Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of our Assumption community,

Tomorrow we celebrate the feast of St Marcellin Champagnat – the founder of the Marist Brothers – with a Mass at 11.30 in the Gonzales Centre. Parents are most welcome to join staff and students to acknowledge the great contribution St Marcellin has made to Catholic education. It is worth reflecting that the values expressed by Marcellin of humility, simplicity, modesty and love of work are as valuable today as ever. Our challenge is to ensure that Assumption College continues to live out Marcellin’s dream.

Midyear exams
It is week 16 of the semester, which some may call “crunch time”, with our year 9, 10 and 11 students sitting their end-of-semester examinations this week. It is also a time where major pieces of assessment are due from our senior students. Most students will reap the rewards of their dedicated study as they work through this time and their issues without too much stress and hassle. For some who find this time difficult, it usually stems from a lack of organisation. Teachers and parents can help by encouraging our young people to carefully plan and break the many study or assessment tasks into manageable segments, so that time and effort are put into work rather than students being overwhelmed.

College musical, June 12-13
Hairspray will be performed at Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre next Thursday and Friday at 7.30pm. There’ll also be a 12.30 matinee on the Friday. The students have been rehearsing for months and it promises to be an entertaining show, not to be missed. Tickets can be purchased online via Try Booking.

End of term
Term 2 ends on Friday, June 20 at 3.15pm. However, students in a sports team are expected to honor their commitment by making themselves available for scheduled games on Saturday, June 21. Our sports coordinators have reinforced this message to students and have asked for parental support in recent newsletters.

Year 7 enrolments, 2015
We have had a very high take up of our year 7, 2015 enrolment offers and, unfortunately, there will be no second round offers this year.

A new beginning
On Friday, May 23, parents received an email from Br Michael Green, National Director of Marist Schools Australia, informing them that I would be finishing my term as Principal at the end of the year.

This was a difficult decision to make as I have really enjoyed my interaction with the students, parents and staff over my eight-and-a-half years at the College. The opportunity to lead Marymede Catholic College, a relatively new P-12 school, is an exciting challenge for me. I will leave ACK with many fond memories of my time at this special place. The announcement of my successor is expected to be made early in term 3.

Kind regards,

Michael Kenny
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**Things you need to know**

**Forms due back:**
- Annual anaphylaxis plans / asthma and allergy plans are overdue. Please return ASAP to the infirmary.
- Year 10 vaccination forms must be returned to administration ASAP.
- Year 7 vaccinations, June 6
- Year 10 vaccinations, June 20

**Absenteeism:** The College must be notified when your child is absent. Simply phone the Absentee Line: 5783 0806 and leave a detailed message or email absenteeism@assumption.vic.edu.au.

**Change of contact details:** Please ensure the College is kept up to date with any change of contact details including email and residential addresses and mobile numbers. Simply log on to PAM, go to School Links/PAM support and update your details.

**Need to make a payment?** For payments to the College for items such as excursions, uniform items or study tours, simply [click here](#).

**C & J Kerris Menswear:** (Ph: 5792 4333) On campus every Friday lunchtime between 1.30-2.15pm, (opposite the Gonzales Centre, next to the theatrette) for all your uniform needs.

**Parents and Friends Association:** Next committee meeting is Wednesday, August 6 at 7.30pm in the College staffroom. All welcome.
Champagnat Week 2014

Tomorrow we celebrate the feast of St Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers, with a Mass in the Gonzales Centre at 11.30. Marcellin lived from 1789 to 1840, he was a man for his times and his spirit lives on. This spirit is alive in the men and women, boys and girls who adopt Marist spirituality, a spirituality which comes from Mary the mother of Jesus. Mary’s typical response to life was as “the servant of the Lord” (Luke 1:38).

Marcellin was a family man. He learnt much from his pious mother and civic-minded father. He enjoyed living life to the full, whether he was tending sheep as a child, studying late at night at the seminary or guiding his Brothers to be the best instruments of God’s grace they could be.

Champagnat Week 2014 reminds us of this vital French priest’s abundant life, whether it be as builder of the Hermitage or negotiator with the French government to obtain approval for his Brothers to teach. He loved to visit the families in the hamlets in the nearby French countryside. Marcellin enjoyed supporting family life and in so doing gained a better understanding of the children he and the first Brothers were teaching.

Marcellin’s commitments included working in the parish of La Valla following the turmoil of the French Revolution. As always, the church was proposing people live by faith. Alternatively, the Revolution was promoting living by reason, not faith. Marcellin loved to answer such questions through his preaching and conversations. He also sought passionately to provide for the sacramental life of his parishioners. Whatever Marcellin took on, he did so with dedication and thoroughness.

Those of us who follow him today cannot help but be touched by his energy for the Church and Catholic education. He would be delighted to know that today’s Marist colleges achieve the same high educational standards as the first Marist schools while, at the same time, valuing and nurturing the faith and life of the local Church community. We ask St Marcellin Champagnat to pray for us.

