

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

What a Wonderful Marymount Day

Last Friday our school and Marymount College celebrated the birthday of Jesus' mother Mary with a combined school Liturgy of the Word in the Doyle Centre. The liturgy was led by our Parish Priest, Fr Ken Howell and we also welcomed one of our Associate priests, Fr Lucius Edomobi, to our gathering. We had special visitors from our local Burleigh Heads St Vincent de Paul conference including their President Dot Farley and conference member Hans Van Mossveld who was Principal of our school from 1978 to 1994. Each year our schools gift St Vincent de Paul with baskets full of groceries and non-perishables for them to redistribute to those more needy around our local area. This year we passed on over a hundred baskets for this appeal which is a great achievement and a visible sign of what great things our schools, through your continuing parental support, can do for those in our local community.

Before our liturgy started we were able to hear from Hans about the early origins of Marymount Day. He was able to pass on a lovely story of how the children suggested bringing in goods and food for poorer families and the tradition has stayed on since those days. He also spoke of our school's ongoing devotion to Mary and how we have been blessed by her patronage for over forty years. It was great to have Hans with us for the morning and to hear some of the stories from our history.

In the middle and afternoon sessions we had fun activities organised for our classes on the oval. These games went really well and the children had the opportunity to mix with other classes and in particular their 'Buddy' classes. I would like to thank our Junior and Senior PE teachers, Leigh Yates and Paul Hill, for their co-ordination of these activities, the children really enjoyed them and we will look to plan something similar for next year.

Athletics & Ball Games Success

Last Thursday children from Years 1 to 7 joined together to form squads for our annual Catholic Athletics and Ball Games carnivals. Our children performed remarkably well and we ended up winning the Aggregate Points Shield in the Athletics and coming second in the Ball Games. There was great sportsmanship on display at both carnivals and it was great to see the huge efforts put in – they were certainly rewarded on the day. These very good achievements don't just happen – they are the result of a good deal of training by the children with our staff. This included training before school and at our Morning Tea and Lunch breaks. Well done to Leanne Crowe (Ball Games Co-ordinator) and Paul Hill (Athletics) for their commitment and incredible amount of time put in to ensuring that our children were ready and working well for these days. Thank you also to our many staff who helped in the training over the last two months. Congratulations to the children for their efforts across both carnivals and thank you to the large number of parents who came along to both venues to make the day all the more special for the children. Full results for the carnivals are detailed later in the newsletter.

P-2 Athletics Fun Day – Friday, 12 September

This exciting carnival is to be held on the oval on this coming Friday with a starting time of just after 9.00am. The children will come to class as normal and then move to the oval with their teachers for instructions and then the March Past. Their rotational activities will run either side of Morning Tea (Normal Time) and they should be finished by around 12.30pm. Parents are most welcome to come along on the morning to cheer the children on. Please ensure that your child has the full sports uniform (including their hat) and plenty of water and sun screen for the day.

Year 7 Canberra Excursion – Next Week

Our Year 7 children and staff fly out of the Gold Coast this Sunday morning bound for Sydney and then Canberra for their annual trip. They will come back to the Gold Coast on Thursday evening after a week of touring around our nation's capital visiting places like Parliament House, the War Memorial, Questacon, Yarralumla (GG's House), Mt Ainslie Lookout and so on. This trip is something which the children really look forward to each year and it is a very special learning adventure. I would like to thank our staff – Maree Wright, Diane Anderson, Rena Harvey, Emma Williams (Student Teacher with Year 7), Dan Allsopp, Dwayne Thorburn and Tony Barron for giving up their own family time to ensure that our children have a successful and exciting time away. Good luck to our Year 7's. We look forward to hearing of their adventures upon their return. If you want to follow their journey you can log on to our website www.marymountprimary.qld.edu.au and then click on the News & Events tab and link down to the 'Year 7 Canberra Trip 2014'. This will give you their daily itinerary as well as a link to photos from the trip.

Thanks for your time – enjoy the rest of the week ahead.

Yours in Christ, **Greg Casey**

Coming Events

Wednesday September 10
Yr 2Y - Whole School Assembly

Friday September 12
P-2 Athletics Carnival

Sunday September 14
Yr 7 depart for Canberra

Wednesday September 17
Yr 1P - Whole School Assembly
Yr 1M - Ozanam Villa
Yr 6 Public Speaking

Thursday September 18
Yr 3 Public Speaking
6.00pm - Yr 4 Camp -
Parent Meeting

Friday September 19
End of Term

Monday October 6
Labour Day Public Holiday

Tuesday October 7
Term 4 commences



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



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Happy Birthday Mary!

