Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Fr Ken’s Installation Mass - Tonight 7.00pm
Our new Parish Priest, Father Ken Howell, will be officially installed as the chief pastor of the St Stephen’s, Burleigh Heads Parish at a special mass at Calvary Church at Miami tonight. Archbishop Mark Colendge will lead the liturgy and light refreshments will be served at the conclusion. We will have a number of our children and staff attending this special occasion. Our best wishes go with Fr Ken for tonight’s important celebration.

Thanks for Parent Information Meetings
I would like to thank our parents for attending last evening’s Parent Information meetings. Despite the weather we had a very good roll-up in all year levels. These meetings are an important communication tool between home and school and many of our daily procedures are shared. It’s also an opportunity for parents to be able to clarify any issues which may have arisen since the start of the year. I would especially like to thank our teachers for hosting the meetings – there is a good degree of time and work put into these meetings and this is certainly appreciated.

Parent / Teacher Individual Interviews
Our class teachers will be holding our first individual Parent Teacher interviews in just over a month’s time. We have set aside the last week of this term (25 – 28 March) and the first week of Term 2 (15 – 19 April) as our interview times. Letters from your class teacher will be coming home in the next few weeks identifying the days and times for which they will be available. You will be asked to note preferences for an interview time and return the tear-off strip to your teacher. Our times will be allotted at fifteen minute intervals. If you feel that you may need more time please indicate this on the return note. Mrs Annette Straker and Mrs Jane Lennon will be offering times outside of this period as they will both be on leave at this stage. They will be contacting their parents directly to arrange times. I would ask that you keep these dates in mind that you can attend these interviews.

Teacher Professional Development
Our teaching staff are a credit to our school. Over the last month they have actively participated in a number of Professional Development activities so that they can keep abreast of the new Australian Curriculum as it rolls out into all schools. We have been involved in planning in Mathematics and Reading as well as preliminary work on planning, teaching and assessing in the soon to be released Arts syllabus. Our school is a good way along in this area already as we were a trial school for this document in Term 3 last year. We have had staff from Brisbane Catholic Education as well as external consultants lead us through these PD days so that we can ensure that we are getting great information on the current Australia-wide developments. In the next month we will also be looking at Professional Development in the upgraded Religious Education Guidelines from Brisbane Catholic Education. These guidelines have the imprimatur of Archbishop Coleridge and we will be working with other schools on their implementation which is to phase in over the next year. It has been great to see the passion with which our staff have approached this side of their profession.

Staff Changes
We have a few changes to our staff which will be occurring over the next few weeks and up to Easter. Annette Straker (Year 2) will be finishing at the end of this term as she begins a period of Maternity Leave for Terms 2 and 3. I am pleased to be able to announce that Deanne Krueger will be taking over as the class teacher for this time. Deanne has done a number of contracts with us over the last five years and she is well-known to the children. Jane Lennon (Year 3) will be commencing a period of Long Service Leave from next week until the end of the term. Melissa Redman will be coming in as Jane’s replacement for this four week block. Once again Melissa would be well-known to the children as she has filled in for many teachers in recent years.

Sharyn Herbertson (Finance Officer) will also be taking a short period of Long Service Leave from the end of this week. Sharyn will be replaced by Amanda Dixon for the next two weeks. Amanda has had experience in our office as well as the College.

I would like to welcome these new staff and thank them for sharing their talents with us. My best wishes also go to Annette, Jane and Sharyn for their pending leave time.

Catholic School Goal-Setting Conference – Thursday / Friday 28.2 & 1.3
Next Thursday and Friday will see the hosting of our annual Goal-Setting days for all of the Catholic schools on the Gold Coast. We will be joining with the leadership Teams of our sister schools and working with various personnel from Brisbane Catholic Education on the development and setting of our annual goals. This is an important opportunity for us all to ensure that our focuses are aligned with our office as well as state and federal government guidelines and policies. Our Lumber of Leadership Team – Annette O’Shea, Tony Barron, Kevin Yates and myself – will be away from the school for these days. John Jensen will be our Teacher-in-Charge for these days.

Thanks for reading – enjoy the week ahead
Yours in Christ

Greg Casey
Pancakes for Flood Relief
This morning at assembly, 6R shared with our school many benefits of using our gifts and talents for the benefit of others. Last week our community shared its gifts with those affected by recent flooding by supporting the Pancakes for Flood Relief fundraiser for the St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal. Mr Keith Furniss of the St Vincent de Paul Society attended assembly this morning to accept our donation of $1650 and spoke to our students of the benefits this donation will bring to numerous families recovering from recent floods. Many thanks for your generous support of this fundraiser.

Project Compassion
At Marymount Primary, we focus our fundraising efforts on three major causes, St Vincent de Paul, Catholic Missions and Project Compassion, run by Caritas. During Lent, our community works to support Project Compassion. Your child should have received a collection box which outlines details of the initiative and the benefits of our donations to those less fortunate.

Classes have had the opportunity this week to view the story of Ditosa, a twelve year old girl who lives in Mozambique. Caritas has been instrumental in providing clean, safe drinking water as well as toilet facilities in her community. These facilities, which we often view as basics, rather than luxuries, have decreased incidents of illness and improved the lives of people in Ditosa’s community.

