

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

### **Queensland Road Safety Week – Aug 22-28**

Last week, I posted a message about some of the silly things going on in our carpark, and how some people believe the road rules are not for them. How timely it is, that next week is Queensland Road Safety Week. This is an opportunity for all Queenslanders to be directly involved in making our roads safer, especially for our children. Please take just a little extra time and care as you travel to and from school with your family on board these coming weeks.

### **Confirmation**

Tonight around 130 students will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Two Masses will be held in the Doyle Centre. The first at 5:30pm and the second at 7:30pm. Confirmation is the sacrament which 'seals' or 'reaffirms' our baptism before we take the final step in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church – sharing in Holy Communion for the first time. We wish all our students well, as they celebrate their Confirmation with Bishop Joseph Oudeman, Fr Ken Howell, Fr Stephen and Fr Dantus.

### **Prep – Yr 2 Athletics**

Next Thursday August 25 is our annual Prep-Year 2 Athletics Day. This is held on our ovals (near Bunnings) and is always a great day. We encourage parents, grandparents and friends to come along and watch our young children participate in events such as high jump, hurdles, shot put and javelin.

### **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 17**  
Yr 2A - Whole School Assembly  
Yr 2R - Ozanam Villa

**Thursday August 18**  
Yrs 1y, 1S & 1P - Liturgies  
Prep 0M - Beachathon Party  
Yr 6 - Food Technology Day -  
College

**Friday August 19**  
Prep - Book Week parade

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

**Thursday August 25**  
Prep - Yr 2 Athletics Carnival

**Friday August 26**  
**GOLD COAST SHOW HOLIDAY**

**Tuesday August 30**  
Eisteddfods

**Thursday September 1**  
GCCPS Ball Games & Athletics  
Carnivals

## MARYMOUNT DAY

**Friday 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
**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](mailto: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.

Have a great week.

Yours in Christ  
**Tony Barron**

## Curriculum News

Chanel, Sophie, Fergus and Hudson from 4P are pictured here with some of the shortlisted books for this Book Week 2016. The incredible window artworks (all bookcovers) are done by the very talented Mrs Carol Hicks in Year 2.

Mrs Buzolic and Mrs Cloete's Year 4 class recently read the short listed books for Picture Book of the Year for Book Week. After the books were discussed, they used Survey Monkey to vote for the book that they thought should win. The kids also included a reason for their choice.

Some comments on the books from 4P:

*"I chose One Step at a Time because it was exciting and very challenging for the elephant to walk after he stood on the landmine. It was surprising that the boy had no leg like the elephant at the end."*

*"I choose Suri's Wall because Suri tells a lie to the young kids when the world is just really SAD, but it was good for her to lie because it made the children happy."*

*"I chose My Dead Bunny because it was the funniest and silliest book ever. It was about a dead bunny that follows the owner everywhere and it got worse than ever."*

*"I liked And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda because the author who wrote it did a very good job of telling what really happened in the war."*

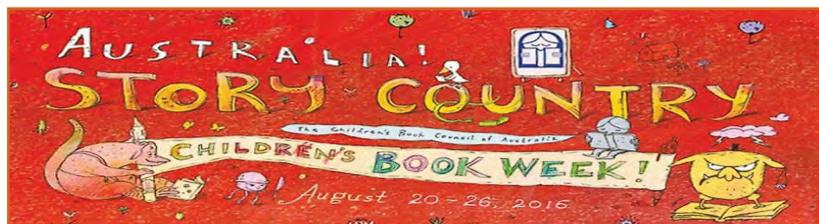


Big kudos to Mrs Buzolic for thinking of such a great way to integrate the reading of text with critiquing it, as well as adding a Maths and an IT element through the graphing and analysis of the results.

Children's Book Week is from 20-26 August. This Friday 19th August, the Children's Book Council of Australia will announce the 2016 Book of the Year Awards.

Until next week, happy reading!

