

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

### Mothers' Day Wishes

This morning our Year 1Y and 1P classes presented their assembly liturgy based on this coming Sunday's celebration of Mothers' Day. It was great to see so many parents and supporters come along to see the children and I know the children really loved having their mums, dads and grandparents there. Well done to Vanessa Munro and Di Kearney (who is filling in for Carol Hicks) on getting the children ready for this big challenge in front of the whole school.

On behalf of our children and staff, I would like to wish all of the mums and other significant females in the lives of our children, a great day for this weekend's Mothers' Day celebrations.

### Congratulations to Annette

Speaking of mums, we had some exciting news this week from Annette Straker who let us know that baby Krystal was born on Saturday 27 April. Both mum, Annette, and Krystal are now home from hospital and are doing well with Krystal sleeping soundly. Our congratulations go to Annette and her husband Alex on this wonderful news.

### Other Staff News

Mark Wilkins, our Senior Music teacher, also had some exciting news just in that recently as he and his fiancé, Penne, celebrated their wedding at Burleigh on Saturday, 27 April. Mark had last week off as he holidayed overseas with his new wife. I would like to congratulate Mark and Penne on this significant day and wish them well for their married life.

### Monday Parents and Friends Meeting & Guest Speakers

At this Monday's May P & F meeting we will have two guest speakers visiting us to talk about the latest information in relation to funding of Catholic schools (Gonski Report) as well as the work of our P & F's parent body, the Federation of P & F Associations of Queensland. John Beaton is the Executive Officer and Carmel Nash is the Chairperson of the Federation which is based in Brisbane. They will be able to talk on these two matters as well as other topics of relevance to the workings of a P & F association. We will suspend our normal meeting routine so that we can dedicate around 45 minutes for John and Carmel to be able to share information with us and to hear from us what issues may be of concern for the Federation to be addressing. One of their roles is lobbying of governments at the state and federal level and this is where the funding for schools becomes a key topic. We will have refreshments at the end of our meeting as well, so I would encourage you to take this opportunity to come along and get the latest word on what's happening outside of our P & F community. We have also invited our colleagues from the College Parents and Friends Association to this meeting so that they can offer their input as well. We don't often have speakers who have such key roles in the Federation come along so it would be great if we had a good crowd to hear their latest updates especially on the funding matters which is vitally important to the sustainability of our schooling system.

### Year 6 Camp – 15 – 17 May

Our Year 6 classes and their teachers head off to Lake Ainsworth Outdoor Education Camp at Lennox Head next week for their annual three day camp. They will be involved in a number of activities like sailing, canoeing, archery, rock wall climbing, problem-solving and many more. This venue is an excellent facility and the staff and their work program are very good. My thanks goes to our teachers – Deb Cronin, Chris Britton and Mary Petersen – as well as John Jensen, our Teacher Librarian, and Mark Wilkins, our Senior Music teacher who are joining these classes for the duration of the camp. Once again our staff members are giving up their own valuable family time so that we can send the children to these types of great educational facilities. Without their support we would not be able to offer this program. I would like to wish the children and staff well for the camp – we hope for great weather and not so cold nights.

### No Assembly for Wednesday, 15 May

We will not hold an assembly on next Wednesday as this day is set down for the middle day of testing for the NAPLAN suite of tests. It is also the day that our Year 6 classes leave for their annual camp. Thanks for your understanding with this matter.

Thanks for reading and I hope that you enjoy the week ahead and especially Mothers' Day,

Yours in Christ

**Greg Casey**



### Coming Events

**Wednesday May 8**  
School Fees due  
Whole School Assembly -1Y & 1P  
Yr 6R - Ozanam Villa

**Friday May 10**  
Prep - Mother's Day liturgy  
Yrs 5 - 7 sport

**Monday May 13**  
NAPLAN WEEK  
Yr 2 - excursion  
Prep 0 - Mother's Day Liturgy  
7pm - P & F Meeting

**Wednesday May 15**  
Yr 6R - Ozanam Villa  
Yr 6 Camp

**Friday May 17**  
Yr 6 return from camp  
Yrs 5 - 7 sport

**Wednesday May 22**  
Whole School Assembly - 2R  
Yr 2Y - Ozanam Villa visit

**SCHOOL  
FEES  
PAYMENT  
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DUE**

### 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

## From our Assistant Principal

Annette O'Shea

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, but as encouragement in those more testing times, and for all our new families, below is my annual Mothers' Day message.

