

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Catholic Education Week 2013

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated across Queensland during the course of this week.

This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for this year's celebrations is: ***Making a Difference... inspired by Jesus.***

Catholic schools strive to make a difference in the lives of individuals and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

Students are nurtured to develop a commitment to social justice and a critical social consciousness, and are prepared for global responsibilities through stewardship of the earth's resources.

Like other Catholic schools, we strive to be a welcoming, inclusive, and connected community that values diversity and treats each student with dignity, enabling them in turn to promote and respect the dignity of all.

During Catholic Education Week 2013, Catholic education communities across Queensland are invited to celebrate and share how they are ***'Making a difference... inspired by Jesus'*** in the lives of their students and within their communities.

There are 296 Catholic schools in Queensland that educate around 140,000 students and employ almost 17,000 teachers and staff and most will celebrate Catholic Education Week in some way. Today at our assembly we were led in a beautiful prayer by the children in Year 3M. They talked about simple ways we can make a difference to the lives of people around us. Even little things like keeping the school grounds clean and visiting people to share time were put forward as ways that we can make a difference and be like Jesus. The message is really clear – Everyone can make a difference and we can all be like Jesus to others. The children shared the beautiful prayer of St Teresa of Avila which is reprinted below as a reminder and a challenge to us of how we can be Christ's helpers on earth and how we can make the difference.

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*



— Teresa of Ávila

Athletics Carnival – Friday, 26 July

If the weather stays fine for us we should be a chance to run our postponed Athletics carnival from last week. The college ovals are our venue for the carnival and they seem to be holding up a little better than ours is at the moment and we hope to be able to work through our program as listed in the last few newsletters. Once again if we are to call the meet off we will let parents know as soon as is possible. If the weather stays fine and then turns out badly on Friday we will put a cancellation notice on the school website before 7.30am on Friday morning. Here's hoping for sunny skies over the next few days.

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Coming Events

Wednesday July 24
Whole School Assembly - 3M

Friday July 26
School Athletics Carnival
Bookclub Orders Due

Wednesday July 31
Whole School Assembly -0R
Ozanam Villa visit - 6A
5.30pm - Cyber Safety Evening

Friday August 23
Prep - Yr 2 Athletics Carnival

Thursday August 29
G.C Eisteddfod Verse Speaking
Competition

Friday August 30
GOLD COAST SHOW HOLIDAY

**8 - 13YRS
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
THIS FRIDAY
WEATHER
PERMITTING.**

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;
6.15pm 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

Cyber Safety Parent Meeting – Wednesday, 31 July

For the last month and a half Tony Barron, our Assistant Principal, has been advertising the above parent information session with Brett Lee. Brett is a very good speaker and an expert in this field. He has led our staff and many others in Professional Development in the field of Cyber Safety and Internet Awareness over the last five years and he will do this again with us at our general staff meeting next week. Brett will also be doing sessions with our children in Years Six and Seven during our class time. I would really encourage our parents to come along to this evening session as what he has to share is crucial in helping our children to learn to work with such a wonderful tool as the Internet. It has so many great and amazing possibilities to offer us all but there are also some pitfalls to be aware of and Brett is able to call on his vast knowledge in this field to help us become more fully aware of the digital world. Our session starts at 5.30pm in the Doyle Centre theatre and finishes at 7.00pm. I look forward to seeing you there.

National Canteen Week

This week is also being celebrated across Australia as National Canteen Week. It is a week in which we celebrate the staff and volunteers who assist in our tuckshops and canteens in all schools. At Marymount we are blessed on a daily basis, to have a convenor who does a marvellous job in running a successful Tuckshop. Vicki spends many hours in ensuring that our children receive great quality meals and snacks at a fair and reasonable cost. Our Tuckshop has always been kept at a very high standard as far as hygiene and cleanliness go and this is a testament to the time and effort which Vicki puts in to her work. We also have a great group of parents and some grandparents who come in regularly to volunteer their time and expertise to help maintain these lofty standards. We are indebted to these helpers for giving freely of their time. Our Tuckshop is a crucial part of our school life and it provides a fantastic service for us all. On behalf of all of our school community, I thank Vicki and her supporters for doing such a great job. I am sure that she would also appreciate your best wishes for the week.

