Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Prayers for St Mary’s Primary School

I would like you to keep the community of St Mary’s of Beaudesert in your prayers. You may have seen or heard about the devastating fire which destroyed part of their school last Sunday evening. The fire destroyed their main Administration block and a number of classrooms but fortunately missed other classes and their library as well as their heritage listed old wooden church. We have sent our best wishes and offers of support to their Principal, Tim Stinson, and his staff, and as a cluster of Gold Coast Catholic schools we are looking at practical ways of support for them. I am sure that they would appreciate our prayers as well.

P-2 Athletics – Friday, 23 August

Our children from Prep to Year Two take to the fields this Friday as they compete in their annual Athletics Carnival day. Our program for the day is outlined below with the day starting at 9.00am on our school ovals. If the weather stays like it has been for the last week or so it promises to be a cracking day for their activities. Parents are most welcome to come along for all or part of the day and join in cheering the children along. Our Junior PE teacher, Leigh Yates, will be the co-ordinator for the day and our Early Years’ staff will be helping with the running of the events. The children need to be in full sports uniform (or House colour shirt) with hat and they are strongly encouraged to have sunscreen on and bring a water bottle. The day finishes at 1.00pm and the children will go on to lunch and then back to class for the afternoon session. If you wish to take your child home at the end of the carnival please see your class teacher to sign your child out at this time. The teachers will have their class lists with them and cross them off if they go home. Parents cannot take children home other than their own child home unless some other arrangements have been made in writing. Good luck to the children for an exciting day. Please note that parking will not be permitted on the oval.

Federal Election 2013

Included with this newsletter is a full page flyer which has been provided to us by the parent body for Catholic schools in Queensland, the Queensland Catholic Education Commission. It outlines the position of funding for all of our schools in the state in comparison to other schooling systems. We receive the majority of our funding from the Federal Government and therefore the upcoming election could have a major effect on what monies we receive. There has been much in the press about the model proposed by the current federal government, what has been colloquially called the “Gonski Report” model, and how schools will be better or worse off depending on the system of school – Catholic, State or Independent – and in which state the school is in. The funding model and its alternatives have been a real political football. QCEC has asked the relevant major parties for what they will provide should they gain power in September as documented on the attached flyer and it is hoped that we will be able to provide this detail over the next few weeks in order to provide you as parents with more information prior to ballot day. Funding is a crucial part of our school’s existence and differing models can mean school fees could rise if we don’t continue to receive the necessary federal government funding.

Well Done & Thanks

As this week sees the running of our Prep to Year Two Athletics carnival it also sees the end of our Monday Afternoon Prep Fitness group. This group run by three of our staff – Therese Hockings, Leigh Yates and Angie Finn – has met regularly on our oval and, in later weeks, our Multi-purpose Centre to Monday Afternoon Prep Fitness group. This group run by three of our staff – Therese Hockings, Leigh Yates and Angie Finn – has met regularly on our oval and, in later weeks, our Multi-purpose Centre to

Mass Times

Parish Mass Times

Sunday 25 August

10.00am at Doyle Centre; 1.30pm each Sunday (school term) at St Benedict’s, Mudgeeraba

Thanks for reading, I hope the rest of the week goes well for you all.

Yours in Christ  Greg Casey
Australian Government Assistance for Year 7 Canberra Trip

Year 7 students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education.

To assist us in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed some funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred for each student. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. Activities undertaken as part of the educational tour are outlined on our website.

The children had a great time while in Canberra, and were great ambassadors for our school. Their behaviour all week, and their knowledge on the subjects was outstanding. They were a credit to their teachers and parents. A big thanks also must go to the great staff who looked after 135 children 24/7. Thank you for all you do above and beyond! (Someone asked me if the teachers enjoy getting paid overtime for their week away. After I finished laughing, I responded with, ‘What overtime?!’)

Information and dates regarding next year’s trips (Year 6 & 7) will be sent out to parents soon.

Have a great week

Tony Barron
**Fundraising at Marymount**

As well as some of our own local school needs, Marymount Primary supports only three agencies through fundraising during the year:

- Caritas Australia (through Project Compassion) in Term One
- St Vincent de Paul (through the Winter Appeal) in late Term Two and Three
- Catholic Missions in early Term Four
- and response to individual instances (such as the bushfires and floods)

We have noticed lately that several students have come to school with chocolate fundraiser packages to sell to their friends for sporting clubs etc. While we acknowledge that these clubs play an important role in the lives of families, we do not allow the sale of food or other items at school. On the one hand, students are carrying amounts of cash and items which may be at risk of theft or loss. Secondly, we promote healthy eating through our tuckshop and classroom discussions about nutrition, and oversized Freddo frogs don’t have a place on the menu!

