Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Welcome Back to World Youth Day Travellers
At the end of last week we welcomed back Melanie Benson and Sophie Allen, two of our teachers, who had spent the last three weeks on tour as part of Brisbane Catholic Education’s contingent for the World Youth Day pilgrimage of Catholics to South America and Brazil in particular. Our new Pope, Francis I, joined in with over three million visitors from across the world to celebrate a week of ritual and prayer. Apart from this main focus time in Rio the tour group also visited many other religious sites and participated in spiritual retreats with our Archbishop, Mark Coleridge, and the rest of the Brisbane Archdiocesan tour group. Melanie and Sophie both commented that the whole World Youth Day was an enriching personal experience for them. We welcome them back and look forward to sharing in some of their stories – their respective classes already have.

Vale Paul Hagan – Ex-Marymount Staff member and School Leader
Yesterday anumber of our staff, present and past, attended the funeral celebration of one of our ex-staff members, Paul Hagan. Paul, 80, sadly passed away last Thursday morning in the care of his family and the Mater Brisbane staff. Paul had been a member of the staff here at Marymount Primary school from 1975 until 1997 and for many of these years he held the position of Assistant Principal of our school. He formed a long-standing leadership group for Marymount along with Hans Van Mossveld (Principal) and Dorothy Owens (APRE), both of whom were present at yesterday’s service which was led by Dorothy. Paul also served a few terms as Acting Principal over the course of his time here. Paul’s wife Beth taught here for many years and our prayers are offered to Beth, her children and her extended family during this sad time. The common themes coming through the service yesterday were of a great family man and a person who had a passion for helping young children, especially those less fortunate than many of us. Marymount was indeed blessed to have such a teacher as part of our family.

P – Year Two Athletics Carnival – Friday, 23 August
On Friday week we will be holding our annual P – Year 2 Athletics carnival on our school oval. The day will start at 9.00 and run through until approximately 1.00pm. Leigh Yates, our Junior PE teacher, is co-ordinating the carnival along with our Early Years’ staff and it promises to be a fun-filled day for all. The children will move through a number of rotations during the day with events like sprints, relays and hurdles being on offer. Our parents are most welcome to come along for all or part of the day. The children will need to be in full school sports uniform (or house colour shirt) and they would be encouraged to bring some extra water and sunscreen. More details will be in next week’s newsletter.

Athletic Success for Staff Members
Congratulations are offered to two of our more athletic staff members for their recent running feats on the big stage. Last weekend our Year 7 teacher, Jackson Elliott, competed yet again in the annual Sydney City to Surf 14 km run along with 85 000 of his friends. Jackson was a member of the elite running group and was able to complete the course in a very strong time of 43 minutes and 38 seconds which earned him seventh place behind the winner who ran a 41.55 minute time. This was a follow-up to his third placing at the Gold Coast Marathon 10 km race where he ran 29.55 minutes (that’s sub three minutes for a kilometre). This was a very creditable time as he was beaten by two Australian Olympians, Craig Mottram and Michael Shelley, who were only just under 20 seconds ahead.

At the recent Gold Coast Marathon, our Assistant Principal, Annette O’Shea, competed in her first (and she says last) marathon. Annette ran a very solid 3 hours and 30 minutes which was a remarkable feat for someone in their first run time.

Annette and Jackson provide great role models for our children (and staff) and they actively encourage a healthy lifestyle and commitment to regular physical activity as part of their everyday life. They are to be congratulated for their recent efforts and for their ongoing support of our school community.

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Farewell Mrs Burnell!

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)
at St Benedict’s, Mudgeeraba

Parish Mass Times
Sat—5.00pm Miami;
6.00pm at Palm Beach;
8.15pm 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
Marymount Schools Fete Art Union Tickets – ON SALE NOW
By the end of this week all families should receive a book of tickets as part of our Art Union for the Marymount Fete. The tickets are a book of 10 at a cost of $2 each and we ask that the books and the money be returned to our school Bookshop by Wednesday, 4 September. If you cannot manage to sell the book of tickets we ask that you please return them even with some sold so that we can account for the book. This is a requirement of the Art Union guidelines. There are 10 prizes on offer with this year’s Art Union, ranging from a first prize of $5000 dollars and Yearly Subscriptions to a Fitness Club through to an X Box, Golf Clubs and dinner vouchers. The full list is set out on the tickets. The Art Union forms a major part of our fundraising efforts for the Fete and we would appreciate your support with it this year again. Last time the major prize was won by one of our children so maybe we can jag it again!

