Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

As per last week’s newsletter, Greg is currently in Mackay attending the Queensland Catholic Primary Schools’ Conference. It’s good to report that in his absence, life at Marymount continues to be filled with lots of happy children and staff, and a wide range of opportunities. As just a snapshot, the following events and activities are keeping us all well entertained:

- Alongside the regular teaching programs, respective classes are in the final preparation stages for the upcoming NAPLAN tests (15-17 May).
- All teachers have all been engaged in after-school professional development about the new online reporting system.
- Cross Country runners are in the final stages of training for upcoming representative carnivals, the first of which is the Primary District carnival (10 -12 years) to be held Tuesday 8 May. The Catholic carnival (8–13 years) is scheduled for Wednesday 6 June. As well, a few of our 13 year old students are ready to compete in the Secondary School carnivals, the first of which is this coming Friday.
- Our bi-annual Musical is well and truly underway with rehearsals twice each week under the tutelage of Meagan Curry. The Musical “a Faerie Tale”, written and directed by Meagan and involving students from Years 6 and 7 is set for the week of 28th May with Matinee and night time performances.
- Some of our teachers (Therese Hockings Prep OP; Deb McKean-Nunan 1R; Laura Mitchell 4Y; Belinda Norton-Smith 5A, and Kerry de Ruyter 7M) have registered their classes in the annual Gold Coast Eisteddfod to be held in August. This is the occasion where we often see teachers with shaking knees and trembling hands, as they “play” being confident in leading the children as they recite two poems. I congratulate the teachers who have taken on the challenge and wish them good luck with the many preparations that lay ahead for them.

Special Occasion

All members of our community are welcome to attend the official blessing and opening of our Multi-purpose Centre (the shed) to be held on Monday week, 14 May. This is a fabulous facility of which we can be justifiably proud. It is used each day from before school to well after and is much sought-after as a suitable venue for many events. We are indeed very fortunate to have such a multi-purpose building for use on a daily basis.

The Blessing will be led by Fr. Pat Molony and the Opening by Queensland Senator, Ms Claire Moore. Mr Paul Allen (Director - Schools Service South) and ex-Marymount principal, will represent our Executive Director, Mr David Hutton for the occasion. The ceremony will begin in the shed at 10:00a.m. and refreshments will be served from the Outside School Hours Care rooms at the back of the shed after the official proceedings. For those who were present at our last official opening, that of the Early Years Centre, I’m sure you’ll agree that such occasions are well and truly worth attending. They are very special in the life and history of the school.

We ask that all students be dressed in their full school dress uniform on Monday 14 May.

School Photos

These are to be taken next Wednesday and Thursday 9th and 10th May. The children are once again required to wear their full dress uniform, so we ask that you ensure your children have a well laundered outfit for these days. Also, if a trip to the barber or hairdresser is needed to comply with standards of neatness (and our policy), we ask that this is done before these dates. Your child will be notified of the exact timetable before then.

Disco

Our Tem 2 disco is set for tonight with Prep – Yr3 from 5:00 - 6:00pm and Yrs 4—7 from 6:30 -8:00pm. The discos have proven to be safe and fun nights for the children as well as raising some funds for Missions and other worthy causes. As you can appreciate, we certainly take the issue of safety for our children very seriously, and the continued…
safety aspects at night are more difficult than in daylight hours. We ask that you support us in our endeavours to have these events remain safe and fun, and also respect the “home time” of attending staff members by:

- Refraining from sending older children (e.g. Years 4-7) to the Junior disco
- Refraining from telling your children they can visit you during the evening if you are remaining outside of the Doyle Centre but still on the premises
- Collecting your children from inside the Doyle Centre promptly at the respective finishing times (6:00pm for children Prep to Year 3; 8:00pm for children Years 4–7).

Art Show
I remind parents that the next planning meeting for this important Primary/College function is to be held tonight in the College Boardroom beginning at 6:00p.m. Thank you to the hard working members of this committee and please know that all parents are welcome to join.

Mothers’ Day Stall
Children from Prep to Year 3 will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift for mums, next Wednesday 9th May. All gifts will cost $5 and we ask that correct money be placed in an envelope for the purchase. Class teachers will arrange a suitable time during the day for this exciting shopping experience. All proceeds will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Roadworks
With this newsletter you will find a notification from Transport and Main Roads (Queensland Government) detailing some night works to begin around now. In the interests of safety and timetabling convenience this time, I ask that you take the time to read the notice.

I look forward to once again handing the baton back to Greg upon his return to Marymount next Monday. In the meantime, thanks again for your ongoing support and your part in this vibrant school community.

Annette O’Shea

ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS
Congratulations to Lacey Bowshire (7R); Georgia Gamble (7Y); Montana MacFarlane (5Y); and Jade Touzell (3M).

ART SHOW MEETING TONIGHT
6.00 pm
COLLEGE BOARDROOM
ALL WELCOME

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wednesday 9 May & Thursday 10 May
Class & Band photos Wednesday
Staff & Family photos on Thursday

* A Photo Order envelope has been given to every student (separate order for each child in the family)
* To order your photo packs. Simply order 1, 2, 3 or more units in any combination and pay according to the number of unit prices on the order form.
* The completed order and payment to be brought back ON PHOTO DAY.
* Family photo order forms are available from Student Reception (one per family).
* Family photo orders are to be in the separate order envelope and brought in with the class photo order envelope.
* Please ensure your child is wearing white dress uniform and is on time to school on these days.

Any photo enquiries can be directed to Classic Colour Studios on 1300 368 693 or email info@classiccolorstudios.com.au
Collect stickers from Woolworths for Marymount!

We are excited to be taking part in the 2012 Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Last year we were able to purchase many great resources with the points we earned; thanks to you.