Class Placement for 2014

We are about to begin the process for formulating our classes for next year. Our process is a very thorough one which takes in many considerations and our decisions for placing children in certain grades are not made lightly. We have decided once again to consider feedback from parents should parents feel the need. As such I would ask for this input to be made over the next few weeks so that all details are in by Friday, 16 August. 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 (ie teacher placements) will change from what it is for this year. 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 and then hold our 'New classes for 2014' day on the last Tuesday 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 of your request.

Leaving Marymount in 2014

As we are now in the process of co-ordinating staffing and classes for next year it is important that we keep a sharp eye on our enrolment numbers for 2014. In this light I would ask that if you are not looking to continue your child's enrolment here next year that you please communicate this with us. Once again this can either be in a written form addressed to me or in an email form addressed to pburleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au. It would be appreciated if this could be done by the end of August so that, if we need to, we can offer any vacated places to new families for 2014.

Tuckshop Price Changes

I would remind parents that our Tuckshop prices changed from the start of this term and these are the ones that we should be using. Unfortunately some families are still using the old prices and this is messing up our figures for the day. With our new Munch Monitor online ordering system now in operation, it is all the more important that the new ones are used. The children would have received a hard copy menu and pricelist in the first week of school and this list is also on our school website. Please help us out with this matter.

Thanks for your time; enjoy the rest of the week

Yours in Christ, **Greg Casey**

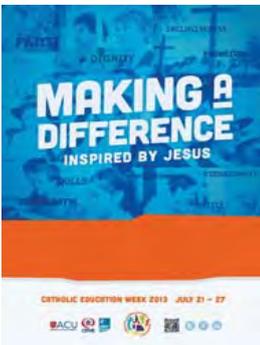
Thoughts from your School Counsellor

According to Michael Grose, modern parenting has produced "the uber-parent... the parent who does it all!" Whilst child-rearing has traditionally been a community affair, the recent trend towards parenting as an individual endeavour – has been detrimental to both children and parents. This week, Michael introduces us to "the art of sparenting".

Best wishes for the week ahead

Mary Sanders

Primary Guidance Counsellor: msanders@bne.catholic.edu.au



Thank you to 3M for their interpretation of the Catholic Education Week theme. They clearly showed how we can make a difference in the lives of others through simple, everyday actions. Marymount Primary staff and students reach out gently and quietly to those near and far as we take Jesus' mission to heart, praying for and acting on behalf of our brothers and sisters. In today's world it can be a challenge to keep our minds open to the plight of those outside our personal sphere and maintain a compassionate perspective.



God of Encounter,

You show us the way to You through our relationships with others.
Grant us the generosity and love required, so that we may be inspired by Jesus to make a difference by being brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers for one another.
We make this prayer through, Jesus, our brother, Your Son.
Amen.

Helping Hands

Our dedicated group of Year Six students known as "Helping Hands" strive to make a difference by focussing their energies on practical action. They plan to try 'crocheting for a cause' in the coming weeks to make knee-rugs for the residents of Ozanam Villa. If you know someone who might be able to help us out on a Thursday teaching crochet skills, please be in touch with Bernadette Christensen at the office. We would love to have your expertise!



Enjoy the rest of the week

Bernadette Christensen

EXCITING BANKING NEWS

The Commonwealth Bank has a very exciting competition this term for all of our wonderful student bankers! All you need to do to have a chance of winning an ipod mini is make at least one deposit this term! How easy is that! So we hope all students who participate in Student Banking will have a chance to win the ipod mini simply by making a deposit this term. More details for this competition are on a flyer attached to this newsletter.

We now have calculators available for anyone who would like to cash in 10 of their tokens. Or if you would rather a different prize for your 10 tokens we still have stock of handballs, knuckle games, wallets and torches. All of the character money boxes are still available for 10 tokens. However we need to order these as required. They take about 2 weeks after you send in your tokens and request to get these to you! Anyone wishing to cash in their tokens for a prize simply needs to send in 10 tokens and their request with their banking any Tuesday.

Good Luck to all bankers.....we hope someone from Marymount wins the mini ipod this term. How exciting!

The Banking Ladies.

Cybersafety – Brett Lee

Next Wednesday July 31st, 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 Theatre. Please lock this into your diary.

Tony Barron



Bookclub
orders close on Friday 26 July.
No cash or cheques please.

UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP NEWS



Second hand girl's skirts and blouses available for free. Anything not taken by 26 July 2013 will be sent to Vinnies. Please see Jenny at the Uniform/Bookshop.

