

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

### **Eisteddfod Success for Prep Class**

I would like to congratulate our Prep OP class for their wonderful efforts with last Thursday's Gold Coast Eisteddfod success. Our Prep class, led by their teacher, Therese Hockings, and Teacher Assistant, Angie Finn, won their respective section. They participated in the Prep Class Verse Speaking section with seven other choirs from schools across the Gold Coast. It was an exciting morning for them with a bus trip to and from the Gold Coast Arts Centre as well as the opportunity to perform for lots of parents, grandparents and other children in a huge auditorium with lights, curtains and back stage rooms. Our best wishes go to the children and especially to Therese who worked with them for a number of weeks to bring the poem to life in such an exhilarating way. The children received a massive welcome from many of the other classes including some of our older classes and their Buddy class upon their return. It was 'Rock Star' stuff and well deserved.



### **Marymount Day Liturgy and Fun Day – Friday, 5 September**

This Friday morning our two schools will join together for a Liturgy of the Word to celebrate our annual Marymount Day. This day celebrates the birth of Mary, Jesus' mother, and is a special feast day for our schools as Mary is our patron. Fr Ken Howell will lead our worship service in the Doyle Centre from 9.15am. It will also be an opportunity for our schools to donate small goods to our local St Vincent de Paul group. This donation is a simple way of showing our support for, and outreach to, those more needy in our community. There is still time for our families to send in non-perishable items (see list outlined later in this newsletter) so that we can share our good fortune with others who need help at this time.

Following our liturgy we will have an early Morning Tea and then break into our "Buddy" class groups for some fun activities. These were cancelled a few weeks back due to the rain. Our parents are most welcome to come along to the liturgy which should be finished just after 10.00am.

### **Parish Church News**

Yesterday afternoon we were informed that the final Development Approval for the new parish church on this school site had been passed through Council. There had been a few issues which needed Council ratification and these were sorted out at their meeting. Jim Littlefield, our Parish Manager, informed us that the process of tendering would begin shortly with a view for construction to possibly start in January of next year. This is very exciting news for our parish and we wish them well for the next few months as they go through the final details for the building program.

### **Thanks to Kerry**

For over 12 years now our school has benefited from the expertise of Kerry Homer who has been employed as our Swimming Instructor. Kerry has worked with children from Years 1 to 7 every year and taught them the key life skills of water safety and learning to swim – for children in our neck of the woods, a very important and lifesaving skill. Sadly Kerry has had to withdraw from this position and move on to other roles outside of our school. I would like to thank Kerry for her commitment, passion and dedication to our children over the last twelve years. This will be greatly missed.

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### **Coming Events**

**Wednesday September 3**  
Yr 0A - Whole School Assembly  
Yr 7A - Ozanam Villa visit

**Thursday September 4**  
Catholic Athletics & Ball Games  
Carnivals

**Friday September 5**  
Marymount Day  
9.15am - Liturgy (Doyle Centre)

**Sunday September 7**  
Father's Day

**Monday September 8**  
7pm - P & F Meeting

**Wednesday September 10**  
Yr 2Y - Whole School Assembly

**Friday September 12**  
P-2 Athletics Carnival

**Friday September 19**  
End of Term



### **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

As a consequence of Kerry's moving on, we would like to seek Expressions of Interest from people keen to take up this role. As we have to share the pool with our College our timetable for usage varies each week as the College have a rolling timetable for their classes. The position though, would average around ten (10) hours per week and it involves teaching Learn to Swim classes or Stroke correction to children from the above year levels during 30 to 40 minutes blocks. We would look to start our program from the beginning of Term 4 and the successful applicant would need to have a current First Aid certificate and Aus Swim qualifications or their similar measures. Please send in your EOI to our Parent Reception or email it to [pburleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pburleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au) by Tuesday afternoon, 9 September. If you need further information please contact Tony Barron, our Assistant Principal, through our Parent Reception.

#### ***Catholic Athletics and Ball Games Carnivals – Thursday, 4 September***

Good luck to all of children who are competing in both of these carnivals as part of the Marymount squads tomorrow. The Athletics will be at Pizzey Park from 9.00am and the Ball Games will be held at St Kevin's Catholic School at Benowa. Parents are very welcome to come along and support the children on the day.

