

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

P & F Trivia Night Success

Our P & F Trivia Night held last Saturday night was a resounding success. The St Patrick's Day themed event created many laughs and some heated deliberations amongst the tables who were all named in line with the theme. The questions stumped many of us and some of the hopeful replies to the very difficult questions were hilarious and often quite inventive. Our event ran smoothly thanks to the work of our P & F President, Anthony Touzell, and our Secretary, Genevieve Sly, who co-chaired the evening. Genevieve put in many hours of time and effort to ensure that all had a great night and we are indebted to her for this magnificent effort. Genevieve also had great support from a number of other parents who did things from organising questions, to arranging for sponsorship support all the way down to helping to set up and clear up. These parents are listed in our P & F Extra which is included with this newsletter. Thanks to all those parents and staff who came along – here's to next year's Trivia Night and hopefully some easier questions!!

P & F March Meeting

Our March P & F meeting was held last Monday evening in our school staff room. It was an opportunity for our Friendly Schools Program to be outlined to our parent body and I would like to thank our three teachers who make up our school committee – Maureen Ruzans, Belinda Norton-Smith and Dan Allsopp – for doing this at the meeting. The program aims to provide our children with the language and skills necessary to help to make our school a positive and caring learning environment. The committee presented the video presentations which the children have created as tools to help get the message over about Friendly Schools and these can be accessed on our school website. We encourage you to watch them at home and talk about them with your children. They can be found at <http://www.mps.qld.edu.au/Students/FriendlySchools>.

At the meeting we also discussed some of the ideas for the expenditure of the P & F Levy for this year. Agreement was made to cover the purchase of a new LED sign for the car park entry area to the school. The sign can flash intermittent messages as well as pictures and can be seen more clearly than our present one which is found on our Prep – Year 2 building. This will replace the old static-letters one in our pool area which was also donated by our school's P & F. The new sign will cost just under the \$20 000 mark and we will hopefully be able to situate it during Term 2.

Agreement was also reached to purchase more play equipment for the Prep / Year one play area. This list included more sandpit play gear as well as blocks, climbing frame equipment, buckets, hoops and other miscellaneous playground sets. They will replace some of the old gear which is showing lots of wear and tear. These purchases will cost just under \$3000. I would like to thank our P & F for their support of the children and our school.

Catholic School Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our children who competed at last Friday's Catholic Primary Schools Swimming Carnival. We came second in the overall category behind Guardian Angels again, third in the Average trophy (Total points divided by number of children) and won three of the age division trophies. Paul Hill, our PE teacher, has full details of these age divisions later in the newsletter. The children were a credit to themselves and our school and they displayed great sportsmanship on the day. Thanks to Paul and Kevin Yates who looked after the squad on the day and the many parents who came along to support the children. It was a great day.

Marymount Combined Schools' Fete Meeting – Monday, 18 March – 6.00pm

We will be holding our next Fete meeting on this coming Monday evening at 6.00pm in our school staff room. If you are interested in helping with, or running a stall on the day it would be great if you could make it along to this meeting. We will also be looking at asking families from our schools and the local area for sponsorship for the fete. This can be through cash or prize donations for the big day in October. If you can help in this way I would ask that you contact our office to let us know. We expect the meeting to be finished by 7.00pm. Please feel free to come along or if you can't make it, email us to let us know how you would like to help. I look forward to seeing you there on Monday evening.

Sunlight Drive School Access

A number of parents have been talking to me in regard to the access road to the top area of our school which comes off Sunlight Drive and its condition. We are very aware that there are a number of potholes and wash-out areas and that some of these have grown in the last few weeks due to the weather conditions we have had. I have also spoken with our Parish Manager, Jim Littlefield, on the issue. We would normally have been able to fix these problem areas but the constancy of the rain has created several delays for the correction program.

