Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Welcome back for Term 3. I trust that you all had a great holiday, and it was a chance to recharge the batteries and spend some time relaxing as a family. The winter weather certainly arrived through the holidays, making it a little harder to get out of bed in the mornings. It was great to see happy smiling faces arrive back at school, keen to get back into learning, and having fun with their friends.

Class Placements 2017

We are about to begin the process for formulating our class lists for next year. Our process is a very thorough one, which takes in many considerations, and our decisions for placing children in certain classes are not made lightly. As has been our usual practice we will consider feedback from parents should you feel the need to request a certain placement for 2017. As such I would ask for this input to be made over the next few weeks so that all details are in by Friday, 29 July. Please note that this information forms only one part of our process and often requests cannot be accommodated. 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 be some change from current year levels. Any information for requests should only be on medical or specific educational grounds. We would look to send out our class lists on the Monday of our second last week of Term 4 (21 November) and then hold our ‘New classes for 2016’ day on the last day of Term 4 (29 November) of the year. I would like to point out again that once these lists are finalised and sent out no changes will be made.

All class placement details need to be either emailed to pburleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au or sent to our Parent Reception office in a written form so that we have a hard copy form of your request. Thank you for your assistance with this important matter.

Marymount Beachathon Success

Our Annual Beachathon Day was held on the last Friday of Term 2. The day was very successful and the children had a great time both doing the walk and enjoying the beach games upon their return to the starting area. I would like to thank the parents (and grandparents) who came along for the walk and to help out on the day. This support was much appreciated by our staff and certainly by the children. We were also blessed to have our Associate Priest, Fr Stephen Camiolo, and our Area Supervisor, Trevor Doyle, join us on the day. Fr Stephen walked with our children and then helped to hand out Morning Tea to the children.

I would like to especially thank Belinda Norton-Smith, Whitney Reid and Brigitte Scharkie for their co-ordination of the whole event. They did an excellent job in taking on such a massive undertaking. They have been working on this since early March and have spent many hours of their own time in fine-tuning things in order to provide an enjoyable time for the children. Their work from our energetic assemblies through to the last day, was very much appreciated and I’m sure that they would appreciate our collective thanks for a job well done.

Marymount Athletics Track Carnival

On Friday we are due to hold our Track carnival for our 8 to 12 year old children. Hopefully the weather is kind to us and we have a great day. We do have a backup day next week if needed. Events planned for the day include activities like relays, ball games, sprints and 800 metre events. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Oval Entry and Handball Courts

Over the holidays we completed, with the help of Chris Stephens, a new entry to the ovals. This area looks fantastic and the children are really enjoying the new “block seating” and artificial grass area. Chris also constructed some new handball courts on the southern end of the ovals, which were requested by the children. A big thanks to the P&F for agreeing to fund these new courts!

Children Absent from school

If your child/children are absent from school due to illness, appointments or holiday plans, it is important that you contact us and let us know that morning. This can be done by phoning the school on 5535 1803 and choosing Option 1 from the phone menu. You can also use the Parent Portal and the Report Student Absence Tab.

It is a safety concern, so that we know that your children are at home, and have not gone missing in transit.

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Welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely break and were able to spend some quality time with your wonderful children.

Canberra 2016
In the last week of this term, September 11 -15, the Year 6 students will be heading off on a four night adventure to Canberra. A parent information evening will be held next Tuesday 19th July at 5:30pm in the Doyle Centre Theatrette for all Year 6 parents. Topics covered will include the curriculum areas covered by the trip, costing, itinerary, behaviour expectations, health procedures and general organisational issue. We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Beachathon
We were certainly blessed with sensational weather for our 2016 Beachathon and what a great success it was. Thank you to everyone who was involved in helping to raise money for some new iPads for our classrooms, those who were able to walk with us and to the many staff who helped support this event. We particularly need to thank our teachers, especially Belinda Norton-Smith, Whitney Reid and Brigette Scharkie, who put such a big effort into the day. We are going to miss dancing to ‘Pump It’ at assembly each week. The final total raised and major prizes will be announced at next week’s assembly.