**Deb McKean-Nunan & Deb Cronin**



## PATRON PARENTS

**Prep 0M, 0A, 0P & 0S** - Mum's dinner - Friday 19 August  
@ 6.30pm. That's Amore, 100 Mountain View Ave, Miami. BYO.  
RSVP Melissa Hickling 0405 258 160

## Kirra Surf Life Saving Club 2016/17 Nippers Sign On

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August & 11<sup>th</sup> September  
at Oasis Pool, Club Banora 9am -11am  
Age Groups from Under 6 to Under 15  
Nippers season start Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2016  
9am - 11am  
Further information at [www.kirrasurfclub.com.au](http://www.kirrasurfclub.com.au)



**Confirmation / Eucharist**

Please keep the students and their families in your prayers at this very special time in their faith journey as they celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation tonight and first Eucharist over the weekend Masses. Bishop Joseph Oudeman from Brisbane will be in the Burleigh Heads parish to lead the Confirmation ceremony tonight along with Frs Ken, Stephen and Dantus. Confirmation and Eucharist are the final two sacraments following on from Baptism in what are known in the church as the Sacraments of Initiation. When the children make their first Eucharist they become full members in the body and blood of Christ's life.

Many thanks to Sue Thomas, the Parish Sacramental Coordinator, and catechists from the Burleigh Heads Parish, Marymount Primary and College who have been supporting the children and their families in preparing for these sacraments.

Our congratulations and prayer support from the Marymount community is extended to the following students:

Molly Attrill  
Kayne Bartlett  
Indiana Brennan  
Kali Byres  
Sadie Coryndon  
Austin Carroll  
Lily Covino  
Connor Daly  
Bianca Fisher  
Lachlan Fraser  
Hayley Goldsworthy  
Eden Harvey  
Blake Hunter  
Kyan Jackson  
Kai Komulainen  
Indiana Locke  
Harry McCarthy  
Jack Mason  
Mairae McCusker  
Corey Nolan  
Eva Nguyen  
Sophie Prior  
Brodie Riley (College)  
Lilly-ann Ryder  
Joey Sankey  
Daniel Spresian  
Mitchell Torrisi (College)  
Andrew Williams  
Lachlan Weigel

Timothy Avery  
Kyanah Bartlett  
Ty Brennan (College)  
Soma Byres  
Declan Craft  
Benjamin Cervenak  
Austin Dickie (College)  
William Edwards  
Jade Fletcher (College)  
Luke Fraser (College)  
Natasha Hansen  
Jax Heaton  
Jesse Ince  
Olivia Keating  
Noah Komulainen  
Taj Lockett  
Charlie McCarthy (College)  
Belinda Macpherson (College)  
Niamh McCusker (College)  
Curtis Montgomerie-Williams  
Lilybeth Oerton  
Gareth Pearce (College)  
Natasha Riley  
Max Sagi  
Holly Sankey (College)  
Louis Spresian  
Aylisha Threlfall (College)  
Bernadette Williams  
Benjamin Weigel (College)

Abby Baumann  
Dylan Bexley  
Millar Brosnan-Ball  
Charlee Carr  
Isabella Cross  
Thomas Cervenak  
Ingrid Dickie  
Bella Felsman  
Jai Fletcher  
Kate Glancy  
Daniel Harrison (College)  
Imogen Henderson  
Julian Ingham  
Annie Kennedy  
Jack Lewer  
Kaleb Lynch  
Bodhi Cronin  
Caitlin Marshall  
James McGregor  
Jem Nolan  
Tara Penfold  
Holly Pearce  
Joseph Ryan  
Amelia Redgrave-Brandt (College)  
Skyla Sessarago  
Braedan Torrisi  
Oliver Udris  
Molly Wyatt  
Mason Young

Lucas Boswell  
Josephine Bexley  
Jordan Bruce  
Arthur Coryndon  
Abby Carroll  
Kai Covino  
Ky Dula  
Taj Felsman (College)  
Dane Fraser  
Mya Grabowski  
Kate Harrison  
Max Hudson  
Grace Jackson  
Oliver Kennedy  
Aoibhe Littlewood  
Amelia McCarthy  
Olivia Marshall  
Jack Murray  
Oliver Nolan  
Ruby Nolan  
Anya Prior  
Sophie Pommer  
Lauren Ryan  
Zane Stevens  
Charlotte Threlfall  
Hayley Weise  
Jensen Wagner  
Maili Young

**Marymount Day**

Marymount Day is Friday 2 September and will be a day of celebration for the students and staff. We will begin with a combined liturgy in the Doyle Centre with the College reflecting on Mary as the Mother of Mercy, followed by a day of fun activities. After morning tea, the students will participate in rotational activities that will include jumping castles, disco and sausage sizzle.