New Price list will be issued in August. There will be price increases. School bags are definitely going up in price.

SPECIAL - For 1 week only (ends 26/7/13)

Fleecy Track Jackets sizes 10 - 18 \$30

Fleecy Track Pants sizes 10 - 18 \$22

Sport Pants (to match Sport Jacket) \$30

SWELL SKOALA KU UPDATE



Year 6 students continue to create the koala as part of the competition run by the Swell festival.

COMMUNITY NEWS

TENNIS – FRIDAY NIGHT

Social Doubles Challenge 5pm to 7pm. Available for all Students and a Parent/Adult from grade 6 to grade 12 (older students will be given 1st preference). Starting Date: Friday the 27th July or the first Friday that we have the minimum number of players (8) to make the night viable. Come along and have a game with your family or friends. Tennis draws and format will be organised at 5pm sharp. Cost: Tennis \$6 per player(ALL playing fees go towards school facilities). See Mr Greig at the tennis courts any afternoon after school to book in or phone. John GREIG: 0417 634 524 for further information

Drum Lessons

There are drum lesson times available at Marymount on Tuesdays during school (and before school if there is enough demand). Lessons are \$30 for 30mins. There are opportunities to join various school bands once a level of proficiency is achieved. Lessons are also conducted after school, in Mudgeeraba. For more details please go to www.cvitandrums.com or call Cvitan Barac on 0408722539

PALM BEACH JNR. TOUCH FOOTBALL - sign on

7th, 9th, and the 14th of August from 4:00pm – 7:00pm at the Mallawah Dr sporting complex Age groups Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 boys and girls teams available. Games will be on Friday afternoons. Bring a team or come as an individual and be placed into a team. Season to run from Oct 13 – Feb 14 with a break over Christmas. Brendan 0400536420

ELITE RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS CLUB

All ages welcome! Held at Doyle Centre each Monday Beginners Class from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. For more information call 0403 034 914 or 5593 8197.



BRING ON THE BURGERS.....special athletics meal deal this Friday 26 July. Thanks to all for getting your orders in on time; it makes a big difference with the organisation of this day.

CALLING ALL HELPERS....Should you have an hour to spare between 12 noon and 1pm on Friday 26 July please come along to the tuckshop and help pack cheeseburgers. Your efforts to help out would be greatly appreciated.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK...

- Monday 29 July.....Angela Sauvarin
- Tuesday 30 July.....Sharon Lewer
- Wednesday 31 July.....Stacey Rangj
- Thursday 01 August..... *****NEED HELP PLEASE*****
- Friday 02 August.....Michelle Tonks, Luciana



As you can see by the above roster, tuckshop volunteer numbers are very depleted. The tuckshop shop is really struggling for helpers, so I ask should you be able to give an hour or more one day per month PLEASE consider helping out in the tuckshop. Call Vicki on 55208413; no cooking is necessary!

I would like to send a HUGE THANKS to all who worked in the tuckshop during sausage sizzle and cheese burger days. It was busy to say the least, BUT we still managed lots of laughs and the children had a great couple of fun days. One child told his grade one teacher .."This sausage is magnificent!" it's all worth it when a snag is magnificent!



Over the next few weeks I will offer a few hints on Munch Monitors (MM). Hope this helps.

- Q. *If my child is not coming to school and I have already ordered lunch thru MM. what should I do?*
A. You can simply cancel your order and your money will automatically be credited back to your account.
- Q. *Can I put all my children on one order?*
A. No.separate orders for each child please.
- Q. *Can I use my re-usable lunch bag?*
A. Yes, please label ...ON LINE ORDER.

I would appreciate you share with me any queries you may have regarding MM and I will add them to this Q & A. Munch Monitors is working fantastic. I encourage all to join; YOU WILL LOVE IT!

Have a great week and please give some thought to helping out in the tuckshop!

Vicki Turner

SPORTS NEWS

Marymount Track and Ballgames carnival

The Track and Ballgames carnival which was postponed last Friday is set to go ahead this coming Friday 26 July. The weather is looking promising and at this stage all systems are go for a great day of fun and racing.