Whilst the following was written in 1967, it remains one of my very favourites. One can deduct that its sentiments were just as relevant forty-six years ago as they are today. The age-old, "...but everyone else can..." that I recall protesting to my parents and clearly recall my children (youngest now twenty-seven!) protesting to me will likely recur from one generation to the next. I hope that it provides hope and comfort for those times when you battle to insist on a certain set of values and standards, as well as an acceptance of consequences for your children. I also of course hope you can truly enjoy quality family time with your loved ones this Sunday. I'm looking forward to my sons collecting my Mean Mother from Brisbane en route to spend time with their very own Mean Mother. These days we can of course laugh about our mean ways and my mother and I together can mount an even meaner campaign to inflict on our loved ones if we so choose for this one day of the year..only joking as I get the clear message that our mean label has nowadays diminished to non-existent.

*I had the meanest mother in the whole world. I had to have cereal, eggs or toast for breakfast. When others had coke and sweets for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my dinner was different from the other kids also. I was forced to eat vegetables.*

*But at least, I wasn't alone in my sufferings. My sister and two brothers had the same mean mother as I did.*

*My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and where we were going. She insisted if we said we'd be gone an hour, that we be gone one hour or less--not one hour and one minute*

*We had to wear clean clothes and take a bath. We weren't given new clothes in line with fashion trends and we were expected to look after our clothes and other belongings. We reached the height of insults because she made some of our clothes herself, just to save money. Why, oh why, did we have to have a mother who made us feel different from our friends?*

*The worst is yet to come. We had to be in bed by eight-thirty each night and up by seven the next morning. We couldn't sleep till noon like our friends. So while they slept, my mother actually had the nerve to break the child-labour law. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she laid awake at night thinking up mean things to do to us.*

*She always insisted upon us telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us- and it nearly did.*

*By the time we were teen-agers, she was much wiser, and our life became even more unbearable. None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. I forgot to mention, while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, my old fashioned mother refused to let me date until much older.*

*As the years rolled by, first one and then the other of us graduated from high school. With our mother behind us, guiding and demanding respect, none of us was allowed the pleasure of being a drop-out.*

*My mother was a complete failure as a mother. Out of four children, a couple of us attained some higher education. None of us have ever been arrested, or beaten a spouse. Each of my brothers served his time in the Service of this country. And whom do we have to blame for the terrible way we turned out? You're right, our mean mother. Look at the things we missed.*

*Using this as a model, I am trying to raise my three children along similar lines. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me mean. Because, you see, I thank God, He gave me the meanest mother in the whole world.*

Enjoy Mothers' Day on Sunday.

**Annette O'Shea**



# Curriculum News

## **NPALAN Testing this week**

On Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May, students will take the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted next week for all eligible Years 3, 5 and 7 children. By now all parents who received letters offering alternative options; (as described below) for their children should have returned those forms to me in the envelope provided. If you did not receive a letter and after reading the options below and you feel that you want to request that your child does not sit the tests or does sit them but in a different area and with more time, please contact me most urgently on 55 208 408 to discuss this request.

If your child is absent during the testing period; as per normal you are required to send in a written note explaining the absence. Make up tests can only be conducted during next week as all materials are returned for marking on Friday May 17th.

Children and staff have been preparing for these tests and we are confident that with a calm approach the children will be able to participate to the best of their ability. Please reassure your child that the tests are just a part of school life and whilst a departure from the normal routine, they are not something to get anxious about. Please make sure that your child arrives at school on time each day as the tests follow a strict time frame.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS: NAPLAN 2013**

### **NAPLAN FORMS AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS**

**WITHDRAWAL** – (no tests sat) - If this is chosen your child does not sit the tests and no report is issued.

**EXEMPTION** – (no tests sat) - If this is chosen your child receives a report with their name on it and it will only contain general school / state data.

**APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT FOR DISABILITY** – If this form is used your child sits the tests under modified conditions. These can include; extra time, small group and/or solo.

If as a parent / caregiver you chose the withdrawal or exemption option you are able to keep your child at home whilst the tests are being conducted. If this is not an option your child may attend school and be placed in another class which is not participating in the tests, while the tests are on.