#### ***P-2 Athletics Carnival – Friday, 12 September***

Our annual P-2 Athletics Fun Day is set down for the above date with a starting time of 9.15am. It will be held (weather-permitting) on our main oval and will involve all children from these classes. Activities will include Ball Games, running races and relays, hurdles (jumping over our football post protectors), High Jump and other fun activities. The children will rotate as a class group from each activity. There will be a March Past to start the day's proceedings. Once again our parents are most welcome to join us for the day or part of it. We should be finished by Big Lunch and if parents wish to take their children home at this time they would need to see their child's respective class teacher and sign them out from there. Here's hoping for great weather on the day.

#### ***Prep Fathers' Day Parties***

Congratulations to our six Prep classes for their Fathers' Day parties which were held yesterday afternoon in their respective classes. We had a great roll-up of dads (and a few Grandads) for the evening and they were able to join in playing games with their children, doing puzzles, colouring and some other good fun activities. Some of them even had the chance to have a shave courtesy of their children (some shaving cream and a paddle pop stick)!! I would like to thank our dads for making the effort to share their time with us and the children. It was really appreciated. Our thanks also goes to our Prep staff for helping to co-ordinate the evening's events.

#### ***September Parents and Friends Meeting***

Our next P & F meeting is to be held on this coming Monday evening, 8 September, at 7.00pm in our school's Staff room. Our meeting will discuss planned expenditure of the P & F Levy as well as have our standard reports. It is anticipated that we would be finished by 8.30pm.

#### ***Happy Fathers' Day***

This weekend sees the celebration of Fathers' Day across Australia. On behalf of our school community, I would like to wish all of our dads, grandads and other significant males in the lives of our children a very relaxing and enjoyable day. It could be a good day to have a backyard barbie, or to go fishing or play golf, or to simply sit back and watch some of the finals footy in the AFL, or the last round of the NRL, or hopefully watch the Wallabies dust the Springboks in the Rugby Union on Saturday night!! Whatever your likes I hope that the day is a good chance to share with your children and enjoy some great family time.

Thanks for reading this week. Enjoy the coming weekend.

Yours in Christ

**Greg Casey**



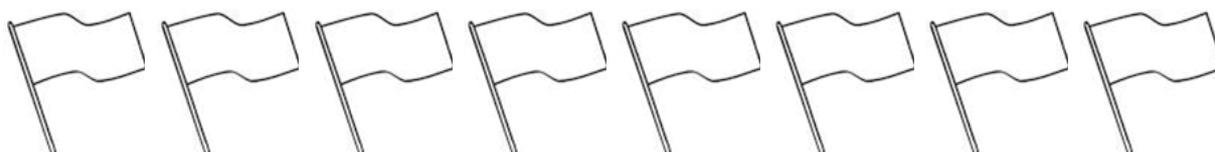
### **We come from many lands ..**

As part of Marymount Day celebrations I would like to involve all students in putting together a visual display of the diversity of backgrounds our families represent. I ask that each family has a discussion about the countries their ancestors come from.

- Choose one or two countries and draw/colour in a flag of that nation.
- Make it a half A4 size (about the size of this sheet)
- Leave a gap on the left hand side to wrap the flag around a straw
- Stick with glue or tape to secure the flag to the top part of the straw
- Write your family name on the back and the country represented
- Bring it in to your class teacher by Wednesday 3 September

Need help??

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/flag-colouring-pages>  
or see your teacher or come to the office to ask Ms Christensen



### **Marymount Day 2014**

Each year the college and primary communities gather in prayer to recognise the birthday of our namesake, Mary. In 2014 this will take the form of a Liturgy of the Word on Friday 5 September at 9.15am in the Doyle Centre. We will reflect on Mary's influence in the life of the Church and most particularly on her role as mother to Jesus. The scripture readings of the day this year focus our thoughts on the genealogy of Jesus and on his family connection through time to the chosen people of God.

Similarly this year we will reflect on the ethnic diversity of the families in our community. Please take a little time to engage as a family with the flag activity as described above. This simple visual expression of our diversity highlights the richness of the experience which students bring to life at Marymount every day.