An envelope will be sent home with your child shortly asking for a \$5 donation for the day. This will entitle the children to wear free dress, entry into the disco and jumping castle, along with a sausage and drink for lunch. All proceeds from Marymount Day will contribute to purchasing the 'Mary, Mother of Mercy' statue for our new church.

Blessings

**Maree Wright**



Today's assembly by Year 2A  
celebrated the Feast of the Assumption.

# Sport News

## **Catholic Athletics and Ballgames**

Its just over two weeks until the Catholic Athletics and Ballgames Carnivals (Thursday 1 September). Great to see both teams training well, giving up their morning tea and lunch times to attend practice. Keep up the great work team.

## **Gold Coast Primary Schools Oztag Challenge**

Best of luck to our Marymount teams competing in this year's Gold Coast Primary Schools Oztag Challenge next Monday at Mallawa Drive touch fields.

This year we have two Year 5 boys and girls teams and two Year 6 boys and girls teams, eight teams in total.

## **Representative Basketball**

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

## **Regional Athletics**

Well done to our young Marymount athletes who took part in last week's Championship Day Athletics Carnival. Ten of the 18 students who competed at the at the Champ Day carnival, have qualified to go on to the Regionals Athletics Carnival.

Philip Coates - Long Jump  
Kai Allen – 100m, 200m, Long Jump  
Soma Byres – 800m  
Toby Matchett – 800m  
Millar Brosnan-Ball – 100m, 200m, 800m, Long Jump  
Abby Carroll – Discus  
Charlotte Threlfall – High Jump  
Kali Byres – 800m  
Remi McLellan 100m, 200m  
Hannah Mitchell – Shot Put

The students listed above will have the privilege to compete at the Gold Coast International Athletics Centre at the Regional Athletics Carnival on the 6th and 7th September. Well done and good luck at the next level of competition.

## **Paul Hill**



Hello Marymount families,

On Tuesday 23rd August the Tuckshop is having a special 'Gold Coast Show Boxed Meal Deal'.

There is a choice of 3 different meal deals and they will all come in a special show box and include a surprise toy.

1. Good eating beef pie + packet of chips + your choice of orange, apple or apple & blackcurrant juice or a strawberry or chocolate big M + a surprise toy. \$8.00
2. Hotdog + packet of chips + your choice of orange, apple or apple & blackcurrant juice or a strawberry or chocolate big M + a surprise toy. \$7.00
3. Chicken goujons + packet of chips + your choice of orange, apple or apple & blackcurrant juice or a strawberry or chocolate big M + a surprise toy. \$7.50.

If we could possibly have all orders in by Monday morning it would be greatly appreciated.