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Coming Events

- Wednesday March 13**
Whole School Assembly - 5P
Ozanam Villa - 2M
- Thursday March 14**
9.00am - Patron Parents Meeting
- Friday March 15**
Green Day - Free Dress
National Anti-Bullying Day
Yr 1 Fairytale Day
- Monday March 18**
6.00am - Fete Committee Meeting
- Tuesday March 19**
Fried rice & water for Caritas
- Wednesday March 20**
Whole School Assembly - 2A
Ozanam Villa - 1P
School Disco - details inside
- Tuesday March 26**
Marymount Cross Country

**REMEMBER TO
WEAR
GREEN or
ORANGE
ON FRIDAY.
Gold coin donation
to
Project Compassion.**

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

The potholes need some preparatory work before we fill them with quick-set cement and each time we go to do this the rain intervenes. There is a glimmer of hope for the rest of this week as some dry weather returns so our grounds staff may be able to rectify these problems soon. Thank you for your patience and caution with this matter.

Oval Use

The weather problems mentioned above have also meant that our main ovals have been out of use for these past few weeks. As our ovals are so low and close to the forest area it takes quite a while for them to effectively dry out to be suitable for the children to play on. We are even having difficulty getting our light mowers on to the ovals to clear them up. Our groundsmen, John and Brad, have done a great job with ensuring the safety of our grounds, all we need now is a good week of sunshine to help dry things out a bit so that we can eventually access the main oval spaces.

Thanks for reading – enjoy the rest of the week and at least some sunshine.

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey

Curriculum News

Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

This week we are celebrating the arrival of a huge array of new learning supplies thanks to the support of families, friends and the local community of Marymount. Among the items ordered were mathematic support materials, science kits, books, headphones and microphones to enhance reading and public speaking skills as well as specialised art equipment and even a rain gauge for our tuckshop herb garden!

These additional resources will have a positive impact on our ability to continue to provide the children of Marymount with high quality learning experiences. This would not have been possible without the support of all of the families and friends who collected the Woolworths tokens. On behalf of all the staff and students I would like to thank everyone who helped us to collect the tokens. It was a mammoth effort with fantastic results.

Thanks must also go to Woolworths for supporting our schools. We are just one of over 12,500 schools nationally who have benefitted from this scheme. As you can see from the photos we had fun unpacking 28 cartons of exciting new supplies.

Diane Anderson

Position Vacant - Relief School Crossing Supervisor

Marymount Primary School and Marymount College invite applications for the above position.

- We are seeking an enthusiastic person to help contribute to the safe management and operation of our school pedestrian crossings.
- The successful candidate is required to have a current Blue Card or the ability to apply for same to the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.
- Position is dependent on the candidate passing a health assessment by a Government Medical Officer or other duly qualified medical practitioner.
- The minimum age for employment as a School Crossing Supervisor is 18 years of age.

Please contact the Primary School on 5535 1803 or call to Parent Reception for further information.

Please forward your application to:

The Principal
Marymount Primary School
PO Box 2506
Burleigh BC 4220

or email same to pburleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2013.

PREPARATORY ENROLMENTS 2014

We are now calling for enrolments for Preparatory classes in 2014. Many of our parents have already filled out an application form for their prospective Preppies, but there are still many not yet submitted. If you wish for your child to be part of our great school in Prep next year, please contact the Administration Office to complete and submit your Application for Enrolment form. Children eligible for Preparatory in 2014 need to have been born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009.

Applications close at the end of Term 1, 2013



DISCO

Wednesday 20 March

HAWAIIAN FLUORO THEME

Wear your best and brightest hawaiian gear!

5.00pm to 6.00pm—Prep to Yr 3 ONLY

6.30pm to 8.00pm - Yrs 4 to 7

Entry cost \$3

(Parents must collect students at door and we ask that parents be punctual in respecting finishing times)

Please refrain from sending older children (Years 4-7) to the junior disco with their younger siblings until 6.30 as this creates a supervision and safety concern.