I receive many calls throughout the year from worthy agencies hoping that we might take part in their promotions as we are a large school and, as such, a relatively easy source for generating funds. We have deliberately and carefully chosen three Catholic agencies to support. Brisbane Catholic Education strongly encourages us in our endeavours of outreach that mission to people on both local and global levels through these organisations. We are very grateful for your support of our efforts to focus on the needs of the most disadvantaged people in our world. Families can, and should, continue to support causes that they deem important as an example to their children, but we ask that you keep items for sale among family and friends.

**Marymount Day is coming!**

**Friday September 6**

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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**‘Bring On Spring’ Performing Arts Showcase**

We were pleased to welcome staff and students from St Augustine’s Primary School and students from Marymount College last Friday to our Performing Arts workshop and showcase. The intentions were to highlight particular areas (Instrumental Music, dance, vocal and guitar/ukulele); provide an opportunity for students with common interests to work together, and to present our efforts to an audience. The College students acted as assistants to the group teachers. Our particular thanks to teachers/leaders Kate Hanna (dance), Con Pizzol (guitar/ukulele), Col Hoy and Paul Radford (band) and Mark Wilkins (vocal).

**Enjoy the rest of the week**

*Bernadette Christensen*
JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FRIDAY 23 AUGUST

A mobile Tuckshop will be on the field on Friday selling treats and drinks. A Carnival special comprising of a mini cup cake and an icy animal will be $1.00. Chips, jumpys etc will also be available to purchase.

Is there anyone who could offer their time on Friday, either in the tuckshop or in the mobile tuckshop on the field? Please let me know by Thursday.

MUNCH MONITORS ONLY ORDERS BY END OF TERM 3

Please make sure you have registered by end of term. Should you have any questions come and see me at the tuckshop. Ordering is easy and convenient when using the online system.

FETE CAKE STALL

I will be looking after the cake stall at the Fete and would love to sell some yummy Christmas sweets and cakes. Any ideas?

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday 26 August...........Angela Savaurin
Tuesday 27 August.........Sharon Lewer
Wednesday 28 August....... **** there are NO volunteers this day, any takers?
Thursday 29 August..........Lesley Gamble and Christina Heaton
FRIDAY 30 August..........TUCKSHOP CLOSED - SHOW DAY

Enjoy your week and this great weather

Vicki Turner

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Giant mountain bike
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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!

**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

**ART UNION INCENTIVE PRIZES**
- Ticket books and money can be handed in at: COLLEGE BOOKSHOP OR PRIMARY BOOKSHOP.
- There are four $50 Robina Town Centre Vouchers to be won at both the Primary and the College as incentive for selling your tickets.
- DUE DATE FOR RETURN: WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

**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.

**DOES YOUR PRESCHOOLER LOVE MUSIC?**
- “Music with Monica” will be at our fete to entertain and delight preschoolers
  - [http://musicwithmonica.com/](http://musicwithmonica.com/)

**SPOT THE STICKER**
- Each week the rego of a car spotted with their Marymount Spring Fete 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


Bermuda Street, Varsity Lakes Shopping Centre
Robina Queensland 4230 Tel: 1 300 55 77 99
WIN

ART UNION MAJOR PRIZE

$5000 CASH

2ND PRIZE
$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.
TOWARDS THE FEDERAL ELECTION 2013

Understanding the facts on funding for Catholic schools

For over 180 years, Catholic schools have educated children in Australia. Today, Catholic schools enrol 735,000 students in 1,706 schools across the country.

Both major parties have committed to increases in school funding over the next four years. It is important to understand the facts about funding for Catholic schools.

One-in-five Australian students currently attend a Catholic school.

Catholic schools have a strong social justice mission to form well-rounded individuals who make a positive contribution to their local communities. A strong Catholic education system contributes to a strong Australian community.

All governments provide important funding for Catholic schools along with families who contribute to the costs of Catholic education through fees and fundraising.

According to the Australian Government’s My School website, Catholic students receive, on average, 20 per cent less government funding than students in government schools.

Even when parent fees are taken into consideration, Catholic schools operate with an average of 10 per cent less recurrent funding than government schools.

Even with fewer resources per student, the Australian Catholic school system is amongst the best in the world, compared to Shanghai, Finland and Singapore on international tests, for student performance across all socio-economic backgrounds.

Catholic schools save the taxpayer $2.2 billion each year which helps take the pressure off government schools.

Ahead of the Federal election on 7 September, both major parties have been asked a number of questions about funding for Catholic schools. Their responses will be provided in the near future.

For further information please visit www.qcec.catholic.edu.au