(Champagnat Week Resources)

National Reconciliation Week May 27-June 3, 2014

Each year National Reconciliation Week celebrates the rich culture and history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The week encourages all of us to reflect on our shared histories, contributions and achievements, to join in the reconciliation conversation, and to think about how we can positively contribute to closing the gap for the benefit of all Australians.

Year 7C and 7H RE classes enjoyed learning about the Taungurung people, the traditional ancestors that occupied much of central Victoria, between the upper reaches of the Goulburn River and north of the Dividing Range. From Kilmore in the west, eastwards to Mount Beauty, Benalla in the north and south to the top of the Great Dividing Range.

The students learned about Dreamtime ancestors, creation stories and some religious beliefs of the Aboriginal people.

The painted hands show an appreciation of their heritage as the rightful custodians of the Taungurung lands in Central Victoria.

Indigenous students and staff ended Reconciliation Week by attending a luncheon in the Marlhes Restaurant where they overlooked the Indigenous flag flying high on the Carroll Oval. This luncheon was also attended by Ms Catherine Henbest from the Indigenous Unit at the Catholic Education Office.

We enjoyed fantastic food prepared by Ms Julie Pell, the new Catering Manager at the College. Catherine spoke to the students and again offered to help them in any way she can. She also loved the hands in the Taungurung Garden.

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Year 7 maths excursion

Year 7 students went on an excursion to Scienceworks this term. We participated in a problem-solving activity and learnt some key rules and tips for solving a problem:

- Simplify it
- Look for patterns
- Draw it out (e.g. as a diagram)
- Look for similarities

We had a look through the Math Amazing exhibition and had a go at different problem-solving activities which were challenging and interesting. The problems all had a different way to work out the answer. We came home with something new that would help us, and we all enjoyed ourselves.

by Rosalie McKay and Tahlia Dobell

Exams

Today is the final day of midyear examinations for students in years 9-11. Well done to all students on their efforts. We hope your exam preparation will show through in your results.

We urge students to maintain these efforts for the rest of the year. If any students or parents would like support with developing a better study program, please speak with your maths teacher in the first instance or take advantage of our ongoing tutorial program. (Please see previous newsletter for details.)

Academics in Mathematics and Science (AIMS) Program

In the three weeks leading up to the examinations the AIMS program offered an increase in tutorial sessions. Students could book an appointment with specific teachers. Last Wednesday, in particular, more than 60 students attended the program.

Our extra-curricular tutorial program, AIMS, will continue this year with weekly Wednesday night tutorials in the library. Students are encouraged to regularly attend to receive constant feedback about their mathematics and/or science courses. For further information, please phone Laila Sarraf or email her: laila.sarraf@assumption.vic.edu.au.
Textiles

This semester in textiles, the year 7 students made hand-painted pillows. After designing them, with the assistance of computer technology, fabric paints were used so they would be colourfast. Students needed to learn how to use a sewing machine, sew on buttons, use an iron and hand sew to complete their pillows. The students were proud of the finished results.

Year 10 Food Technology

This term, year 10 food technology students have continued to learn about Australian cultural diversity through the Food Around the World units. They have learnt about Italian, Spanish and Austrian cuisine and culture. They enjoyed making home-made pasta and producing fantastic sauces to go with their pasta from a mystery box. Spanish cuisine brought the sounds and smell of Spanish paella and the importance of flavours and textures that make up a paella and how this dish is used forms a special place in family and community gatherings. Students listened to the sounds of the Philharmonic Orchestra and Vienna Boys Choir and discovered how the arts play an important role in Austrian culture. Students enjoyed making apple strudel in the practical class and eating it after with lashings of fresh cream.
The highlight for the term was our excursion to Footscray to see and taste the cultural diversity in this area. We did so many things:

- Ate doughnuts at a local landmark, the Olympic Doughnut van
- Tasted fresh herbs used in Asian cooking and saw the many different varieties of fresh herbs, banana flowers and tropical fruits at the fruit and vegie market
- Learnt how the Asians use every part of the animal, how to tell if fish is fresh and saw many varieties on display at the meat and fish market
- Watched cannoli being made at Cavallaro & Sons Pasticceria and enjoyed a sample
- Drank sugar cane juice flavoured with cumquat (very refreshing) after watching it being crushed at a small shopfront
- Visited another fresh market and saw how Asians place chilli salt next to freshly cut fruit and dip the fruit into the salt and eat it. I’m not sure if I liked this; it’s very different.
- Ate lunch at Konjo Ethiopian Restaurant. Students learnt about the bread used and tried many different dishes using the bread to scoop up the food without cutlery; a first for all the students. Afterwards we watched a traditional coffee ceremony and experienced the importance of coffee in the lives of Ethiopians.