Class Placements for 2014 – Parent Request Last Call
This Friday is the deadline for parental requests for class placements for next year. We will begin drafting classes shortly and this input is appreciated. I would again remind parents though, that not all requests can be met as there are many factors which contribute to the make-up of our classes. As Leadership of the school we make the final decisions on class placement after considering all input and factors and these decisions are final. It is our professional responsibility to place the children where we believe that their educational needs can be best met. Once our decision is made and the class lists are sent home we will not be changing them as one change may cause a knock-on effect for other placements. We have confidence that the system we use best meets our overall school needs as well. I would ask that parents not nominate respective teachers as our staffing (i.e. teacher placements) will change from what it is for this year. We would look to send out our class lists on Monday, 25 November, for our Year 1 to 7 classes so that the children have the opportunity to join in with our usual Transition day on Tuesday, 3 December.

Thanks for reading this week – after Parramatta’s success last week maybe there’s a chance we can make the finals. It should be another easy win against the Broncos this Friday evening. Go the Eels! Enjoy the rest of the week

Yours in Christ
Greg Casey

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BPATerson PUBLIC SPEAKiNG COMPETiTiON
Each year ABPaterson College holds a public speaking competition for years 4-7 in October. The Year 4 students don’t compete for a prize but for the experience. Public Speaking builds confidence in young people. It gives them a chance to improve their skills by listening to other speakers and speaking in front of an audience. All the information on topics, dates and times for the event are on the ABPaterson College website www.abpat.qld.edu.au or you can call in to see me. I encourage all students to give this competition a go as Marymount children speak confidently.

Please complete the form below and return to Mrs Lennon (Year 3Y) by Monday16th September with the $6 entry fee.

I give permission for my child _______ to enter the ABPaterson Public Speaking Competition. I understand I must transport my child to and from the event. I have enclosed the $6 entry fee.

Parent’s Name _____________________________________

Please print

Year 7 students were fortunate to spend some time with Governor-General, Quentin Bryce while in Canberra last week.

Bookclub
Due date for orders to be returned is 29 August. No cash or cheques please.
From our Assistant Principal - Religious Education
Bernadette Christensen

"Feast of the Assumption of Mary"
This religious feast originated in Jerusalem before the fifth century as the “Falling-Asleep of the Mother of God.” It was adopted in Rome in the mid-seventh century and was renamed the “Assumption” in the next century. It celebrates Mary's passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son. Pope Pius XII declared this feast an official Church dogma of faith in 1950. As it is a matter of faith, this feast has no scriptural basis. Like the ascension of Jesus to heaven, the assumption of Mary defies scientific explanation and so is considered to be a mystery that is of religious significance in its essence rather than in fact.

The key points we would emphasize for children are that Mary is a symbol of what God can and is already doing for all people; and that Mary’s continual saying “yes” to God is an example for us all.

It is one of only two holy days of obligation in the Australian church year, meaning that all Catholics are required to attend Mass on this day. The local parish Mass times for this day are:

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Marymount Day is coming!
The date for our annual combined campus school feast day is set for Friday September 6 and the planning of celebrations is under way. A substantial element of our marking of this feast is our outreach to others. Just as Mary, the mother of Jesus, was concerned for the welfare of those around her and worked to build community in her time, so are we called to show concern for the needs of those in our local community.

As part of our Marymount Day proceedings, we collect dry-goods which are donated to the local St Vincent de Paul Society. These in turn are distributed to needy families or individuals in this area. Of great value have been the ‘hygiene packs’ we have put together over the last few years. We ask that you include one or more of the items below into your shopping trolley over the next few weeks and have your child bring the items to their classroom. If you are able to source other items which you think may be useful, or multiple numbers of the following items at cheap prices; please contact me at the office or send in the details.

**The St Vincent de Paul Society helps people in our local area who need food, clothing, housing or just a friendly chat.**

You can help by bringing in items for donation.

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<td>items for hygiene packs (toothbrushes; combs; roll-on deodorant; sml packets of tissues; cakes of soap)</td>
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**Enjoy the rest of the week.**

Bernadette Christensen

Congratulations to Mary Award winners who were presented with their certificates and medals at today’s assembly.