Already at Marymount Primary, enough money has been raised to train a group of people in Mozambique with carpentry skills and helped five Cambodian families to have safe, clean drinking water.

Please continue to support Project Compassion and send money raised to school as required.

Queensland Flood Appeal
Last week Marymount Primary sent desks and chairs which were no longer used; to schools in Bundaberg who have recently been affected by floods.

Red Frogs for Caritas
To further support Project Compassion, our Tuckshop is promoting Red Frogs for Caritas. Often students will spend change from purchases on a lolly frog – please encourage your child to consider buying a ‘red frog for Caritas,’ with change from their purchases during Lent.
ASH WEDNESDAY

Year 7 Leadership Liturgy
Last Friday, Year 7 students were commissioned as school leaders at a liturgy in the Doyle Centre. We were most pleased to welcome Fr Ken Howell, who lead our liturgy and spoke to our student leaders of their role, as servant leaders, to take others from ‘fear to faith,’ as Jesus did. Students were presented with their leadership badges and blessed and prayed for by our school community. Year 7 students then formed a guard of honour for other classes, before celebrating with family and friends and participating in a leadership retreat with the Year 7 teachers. Many thanks to Fr Ken for his leadership of the liturgy and thanks to all families who attended in support our student leaders. Special thanks to our Year 7 teachers for their preparation of the students and leadership of the retreat day.

Combined Gold Coast Schools Leadership Liturgy
The annual liturgy for Year 7 students from all Gold Coast Catholic Schools has had to be postponed due to the recent weather conditions. The revised date should be confirmed in the coming days.

Have a great week

Kevin Yates
Our students seem to be warming to the idea of healthy lunch choices! The tuckshop has shown a significant increase in fresh sandwiches, sushi and salad orders. This is fantastic to see. Keep it up kids!

A friendly reminder...Daily specials are only available on the allotted day. Specials are as follow:

**MONDAY.........Burger Day**
**TUESDAY........Smash Potato Day**
**WEDNESDAY.....Hot Doggy Day**
**THURSDAY.......Sushi Day**
**FRIDAY...........Pie, Sausage Roll and Pizza Day**

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Interschool Tennis Challenge**
Gold Coast Tennis will be hosting the 2013 Annual Primary & Secondary Inter-school Tennis Challenge again this year. The event is free to enter and will be held on Sunday 3rd March for Primary students. There are two events for students to enter; Boys or Girls. Players must be in teams of two and will play Round Robin doubles. No mixed teams. Entries close Friday 22 February. From more information please see Mr Hill.

**District Swimming Carnival**
Unfortunately our District Swimming Carnival was postponed today due to inclement weather. The District Swimming carnival will now be held on tomorrow, Thursday 21 February. Please note it will be held at ALL SAINTS SCHOOL.

**Swimming Age Champions**
Listed below are our 8 – 13 year old age champion swimmers. Congratulations to you all on a wonderful achievement

- **8y Boys** - 1st Carden Skalij/Taj Nolan; 2nd Shaun Lunney; 3rd Thomas Cervanak
- **9y Boys** - 1st Lewis Treggiden; 2nd Will Smith; 3rd Taj Harris
- **10y Boys** - 1st Jack Eveleigh; 2nd Jared Crowley; 3rd Matthew Sexton
- **11y Boys** - 1st Tyler Gilbert; 2nd Conall Crowley; 3rd Mitchell Browne
- **12y Boys** - 1st Matthew Treggiden; 2nd Withheld; 3rd Ethan Purcell
- **13y Boys** - 1st Oliver Smith; 2nd Flynn Gundry; 3rd Murphy Gundry
- **8y Girls** - 1st Zali Williams; 2nd Zoe Gilbert; 3rd Lacey Muller
- **9y Girls** - 1st Hayley Weise; 2nd Jaid Whitney; 3rd Kiana Young
- **10y Girls** - 1st Chloe Thomas; 2nd Yasmin Glifos; 3rd Georgina Ward
- **11y Girls** - 1st Megan Banner; 2nd Ema Tanaka; 3rd Bridgette Kennedy
- **12y Girls** - 1st Zara Glifos; 2nd Bella McCabe; 3rd Amy Sauvarin
- **13y Girls** - 1st Joli-Belle Cook; 2nd Bridget Noyes; 3rd Bhodi Jones

**Congratulations**
Congratulations to Ty Brennan (4M) who was selected for OZTAG State of Origin QLD. Ty played in the the Junior State Cup. Congratulations also to Olliver Smith who has qualified for the 13yrs 50m Backstroke and Freestyle at the Secondary Regional swimming carnival next week.

**Paul Hill**
Parish Office Hours 9.00am to 5.00pm
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Parish Pastor: Fr. Ken Howell
3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters (Post: PO Box 73, Burleigh Heads)
Parish Pastoral Team
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Pastoral Associates: Sr. Patricia Tomlinson
Saturday 9th March 2013
Arrive 6.30pm for 7.00pm start
Doyle Centre
St Patrick’s Day theme

Tickets available to purchase NOW from Parent Reception.
CASH ONLY PLEASE
(Tickets must be pre-purchased as they will not be available on the night)

Make up your own table of 6 to 8 or join a table and meet new people.

BYO Drinks & nibblies
Lots of prizes to be won!

All enquiries to
Genevieve Sly
0412 211 854

All money raised will go to St Vincent de Paul.
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