A major aspect of Marymount Day celebrations are our outreach efforts to others. We support St Vincent de Paul in their work for local families. Please consider purchasing the following items when you shop for groceries this week.

- Prep - packets of jelly, museli bars, combs
- Yr 1 – cracker biscuits, vegemite, cakes of soap
- Yr 2 – 2 minute noodles, Weet-Bix, toothbrushes
- Yr 3 – tea bags, sml jars of coffee, sml tissues
- Yr 4 – canned potatoes, canned corn, roll-on deodorant
- Yr 5 – packets of pasta & sauce, dry soup mix, toothpaste
- Yr 6/7 – pasta sauces, items for hygiene packs



Enjoy the rest of the week

**Bernadette Christensen**

### **“Behold the Handmaid of the Lord” - Contemplating the Annunciation.**

In this month when the Church honours Mary the mother of Jesus, this prayer and reflection day is designed to ponder with Mary the mystery of the Annunciation. Using the ancient prayer of the Church, the Lectio Divina, you are invited to be still and contemplate this mystery in a guided meditation using a Gospel text and the representation of this mystery in art.

When: Saturday 27 September, 2014 at Sacred Heart Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm. Cost \$35. BYO lunch. Tea and coffee provided.

Bookings/enquiries: Helen Goldsmith  
ph. 0412 894 356 [helengoldsmith@bigpond.com](mailto:helengoldsmith@bigpond.com).

### **Patron Parent Events**

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

Yr 1M - Family dinner - Friday Sept 5 @ Robina Tavern 6.30pm.  
RSVP to Aimee or Natalie.

Yr 4Y - Coffee - Tues Sept 19 after drop off @ Zarraffas, Stockland

Yr 0R - Coffee - Wed Sept 10 after drop-off @ Zarraffas, Stockland

Yr 1Y - Coffee - Thurs Sept 11 after drop-off @ Woodbox Cafe,  
Tallebudgera Ck Rd, West Burleigh RSVP Liz - 0417 180 860

Yr 0P - Coffee - Mon Sept 15 after drop-off @ Zarraffas Stockland.  
Ann-Maree - 0408 788 149

Yr 2M - Coffee - Tues Sept 16 @ 1pm @ Burleigh Bluff Cafe,  
Goodwin Tce. RSVP Sept 8 - Alison 0403 040 422

Elite Rhythmic Gymnastics

All Ages Welcome!

Doyle Centre

Beginners Classes

Monday 3.30pm to 4.30pm

For more information contact Tatiana on 0403 034 914

## From our Assistant Principal

Tony Barron

### **New Caledonian Visitors**

During Term 4, (October 6th to 10th) 34 students aged 10 - 12 years old will be visiting the Gold Coast from Sacre-Couer Primary School, Noumea, New Caledonia.

We need around 20 host families for this exciting visit. If you are interested in hosting some of these students from Monday afternoon until Friday morning please complete the information slip enclosed with this newsletter and return it to your child's teacher or the office this week.

Many of the students like to be billeted in pairs, and this is often easier for you as a family too. This year we have 15 boys and 19 girls visiting.

Nothing extra special is required for hosting these students. You don't need to speak fluent French, you don't need to organise extra activities, and you don't need extra bedrooms or beds (a mattress in the room is ok). Your billet travels with your children to and from school, and once here are looked after by our staff and Sacre-Couer staff for the day. Most times the students arrive back at school around 3pm for pickup.

Once we have matched families with students, I will forward home an information package to you. The students are very excited and are looking forward to visiting and staying on the Gold Coast. If you are interested in hosting a student simply complete and return the information slip as mentioned above.

Thanks

**Tony Barron**

### Thoughts from your School Counsellor

Michael Grose has placed 20 affirming Father's Day quotes on his blog for us to share with our Dads. Go to this blogpost.

The insights article this week is also all about being a Great Dad. I trust you enjoy the reading

I am also including a link to the Parenting Ideas Magazine for you to read at your leisure. [http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parent\\_Magazine.html](http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Parent_Magazine.html)

My best wishes for the week ahead

**Mary Sanders**

msanders@bne.catholic.edu.au



I would like to thank the lovely volunteers who have given up their time and helped out in the tuckshop. We are starting to see a few more new faces and new friends.