From May 9 until July 1 2012, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every $10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop it into your local Woolworths collection box.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school or visit the Woolworths website. Your sticker cards will come home this week.


Mothers’ Day Stall

Wednesday 9 May
Prep - Yr 3 students
Bring $5 in a marked envelope to choose a gift for your mother, nanna or other special woman.
All proceeds will go to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

Please note this is an optional activity

We Walk With Mary
You may remember that Australian singer/songwriter Andrew Chinn visited Marymount late last year to work with students and staff to compose our school song.

I am pleased to publish the finished results below and look forward to our first public rendition of this song at the opening of the multi purpose centre on May 14th.

Bernadette Christensen

We Walk With Mary

1. Mary who said yes to God, pray for us.
   May we trust in God, pray for us.
   We walk with Mary who shows God’s way
   We open our hearts to Jesus each day
   We follow his footsteps, walk hand in hand
   At Marymount, together we stand

2. Mary who loved her family, pray for us.
   May we be people of peace, pray for us.

3. Mary who gave God praise, pray for us.
   May we praise God everyday pray for us.

4. Mary who was kind to all, pray for us.
   May we be sharers of love, pray for us.

5. Mary who built community, pray for us.
   People of action, in simple deeds, pray for us.

Andrew Chinn 2012

Prep Fitness.

Prep Fitness is continuing every Tuesday afternoon from 3.15 to 3.45 this term. Come join in the fun. We will be practising our sprints, hurdles and relays ready for the athletics carnival later in the year. Meet Mrs Hockings and Mrs Finn down at the bottom ovals after school. See you there.

Mrs Hockings

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

This term we have a very exciting competition! One lucky school banking student will have the chance to name and be the face of a new Dollarmite character. You could win an annual movie pass for the whole family; $1500 towards a school excursion for your class and 25 Apple Ipads for your school.

To be in the running you simple need to make a minimum of five deposits into your Youthsaver account through the school banking between 16 April and 30 June 2012 along with your best saving tips in 25 words or less at commbank.com.au/beadollarmite

Banking is every Tuesday so remember to bring your deposits to school for your chance to win.

Good luck!

The Banking Ladies
**District Cross Country**
The District Cross Country Carnival will be held next Tuesday 8 May at Pizzey Park Athletics Centre. Best of luck to all Marymount cross country runners who will be competing at the event.

**Catholic Cross Country**
The Catholic Cross Country carnival will be held on Wednesday 6 June at St Brigid’s Nerang. The carnival will involve runners from 8-13yrs so please keep training if you were in the top 6 place getters at our Marymount carnival. Notes will be sent home next week.

**Congratulations**
We have had several students doing very well at representative levels in their chosen sports recently.

**Bodie Jones** competed at the Queensland Diving School Trials and placed 1st in Springboard, Platform and the synchronised events. She will be traveling to Sydney to represent Queensland.

**Heidi Haley** placed 4th at the Queensland Diving School trials.

**Ethan Tollemache** has been selected in the South Coast Hockey team to play in the State carnival in Townsville on 17 June.

**Xavier Coates** has been selected in the South Coast Rugby League team to play in the State carnival.

**Nick Tonks and Marcus Herritage** have been selected in the South Coast AFL team to play at the State

**AFL Carnival.**
Liam O’Brien, who is a 10 year old has been selected in the President’s AFL team (U12s) to also play at the State AFL carnival. An awesome effort by such a young player.

**Jack Barns and Toby Sexton**, just yesterday were selected in the District Boys Touch team.

Well done and congratulations to you all and best of luck at the next level.

**Paul Hill**
PE Teacher

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**TENNIS — SATURDAY 12th MAY 4pm - 7pm**
We are conducting a tennis information and playing night on Saturday 12th May. Come along and have a social hit with your family and friends, enjoy a sausage sizzle and discuss the following opportunities:

Coaching Information - Meet and discuss our coaching programs; Practice tips and routines.

Playing opportunities: Beginner Fixture Program: Teaching the basics of fixture play and available times.; Friday Night Social Teenage Doubles Challenge: Term 2 could see the re-introduction of this once popular program; Court Hire: casual or permanent:

**WE NEED ADVICE ON NUMBERS TO HELP WITH CATERING ON THE 12th MAY. Book at Tennis Courts or phone the numbers below. REMEMBER: Mums, dads and the children. Bring your rackets and runners and join in this fun night.**

*John & Trish GREIG 0417 634 524 - 0439722369*
Night works

starting late April / early May 2012

Works to upgrade the pedestrian facilities at the intersection of Reedy Creek Road and Ambassador Drive will start soon

What to expect:

- Due to high traffic volumes on Reedy Creek Road this work will be carried out at night between 6pm and 6am.
- Motorists can expect lane closures in both directions during these works from 8pm to 5am, Sunday to Thursday for the next 2-3 months.
- Note this project is being delivered by the same road crew working on the Kortum Drive Safer Roads Sooner project. This means that work between both sites may shift back and forth.
- Residents can expect loud, noise-generating work such as pile driving to stop before midnight, however reverse beepers and warning lights on machinery are a safety requirement and must be used throughout entire shifts.
- Motorists should follow the directions of traffic controllers and roadside signage.
- This schedule may change without notice due to wet weather or site conditions.

For further information about this flyer please contact the Transport and Main Roads Community Consultation Officer on 5596 9500 or pdo.regions.goldcoast@tmr.qld.gov.au. You can also register to receive project traffic alert emails for these works on the same contact details.

Keep up to date with changing traffic conditions on all Gold Coast roads by calling 13 19 40 or logging on to www.131940.qld.gov.au.

Please slow down
Roadwork safety is your responsibility too
Look out – watch out – be aware

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