Students enjoyed a small insight into the diversity of one area of our fantastic town of Melbourne.

Happy cooking!

LOTE Week May 19-23

“Languages bring the world to you.”

Our ACK LOTE Week celebrated the cultural diversity of our Victorian community and brought students of French and Italian to the forefront of our thinking. The very successful and exciting Italian and French Exchanges later this year are the jewels in the crown of our LOTE program. Day to day, in our class rooms, we strive to give our students the very best language learning experiences and LOTE Week is our chance to make our classes even more special through hands-on cultural experiences.

We kicked off our week with a French and Italian morning tea for our staff who embraced the opportunity to think about everything Italian and French. Their enthusiasm rubbed off on our students who supported the Italian and French sweets stall in droves the following day, where treats such as chocolate éclairs, crostoli, macarons, langues de chats, croissants and trancetto were greatly enjoyed. Thank you to Mr Montemurro, Mr McKay, and to our student helpers Roisin Cahir, Charlie Morton, Lauren Jillett and Erin Blair for their assistance in making the sale such a huge success.

On Wednesday, May 21, our year 8, 9 and 10 French students acquitted themselves well in the Alliance Française Berthe Mouchette Poetry Recitation Competition. The year 9 and 10 students of Italian and French feasted on a banquet of delicious cuisine and tested their cultural knowledge in a mammoth quiz on Friday. Our Italian classes at Year 8 level made bright and colourful Carnevale masks and our year 7 Italian students played tombolo or Italian bingo.
Italian Masterpieces Exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria

Once again the NGV has arranged a block-buster, world-class exhibition of the great masters of painting, and this year it is the Italian Masterpieces Collection from Spain’s Royal Court and the Museo del Prado in Madrid. Featured painters include Titian, Raphael, Corregio and Furini. The collection is stunning and well worth a visit, especially for our students of Italian and their families. You can view the exhibition until August 31 at the NGV and it is sure to attract large crowds.

Thank you

Five-hundred dollars was raised from the sale of photos from my New Zealand Exhibition held during Arts Week in first term. This money has gone to the Mandy McCraken Fund. I thank the families and staff who supported the fund-raiser.
ACK Career Expo

The biggest event of the Career Department is coming up on June 17. Our annual Career Expo will be held in the Heinrich Centre from 11.30-3pm. Students from years 10 and 11 will attend the expo and a career workshop during class time, and other students will be allowed to visit the expo either at lunchtime or during their study periods. Parents are very welcome to attend at any time.

Representatives from a wide variety of organisations will attend including those from:

- ACU
- Ambulance Victoria
- Antipodeans
- Australian Academy of Design
- Academy of Interactive Media
- Box Hill Institute
- CFA
- Deakin University
- Defence Force
- Elly Lukis
- GO TAFE
- Grenadi School of Design
- Headmasters
- JMC
- Kangan TAFE
- La Trobe Melbourne
- La Trobe University
- Lattitude
- MIBT
- Monash University
- NAVITAS
- NMIT
- Pivot Point
- Victorian Police
- Racing Victoria
- RMIT
- Swinburne University
- The Apprenticeship Factory
- tradespeople
- Romsey Veterinary Clinic
- Victoria University
- Whitehouse Design
- William Angliss Institute
- and Wilson Partners.

SBAT

Wanted - positions in the building industry

A year 12 student is looking for an apprenticeship in the building or plumbing industry and a year 11 student, who was completing a SBAT in building, has lost his employer due a downturn in business. If you can offer these boys a trial please contact me.

Work placement forms

It’s time for students to hand in workplace learning forms if they are doing placement over the June/July holidays. The first week is an excellent time to get placement when other schools are not on holidays, and it’s a great time for VET Sport and Recreation students to offer assistance with PE at primary schools.

Employers wanted

If you could offer a placement to our VET students please contact our office and leave your details.

Wanted!

The library is desperately seeking old unwanted dinner, tableware, platters, teapots and teacups. We need to create and make mismatched odd and unusual pieces for our annual Mad Hatters Tea Party. All donations welcome, and they’ll be put to a creative celebration of reading!

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Marian House

What an action-packed few months it has been in Marian House. The year 7s went on their first Assumption camp, and from all reports they bonded and shared some fun times with each other. The year 12s went on retreat to reflect upon life and what the future holds.

To further the excitement in the house, coming third in the Interhouse Athletics Carnival was great, and many Marian students competed.

More recently, everyone in Marian took part in a movie and television trivia competition. This was a great way for all year levels to interact and to build new bonds within the Marian family, while sipping on a hot chocolate and eating the odd chocolate biscuit for afternoon tea.

The last few weeks of term will be busy, so we need to keep up the great support we show to each other to get through this tough stage in the school’s calendar.

