Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

**Art Show**

Last weekend, our amazing Art Show was held. It was a magnificent event. A few hundred people attended the Gala opening night, and many hundreds more visited over the weekend. A huge band of helpers from both the Primary and College worked tirelessly for months to get this show ready. In the week leading up to the show, we again had a great band of helpers hanging art, setting up the Doyle Centre, and preparing the grounds. While I would not have enough space in the newsletter to mention everyone, I must make special mention of a few people. Firstly to Jenny Isaac and Nicole Modini who led the Art Show committee and did an amazing job in every aspect. Thanks also to Carol Rennie, Deb Cronin, the groundsmen from both schools, Karen Harrison, Steve O’Keefe and the many students who helped out on the night. The exact amount raised is yet to be finalised, but I am sure it was very successful. (I know my wife tried to help out by buying as many paintings as she could!!).

Again thanks to everyone involved in this year’s Art Show!

**Car Park Drop-off and Pick-up**

An area of concern that we have noticed in the car-park for drop off and pickup is the practice of children walking behind cars to place bags in the boot of the car, or to enter the vehicle on the right hand side, close to oncoming traffic. Both of these events are extremely dangerous and place your children at risk of injury, or worse.

While I realise it is often difficult to have children, car seats and bags in the back of the car, it is far better than the possible alternative. I know of a number of schools whereby placing bags in the boots, or having children behind cars is not allowed. Can I please ask parents to be mindful of this, and to discontinue this practice, as there is a real concern of a child being caught between vehicles. I have asked our teachers on duty to keep an eye out for children doing this, and to approach parents about a safer way to get into a vehicle.

Also a reminder that this is designated a “Kiss and Go Zone”. This means cars should be there for no longer than a minute, and parents should not be getting out of vehicles.

We also ask parents not to park in the staff only car park, located beside our ovals, or to use the bus lane for drop off in the mornings. Thanks again for your support in ensuring the safety of all.

**District Athletics**

Good luck to our children who today competed in the District Athletics at Pizzey Park. Our team have been training very hard over the last few weeks, and this will continue leading up to the Catholic Athletics on Thursday 1st September. Thanks to Paul Hill and Jenny Wood, and other staff who have helped out.

**An Absolutely Fabulous Night Out**

Have you heard about our latest event being run by the P&F? Marymount Primary P&F has booked a private screening on opening night to ‘AB FAB The Movie’ to fundraise for the Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. On Thursday 4th August you just must be at Event Cinemas, Robina at 6 p.m. for a champagne sweetie. Tickets are only $25 for the 6.30 p.m. movie, glass of champagne & lucky door prize. You deserve it darling. Support your P&F, get all the crew together and book a ticket today. [www.trybooking.com/211994](http://www.trybooking.com/211994)

**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.

Have a great week.
Yours in Christ

**Tony Barron**
Jingerri everyone. Jingerri walla wahl? = How are you?

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning

Here at Marymount Primary School we are currently working on adopting the PB4L system as part of our new behavior management strategy. This is a system that is endorsed and encouraged by Brisbane Catholic Education and is being used in a number of BCE schools, including St Brigid’s, Nerang, with great success.

PB4Learning is about people, practices and processes – it is not a program but the way we do work. A focus on learning, capability building, wise and thorough use of data, and identifying and spreading good evidence-based practice are all integrated into the PB4Learning strategy.

An important component of PB4Learning is the adoption of a continuum of behavioural supports that, like academic instruction, acknowledges that students will need differing levels of behavioural interventions and supports to be successful at school. Within the continuum there are three levels of support.

The first level focuses on Universal behavioural and academic supports for all students. Here the focus is on prevention of problem behaviours, providing early intervention for those at risk and creating positive learning environments across all settings in the school.

A school-wide matrix is currently being finalised to determine the social skills and behaviours for all students and staff to learn, practice and demonstrate under each school-wide expectation. This allows us to teach proactively and to provide students and parents with a positive message about discipline. I will be sending out more information on this and a copy of the matrix when the Tier One team approves the final draft. Watch this space!

Thanks and have a great week unya jimbelungmang (my friends),

Tina O’Keefe

Class Eucharistic Celebrations

Last Thursday Year 6 celebrated mass with Fr Stephen and yesterday, Year 5 with Fr Dantus. This is an important time as a year level to come together in prayer and to participate in the Eucharistic celebration. Our Year 3 classes have also participated in class Liturgies of the Word. Thank you to Fathers Ken, Stephen and Dantus for their commitment, encouragement and support for these masses and liturgies in developing and strengthening the faith of our children. I also wish to congratulate the students in Years 5 and 6 who had to compete with the construction noise whilst celebrating mass in the ‘shed’. We look forward to 2017, when mass and liturgies will be celebrated in our new church Mary, Mother of Mercy.
**Curriculum News**

**Art Show**

A big thank you to all members of our Marymount community for supporting our Art Show. It was a huge success and I was indeed impressed by the magnificent array of art on display.