**Diane Anderson**

## **STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES**

### **Semester 1, 2013**

#### **Bus Fare Assistance**

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$22/week\* on fares to and from school (\* \$17/week if you hold a concession card)
- Does your child travel on a publically 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 May 2013.

Late applications cannot be accepted.



## **PATRON PARENTS EVENTS**

2Y - 8 May - 9am Arabella Fine Food, Burleigh Homespace  
4M - 24 May - after drop off Stocklands Coffee Club.  
0P - 14 June -5pm Family dinner Robina Tavern,  
Playground and free face painting. RSVP to Michelle  
0435 203576 by 17 May.

## **Thoughts from your School Counsellor**

For some people "the term 'parenting' is code for behaviour management...broader more thoughtful definition includes teaching kids positive values and attitudes, developing a range of skills that equips them for adulthood, and ultimately preparing kids to be parents themselves one day". Michael Grose from Parenting Ideas reminds us "that being a mum is emotional, instinctive and a job for life!" I hope that you enjoy his Insights article for this week which highlights the difference between being a mum (or dad) and being a parent.

Best wishes for the week ahead

**Mary Sanders**

[msanders@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:msanders@bne.catholic.edu.au)

### **Sacramental Program**

Our thoughts and prayers are with a group of our students who are currently preparing to receive sacraments this weekend.

Students have been preparing through the Sacramental Program run by Burleigh Heads Parish and have recently celebrated the Sacrament of Penance. This Friday, students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and will receive first Holy Communion at Parish celebrations on Sunday.

These sacraments, along with Baptism, comprise the sacraments of initiation and are important milestones for these students and their faith journey in our parish. Please keep each of the students in your prayers in the coming days and especially over the weekend.

Burleigh Parish typically runs two sacramental programs each year, the next taking place later in the year. Parents wishing to have their children involved in the sacramental program should contact the Burleigh Parish Office on 5576 6466.

### **Class Liturgies**

It was great to read of Fr Ken's vision for our parish in last week's parish newsletter, especially the role to be played by the church to be constructed on-site in the coming years. This is an exciting time for our parish and our school as we prepare to have a church so close by.

As part of our ongoing Religious Education program, classes will begin to participate in regular Liturgy of The Word celebrations. Priests from our parish will lead these liturgies with our teachers and students in the Sacred Space.

Liturgies will commence next week with our Year 2 classes.

### **Mothers' Day**

Throughout this week the Mothers' Day stall has been held in our staff room to help students show their Mums how much they are appreciated – as well as raising money for the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

The stall has been a great success and been the cause of great excitement for some students and great uncertainty for others as they try to choose the perfect gift.

Events such as this do not happen without the efforts of many people and my thanks go especially to Tricia Hartmann (Prep Aide) for her energy and support. Thanks also to those students who helped to wrap and prepare the gifts last week. A special thankyou also to Kate Galvin, Christina Heaton and Denise Geraghty who gave their time to help at the stall during the week.

I wish all of our Mums a very happy Mothers' day this Sunday!

### **Collect Earn & Learn Points for Marymount!**

Please continue to collect stickers for Marymount at Woolworths. Just by doing the grocery shopping you can help our school to earn important resources. Please send stickers, collection pages or dockets to the collection box in the office. Thanks again for your support.

Best wishes for the week ahead

Kevin Yates



## PARISH PRIEST PROFILE

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### REV. FR LUCIUS EDMOBI

*Fr Lucius Edomobi was born in Imo State, Nigeria. He is the youngest son of a family of eight. He started his seminary formation in Nigeria, and in 2010 he arrived in Brisbane (Australia) to complete his studies. Fr Lucius was ordained a priest on the 7th of December 2012 at St Stephen's Cathedral Brisbane by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. He was appointed an associate pastor to our lovely parish of Burleigh Heads in January 2013. Fr Lucius is very happy to be part of this community, and looking forward to working with the students of our school.*





Thanks for the fantastic feedback regarding our new menu. Both children and parents have had great things to say about our latest food offerings. In particular the Fish n' Chips on Friday and Monday's home made Chicken Maccaroni and Spaghetti Bolognese have proven to be very popular. Great to see so many taking advantage of our special meal deals. We have doubled our fruit and milk order which is wonderful and for an extra \$2 it is great value.

Sushi lovers, thanks for letting me know your second choice when ordering; everyone is receiving the sushi they LOVE! Sushi orders have gone through the roof on a Thursday. Sushi teamed with the meal deal of fruit and milk is a great healthy lunch. Keep up the good work by making healthy choices.