Thanks and have a great week unya jimbelungmang (my friends), Tina.
Rethink Homelessness- Pyjama Day- Thursday 21 July
Welcome back to Term 3 and I hope you had a relaxing break with your children. The St Vincent de Paul Society is asking us to ‘Rethink Homelessness’. In June this year our Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education, Pam Betts, joined with over 1400 other CEOs and participated in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout. They slept the night underneath the Story Bridge in Brisbane and in the process raised much needed funds to help support more than 105,000 Australians who have no place to call home.

Homelessness can occur due to many circumstances, often which are out of a person’s control. This is Mary’s story, a lady who St Vincent de Paul was able to help.

“I had a normal life. All it took was a couple of things to go wrong before I found myself on the streets.”

At 62, Mary was made redundant from her job after working there tirelessly for more than 20 years. At the same time, she was evicted from the home she had lived in for 12 years. Mary faced the devastating reality of being homeless. That’s when she mustered the strength to turn to Vinnies for help. Vinnies found her a home and provided assistance, letting Mary regain confidence and improve her sense of self-worth.

The Year 6 Social Justice Crew, staying true to their motto, “Never see a need without doing something about it”, have decided to take on the challenge to “Rethink Homelessness”.

Next Thursday, 21 July, the students and staff of Marymount are invited to wear their pyjamas to school for the cost of a gold coin donation. This money will support the homeless by not only providing crucial funds for immediate emergency assistance, but also to assist St Vincent de Paul to provide the homeless with a pathway to a brighter future.

Marymount Primary P & F fundraising- Mary, Mother of Mercy Church
Marymount Primary’s P & F invite parents to a screening of the comedy “Absolutely Fabulous” where London’s most fabulous fugitives are on the run. Come along and support the P & F to fundraise for our new parish church, Mary, Mother of Mercy.

We have our own private screening at Event Cinema’s Robina on Thursday 4 August at 6pm. Tickets are $25 which includes the movie, champagne on arrival and a lucky door ticket to win a champagne hamper. Bookings can be made on the following link: https://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=211994

Academic Awards
At assembly today, ten students received an academic award for excellence in various key learning areas in Semester One. Congratulations to Jack Ross 5A (Science, Oral Presentations, Technology and Art), Olivia Marshall 6A (Writing), Caitlin Marshall 6R (Writing), Nathan Wood 6A (Mathematics), Abbey Fields 6M (Mathematics), Reece Hargreaves 5M (Mathematics), Sophie Prior 3Y (Writing), Benjamin Browne 3Y (Mathematics), Cole Parsakia 1M (English), and Elise Nguyen 1M (English and Mathematics).

Performing Arts Showcase - Wednesday 3 August
The Junior and Senior band members along with Mark Wilkins’ guitar and vocal group will be performing in the Doyle Centre Theatrette Wednesday August 3 starting at 6.30pm. Students need to arrive by 6pm for tuning and organisation in formal school uniform.

This concert is an opportunity for families to come along to see what the students have accomplished this year.

Junior and Senior band members will also be performing at assembly on Wednesday 3 August.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Maree Wright
**Track and Ballgames Carnival**
This Friday 15 July will see the running of our Track and Ballgames carnival. Weather permitting of course. Students are encouraged to participate in all events for House points.

Approximate times of events are listed below.

**Timetable: Marymount Track and Ball Games Carnival 2016**

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**Rugby League Grand Final**
Best of luck to our 5A and 6A Rugby League teams who will be playing their Interschool Grand Finals this coming Monday night 18 July. The 5As kick off at 6pm and the 6As at 7pm at Burleigh Bears Jnr Rugby League fields.

**State Rugby League**
Congratulations to Corey Connolly who took part in the State Rugby League trials last week on the Sunshine Coast. Corey played as part of the South Coast Regional 11 Years team.

