Sisters of Mercy. Over the next decades, the work of the Sisters spread across Ireland and England and also extended to Australia in 1846.

Catherine McAuley saw education as a way to empower the poor and to help others to lead happy, fulfilling lives. She saw a particular need to educate girls and young women and believed that this would benefit the whole of society. She believed that “we learn more by example than by precept”, which highlights the importance of the teacher’s example and values in shaping the hearts and minds of the students. This belief is certainly something that we still reflect on today at Marian Catholic College.

As a community, we would like to thank Sister Frances and Sister Angela for their visit. It will ensure that the spirit of Catherine McAuley is kept alive by all the staff at Marian Catholic College and shared with the students by example.

“We should be like shining lamps giving light to all around us”

Catherine McAuley

Christie Scoble
Assistant Principal – Learning and Teaching
## CALENDAR—2015

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### Please pray for:

- Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Tyler and Jaeden Andreazza & Daniel Arcifa on the sad loss of their grandmother, Mrs Mary Andreazza.

### MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE GRIFFITH

**YEAR 7 2016**

**ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS ARE IN PROGRESS NOW!**

Applications for enrolment are to be submitted to the College office as soon as possible. Appointments will then be scheduled.

All enquiries can be made to the College Office on: 02 69692400
We take this opportunity to remind families your College Tuition Fee account for Term 2 should have been received by 15\textsuperscript{th} June 2015.

The policies adopted by College management require that fees be paid in a timely manner to enable us to operate on a sound financial basis whilst continuing to serve all students.

It is an expectation of enrolment that accounts are kept in order and each terms’ fees are to be paid by term end.

We shall be contacting arrears account holders to discuss the position of their account. Should you experience difficulty managing your account, there are a number of flexible payment options available to suit families’ budgets which we are happy to discuss with you. Feel free to contact me at the office to make arrangements.

Thank you to all families who conduct their account efficiently.

Joanne Smith
Business Manager.
COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM

This week the continues to collect donations for the “I CARE KIT”. These kits contain basic personal hygiene products that will be donated to our local St Vincent de Paul and “Linking Community” (incorporating Woman’s Refuge, Youth Refuge and the Salvation Army Men’s Crisis Accommodation Centre) so that they can be distributed to those within our community who are currently homeless, at risk or displaced. These basic kits will assist in reducing illness and will also help to improve the recipient’s self-esteem. Included within the kits are a card with a message of kindness that will let the person who receives the gift know that indeed someone does care.

Each student has been asked by their homeroom teacher to donate an identified item if possible to put into the kits and all staff members have also been asked to join in this school community activity by donating a towel. The committee is extremely grateful for those students who have already donated and will continue collecting from homerooms until Wednesday 24th June.

The “COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM” is a structured and active body of students within the school community who aim to make a difference to those who are poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. The group will meet on a fortnightly basis and this will provide an opportunity for young people to be exposed in a structured way to SEE, THINK and DO for those within the community.

The group has a leadership team including ~

Chairperson  Veniana Caqausau
Vice Chairperson  Branavan Thevashangar
Secretary  Erin Golden/ Megan Minato
Treasurer  Brooke Myott/ Arini Navanethan
Project Officers  Sarah Taylor/ Ashton Savage
Publicity Officers  Ruby Zandona
Megan Beecher (social media)
Religious Officers  Claire Murray & Nina Malijan

Our next meeting is Monday 22nd at lunchtime in L5; new members are always welcome.

The C.A.T would also acknowledge that this week marks “REFUGEE WEEK”.

Next term the group hopes to commence some holistic activities with the local refugee community. The development of such partnerships not only benefits those who are new to our community and country; providing opportunities for language development, socialisation and increased self-esteem but also promotes harmony and enriches the lives of all who are involved. Stay warm and stay safe.

Sue Hone Pastoral Care
TIPS FOR PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

It’s that time of year.

Conferences and meetings between parents and professionals offer an opportunity to discover a young person’s progress; share information or resolve social and learning challenges. They can also be the source of conflict and stress as views can differ so it helps to remember that everyone’s goal is to work from the best interests of a child or young person.

Here are some tips to help make the meeting or conference more productive and less stressful for everyone involved:

1. **Work from a fresh slate.** Sometimes meetings can be marred before they start as negative past experiences can carry residual resentment. Every new meeting offers a fresh opportunity to create better outcomes for your child.

2. **Prepare well.** Before a meeting or conference, list any questions that you want to raise. Keep the questions short and to the point. Similarly, it may be useful to list some of your child’s strengths and areas of improvement that you’ve seen at home. Writing information down in advance ensures that your point of view is expressed and that critical information is covered. Similarly, make sure you take notes during the meeting so that vital information isn’t missed.

3. **Listen first.** Give the teacher a chance to make an assessment of your child’s progress or behaviour. This may sound obvious but some meetings never get off the ground because an enthusiastic parent takes over.

4. **Ask what you can do.** Show your commitment to producing better results by asking for exercises that you can do at home to develop skills. It may be a good opportunity to ask for recommendations for outside resources to help you and your child. Often teachers know about camps, activities, organisations or events that can encourage educational and social growth.

Parent teacher meetings and conferences take many formats including the direct involvement of children. Regardless of the format you will be more effective if you go in with a **positive attitude, an approachable demeanour, and a willingness to work collaboratively** with your child’s teacher to reach the best outcomes possible for your child.

MICHAEL GROSE

HAPPY KIDS WEBSITE (parentingideas.com)
Come join us for an evening of reflection through dance and traditional music!!

BBQ Supplied
Year 12 Hermits cave clean up

On Monday June 15, Mr Neville’s Year 12 Work Studies class went to Scenic Hill and the Hermits Cave to clean up the area and visit the cave and explore it’s significance to the Griffith community.

Careers Market and Tertiary Information Day

On Monday 15 June, The Year 12 students went to Leeton to attend a session of the Careers Market and Tertiary Information Day. They were given the opportunity to talk to the numerous universities represented, the Board of Studies, UAC, The Defence Force, Police recruiting. Local businesses such as Casellas, Murrumbidgee Irrigation and Sun Rice. Centrelink and employment agencies. The students all gained a lot of information to help them make decisions about their future beyond Year 12.

Mrs Farrugia
Careers Adviser
Mexican Fiesta

Pasta Night
Smorgasbord Dinner
Dessert and Supper
Continuous raffle
Best dressed table
Table challenges
Dance music by
BLAZIN SADDLES

YOOGALI CLUB
Country Hope
11th July 2015
6.30pm start

Tickets $50 available
East Griffith Pharmacy
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