



Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Sacramental Program

Congratulations to around 130 students who, over the last few months have celebrated their Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist. A special thanks to Sue Thomas for her coordination of the program. Thanks also to a number of staff members who gave up their time as Catechists for each group, Maree Wright, Deanne Krueger, Jane Lennon, Sonia Aalberts and Vanessa Munro

Prep – Yr 2 Athletics - Postponed

Tomorrow's Prep to Year 2 Athletics Carnival has been postponed due to the weather. It will now be held on Thursday 20 October.

Next Week

Next week is a big week on the Marymount Calendar. We have Catholic Athletics and our Catholic Schools Ballgames Carnivals happening on Thursday. Our Father's Day Stall will be operating throughout the week, so that children have a chance to purchase dad a great gift. We also have Marymount Day. This year we have planned a whole day of celebrations for Marymount Day, beginning with a combined Primary College Liturgy in the Doyle Centre. Further details of the day are available later on in this newsletter.

Retention of Children for a School Year

Outlined below is a repeat of an article we placed in our newsletter last year. It outlines our policy on the retention or repeating of children for a school year. I urge you to take the time to read through this.

"Over the last few years we, as a Leadership Team, have been debating over the issue of retaining children from one year to the next. We have also consulted with our leadership and other relevant departments within Brisbane Catholic Education. There is now considerable research available on the outcomes of retention (repeating) a child in schools.

The following findings have been consistently reported. The overwhelming evidence suggests that the majority of children who repeat a grade, or who are delayed entrance to school; do not necessarily do better as a result. Although some children do appear to benefit, there is no agreement on factors that are predictive of successful outcomes resulting from retention. Some of the main points in relation to retention and its worth are outlined below.

- Late birthdate children who are retained or kept out of school for an extra year initially may do better on academic measures, but these differences tend to disappear over time. In general, differences in achievement related to age tend to disappear by middle school.
- Children retained at the pre-school level generally have multiple needs indicating that specific intervention is required, rather than 'more of the same'.
- The negative outcomes of repeating are not confined to academic areas. Studies reporting on measures of social adjustment, emotional adjustment, behaviour and self-concept, all indicate that repeating is not helpful in these areas. These outcomes are consistent across all grade levels.
- Many studies show that children's own attitudes towards retention are negative. They typically report that they feel they have failed and have a sense of shame and embarrassment. There is also some evidence to show that learned helplessness may be an outcome for some children.
- Follow-up studies of high school students who have been retained indicate that they generally score lower on achievement measures, are more often absent from school, present with difficulties in the areas of self-concept, peer acceptance, personal adjustment and are more at risk of dropping out of high school. It is with this evidence in mind, and following advice from the Brisbane Catholic Education Office, we have decided that in the absence of a written letter of recommendation from a specialist such as a psychologist or psychiatrist currently working with a child, that we, at Marymount Primary, we will not support the practice of retention.

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Coming Events

Wednesday August 24
Whole School Assembly
Prep - Father's Night

Thursday August 25
Prep - Yr 2 Athletics Carnival
POSTPONED

Friday August 26
GOLD COAST SHOW HOLIDAY

Monday August 29
Fathers' day Stall

Tuesday August 30
Father's Day Stall
Eisteddfods - Arts Centre
0Y, 0R, 0A - Class Liturgies

Wednesday August 31
0M - Whole School Assembly
6Y - Ozanam Villa Mass

Thursday September 1
GCCPS Ball Games & Athletics
Carnivals

Friday September 2
MARYMOUNT DAY
9.00am - Liturgy, Doyle Centre

**MARYMOUNT
DAY
Friday 2ND
September
9.15am
Doyle Centre

All welcome**

Mass Times

Children Mass
(Doyle Centre - children read at Mass)
5.30pm 1st Sunday each month

Children's Liturgy of the Word
(Doyle Centre - children are withdrawn for brief lesson)
10.00am 2nd & 4th Sundays;
5.30pm 3rd Sunday
8.30am each Sunday (school term)
St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba

Parish Mass Times
Sat—5.00pm Miami;
6.00pm at Palm Beach;
6.15pm at Burleigh Heads;
Sun-7.00am at Palm Beach & Burleigh;
8.30am at Mudgeeraba & Miami;
10.00am at Doyle Centre;
5.30pm at Doyle Centre

Should you wish to read of more studies or evidence to support our decision, please see your child's class teacher who can organise for this information to be sent home to you. If this was something which you had been considering for your child for next year I would ask that you also consult with your class teacher or with staff from our Learning Enhancement Centre."

