Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

2015 Prep Orientation Sessions
Yesterday we were joined by our new Prep children for 2015 as we conducted our Orientation morning for them. This involved the children coming into their classes for next year and doing a number of activities for just over an hour. They were able to meet their class teachers for next year and also share time with the children who will be their classmates in 2015. As we have had heavy pressure for placements in Prep for next year we have been able to run with a sixth class grouping again. At this stage we have over 150 children listed for Prep and this will give us six classes of 25 children. Our Prep teachers for next year are Una Deem, Samantha Edwards, Therese Hockings, Deanne Krueger, Jan Mariais and Vanessa Munro. Therese, Deanne and Vanessa will join us again as contract teachers for the year and we are very excited to be able to retain their skills and talents again for 2015. It was an exciting morning for the children and we are now looking eagerly forward to the new year.

Teacher Long Service Awards – 30 & 20 Years
Next Wednesday at our normal assembly we will be honouring the service to Brisbane Catholic Education of two of our staff members. Bernadette Christensen, our Assistant Principal – Religious Education, will celebrate 30 years and Kathy Frost, one of our Year 6 teachers, 20 years as teachers within Catholic Education. These are remarkable achievements and I would like to congratulate them both on reaching these milestones.

Bernadette has been mainly involved with schools on the Gold Coast region whilst Kathy has spent time in and around the southern areas of Brisbane. Kathy also taught in the Canberra Diocese for a time. With these years of teaching comes much wisdom and the children of our school have benefited from this for the last 10 years. At the assembly I will be presenting Bernadette and Kathy with certificates of appreciation on behalf of our Archbishop, Mark Coleridge, and our Executive Director, Pam Betts. Similar ceremonies will be held across the archdiocese over the next week or so. Congratulations again to Bernadette and Kathy on these significant milestones – many have benefited from your passion and dedication to Catholic education.

Class Liturgies of the Word
Over the last two weeks children from many of our classes have been celebrating Liturgies of the Word which are a different form of prayer worship in our Catholic faith. The liturgies follow a simple format of readings from the Gospels, and other parts of the Bible, which are linked in with daily prayers offered up by the children and at times some songs. We have been blessed by the presence of our priests – Fathers Ken, Huong and Lucius – at different class worship sessions and they have been able to break open the Gospel messages with the children. The liturgies have had some extra meaning during this term as we have been holding services with our Buddy classes. These celebrations will continue for the rest of this term and my thanks is extended to our class teachers for helping the children to prepare for them. Our program of class liturgies has helped to give our children an experience of community worship and we will continue to offer these to the classes. As an extension of this form of liturgy we will be looking to hold a full school mass on Thursday, 20 November. This mass will be a great opportunity for all of us to come together in prayer and to share in the Eucharist. We will also use it as a way of thanking God for all of the great things which we have witnessed as a school community this year. I would ask that parents please mark this date in your diaries. We will hold the mass at 9.00am in the Doyle Centre.

World Teachers Day – Friday, 31 October
This coming Friday is a day set aside throughout the world to celebrate the vocation of teaching. At Marymount we don’t just recognise our teaching staff but also those many professional School Officers who help to create a safe and caring learning environment here in our school. These staff are our Prep Teacher Assistants, our Learning Enhancement and Library Teacher Assistants and office secretarial and finance staff. Our school is made up of many parts and if we take away one part then the rest suffers – such is the importance of our interdependence. Therefore, this Friday rather than to look at it as just Teachers Day, I would prefer to see it as World Educators Day as each of our staff...
is able to impart or pass on their own respective bit of knowledge in their efforts to educate the whole child. Best wishes to all of our staff for this important day of recognition.

We will be celebrating this day on Wednesday, 5 November, at our school assembly when we recognise the efforts of Bernadette and Kathy (see above).

**Good and Reasonable Quality Uniforms**

As our school year draws closer to the final days for 2014 I am writing to request your help with supporting those families within our school who may need assistance with uniforms for 2015. We will be losing two year levels with our 6's and 7's moving on to the secondary sphere and I was wondering if there may be any uniforms which are still in good or reasonable condition that may be donated to a pool which we can use to help for families who are struggling. If you can help here please send these uniforms into our Uniform Shop and we will be able to go from there. Thank you in advance for your anticipated support with this matter.

Thanks for your time this week – enjoy the next few days.

Yours in Christ

*Greg Casey*

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**STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES**

**Semester 2, 2014**

**Bus Fare Assistance**

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $25/week on fares to and from school (if $20/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

**Students with Disabilities**

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au) by 31 October 2014.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

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**Marymount Primary and Marymount College Combined Piano & Keyboard Recital**

Let us Entertain you! Come and support your fellow Marymount Musicians and enjoy an afternoon of music from our talented piano and keyboard students. There will also be a presentation of awards following each concert.

- **Date:** Sunday 2nd November
- **Time:** 12:00 pm and 3:00pm concert (performers please see Mrs Kirstein for your performance time)
- **Venue:** Parkwood International Golf Course “Estate Room”
- **Napper Road Parkwood**
- **Admission:** PERFORMERS FREE!
- **Adults $12** Pensioners $5 Children $3

Tickets purchased on the day. Hope to see you there.
Day For Daniel
Marymount Primary is pleased to support the work of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation in highlighting personal safety for children. We will participate in the wear-red-for-Daniel day on Friday October 31 and each class will highlight an aspect of the Keeping Kids Safe campaign.

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation Inc. (DMF) is committed to Keeping Kids Safe. It was established by parents Bruce and Denise Morcombe in 2005 after their son Daniel was abducted and murdered in December 2003 while waiting to catch a bus on the Sunshine Coast. The Foundation was established as a lasting legacy to Daniel and now has two main aims; to educate children on how to stay safe in a physical and online environment and to support young victims of crime.

All Saints and All Souls feast days (Nov 1 & 2)
Yr 4R led us in a very heartfelt assembly today as we remembered the influence of both the well-known saints and the members of our families and friends who have died. These feast days have long been part of the liturgical calendar and express our Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially the souls of those who have died.

Don’t forget the Band Concert on Wednesday evening @ 6.30pm in the Theatrette. We will be joined by Mr Wilkin’s guitar and vocal groups for an evening of entertainment. This is both a celebration of our progress and an opportunity to learn more about the programs offered at Marymount.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Bernadette Christensen

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

Yr 0S - Coffee - Fri 31 October after drop off @ Coffee Club, Stockland
Yr 2M - Coffee - Fri 7 Nov @ 12.30pm @ Teavine House, 268 Tallebudgera Creek Road, Talle Valley. RSVP Nov 3 - Alison 0403 040 422
Yr 5 - Coffee Mon 3rd November after drop off @ Woodbox Cafe, Tallebudgera Creek Rd, West Burleigh
Yr 0P - End of year family lunch Sun 9 Nov 12pm @ West Burleigh Tavern, Jumping castle, face painting and kids play area. RSVP Anne-Maree 0408 788 149 by 5 Nov.
Hello everyone, we have just over 5 weeks left to the end of term. The tuckshop will be running stock down so please take note of items that will no longer be available for the year. We apologise for any inconvenience.

We are always looking for anyone who would like to volunteer some of their spare time in the tuckshop. If you can spare some time please contact the ladies in the tuckshop. Thank you to those who help us out, we greatly appreciate anytime you can give.

Natalie

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UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

Operating hours for Term 4
Monday to Friday - 8.10am - 10.30am and 2pm - 3.15pm

REMINDER
Payment for 2015 booklists is due by Wednesday 5 November. If you have not yet received a copy please contact the bookshop.

Phone 55 208 410