State of Origin Sausage Sizzle is fast approaching....keep a look out ...great prizes to be won!!!!

Roster for next week  
 Monday 13 May.....Tanya Allomes  
 Tuesday 14 May.....I have NO helpers this day,,,anyone?  
 Wednesday 15 May.....Meg Bruce and Louise Gimmerlaro  
 Thursday 16 May.....Lesley Gamble and Christina Heaton  
 Friday 17 May.....Lisa Bruce, CHRISTIANE, Silvia Wilkinson



A very big thank you to Louise Gimmerlaro who has helped me out over the last couple of weeks. Thanks Louise! Thank you to all our volunteers; you are greatly appreciated by all at Marymount. Have a great week, and Happy Mothers' Day to all our wonderful Mums.

Vicki Turner

## SPORTS NEWS



Remember to say your from Marymount Primary next time you make a purchase at Amart Sports store.

### District Cross Country

Well done to all of our Marymount students who competed at yesterday's Gold Coast South District Cross Country Carnival. With thirty-three schools in our district, as usual competition was very strong.

Congratulations to four of our students who qualified to run at the Regional Cross Country carnival on Thursday 4 June. Jayden Wright 2nd, Yasmin Glifos 8th, Megan Banner 7th and Zara Glifos 3rd. Well done and best of luck at Regionals.

### District Girls Soccer

We have three girls who have been selected to play in the Gold Coast South District Girls Soccer Team. Chloe Cross, Lua Suero and Dayna Sullivan have all been selected to play at the Regional Soccer Carnival on 21 May. Congratulations girls.

### Regional Basketball

Congratulation to Jack Johnston and Bridgette Kennedy for their selection into the South Coast Regional Basketball Team for boys and girls respectively. Both Jack and Bridgette will play at the State Basketball Carnival in Cairns.

### Catholic Cross Country

Our Catholic Cross Country Carnival well be held on May 30. We need all of our cross country runners to keep training right up to the event. School training times are Monday and Thursday mornings at 7.45, Tuesday afternoon at 3.00 and Wednesday lunchtime.

### Paul Hill



Jayden Wright 2nd, 10yr Boys and Zara Glifos 3rd, 12 yr Girls at District Cross Country.



### Junior Golf

Every Saturday morning at Meadow Park Golf Club.  
 Tee off at 7.00am to 8.00am  
 9 hole game for ages 6 - 16yrs.  
 \$10 cost pls comp. fee of \$2.00  
 Phone 55348 444

### 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)  
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# Marymount

# SPRING FETE

**Saturday 19th October 2013 - 11am to 5pm**

This is our combined school's major fundraiser for 2013. We would like to see as many families getting involved and contributing in some way to help to make this our most successful fete ever!

## VOLUNTEERS—WE WANT YOU

If you are able to help out this year, anytime that you can offer will be welcome. The generous volunteers that took part in our last fete contributed to the outstanding success of the fete and to the amazing school & community spirit that was generated. Call 558601000 now or email [tdean@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tdean@bne.catholic.edu.au) register your interest. **Please don't wait to be asked**

## STALL CONVENORS REQUIRED:



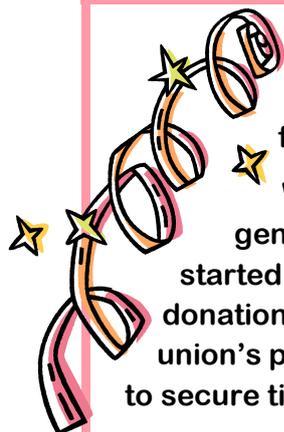
We are calling for volunteers to operate the Cafe, the Plant Stall, and the Fairy Floss Stand.

You don't need experience, just a willingness to get involved. The Fete Coordinator can provide you with details and will assist you in starting up your stall.

## RIDES

There are going to be plenty of new and exciting rides for all ages. Ride passes will be on sale prior to the event.

## ART UNION



We will be conducting an Art Union as our major fundraising activity.

We have already had some generous donations to get us started, but we still need significant donations to ensure that the art union's prizes are substantial enough to secure ticket sales.

## DONATIONS PLEASE!!!

We need donations for our Cent Auction e.g.