*Paul Hill*

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**Performing Arts Class**
There are spaces available for Term 3 in the primary class of Performing Arts. Classes are held on Tuesday after school from 3.15-4.15pm in The Doyle Centre Drama room for students in Years 2-6.

Students will take part in roleplays, character work, improvisation, scripted work, drama and lots more. Great fun for budding actors and those wanting to build their confidence.

Classes are taught by Cleo Massey and Anna Waters-Massey, who between them have years of live/TV and film experience.

Email or call Anna to enrol: watersworks@bigpond.com PH 0417 584290

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**WILD AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES**
MARYMOUNT PRIMARY
Learn to create, draw and paint. Use your imagination, its fun for everyone.

Wednesday 3.15pm to 4.45pm.
Meet outside the Library.

Most art materials supplied.
Expert tuition artist/teacher.
Free snacks supplied.

Don't miss out!!
BOOK NOW!!!

Text now 0402328987
(Include your name and school)
or phone 55773293 after 7.00pm

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**Year 1S demonstrated the school theme of being inclusive and kind to all through the play “The Ugly Duckling” at today’s assembly.”**
TENNIS BOOKING available for TERM 3

PLAY TENNIS
Marymount Tennis Courts
An after school activity that's FUN to do

ANZ Hot Shots is all about making tennis fun for your kids. The Hot Shots program, particularly the modified equipment, makes it easier for primary-aged children to learn the basic strokes and skills required for tennis, having fun right from their first lesson!

CLASSES
Tuesday: 3.05pm & 3.45pm
Wednesday: 3.05pm & 3.45pm
Thursday: 3.05pm & 3.45pm
Friday: 3.05pm & 3.45pm

SMALL GROUPS
Experience success and enjoyment right from the start

GROUP AGES
5-6 Yrs  6-9 Yrs  9-12 Yrs

ALL equipment supplied
FREE of charge

FAMILY DISCOUNTS APPLY

Qualified Coaches - Tennis Australia

BOOK NOW:
John: 0417 634 524
Trish: 0439 722 369

PROGRAMS FOR 2016

Tennis Strokes For Little Folks
Ages 5 to 6
This is a fabulous program for beginners. The Hot Shots Starter Program uses small courts, lighter racquets and special balls. Each session combines tennis with a variety of other activities and games making it easier for your kids to learn basic skills to play tennis and other sports, promotes better concentration, builds confidence and self-esteem and improves balance, strength and co-ordination.

Classes: Wednesday & Friday 3.45pm
Sessions: 30 minutes  Group Size: 6
Cost: $100 (10 weeks) Family discounts apply

Rally Stars
Ages 8 to 9
This Hot Shots Program is for kids a little older. Some will be playing for the first time while others have acquired some basic tennis and footwork skills and can rally the ball with some correct. Kids work together within their group to maintain a rally, develop their strokes and learn to score and play the game.

All Stars
Ages 9 to 12
Suitable for kids who have progressed to this level or older kids in this age group with limited or no tennis experience, looking to play tennis. Children develop an ability to rally and play points, improve technique, footwork and swing patterns for better ball control and gain tennis knowledge through tactical set play.

Classes: Tuesday - Friday 3.05 & 3.45pm
Sessions: 40 minutes  Group Size: 6
Cost: $140 (10 weeks) Family discounts apply

Junior Squads
Ages 9 to 12
Squads are suitable for kids keen to refine their tennis skills and learn different spins and grips with a strong focus on serve and return technique. Games, play strategies, shot selection, court movement and positioning tactics are key focus points.

Classes: Tuesday - Friday 3.45pm
Sessions: 60 minutes  Group Size: 6
Cost: $210 (10 weeks) Family discounts apply

Friday Night Family FAST4 Tennis
A friendly version of fast4 tennis! A quick and more exciting way to play tennis.

Time: 5pm - 7pm weekly
Cost: Adults & children $6 each. Family of 3 or more $5 each.
Equipment supplied

Tennis, a sport your kids can play forever