We are (as) always on the lookout for an extra pair of hands in the tuckshop so if you have any free time you could spare and would like to help out please call Natalie at the tuckshop on 55208413. We appreciate any help big or small even if you have as little as an hour to spare.

Monday 8 Sept	Tuesday 9 Sept	Wednesday 10 Sept	Thursday 11 Sept	Friday 12 Sept
Georgia	Jade	Annette	Linda	Tracey
Monday 15 Sept	Tuesday 16 Sept	Wednesday 17 Sept	Thursday 18 Sept	Friday 19 Sept
	Angela	Georgia	Linda	Tracey

# Sport News

## **Regional Athletics**

Congratulations to our nine Marymount students who competed at the Regional Athletics Carnival yesterday. Jayden Wright, Ellie Beer, Lewis Treggiden, Polly Deane-Johns, Toby Mayes, Hannah Mitchell, Nalani Beckley, Joseph Nelson and Tatiana Wright. They competed as part of the Gold Coast South District Athletics Team.

Four of our nine students qualified to go on to the State Athletics carnival as part of the South Coast Regional Team and are listed below.

**Nalani Beckley – Long Jump**  
**Jayden Wright – 100m & 200m**

**Tatiana Wright – Multi Event**  
**Ellie Beer – 100m, 200m, 800m and Multi Event**

## **Toby Mayes**

A special mention to one of our Year 7 boys, Toby Mayes. Toby has been very busy over the last few weeks competing at several representative sporting events.

Two weeks ago Toby traveled to Sydney to compete in the National Royal Life Saving Championships where he collected 2 gold medals.

Last weekend Toby competed at the Regional Rugby Union Carnival. The South Coast team placed second overall at the carnival and Toby was voted player of the carnival.

Yesterday (Tuesday 2 September) Toby participated at the Regional Athletics Carnival as part of the Gold Coast South District Team. He placed 4th in his shot put event, just one place from qualifying for the South Coast Team.

Tomorrow (Thursday 4 September) Toby will compete for our school at the Gold Coast Catholic Primary Schools Athletics Carnival at Pizzey Park.

Congratulations Toby on some outstanding results over several different sports.

## **Catholic Athletics and Ballgames**

Best of luck to our Athletics and Ballgames teams for the upcoming Catholic Carnivals tomorrow (Thursday 4 September). The teams have been training hard over the last few weeks and will be looking forward to some great results.

The bus to Pizzey Park for athletics will leave Marymount at 8.15. Please meet Mr Elliott in front of the Doyle Centre.

Please see Athletics carnival program included with this newsletter.

## **Paul Hill**

On the 23rd and 24th of August, six of our talented music students proudly represented Marymount Primary at the Somerset Festival for Young Performers.

All students performed outstandingly and were awarded ribbons for their solo piano performances in their respective age divisions.

Congratulations goes to Mia Forbes and Daniel Komada who placed first in their section receiving a blue ribbon, Emily Crilly, Ben Arnold and Megan Stapleton for receiving a 2nd place (red ribbon) and Benjamin Crilly for receiving a very highly commended purple ribbon. All these students have made excellent progress this year and your Marymount peers and teachers commend you on a job well done!

*(Apologies to Mia Forbes who was absent on the day of the photo).*

## Performance News



### **BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH**

Parish Office Hours 9,00am to 5,00pm  
Parish Manager: Mr Jim Littlefield  
Parish Pastor: Fr Ken Howell

3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters (Postal PO Box 73, Burleigh Heads)  
Parish Pastoral Team  
Associate Pastors: Fr Huang Van Nguyen & Fr Lucius Edomodi

Phone: 5576 6317/5576 6466 FAX: 5576 7143  
EMAIL: burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au  
Pastoral Associates: Sr Patricia Tomlinson

# Gold Coast Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival

UPDATED 2013 – PIZZEY PARK ATHLETICS TRACK, MIAMI

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**Marymount**  
Primary School

# New Caledonian Visit

**Help Needed**

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**We urgently need a number of host families for this exciting visit.** If you are interested in hosting some of these students please complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher or the office this week. Once we have matched families with students, I will forward home an information package to you. The students are very excited and are looking forward to spending some time with an Australian family so they can immerse themselves in our language and culture.

