Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Welcome Back to Term 3

It’s great to see all of the children back in full uniform and raring to go for another term. We have five new families starting with us this term and a special welcome is extended to these families and their children. Our community – staff, parents and children - has a great reputation as being a welcoming one and I hope that you get to experience this caring family atmosphere.

We also welcome Fr Ken Howell back to our parish community. Fr Ken, as you may well know, was away on sick leave after some minor surgery and recuperation time during last term. We look forward to having Fr Ken, along with Frs Huong and Lucius, sharing in our prayer liturgies over the course of this term.

After a period of six months of Long Service Leave, Miss Bernadette Christensen, has returned and already is back into full swing in her role as Assistant Principal / Religious Education. Bernadette has been blown away by the welcome given to her by our children – it’s great to have Bernadette back with us after an exciting time away visiting family and friends and travelling around parts of Australia.

Other Staff News

As mentioned before the holidays, our Year 6 teacher, Mary Petersen, is currently away on Long Service Leave. We welcome Angela Lane to the class for the next two weeks. Angela is well known to the school and the class level and we thank her for sharing her expertise with us.

Lisa Armstrong will be working as our main secretary in the Student Reception area for the next five weeks whilst Deb Kelliah is away on Long Service Leave. Deb and her husband are taking some time to do some overseas travel and also spending time with family members. Lisa has done a number of contracts within our office area and we look forward to working with her over the next five weeks.

Beachathon Success

Our annual Beachathon was held on the last Thursday of last term and it was a spectacular success. The children enjoyed the time at the beach as well as the Sausage Sizzle back at school and it was a fun day for all involved. It was great to have so many parents and grandparents join us for the morning and these numbers helped to make it an even more enjoyable time. Thank you for this support.

I would like to make special mention of the efforts of two of our teachers - Belinda Norton-Smith and Whitney Reid. They were the dynamic duo who co-ordinated the day and helped to regularly enthuse the children (and some adults) over the course of the term. The success of the day was due to their efforts and planning both before and during the day. To organise for over one thousand primary school children to go for a ‘stroll’ along a major beach is not an easy thing to do but they handled such a task in their stride. I know that they enjoyed the day as well as the two weeks of holidays.

It is important now that monies promised through sponsorship is returned to our school as soon as possible. These funds are then going to be directed to the purchase of iPads for classroom use.

Athletics Track & Field Days

Before the holidays we held two days of events for our Field section of our school’s Athletics Carnival. It was great to see the varying levels of competition in the three events – Shot Put, High Jump and Long Jump – and we saw some very good results across all year levels. Thanks again to those parents who came along to watch - this helped to create an exciting atmosphere for the children. I would like to thank Paul Hill, our Senior PE teacher for co-ordinating the two days. Once again this is not an easy task and Paul had the program running very well.

We now move on to our Track day which is to be held on the College Ovals next Friday, 19 July. This will be for our children in Years Three to Seven and also (as a choice)for any children in Year Two who is turning eight this year. There is an outline of the day and also included in this newsletter with approximate times for the events to give parents a guide if you wish to come along and support the children. We will be following a similar program as for recent years which involves rotations through sprints, ball games, and relays and 800 metre events (older children only). More information will be provided in next week’s newsletter so please keep an eye out for this.

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Our Athletics Carnival for our Prep to Year Two classes is being held on Friday, 23 August. Please note that this has been changed due to a clash with the Gold Coast eisteddfod which has its group verse-speaking day on the original date of Thursday, 29 August.

Traffic Concerns
It is important that parents take some time to talk to your children about basic traffic rules and guidelines at the start of each term as they sometimes tend to forget over the holiday break. I have asked our teachers to do the same thing in classes over this week so that they are hearing the message a number of times. Please run through matters such as where to cross the road safely, checking for traffic both ways, using crossings if they exist, crossing with adults or older children for our younger students, how to alight from a bus and move safely away from it and so on. They may be simple and ‘old hat’ to us as adults but they can help to save a life. It is also important that we as adults and road users remember that school is back in and as such the roads will be taking on heavier traffic flows and there will be more children actively out and about. This is not only for school areas but in the suburban streets where buses run and stop regularly. Thank you for your support with these important safety matters.

College Building Program Commences
The construction of a new Year 7 – 9 building for the College commenced on time during the holidays and will continue until the end of the semester (weather permitting). This will mean that our play space for our Year One and Two children will now move to the front of the Doyle Centre (Year Two) and behind our Multi-Purpose building (The Shed) for our Year Ones. The construction company will be accessing the site from the main car park road so please be aware that there will be this type of traffic co-existing with us for the rest of the year. Measures have been taken to restrict this extra traffic during our key times – Morning, Morning Tea, Lunch and After school.