Macey Tudehope 1R; Blake Taylor 1M; Monique Perere 5P and Isabella Davidson 5P.
Towards the end of last term, we sought the children’s impressions about the success of our Friendly Schools program. The results below were taken from Years Three to Seven. Whilst they are not statistically accurate, as the number of respondents varied with each question, they do show us trends or general opinions. The results are encouraging and also indicate that the children interpreted the questions correctly and responded honestly. There was little difference between year level cohorts so we can assume the results reflect the thoughts of the majority of our children. We did question the children in the younger year levels but these children have little knowledge or experiences of previous years from which to compare school life before and after the implementation of the program.

Since we began Friendly Schools at the start of the year, do you think Marymount is:

1. More friendly                                                     85.5%
2. Less friendly                                                       2.3%
3. About the same                                                15%

Which of the following did you like the best?:

1. Movies                                                                 85.1%
2. FCF awards                                                          11.2%
3. Class discussion and worksheets                     7%

Which of the following do you think was the most effective in helping us become more friendly?

1. Movies                                                                  15.2%
2. FCF awards                                                          27.4%
3. Class discussion and worksheets                    56.4%

As reflected in the results, the children’s favourite part of the program is the series of movies the committee have put together. These are used as teaching tools with particular use for class discussions, but also hopefully in helping prompt children to make good choices as they interact with those around them. We would encourage families to view the latest film “I Hate Bullying” which can be found on our school website under “Students…Friendly Schools” (apologies for the quality of acting and please know the characterisations are not true reflections of the real people!)

The following tips which are being used in classroom discussions might also be helpful for family discussions.

- Bullying occurs over time; repeated targeting (not one-off)...lunch box incident and then handball exclusion/teasing; involves imbalance of power
- Bully, victim and bystander all have choices
- Size can, but does not always matter (small person bullies larger)
- Group mentality...boy and 2 girls act upon bully’s instructions without individually thinking through
- Bystanders….uncomfortable, but yet no action...they then feel bad and victim also feels bad
- Only takes one to influence...one girl talked second girl into not following bully (happy to include victim); little more persuasion for boy to join girls including victim in game
- had bystanders tried to influence, then likely would have had one girl very quickly with them (thus inclusive group would have grown from 2 to three), and then soon after had another girl (inclusive group would have then grown to 4), and soon after little persuasion for boy to join (now bully isolated and power shifted to inclusive group)
- Bully misses shot as “tantrum” affecting her sense of wellbeing (she had lost her power; been dethroned); eventually enjoys game with victim, and platform built for further inclusion and positive relationship (victim needed only one chance and this provided by one girl who had courage to stand up for victim)
- Verbal and non-verbal language very important for victim

Enjoy the rest of the week

Annette O’Shea
Athletics Age Champions
Congratulations to our Athletics Age Champions for 2013 (photograph and listing below). These children were presented with their medals at today’s assembly.

8yr Boys
1st Carden Skalij
2nd Dylan Nolan
2nd Thomas Cervenak
3rd Ben Radler

8yr Girls
1st Tara Penfold
2nd Piper Stockell
3rd Charli Touzell
3rd Zara Nunan

9yr Boys
1st Lewis Treggiden
2nd Jaden Wood
3rd Charlie Firman

9yr Girls
1st Polly Deane-John
2nd Nalani Beckley
3rd Jaid Whitney

10yr Boys
1st Jayden Wright
2nd Joseph Nelson
3rd Ben Inglis

10yr Girls
1st Ellie Beer
2nd Maile Rickard
3rd Zoe Riddell

11yr Boys
1st Jack Johnston
2nd Liam Thorley
3rd Conall Crowley

11yr Girls
1st Tatianna Wright
2nd Angela Williams
3rd Megan Banner
3rd withheld

12yr Boys
1st Xavier Coates
2nd Claigh Fletcher
3rd Zac Biddle

12yr Girls
1st Bronte Skinner
2nd Heidi Haley
3rd Zara Glifos

13yr Boys
1st Olliver Smith
2nd Josh Turner
3rd withheld

13yr Girls
1st Bhodi Jones
2nd Lauren Bolster
3rd Joli-Belle Cook

Regional Athletics
Congratulations to six of our Marymount students who have qualified to compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival at QSAC Stadium on Monday 26 August.

