Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Whole School Thanksgiving Mass – Thursday, 20 November.

I would like to remind our parents about our whole school Thanksgiving mass which is on at 9.00am tomorrow in the Doyle Centre. This mass will be an opportunity for thanks to God for the many parents and friends who have helped out in our school over the course of this year. Our children will be leading the mass with the readings and Prayers of the Faithful. Fr Ken Howell, our Parish Priest, will be our celebrant for this mass. Following the mass we will be hosting a Morning Tea for any of our visitors in the school Staff Room. We should be finished with this Morning Tea by around 10.30am. Please come along to join with your children in worship.

Gross Motor Program

For a number of years John and Trish Greig have been coming to Marymount to provide our Gross Motor Program for our younger children. Sadly this will not be the case in 2015 as we will make changes to the provision of Physical Education and Gross Motor activities for these children. We are also falling to the pressure of a reduced budget because of the loss of our Year 7 cohort. This significant change to Queensland schooling has wide-reaching ramifications especially when it means a reduced enrolment of almost 100 children compared to this year.

I would like to thank Trish and John for the great role which they have played in supporting our children over the years. Many have benefited from their knowledge and skill base and their ongoing commitment towards helping our children pick up so many varying physical and mental skills. John and Trish certainly encourage the ideals of persistence and practice and we are indebted to them both for the many hours which they have given to us.

Our early year’s teachers, many of whom have been present whilst John and Trish have worked with the children, will be looking to incorporate this skills program into their weekly and daily programs.

Thanks to the P & F Association

I would like to thank our Parents and Friends Association for helping to cover the costs for construction of a small shelter shed near the entrance to our school ovals. This project is completed and shortly our plumber will be connecting drink taps and a drink trough to this shelter. This is also being funded through our P & F Levy. This shelter and drink station came about as a direct action from one of our P & F Meetings earlier in the year. It has been great to see our P & F actively supporting our children through the levy over the course of this year with projects like the extra 125 mini laptops, the replacement of the soft fall under the Prep play equipment and now this one. Well done to our Executive Committee and our members for another great year.

Class Lists for 2015

Our Class lists for next year will be going out to the children next Monday, 24 November, at the close of the school day. The children will be given a flyer with their class teacher for next year and the others in their class. The lists have taken a number of weeks to compile as they take in many facets of school life. Changes will not be made to these lists once they are sent out. We will then have an orientation session for the new classes on the last Tuesday of our school year – 2 December – from 11.15am til 1.00pm so that the children have the opportunity to meet their new classmates and teachers. I would ask that as parents you keep positive with your child about the changes for next year. Change is a natural part of life and we need to help our children work through these things so that we are skilling them for later in life. I thank you in advance for this.

Semester Two Reports

Our report cards for this semester will be sent home with the children in a sealed envelope on Friday, 28 November, at the end of the day. These reports provide an analysis of the work completed by your child over the course of this semester. Our teachers have put a great deal of effort into the compilation of these reports and their accompanying portfolios and I would like to thank them for this. If you would like to meet with your child’s respective class teacher to discuss their report I would ask that you follow our usual protocols of contacting them to find a suitable time. I would ask that you steer away from the before school timeslots as this is often not the best time for them to give you their full attention as they are preparing for the day.

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**End of School – Friday, 5 December**

Our school closes for the year for the children on Friday, 5 December, at 12.00pm. Our Year 7 and Year 6 children will effectively finish up with us on the Wednesday (3.12) and Thursday (4.12) of this week as we wish them farewell from their primary schooling years. I would ask that parents start to plan now for this early closure on the last day and to organise pick-up for your children at the above time. Our Outside School Hours Care Unit will be open but their places are limited. I have asked the teachers to bring this last day closing to the attention of their classes so that the children are also aware of this finish.

Thanks for reading – enjoy the rest of the week.

Yours in Christ

*Greg Casey*

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**School Banking News – Important Dates**

The last day of School Banking for 2014 will be on Tuesday 2nd December.

The last day that you will be able to order a reward for 2014 is next Tuesday 25th of November.

Please remember that the CBA has run out of the following rewards, whale shark pencil cases, penguin key rings, handballs and swimming bags.

Happy Banking!

The Banking Ladies

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**Year 1 Pirate Park Excursion**

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**Patron Parent Events**

(Thank you to these volunteers who facilitate the building and strengthening of networks at Marymount Primary)

Yr 3A - Coffee - Friday 21 Nov after drop off @ Woodbox Cafe Tallebudgera Creek Road, West Burleigh

Yr 1A - Coffee - Fri 21 Nov after drop off @ Zarraffas, Stockland

Yr 0R - End of Year Dinner - Friday 21st Nov @ 7.30pm - Justin Lane, Gold Coast Hwy, Burleigh Heads.

RSVP to Tanya 0431 974 668 by 18th Nov

Yr 1A - End of Year Dinner - Wed 26th Nov @ 7 pm. Willow Dining – 1840 Gold Coast Hwy Burleigh.

RSVP 24th Nov to Shelley 0403 917 736.

Yr 4 - Combined Yr 4 Mum’s dinner - Thurs 27th Nov @ 7pm - Vecchia Roma – Cnr GC Hwy & W Burleigh Rd.

RSVP 24th Nov Lesley Gamble 0416 863 397 or Bronwyn Ward 0405 540 952

Yr 3P - End of Year Dinner - Friday 28th Nov. @ 7pm - AVVIA Restaurant –23rd Ave / Gold Coast Hwy, Palm Beach

RSVP 24th Nov to Tanya 0431 974 668 or Catherine 0411 442 357
The last things
This morning we paid our last visit for the year to the residents of Ozanam Villa. We celebrated Mass with Fr Lucius and the ‘regulars’ who always appreciate our company and prayer. We look forward to seeing them in 2015.

Our final Mass for the year will take place TOMORROW morning in the Doyle Centre at 9am. Fr Ken will lead us in thanksgiving for our experiences this year and for the contributions made by all the volunteers who make our everyday life at Marymount possible. Please join us for morning tea after Mass in the staffroom.

Class liturgies have concluded for the year. We sincerely thank Fathers Ken, Lucius and Houng for their leadership and flexibility during the year. We have built a close relationship with each of these men and very much appreciate them sharing their talents and time with us.

Enjoy the rest of the week.

Bernadette Christensen
**UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP**

Operating hours for Term 4  
Monday to Friday - 8.10am - 10.30am and 2pm - 3.15pm  
**Bookshop will close on November 28 and will re-open 20 January 2015.**

**REMINDER**  
Payment for 2015 booklists is due. If unable to pay by Wednesday 28 November please contact Jenny Mellifont to arrange layby.  
Phone 55 208 410

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Students V Staff Football  
Today Year 6 students took on staff in a “winner takes all” rugby match at morning tea.  
Staff were winners with a score of 3-1. Staff will take on Year 7 students next week in another tough game but staff go in confident they can topple the student team!  
Well done to all players on both teams!

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**Tuckshop News**  
Please know that lasagne is available everyday not just Tuesday’s. Brownies, sausage rolls, spinach ricotta rolls, rice paper rolls, traffic light jelly, G/F pasta and pizzas, fried rice and icy twists are no longer available for the year. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. The menu at Marymount has a large variety of menu items so there is always something else to choose. We are still looking for volunteers to help out when you may have any spare time. Thank you to those who continue to volunteer.

Please note last day of Tuckshop will be Wednesday 3rd December

Natalie

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