Thanks for reading – good luck to the Aussies in the cricket starting tonight

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey

Cybersafety – Brett Lee
On Wednesday July 31st, Term 3, we have invited a cyber safety expert to speak to the children in Years 6 & 7, and also to parents at an evening session. Mr Brett Lee is an ex-police officer who is an expert in the field of cyber safety and speaking regarding the dangers of the internet and strategies for parents and children to help minimise risks.

If you have the internet on at home, or anyone in your family accesses the internet or social media then this session is a must for you to attend. We are looking at running the parent info session at 5:30pm in the Doyle Centre Theatrette. Please lock this into your diary.

Tony Barron

SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES
As you may know, weekly Speech & Drama classes are held at Marymount Primary. For Terms 3 and 4, this includes Prep students as well as children in Grades 1 – 7. Lessons consist of speech and breathing exercises, poetry, theatre sports, improvisation, drama, mime and puppetry. Classes aim to give the children confidence, improve speech skills, explore creativity and develop the art of performing. Weekly half hour Speech & Drama lessons are held during school time in small groups. Class teachers are consulted regarding a suitable time for the children to attend.

If you are interested in your child commencing Speech & Drama, please send an email to marymountdrama@yahoo.com with your child’s name & class and your name & phone number. Further information will then be sent to you. Alternatively, please fill in the information below and hand it in to the school office in an envelope marked “K. Crosby.” For continuing Speech & Drama students, a reminder that Term 3 fees are now payable. If you would like me to resend your account, please let me know.

Kind regards, Katy Crosby

SPEECH & DRAMA – Attention: K. Crosby  I am interested in my child learning Speech & Drama.

Child’s name: ________________________________ Class: ______________
Parent’s name: _______________________________ Phone: _________________________
Email: ______________________________________
Prior to the holidays I was very fortunate to attend a conference “Happiness and its Causes”. I gained much from insights presented from well acknowledged international presenters on a range of educational, health and psychological topics. There were many highlights including a presentation by His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Amongst the many valuable thoughts and revelations to consider, I found the following quotes shared by Gretel Killeen (of Big Brother fame!) a great way to embrace the beginning of this second semester.

Gretel spoke passionately about authenticity. She advocates that the reason we are here on this earth is to be uniquely ourselves. She cautions that true authenticity requires bravery and calls us to challenge, question and confront. She also advocates seeking the wisdom of others, particularly as we face life’s struggles.

I hope you can find some solace and wisdom in the following and I hope we can enjoy this next stage of your children’s Marymount journey.

• Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you. – Dr Seuss.
• Tell me, was it you or your brother who was killed in the war? - Rev. W. A.Spooner.
• “What day is it?” asked Pooh. “It’s today,” squeaked Piglet.
• “My favorite day,” said Pooh.” – A.A, Milne
• All you need in life is ignorance and confidence and then success is sure. -Mark Twain.
• Very nice, though there are dull stretches. – Antoine de Rivarol (reviewing a two-line poem).
• I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realise I should have been more specific. – Lily Tomlin
• Between two evils, I always pick the one I haven’t tried before.- Mae West
• A woman is like a tea-bag. You can’t tell how strong she is until you put her in hot water. – Eleanor Roosevelt
• Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else. – Margaret Mead
• My life has no purpose, no direction, no aim, no meaning and yet I’m happy. I can’t figure it out. What am I doing right? – Charles M. Schultz
• To be good is noble, but to teach others how to be good is nobler, and less trouble. – Mark Twain
• If you stumble, make it part of the dance.- Unknown
• Formula for success: Rise early, work hard, strike oil. – J. Paul Getty
• Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon. – Susan Ertz
• Sometimes the male praying mantis continues to copulate even after the female has bitten off his head and part of his upper torso. Typical. – Saki
• In baiting a mouse trap with cheese, always leave room for the mouse. – Saki
• New and stirring things are belittled because if they are not belittled the humiliating question arises, “why then are you not taking part in them?” – H. G. Wells
• When the winds of change blow, some build walls and others build windmills.- Chinese proverb
• Of all the thirty-six alternatives, running away is best. – Chinese proverb
• It doesn’t matter if the glass is half empty or half full. There is clearly room for more wine. – Anonymous
• Worrying is like praying for what you don’t want. – Anonymous
• Show me a good loser and I’ll show you a loser. – Anon
• There ain’t no rules here! We’re trying to accomplish something. – Thomas Edison
• After twelve years of therapy my psychiatrist said something that brought tears to my eyes. He said, “no habloingles”. – Ronny Shakes
• When nothing goes right, go left. – Unknown
• Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.- Anonymous
• May you live all of your life. – Jonathan Swift

Enjoy the rest of the week

Annette O’Shea

3M Survey

The children in 3M have been learning about collecting data and graphing. Children in 3M have designed their own survey question and responses. We are inviting everyone in our Marymount community to be involved in this activity. To take part in the survey please put in the following link directly into your browser or follow the link.

Survey Two - http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HQ6W9GK

We look forward to analysing your responses.