Leaving Marymount Primary at the end of the year

If your child/children are not returning to Marymount Primary in 2017, could you please let our office know either through a phone message (55351803) or via email on pburleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au This of course does not apply to our Year 6 children, who will be completing their primary education at the end of the year. We have a number of families who are keen to enrol in our school, and many of our classes are at or near capacity. By letting us know, we are able to more effectively plan for classes, resourcing and staffing for the future. Thank you for your anticipated help with this matter.

Enjoy your short week with the Show Holiday on Friday!

Have a great week.

Yours in Christ

Tony Barron



Prep OM celebrated with a McDonald's party for raising the most funds for this year's Beach-a-thon.



Book Club orders due **Thursday 1 September.**
Parents can order online, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download app for iPhone and iPad from the App Store. Thank you!

Prep Book Week Parade



Confirmation/ Eucharist Celebrations

It was a wonderful celebration last Wednesday night as 130 children received the Sacrament of Confirmation with the ceremony lead by Bishop Joseph Oudeman. Throughout the homily Bishop Joseph said, "Children as you grow up you may choose to leave the Spirit, but the Spirit will never ever leave you as you journey through life." This is a wonderful message to our young people as they were sealed with the Holy Spirit. These children then made their First Communion at their respective weekend parish community masses where they became full members in the body and blood of Christ's life. Congratulations to the children as they completed their Sacraments of Initiation and may they continue to be nourished each week in the Eucharist.



Marymount Day - 2 September

Envelopes have been sent home with each child for a \$5 donation for Marymount Day. This entitles the children to wear free dress, entry into the disco and jumping castles, along with a sausage sizzle and drink for lunch. All proceeds from Marymount Day will contribute to purchasing the 'Mary, Mother of Mercy' statue for our new church. Could all envelopes please be returned by Monday 29 August.

The tuckshop will operate as normal on Marymount Day.

All parents are welcome to join us at 9.15am in the Doyle Centre for a combined liturgy with the College. This liturgy, lead by Father Ken Howell, will reflect on Mary as the Mother of Mercy.

Fathers' Day Stall

With Fathers' Day on Sunday 4 September, the children will have the opportunity next week to buy items at our Fathers' Day stall. All items will cost \$5. Years 6, 5, 4 and 3 can purchase items next Monday and Years 2, 1 and Prep on Tuesday. There will be an option on Wednesday for children who wish to buy more than one gift or who forgot on their allocated day to buy from the stall. If your child is making a purchase, please send the correct money in a labelled envelope. This is an optional activity and all proceeds will support the Catholic Missions Appeal.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Maree Wright

PATRON PARENTS

Prep OR - Mum's dinner - Thursday 25 August @ 6.45pm. Tom Uglys Wood Fires Pizzeria, 2 West Burleigh Rd, Burleigh Heads BYO. RSVP Liz 0439995799

Sport News

Gold Coast Primary Schools Oztag Challenge

Well done to all of our Marymount teams who participated in Monday's Gold Coast Primary Schools Oztag Challenge. There were four separate divisions who played on Monday, Year 5 boys, Year 5 girls, Year 6 boys and Year 6 girls. Teams competed in a round robin format with quarter finals, semi finals and grand finals for those team who qualified to go through.

Out of the four divisions Marymount teams played in all four grand finals. Out of the four grand finals contested, Marymount won three. Marymount 5A boys, 5A girls and 6A boys all won their respective grand finals. Well done to the 6A girls who were runners up in a very close contest 1-2, with the final try being scored in the dying seconds of the game.