Co-curricular selections for 2014-15

It is that time of year again when students, in consultation with parents, need to think about co-curricular activities they are going to do from term 4 onwards. The new co-curricular period is from October 2014 to September 2015 and the school needs to enter summer sport teams by the end of July. The number of teams entered is largely determined by how many students choose that sport, along with availability of facilities and coaches.

Information about our co-curricular offerings and the process involved in choosing them have been emailed to families. Details are also available on PAM.

ACK Sport

Boys Sport

The First XVIII are sitting on top of the ladder after five rounds having defeated the previously undefeated Marcellin in round 4 in a great game at Marcellin. ACK held a 10-20 point lead for most of the match. The last quarter saw 12 goals scored with ACK running out victors by 9 points. In round 5 the team easily accounted for Yarra Valley by 79 points.

In soccer, the Seconds have had two good wins in the last fortnight with a 5-0 win over Mentone and a hard fought victory over Ivanhoe (2-1) last Saturday. The team are jelling together nicely and are looking forward to their next match against the powerful Marcellin team at home.
In hockey, the Seconds had their first loss for the year going down to the undefeated Trinity 6-3 with Zac Gration scoring all three goals. The team bounced back well to defeat Ivanhoe 4-1 last Saturday and have improved markedly since most of them came together for the first time last season.

We are now more than halfway through the season with two rounds left before the holidays – June 14 and 21.

**Sport on Saturday, June 21**

A reminder to all parents and students that sport on Saturday, June 21 will proceed as normal and all students are expected to make themselves available to play. The term officially ends on the Saturday after sport. All boarder buses will be leaving after sport, as well, to ensure all students are available.

**Assumption-Sacred Heart Exchange**

The annual Assumption-Sacred Heart Exchange will be held in Adelaide from August 22-24. The boys firsts soccer, basketball and football teams (and for the first time an athletics team) will travel over with the girls teams and cultural students to compete in the exchange that has been going for nearly 60 years. All sporting events will take place on the Sunday, August 24 with the final teams to be selected by early next term. Parents are more than welcome to travel over to support the school.

**Firsts Tennis Dinner**

While our firsts boys and girls tennis teams struggled during the year, winning only one game between the two teams, we came together on May 28 to celebrate our season.

Due to time and distance many players couldn’t attend. But, all the players agreed that dinner in the Marlhes Centre would be a great way to thank all the tennis coaches who gave of their time and hearts to help out our tennis teams. And, of course, it was a terrific way to sit and reminisce over a great season: Maddie Williams and Danika Stacey making AGSV representative teams and the boys beating Marcellin. Beating Marcellin is just as much fun on a tennis court as it is on a sporting field.

A special mention to boys captain Jack Cornelissen who organised the night and made everyone feel welcome. The team paid tribute to long-term boys coach Sarah Cross, who travelled back up the highway to enjoy a meal with a team that she built up over five years.

Thanks to the magnificent staff at the Marlhes Centre for a wonderful night.
Girls Sport

Some very positive results came out of round 4. We had our first triple header for hockey, with the boys team and then the two girls teams all playing consecutively at ACK. A magnificent win by the senior girls was topped off with a “thunderbolt-like” goal from Jess Wendel!

Our Firsts Netball team, after warming up to a bit of Johnny Cash music, scored 14 goals to 9 in the last quarter to clinch a one-goal victory against Carey, and the Junior A Gold netball team continued their undefeated season, as did other netball teams.

The Firsts basketball team suffered their first loss of the season, going down by two points to The Peninsula School.

During the round, the ACK coffee van was in action, raising money for the people of East Timor. It will be in operation every Saturday for the rest of the season, so it would be great if you could grab yourself a drink or a bite to eat and support a great cause.

Saturday, June 24 again saw some strong results from ACK’s girls teams. The seniors hockey recorded another win and remain undefeated for the season. The Firsts basketball and Firsts netball both recorded comprehensive victories.

The basketball team now sit at three wins and one loss, and the netball team have four wins and one loss. Both are heavily in contention to take out the AGSV/APS premiership for 2014.

The Big One That Didn’t Get Away

By Dillon Paul

In early April, my dad, Dennis, and I headed to Port MacDonnell, a small town on the South Australian and Victorian border, for the 33rd Tuna and Sportfish Tournament, which is run by the Port MacDonnell Offshore Angling Club.

I took a week off school to attend the tournament. It was the first time we fished this competition and we had a good week. We caught five southern blue-fin tuna and tagged and released 17 tuna. I also caught a 14.55 kilogram albacore tuna in an 8kg line class, which is a record for my fishing club, South Gippsland Game Fishing Club. The previous record had been held since 1988. For this fish in the 8kg line class I came second in this category.
Tickets for the matinee of the ACK musical Hairspray on Friday, June 13 at 12.30pm are being sold at a discounted rate for families.