Marymount Track and Ball Games Carnival 2013 Timetable

Time	8 & 9 yrs	10 & 11 yrs	12 & 13 yrs	Time	8 & 9 yrs	10 & 11 yrs	12 & 13 yrs
9.00 – 9.45	Hurdle	Relay	800m	9.45 – 10.30	Break	Sprints	Relays
10.30 – 11.15	Relay	Break	Sprints	11.15 – 12.00	Ball Games	200m	Break
12.00 – 12.45	Break	Ball Games	200m	12.45 – 1.30	Sprints	Break	Ball Games
1.30 – 2.15	Sprint Finals 11, 10, 9 & 8y		Break	2.15 – 2.30	Spectators		Sprint Final 12 & 13y

District Discus Nominations

A reminder to all students turning 10, 11 or 12, District Discus nomination are due by Thursday 25 July. Students wishing to nominate need to submit a paper nomination from Little Athletics or a certified letter for their athletics coach.

Paul Hill

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Pastoral Associates: Sr Patricia Tomlinson



Marymount

SPRING FETE

Saturday 19th October 2013 - 11am to 5pm

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!

RIDES

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: ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE AT PRIMARY OFFICE AND COLLEGE SAO OR PRINT AND COMPLETE THE FORM ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

Fete Newsletter #6

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.

LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

The next fete meeting will be:

**Monday 29th July
 6pm-7pm in the Primary
 School Staffroom**



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ARE YOU CRAFTY?

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!

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. 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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Payment: Cash Cheque (payable to Marymount Combined P&F fundraising)
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Please Deliver passes to:
Childs Name: _____ Class: _____

Please return to the Primary Office or College SAO - marked attention Jo Martin
Prepaid passes will NOT be available after 11/10/2013.
Passes on the day will be \$30.00 or \$5.00 ride (or 3 slides on Super Slide)

I am able to volunteer some time on the day of fete

INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



The art of sparenting

*Modern parenting has seen the rise of the uber-parent ... the parent who does it all!
Well move over uber-parent and make room for sparents. They have a role to play too.*



Modern parenting has seen the rise of the uber-parent... the parent who does it all, on their own.

In practice, parenting has never been done well in isolation. In previous generations, aunts, uncles, grandparents, god parents and family friends – spare parents, or **sparents** – have all played a part in raising kids.

Lately it's been back to the future as an increase in **adults without kids** (AWOKs) within our community means there are plenty of potential sparents around. These AWOKs are aunts, uncles, mates and friends. They are everywhere, and many are ready, willing and able to take on a **sparenting** role.

Sparenting is all the rage

A child can never have too many spare parents.

Most of the adults without kids that I know just hanker to do some **sparenting**. My 25-year-old daughter just loves to babysit her young niece; she phones her brother constantly asking if she can do so. The urge to be around babies, kids and teens can be strong and needs to be satisfied.

But sparents don't have to be adults without kids. Relatives and friends with kids make great sparents too.

Of course, it's all care and no responsibility: sparents give the kids back at the end of a day or weekend. But that's okay; you don't want to divest all the child-rearing to someone else.

Sparents are good for:

- ✓ **Filling a gender gap:** If you are raising a son in an all-female household then the regular presence of an uncle, grandfather or male family friend can be the role model that's needed. Similarly, girls in all-male households can benefit from sparenting by a female friend or relative.
- ✓ **Filling a talent or interest gap:** Kids usually appreciate having an adult to share their interests, but it's hard for parents to be across all their children's hobbies and activities. Relatives or family friends can be well-placed to fill the interest void that occurs in some families.
- ✓ **Babysitting and child-minding:** There is always a need for reliable carers for kids from tots to early teens.
- ✓ **Mentoring kids who don't want to listen to their parents:** Teenage boys and girls benefit from having a number of trusted relatives or adult friends in their lives to talk with. Sparents make great confidantes and coaches for young people at a time when they are seeking independence from their parents.
- ✓ **Bringing a fresh voice and perspective to kids' lives:** Ever noticed how kids of all ages will listen to other adults more than they listen to their parents, even though the message is the same? It's frustrating, but that has always been the reality of raising children and young people.
- ✓ **Doing fun (and costly) things with kids:** Adults without kids usually have more disposable income than parents, placing them a good position spoil your kids. Okay, this may be a little trite but there is nothing too much wrong with the occasional splurge from adults who may have a little excess cash to share, particularly when your purse strings are stretched.

Child-rearing has always been best when it's a community affair. The recent trend towards uber-parenting – parenting as an individual endeavour – has been to the detriment of both kids and parents.

So move over *uber-parent* and make room for some sparents, because they too have a lot to offer your kids.

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