Chips and drinks are available for purchase at \$1 each

Disco is strictly for students of Marymount Primary School.

Friday 15 March – Friendly Schools and Green Day for Project Compassion

On Friday this week, students have the opportunity to support Project Compassion on our free dress day. This year, our 'Green' day also falls on the National day of Action against Bullying and Violence which we will observe as part of our Friendly Schools program. This means that students can choose to wear green to observe St Patrick's Day, or orange to support our Friendly School program – or a combination of the two if they wish! Either way, students make a gold coin donation to wear free dress with all funds raised going to Project Compassion. Of course, to add to the colour and excitement the Year One children will celebrate Fairy-tale Day and come dressed according to this theme.



While Friday is a free dress day, it will be a normal school day in every other respect. Students are expected to wear green or orange clothing which is appropriate for normal school day activities, including outdoor play. Please ensure your child wears closed in shoes and sun-smart clothes including a hat. Children are not to bring to school any dyes or colour sprays etc.

Students in Years 5-7 should also keep in mind that Winter sports trials are planned (weather permitting) for Friday afternoon and thus they will need to bring appropriate clothes and equipment for this.

Tuesday 19 March - Fried Rice and Water Meal Deal for Project Compassion

In many parts of the world, parents and carers have few options when it comes to feeding their children. Rice is a staple food in many parts of the world and access to safe drinking water is a luxury, rather than an expectation. As part of the meal deal, students will receive a serve of fried rice and a bottle of water.

The Project Compassion fundraiser on March 19 aims to raise awareness in our students of the lives and hardships faced by others, and bring about an appreciation of the fortunate lives many of us enjoy here in Australia. All funds raised go directly to Project Compassion. Orders should have already been placed with the Tuckshop for this meal deal.

My thanks again for your ongoing support of Project Compassion please encourage your child to continue collecting for the benefit of others.

Religious Education Curriculum

Last week, teachers from Marymount Primary attended Professional learning sessions with teachers from St Vincent's Primary to begin familiarising themselves with the new Religious Education Curriculum.

The new curriculum focusses on four main strands; Sacred Texts, Beliefs, Christian Life and Church. Each of these strands includes new and revised sub-strands which have been designed to link to the English and history curricula. This new curriculum involves an inquiry approach and incorporates the use of technology in learning and teaching.

Implementation will take place across the coming years with full implementation by the end of 2015.

Year 2 Excursion to Infant Saviour Church

On Tuesday morning, students from Year 2 travelled to Infant Saviour Church in Burleigh as part of their Religious Education learning this term. Fr Ken Howell spoke with the students about the items to be found in the Church such as the Altar, Ambo and Tabernacle. Fr Ken also showed students the chasubles and other garments worn in various liturgical seasons.

Students also had the opportunity to share a short liturgy with Fr Ken during their visit where they listened to the Gospel and responded to Prayers of Intercession. The Year 2 students were fantastic representatives of our school and their behaviour and readiness for the visit was commented on by several community members who were present.

My thanks to Fr Ken for hosting the students and to Val and Mary from the Parish for their assistance. My thanks also go to the team of Year 2 Teachers who thoroughly prepared the children for this special visit.

Today, Year 2M travelled to Ozanam Villa to share time and conversation with the residents. This is another important act of service performed by our students in our community.

Conclave in Rome

By the time this newsletter reaches you, we may already have a new Pope! Please keep the Cardinals in your prayers as they take on the enormous task of choosing a new leader for the Catholic Church.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Kevin Yates

Year 2 students visited Infant Saviour Church and met Fr Ken Howell earlier this week.





Night Recap



The Trivia Night has been and gone, but not forgotten. It was expected to be a fun, social gathering and it certainly didn't disappoint. With an array of difficult and challenging questions the teams worked hard together to come up with some colourful, funny and even correct answers! A special mention must go to the Irish team who received 10/10 for the Irish category!