Congratulations to all of our students on their outstanding artwork. Our Primary School art not only provides a lot of interest, especially from parents, but it looks spectacular and adds a bright and happy feeling to the overall display.

As part of our fundraiser parents were given the opportunity to purchase their child’s artwork. These children were part of a draw and at assembly this morning the winners chose a prize from a huge selection of donated items. Congratulations to all these children.

Two classes were also chosen for their exceptional artwork. Mrs Taylor and Mrs Jones 5A class displayed paper mache animals that were created as part of their science unit called “Animal Adaptations”. These children will enjoy a Pizza Party. Wilma Kuipersmith’s 2A class drew a brightly coloured picture called “My Mum.” Each child received a MacDonalds voucher.

**Marymount Day 2015**

Each year the college and primary communities gather in prayer to recognise Mary, our namesake. On Friday 2 September at 9.15am in the Doyle Centre we will have a combined liturgy reflecting on Mary as the Mother of Mercy.

A major aspect of Marymount Day is to provide outreach to others. At assembly today, we launched our appeal for food to be brought in to place in our baskets. All classes have been given a basket to fill with much needed non-perishable food items. These items will be presented to representatives of the local chapter of St Vincent de Paul during our Marymount Day liturgy to be given to families in need. Could you please consider buying in the next few weeks when grocery shopping the following items to place in your child’s class basket.

- Tin potatoes, carrots, peas, meats, creamed corn, tuna, baked beans
- Spaghetti
- Savoury and sweet biscuits
- Condensed milk
- Weetbix and other cereals
- Tea
- Jelly

All donations will help those in our community less fortunate than us.

**Youth Mass**

Come along this Sunday to join our parish community in celebrating the monthly youth mass. This will be held in the Doyle Centre at 5.30pm. The theme this month is, ‘Ready, Set, Go’. After mass there will be food, drinks, music and games. Please see poster in this newsletter and visit the Facebook page at facebook.com/burleighyouthmass. Have a great week

*Maree Wright*
Mathematics Competition

Last Tuesday five of our Year 6 students attended a Mathematics competition at Canterbury College, Waterford. In true Marymount form the students represented our school by doing their best and displaying
The Maths Competition

On Thursday the 21st of July, five Year 6 students from Marymount Primary School; Nate Wood, Olivia Marshall, Abbey Fields, Nicholas Ranson, Seb Penisi and some College students went with Mr. Allsopp on a bus to Canterbury College, Waterford. We competed in a Maths Competition with 14 other schools.

The competition had 2 rounds and the first round had 12 questions with a 45 minute time limit to complete the answers. When the time was up the supervisors checked the team answers and counted their points. The second round was a relay and there were 20 questions to be completed in 1 hour. It was called a relay because each team of 5 were split up into 2 teams of 2 and 1 reserve. The teams of 2 took it in turns to answer the questions.

At the end of every round, the points were shown on a ladder. At the end of the first round Marymount Primary School had 54 points making them 3rd overall. At the end of the second round they very dramatically showed the points as it was time to announce the winners and give out the Cup! Overall Marymount Primary School came 4th with 115 points and it was a fun, amusing and different Maths day for all of us.

Olivia Marshall

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Maree Wright

Last week Prep A enjoyed a talk from Stephen Chadburn, a Participation Officer for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People from Brisbane Catholic Education. He came to teach the Preps about Indigenous Art.

The children enjoyed working with Stephen to create an art piece using traditional symbols to tell a story.

The children found this a truly engaging experience.

Darci

The people were camping under the stars near the river and there were two pythons, so the people had to be careful and stay near the campfire. The kangaroos left footprints in the dirt as they hopped quietly past the campfire looking for food.
Eve

It was in the afternoon, when Willy Wagtail was chasing a kangaroo out in the bush, under the sun. The clouds rained on the kangaroo. The Willy Wagtail got muddy from stepping in the kangaroo’s footprints. Willy Wagtail made friends with two canaries who were sitting on a branch. They were watching the raindrops fall down the kangaroo’s back onto his feet.

Tilly

The day was so dark that the sun couldn’t light up the day and it went over into night. The stars came out and the possums climbed up the trees and the kangaroos bounced. The river went pshhh, pshhh in the night.

Isaac

One day Kangaroo was hopping along in the bush and a spear went through his body. The blood dripped into his tracks and he fell down and died.

Sport News

Rep Basketball

Congratulations to Cooper Hatton who was selected last weekend into the Under 14’s Gold Coast Breakers Representative Basketball Team for the upcoming 2016-17 Season. This is a representative level, South East Qld competition which will commence in October and will finish in April with the QLD Under 14’s State Championships being held in Brisbane. This is his first year in the Under 14’s and is a fantastic achievement as Cooper is still only 11 year old. Well done Cooper.

District Athletics

Best of luck to our Marymount Primary Students competing at the Oceanic District Athletics Carnival today, Wednesday 3 August at Pizzey Park.

Paul Hill
PE Teacher
YOUTH MASS

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5:30PM

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