Jayden Wright - 100m, 200m, Long jump, and High Jump; Ellie Beer - 100m, 200m, and Long Jump; Xavier Coates - 100m, 200m and Long Jump; Bronte Skinner – Long Jump.

Best of luck to these young athletes.

District Cricket
Congratulations to Charlie Harmelin on his selection into the Gold Coast South District Cricket Team. The team will play against Gold Coast North, Beenleigh and Beaudesert Districts in the Regional trials. The trials will be held at TSS on Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 September. Good luck Charlie.

Catholic Athletics and Ball Games
Our next major competition will be the Catholic Athletics and Ball Games carnivals. Both will be held on Thursday 5th September. Stay tuned for more information on both of these events.

Paul Hill

The recently advertised visit by Bruce and Denise Morcombe has unfortunately been postponed until Term 4. We will advertise the new date when it has been confirmed.
This is our combined school’s major fundraiser for 2013. If every family could get involved in some way, it could make this our most successful fete ever!

ART UNION UPDATE...

MAJOR PRIZE $5000
Tickets are being distributed this week! The youngest child in the family at the Primary will bring home a book of tickets later in the week. Families with no children at the Primary will have their Art Union tickets mailed home.

DUE DATE FOR RETURN: WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

RIDE PASSES—ACCESS ALL RIDES FROM 11:30AM—4:30PM
Ride passes ordered prior to 11th October—$25.00
Passes available on the day—$30.00
Single Ride Tickets $5.00 per ride (or 3 slides on Super Slide)
Ticket sales will close at 4:00pm on day of Fete.

TO PREORDER YOUR TICKETS: COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM SENT HOME THIS WEEK TO PRIMARY OFFICE OR COLLEGE SAO

DONATIONS PLEASE!
Thank you to everyone for their generous donations to date.
We still need items for our Cent Auction; toys, games, vouchers, small appliances, homewares etc. Can you help?

The second hand book stall is accepting donations, these can be dropped off to Jenny Mellifont at the Primary School book shop. Contact no. 5520 8410.

PHOTO BOOTH
Are you photogenic?
This year’s fete will have a PHOTO BOOTH

SPOT THE STICKER
Bumper Stickers are being sent home this week with your Art Union tickets. Each week the rego of a car spotted with their sticker on will win a burger + drink voucher to use at the fete. Check this spot for your rego!
NEXT MEETING, MONDAY 26TH AUGUST WILL BE A COMPULSORY CONVENORS SIGN-OFF MEETING – ALL CONVENORS PLEASE ATTEND.

VOLUNTEERS – WE WANT YOU!!

We need parent volunteers; to help in stalls; with activities; to assist ride operators; to assist with set-up and take down. Return the slip sent home this week or contact Karen Harrison kharrison@marymount.qld.edu.au

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$2500 travel voucher from Harvey World Travel

3RD PRIZE
12 months fitness club membership at Fitness First valued at $1200

4TH PRIZE
2 nights acc incl. breakfast for 2 Adults & 2 children at Angourie Rainforest Retreat Yamba valued at $500

5th Prize
Xbox360 250GB incl 4 games, 2 controllers, Kinect & HD Cable valued at $487

6th Prize
Wilson Golf Clubs and accessories valued at $450

7th Prize
Apple iPad mini 16GB with WiFi valued at $369

8th Prize
Marriott Hotels - 1 nights acc for 2 incl buffet breakfast valued at $325

9th Prize
Bunnings Voucher valued at $200

10th Prize
Oskars on Burleigh - Dining Voucher valued at $100

Conducted by the Marymount College P&F Association License Number 163683 Closing Date 19/10/2013—Drawn on 19th October at 4:00pm at Marymount Spring Fete 2013. Prize Draw—The major prize will be drawn first followed by other prizes in descending order of number and value. Prize winners will be notified by telephone within one month of the draw date.
JUNIOR OZTAG

GET TAGGED YOU'LL LOVE IT!

SEASON STARTS - Mon 09 & Thu 12 Sep
SIGN ONs: Thu 29 Aug & Mon 02 Sep LENGTH: 10 Weeks
TIME: 4-6pm WHERE: Marymount College

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