**If possible the teachers would like their students billeted in pairs.**

*The students only need to be billeted for the school week (Mon-Fri).* This means that hopefully there is less strain on families involved in weekend activities.

Also, it is not necessary to have a spare room for the visitors as the children can bunk down on mattresses or make-shift beds. They do not require special foods or the provision of any special activities.

From our experience the program is an enjoyable one for families. Please consider being involved in this program and I look forward to a very successful Noumean visit for 2014.

**Tony Barron**  
**APA**

*Yes I am interested in hosting New Caledonian student/s.*

**PARENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DAY CONTACT PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CLASS** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CIRCLE – BOYS/GIRLS ONE/TWO/THREE**

# Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

## Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

## Being a great dad

Many dads tell me that they want a better relationship with their children, particularly their sons, than they had with their own fathers.



There's no doubt that fathering has changed in recent years. Gone is the distant dad of the 1960's and 70's who saw his main job as keeping a roof over his family's head and bread on the table. An occasional game in the backyard and dishing out the heavy discipline that mums couldn't deal with was the extent of his involvement with his kids.

Many dads tell me that they want a better relationship with their children, particularly their sons, than they had with their own fathers. Sadly, many men still don't enjoy a close relationship with their fathers, but they are determined to change things with their own kids.

**Here are seven ideas to help you form close relationships with your kids, and maximise your effectiveness as a parent and a partner:**

### 1 Find something in common with your kids

Dads need something in common with their children. They relate better when they have a shared interest or shared passion with their kids. Many men relate to their kids while being active, and teach many important lessons through games and play. But if sport is not your bag, find something else that you and your kids have in common. A common interest is a great help for fathers who live apart from their kids who are looking to maximise the time they have with them.

### 2 Spend time with your sons

A dad can do little wrong in the eyes of a young boy. From around the age of five years a boy thinks his dad is like superman. Ironically, he may give his mum a hard time at this stage. Dads need to spend as much time with their sons in these impressionable years as possible. They just need to be careful not to push their sons too hard or turn every game into a lesson. That's when boys turn off their dads.

### 3 Don't whip out on discipline

Dads are traditionally the kings of play, but they can go missing when it comes to discipline. They get their kids excited in a game before going to bed, then expect their partner to settle them down. It helps if both parents can take their share of managing children's behaviour.

### 4 Treat your daughters well

There are strong links between close fathering and the healthy development of girls. Dads teach their daughters strong lessons about how they should be treated by males. So dads need to treat their daughters respectfully so they learn to expect this treatment in their future relationships with men.

### 5 Say good bye Superman, hello Clarke Kent

Adolescent boys are programmed to challenge their fathers. It's part of the growing up process. Australian author John Marsden refers to this phenomenon as the 'old ram, young ram syndrome'. He's right. It's a type of rite of passage

that plays out in many Australian homes. Verbal jousting matches are a popular father-son game where boys take great delight in proving their fathers are fallible. A dad at this stage needs a sense of humour as well as a willingness to stand back and allow other mentors in to his son's life.

### 6 Support your partner

Fathers may play an integral part in the lives of their children but they also have a profound effect on the quality of mothering that children receive. There is little doubt that a woman who can share the emotional and financial burdens of child-rearing with a supportive partner is more likely to be a loving, affirming mother. Supportive fathering is one of the keys to better mothering.

### 7 Change as your child changes

Kids grow up at the speed of light and change before you know it. They're kids one day and teenagers the next. They can catch many fathers unaware. The most effective dads are those who change their parenting to suit the needs of their kids at each stage of development, rather than stubbornly hold to outmoded ideas of how they think their kids should be.

Those fathers who are a little apprehensive or lack sufficient confidence should become involved in as many aspects of parenting as they can. The best way to learn about parenting is by doing it. Children are a terrific resource for fathers - men can learn about children from children themselves. By being alert, watchful and learning to listen to their children fathers can learn all they need to know about parenting.



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