The winners of the night were the Irish Wolfhounds who took out the crown as the first ever Marymount Trivia Night Champions. However, where there is a winner there unfortunately has to be a loser and this was won by Motley Crew 2! They were gracious winners as they came up and collected their wooden spoons.

Overall it was a fantastic night and a great effort was made by everyone to dress up in green and come along for a great social gathering.

The night raised approximately \$1100 for the St Vincent de Paul winter appeal!

A special thank you goes to Anthony Touzell for hosting the night. He did a fantastic job keeping the night flowing and thoroughly entertained everyone with his humour and wit. I would also like to thank Sharon Lally, Stephanie Nolan, Linda Murphy, Marie Bunn, Tricia Baumann and Deborah Hopkins for all their help over the last six weeks in helping to prepare for the night. Congratulations to the winner of the Bunnings four burner BBQ which was Melinda Johal. On behalf of the P & F I would like to thank everyone who attended and I hope to see you all back next year.

The Irish Wolfhounds will hopefully be back to defend their title!



Genevieve Sly - P & F Secretary





A very big thank you to all who have supported our Caritas Fried Rice and Water Day to be held on Tuesday 19 March. Having your orders in early has been a great help with the organisation of the day. **HELPERS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED ON THIS DAY from 11.30 - 1pm.** Please let me know if you can make it. NO other lunch orders will be accepted this day. Normal over the counter sales will be available for Morning Tea and Lunch.

Roster for next week.....

Monday 18 March.....Tanya Allomes

Tuesday 19 March.....Tracey Smith and Aimee Collins ***** EXTRA HELP NEEDED THIS DAY**

Wednesday 20 March.....Meg Bruce and Terrie Bourke

Thursday 21 March.....Lesley G. ****HELP NEEDED PLEASE**

Friday 22 March.....Chris, Silvia

Thanks ladies for your help in the tuckshop; should you not be able to make your day please let me know as soon as possible, thanks.

The tuckshop still needs volunteers; on several days we are really struggling and the children are experiencing long waits in the tuckshop line. Please consider helping us out. We love nannas and pops, dads and mums - anyone who likes a laugh and helping out their school community.

Enjoy your week.

Go The Bunnies!

Vicki Turner

SPORTS NEWS

Catholic Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our Marymount students who competed at the Gold Coast Catholic Primary Schools Swimming Carnival. Our Marymount team performed very well in all areas especially the relay events. It was a pleasure to watch the children putting in 100% for their team throughout the day.

The team placed second overall to Guardian Angels on the day. Our Junior girls placed 1st, the Intermediate boys placed 1st and our Senior boys placed equal 1st.

A special congratulations to Lewis Treggiden for setting a new record of 49.7secs in the 9yrs boys backstroke.

Cross Country Training

Our school Cross Country training started last week and there has been very strong attendance for our first 3 sessions. Training times are Monday at 7.45am, Tuesday at 3.00pm and Thursday at 7.45am. Meet Mr Elliott and/or Mr Hill in front of the Shed. Please bring a change of clothes for the morning sessions and a water bottle to all sessions.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Bede Creedy who has been selected into the District Under 11 Rugby League team. He will play in the Regional team later this year. best of luck Bede!

Happy Training

Paul Hill

Intermediate Boys Champions



Palm Beach Junior Touch football - sign on Monday 18 & 25 March 2013 at 6.30pm at Mallawa Drive, Palm Beach. Under 8,10,12,14 Boys & Girls. Competition will commence on Monday 15 April on Monday afternoons at 4.30 & 5.15pm. Cost per player \$85 which includes playing shirt. Team nominations are welcome. We are also accepting individual nominations for a possible mixed competition to make up team numbers.

GREEN DAY - Friday March 15
Celebrate St Patrick's Day by wearing green on Friday March 15.
Gold coin donation to Project Compassion.

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Office Hours 9.00am to 5.00pm
 Parish Manager: Mr Jim Littlefield
 Parish Pastor: Fr Ken Howell

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