Hoping your week is amazing,

**The Tuckshop team**



## **MARYMOUNT COLLEGE REUNION - CLASS OF 1976, 1986, 1996 & 2006**

Catch up with your classmates, and see how Marymount College looks today

DATE: Saturday 10 September 2016

TIME: 3:30pm - 6:00pm

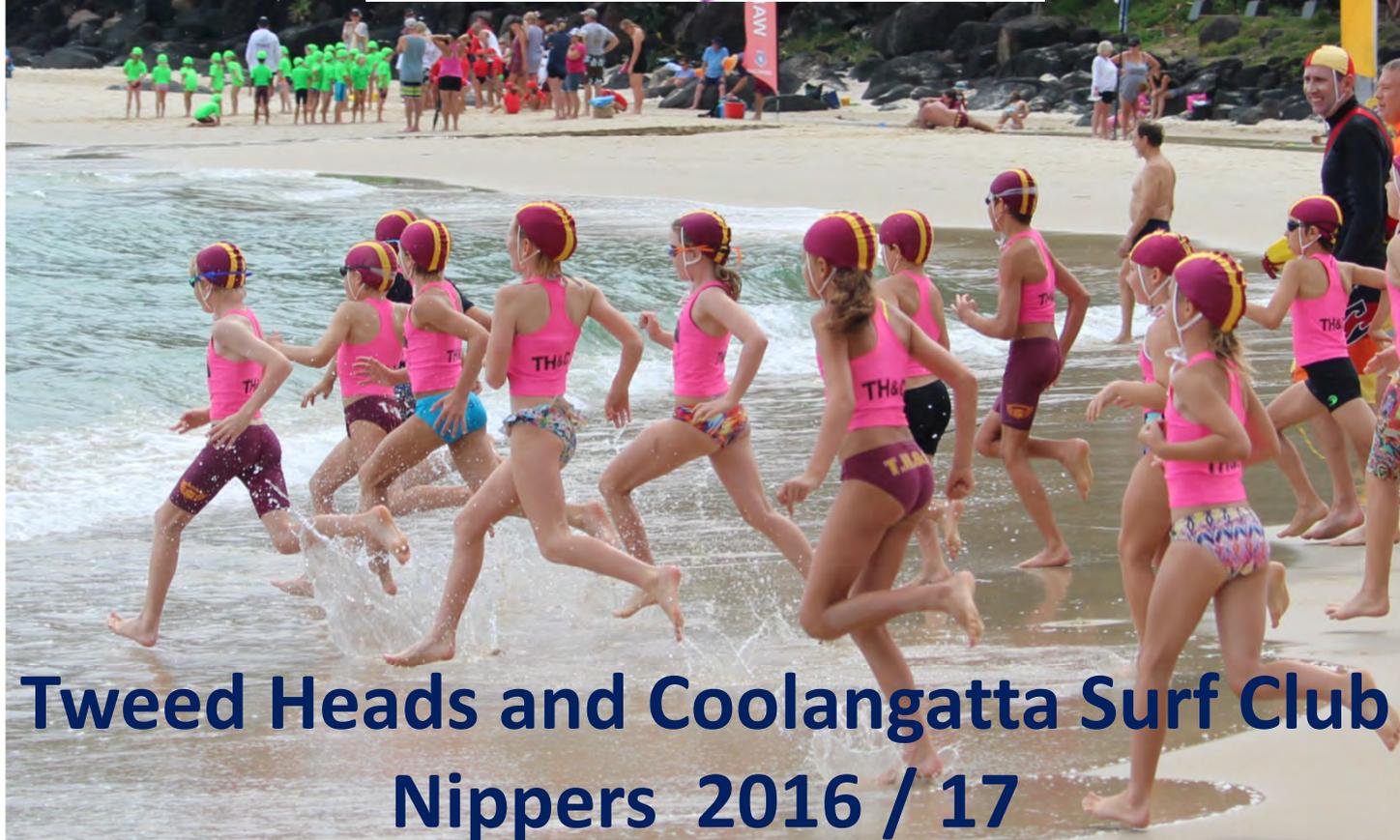
COST: \$30

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: [www.trybooking.com/KTXH](http://www.trybooking.com/KTXH)

includes: Canapés and drinks

## **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  
Parish Business & Finance Manager: Mr Jim Littlefield Parish Pastoral Team EMAIL: [burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au)  
Parish Pastor: Fr Ken Howell Associate Pastors: Fr Stephen Camiolo & Fr Dantus Thottathil MCBS



## **Tweed Heads and Coolangatta Surf Club Nippers 2016 / 17**

**FAMILY CLUB**

**SAFE SHELTERED BAY**

**SUPER BANK**

**WORLD CHAMPION COACHES**

**LOADS OF PARKING**

**FREE UNIFORM**

**RENOVATED CLUB**

**LOADS OF TRAINING OPTIONS**

**FREE CARNIVALS**

**CAFÉ PRECINCT**

**PARENT SOCIAL EVENTS**

**CHRISTMAS AND BREAKUP PARTIES**

**WATER SLIDES**

**NEW BOARDS**

**SURF SAFETY**

**HUGE CLEAN BEACH**

**SAVE DOLLARS**

**11 SEPTEMBER @ BANORA POOL @ 9AM**

# **SIGN ON DAY**



# Kurrawa SLSC Nippers

SEASON COMMENCES SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016

**SCHOLARSHIPS  
AVAILABLE**

**2016/2017 PRICES  
\$40 PER CHILD  
\$60 UP TO 2 ADULTS**



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AT MIAMI AQUATIC CENTRE FROM 9AM TO 11AM  
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