Due to the fantastic results in the finals, Marymount Primary School was named the Champion school for the carnival.

Thanks you to Mrs Krueger and Mr Thorburn for their efforts in coaching and managing our Year 5 and Year 6 teams.



Representative Basketball

Congratulations also to Zara Brosnan who has also been selected into the Gold Coast Representative Basketball team. Well done Zara.

Catholic Athletics and Ballgames

It's just over a week until the Catholic Athletics and Ballgames Carnivals (Thursday, 1 September). That means only one week of training left before the carnival. Some students are giving up most of their morning tea and lunch times to attend practice for their events. Keep up the great work team.

Paul Hill

Year 1 Mini Olympics



Year 1A and their buddy class, Year 4A held their own mini olympics. Events included hurdles, an emu egg race and human quoits.

All competitors deserved gold medals!



BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Office Hours 9.00am to 5.00pm Shop 5 Executive Place, Executive Drive, Burleigh Waters (Postal PO Box 73, Burleigh Heads) Phone: 5576 6466
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Parish Pastor: Fr Ken Howell Associate Pastors: Fr Stephen Camiolo & Fr Dantus Thottathil MCBS



TERM 3

AFTER SCHOOL SWIM PROGRAM 2016

Mini Squad & Squad ONLY (no learn to swim)

MONDAY 29 Aug. - Wednesday 14 Sept.

3 week program \$24.00 once a week or \$48.00 twice a week

Monday & Wednesday ONLY (\$8.00 per session)

Session times:	Mini Squad	3.10pm – 4.00pm
	Squad	3.10pm – 4.00pm

*learn to swim will commence in term 4

This term will include a warm up dry land strength program, which will be at the start of each session.

Pool is heated in Term 3.

Mini Squad (levels 1, 2 & 3) – stroke correction, swim drills, & fitness swimming

Squad – swimming program, all strokes & kicking. Swimmers need to be competent in all strokes With a good swim fitness

All parents will receive an email confirmation & swim information.

****Signed & completed forms are required back by Friday 19 AUGUST 2016****

Invoices will be posted to all parents. Payment is calculated on a 3 week swim program.

For further information please contact Jenny Wood, Program co-ordinator.
 Jennifer.Wood@bne.catholic.edu.au | 0421 603 455

REGISTRATION FORM AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING TERM 3 2016

Parent Name: Contact #:

Email: Parent Signature:

Child's Last Name	Child's First Name	Class	Day/s MON & WED	Squad (S) Mini Squad (MS)
(1)
(2)
(3)
(4)

Please return completed forms back by
Friday 19 AUGUST 2016
To: Accounts Department or your child's class

The Great Book Swap

7 September

Our school is holding a book swap to raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Please bring in a loved book to swap and a gold coin to be able to take home another book to enjoy.



MARYMOUNT COLLEGE

EXTENSION DANCE PROGRAM

Applications now open for 2017/2018 Extension Dance Program

Audition: Saturday 10 September 2016



MARYMOUNT
College

DANCE DRAMA MEDIA MUSIC

In addition to Performing Arts curriculum in all year levels, Marymount College offers extensive performance opportunities to develop your child's potential through eisteddfods in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast, musicals at the Arts Centre Gold Coast, performing arts evenings, excursions and regular workshops with professional artists.

Facilities: mirrored, air conditioned dance studio, drama workshop rooms and professionally equipped theatre, recording studio, media centre and editing suite, Arts and Technology Centre, new specialist music rehearsal rooms and instrumental studios.

To book your dance audition and obtain an information package, please contact: Ms Jan Delves - Principal's Secretary, jan.delves@marymount.qld.edu.au by 5 September or call 5586 1003 if you have any queries.

A STRONG TRADITION IN THE PERFORMING ARTS



NUMBER ONE

#burleigh youth mass

#4th september

#5.30pm

#marymount doyle centre