Did you know.....

Our school feast day is known as Marymount Day and takes place each year around the time of the liturgical feast of The Birth of The Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus (8 September). Mary's birth has been celebrated from ancient times, though her birth place or time of birth is not mentioned in scripture. The family record of Jesus Christ from the Gospel of Matthew is the principal reading for this feast (Matt 1:1-23). The long list of generations finds its completion in Mary. Like a shining star, her birth prepares for the dawn of the Saviour. She is the culmination of a line of people who prepared for the Word to become flesh.

This feast originated in Jerusalem about the sixth century, a development of the feast of the dedication of the church of Saint Anne, built in Jerusalem "where Mary was born". Observed in Rome in the seventh century, it was later used to determine the date of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Because of her importance in salvation history, Mary's birthday is celebrated as well as those of her son Jesus the Lord (25 December), and of Saint John the Baptist (24 June).

Devotion to Mary

Popes, bishops and teachers in the Church have described the important role Mary plays in the lives of Catholics. Mary's role in the Church comes about because of her involvement as mother in the birth and life of Christ, a life that ultimately leads to his death and resurrection. Thus Mary played a pivotal role in our ultimate salvation since we believe in Christ's death and resurrection as opening the way to heaven for us all.

Mary's special position commands respect and veneration that is greater than that given to the saints but is entirely different to the adoration that is due to God alone. Thus we don't pray 'to' Mary as we would to God but rather 'through' her as an intermediary. One of our favourite songs to sing at assemblies and gatherings is Andrew Chinn's "I Sing To Mary".

*I sing to Mary, our mother,
the one who heard God's call
The call to be the mother
of our Lord (of us all).
Gentle woman, loving mother,
Our Lady Queen of Peace
I sing to Mary,
the mother of our Lord
(of us all).*

(Ref - Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2673-2679)



We thank 2Y for leading us in singing Happy Birthday to Mary this morning and remembering her story.

Enjoy the week ahead.

Bernadette Christensen

Patron Parent Events

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

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

"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.



Congratulations to "Mary Amongst Us" award recipients who received medals and certificates at today's assembly.

Ruby Gallagher 1Y; Cooper Girgis 1P ; Grace Jackson 2Y; Max Tanaka 4Y; Lewis Treggiden 5P; Ryan Jago 6A; Janice Ngo 6A; Ellie Beer 6R; Lizzie Jeffries 6M; and Codey O'Neill 7A.

Sport News

Catholic Athletics

Congratulations to our Catholic Athletics Team who performed so well at last weeks Catholic Athletics Carnival. Our Marymount students won the Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Intermediate Boys and Intermediate Girls Trophies. Our Senior Girls were equal first with St Francis Xavier for the Senior Girls Trophy. Our Relay teams were dominant winning the Relay Trophy again for the 3rd year in a row.

This fantastic team effort ensured we had enough points to take out the Overall Pointscore Trophy ahead of Gardian Angles and St Francis Xavier.

I would like to thank all the staff who have helped out with training over the last few weeks. If it were not for them giving up their morning tea and lunchtime to help coach the children such outstanding results would not be possible.

Thank you also, to all the staff who had official duties at the carnival. Without your efforts we would not be able to run such a successful event.

And lastly thank you to all the children who gave up their playtime to practice for your events. Well done to you all. Awesome effort.

Paul Hill



Burleigh Cricket Club is inviting interested boys and girls in the under 12 and 13 age groups to sign-up to play cricket this year. Anyone interested in playing cricket this year can contact Lachlan Pegler of Burleigh Cricket Club on 0404 089 961. Information about the Club is available on the club website <http://www.burleighcricket.com.au/>

Congratulations to our various winners of the Language Perfect World Championships held last term.



Year 3M Cooking

One of our mums, Maya Brosnan, came to talk to the class about healthy eating and helped the kids make some 'Brainy Chocolate Balls'...a healthy snack for the kids to give their dads on Father's Day.



BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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• Student Guides • From 5:30pm • Mondays

13 OCTOBER - PLEASE CALL TO MAKE APPOINTMENT

Enquires or RSVP contact the Enrolment Secretary enrolment@marymount.qld.edu.au (5586 1003)