Class 3M and Mrs Walker
Congratulations to student Nikita Bazzana (6R) who performed in the Top Hat Production of Snow White during the last holidays (Nikita is in light blue on the right). Nikita joined the cast in rehearsal over the last few months to prepare for the 20 shows that were performed over 10 days. This production blended the traditional fairytale with local references and a modern soundtrack to bring the story to life and entertain adults and children. Students from our own OSHC went on excursion to see Snow White and brought back the following reviews.

I like going to the theatre and can’t wait to go back next year. Riley W Yr 6
I loved the big scary witch and the princess. Chelsea C 0A
I like the 7 dwarves the best. Trie T 2R
I loved when Snow White and the prince get married. Holly G 1A
I liked the end when they get married. Caitlin E 2Y
I loved when they threw lollies into the crowd. Jack M 3M
I thought Nikita was really talented and I really liked her performance. Shakayla T 4P
I thought Nikita was great at acting and she spoke clearly and she was very confident. Karlisha T 4Y

Thank you so much for the warm welcome I have received from adults and children as I return from Long Service Leave this week. I am well rested and enthused after visiting family members around Australia and having others come to my home to spend time in the sun. It is such a blessing to be able to relax in this beautiful place and enjoy time with family. Special thanks to Kevin Yates who filled in very capably for me while I was gone. I pass the baton to him now as he enjoys a well-deserved break.

**NAIDOC Week (7-14 July)**
The theme for NAIDOC Week 2013 is ‘We value the vision: Yirrkala Bark Petitions 1963’. This theme proudly celebrates the 50th anniversary of the presentation of Yirrkala Bark Petitions to the Federal Parliament. In August 1963, the Yolngu people of Yirrkala in northeast Arnhem Land sent two bark petitions – framed by traditional ochre paintings of clan designs - to the Australian House of Representatives. The petitions were the first traditional documents to be recognised by the Commonwealth Parliament and helped to shape the nation’s acknowledgement of Aboriginal people and their land rights. More information about the week can be obtained on the NAIDOC week website.

Each week we recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at assembly when we sing the national anthem. In particular we remember the Kombumerri people who are from this local area. I share with you paintings and prayers made by students from 4Y to mark NAIDOC week.

I ask you God to bless and help us respect our Indigenous people. Daniel
I hope the Australian people have forgiven us for what we’ve done and we never treat them like that again. Joel
I ask God to make people respect the Aborigines and their culture and sacred land. Amen. Zoe
I ask you God to keep our Aborigines safe from harm and help us say we are sorry for what we have done in the past. Amen. Zhalaica
I pray all Australians will be just to the Aborigines and may we all live in peace. Amen. Willow
I ask you God to help all people have the courage to stand up and to say sorry to the Australian Aborigines. Skye

Bernadette Christiansen
Welcome to term 3!! This term brings lots of new things to the tuckshop. We have introduced Munch Monitors, our online tuckshop ordering system. This system is easy to use. It will allow you to order for your child in advance should you wish, and it offers a varied menu. I encourage all parents, students and staff members to use this system.

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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!

**ART UNION UPDATE...**

**MAJOR PRIZE $5000**

The prize list has been finalised and there are some great prizes for this years Art Union, such as an XBOX360 pack, and holidays! Books of tickets will be sent home in the coming weeks.

**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.

**MEETINGS**

**CONVENORS MEETING**

Monday 15th July 6pm-7pm in the Primary School Staffroom

Our next meeting will be for all Fete Convenors, to discuss their requirements. If you would like to convene a stall, this is your last opportunity to come forward.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Monday 22nd July 6pm-7pm in the Primary School Staffroom

We will meet to continue the planning of our fete. All Welcome.

**THANK –YOU**

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If you can support the Fete by providing any level of sponsorship this would contribute greatly to ensuring a successful day. Sponsors will be given various levels of advertising, beginning with advertising in our Fete Newsletters and the Fete programs on the day.

For a sponsorship proposal contact Tracey Dean on 5586 1000, mobile 0403 834 883 or email tdean@bne.catholic.edu.au

The Craft Stall Convenor is calling for helpers to assist with making items for the Fete. All materials are supplied. Please contact Trisha Hartman phartman@bne.catholic.edu.au or text 0402 802 597. All Welcome!

We need parent volunteers; to help in stalls; with activities; to assist ride operators; to assist with set-up and take down. Whether you are able to help out for 1 or 2 hours, or all day, any time that you can offer will be appreciated. Contact Tracey Dean on 5586 1000, mobile 0403 834 883 or email tdean@bne.catholic.edu.au

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Where: Doyle Centre Theatrette, Marymount Primary
When: Wednesday 31 July
Time: Tea & Coffee available from 5:00. 5:30pm start
We have Brand New Courts!
At Mallawa Drive, Palm Beach

Junior Competition
For Players in U11s & U12s
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Season Commences Wednesday 24th July 2013
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