- Dinners at restaurants
- Hotel accommodation
- Small electrical items
- Home wares
- Toy items

(all items need to be new)

**Can you help with donations or do you have a contact??**

Can you help with small items – novelty items or small stationery items.



Donations can be dropped off at either the Primary School or the College Office.

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Thank you Bank of Queensland—Palm Beach, and Fitness First—Robina and Bertoldi Architects for your support.

Both BOQ and Fitness First are Gold Sponsors of the Marymount Spring Fete 2013.

Thanks also to our supporters John & Trish Greig of 'The Winning Edge' for continuing to support Marymount.

We still need more sponsorship for this big event and if you can support the Fete by providing any level of sponsorship this would contribute greatly to ensuring a successful day. For a sponsorship proposal contact Tracey Dean on 5586 1000, mobile 0403 834 883 or email [tdean@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tdean@bne.catholic.edu.au)

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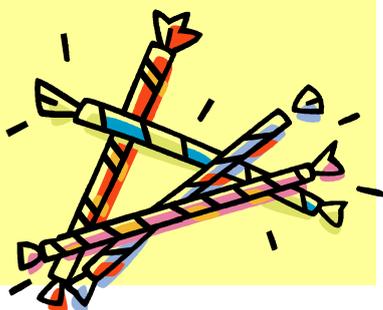


Please come along and join our hardworking committee!

The next fete meeting will be:  
**Monday 14th May 6pm-7pm in the  
Primary School Staffroom**  
All Welcome!

## NEW IDEAS

It's not too late to offer suggestions or new ideas. We would love to hear from you!



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# INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



## It's called Mother's Day, not Parent's Day

*Mothering is different to parenting. Being a mum is emotional, instinctive and a job for life!*



There's a massive difference between being a mum (or dad) and being a parent.

'Parenting' is a twentieth century term that suggests that raising kids is a gender neutral activity. It's a managerial, almost scientific term that has given rise to a huge industry. In Western countries, millions of parenting books and magazines are sold each year, parenting columns appear in most newspapers, and new television series appear every year focused on the modern notion of parenting.

The problem is that when we refer to 'parenting' we tend to remove the heart and emotion from the task. We obscure the fact that it is mothers and fathers who are doing the child-rearing, rather than mere parents.

Parenting means different things to different people. For many people the term 'parenting' is code for behaviour management – particularly taming toddlers and their close cousins, teenagers. A broader and more thoughtful definition includes teaching kids positive values and attitudes, developing a range of skills that equips them for adulthood, and ultimately preparing kids to be parents themselves one day.

I often point out to audiences in parenting presentations how being related to our kids can stop us from being great parents. We all know how our neighbour's kids should be raised, but somehow it's harder to raise our own. That's because the hopes and dreams of motherhood (and fatherhood) can somehow get in the way of rational decision-making.

### Mothering is emotional and instinctive

And that's the thing. Being a mother is not always rational, as parenting is often made out to be. There is a great deal of emotion attached to the role of mother. This emotion drives you to fight hard to protect your children, work assiduously to right any wrongs on their behalf, and exhaust yourself looking after their physical and psychological well-being.

Being a mother is instinctive. In the information age we need to be careful we don't to deny the intuitive nature that mothers bring to their child-rearing. The nature of mothering infers nurturance, protectiveness and longevity. Mothering is relational rather than rational. You may grow out parenting by making yourself redundant but mothering is something you never grow out of. You are a mum for life.

### Kids want their mothers, not their parents

Kids of all ages say, "That's my mum!"

They don't say, "That's my parent!" (They may say that when they are annoyed or embarrassed by you, but that's another story.)

Boys and girls of all ages generally love their mothers unconditionally, whereas they merely put up with their parents, particularly during adolescence. They can live without their parents, or so they think, but deep down they know they can't live without the one person who has a blind spot for them, overlooking all their faults. That person, of course, is their mother.

When kids of all ages get into emotional difficulty or their life becomes too hard, they generally go looking for their mums. They only look for their 'parent' when they want some money, or want someone to get them out of a jam!

Raising kids is about mothering (and fathering) ... rather than parenting. That's why we have Mother's Day (and Father's Day) rather than Parent's Day.

I hope you have a good one!

*For ideas to help you be a great mum subscribe to Happy Kids my weekly email guide at [Parentingideas.com.au](http://Parentingideas.com.au).*

# WE NEED YOU!



## Thursday June 20



# 2013

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