Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

New Parish Priest Announced
At the weekend masses in the Burleigh Heads parish it was announced that Fr Ken Howell will be taking over from Fr Pat as our new Parish Priest. Fr Ken will start his time with us from the middle of January. He is currently the Dean of St Stephen’s Cathedral and Administrator of the Cathedral Parish in Brisbane where he has been for the last 15 years having taken over as Dean for the last seven years. Fr Ken has had a previous association with the Burleigh Heads parish when he served here for a time in the mid-90’s as Associate Pastor. This is exciting news for our parish and school and on behalf of our community I warmly welcome Fr Ken and congratulate him on his new appointment.

Farewell to Fr Pat – Wednesday, 28 November – 9.00am Assembly
At next Wednesday’s normal assembly we are looking to say farewell to Fr Pat Molony and thank him for his dedication to, and support for, the people of our Marymount community. We will be conducting our class prayer liturgy which will be led by Leanne Crowe’s Year 2 class and at its conclusion offering prayers for Fr Pat and presenting him with a gift from the children and staff of our school. Our P & F will also be presenting a gift on behalf of our parent body. Parents and friends are most welcome to come along to show your support for Fr Pat. We are looking to have a very simple farewell and we should be finished by 9.30am.

Parent Helpers Liturgy for 2012
On Thursday, 29 November, our school will be hosting a Thanksgiving Prayer liturgy for those many parents and friends who have helped us in any way over the course of the year. Without this support we would not be able to offer our children such a great educational experience here at Marymount. Our children love seeing parents, grandparents and friends here and this support brings with it a wealth of experience and love. Please if you can spare the time we would love to see you here for this morning. It will start at 9.00am in the Outside School Hours Care rooms at the far end of the Multi-Purpose Centre. We are hoping to have Fr Pat Molony to lead us with the liturgy. At the completion of our liturgy there will be refreshments and tea / coffee available so please feel free to come along.

Class lists 2013
Our class lists for next year will be sent home with the children on next Monday afternoon at the close of the day. These lists have taken many hours of work by our staff, specialist teachers and our Leadership Team. Many factors have been considered in the compilation of these lists including parental requests. The lists will also have our teachers for next year included and some will feature two teachers where we have our Job-Share teaching arrangements in place. The final make-up of the classes is the role of the school and once these lists are finalised there will be no changes.

Semester Two Report Cards and Student Portfolios
Our end of semester report cards and portfolios will be sent home with the children on Friday, 30 November, at the close of the school day. The report cards have some changes to our old ones in that there are teacher comments now made for each child in English and mathematics as well as a general comment. Our teaching staff have spent a large amount of time in preparing both the reports and portfolios so that they can provide you with a breakdown of where your child is at this stage of the year. I would like to thank our teachers for their efforts with these important documents and for their professionalism as they worked through a new system which we hope will provide parents with greater detail as to the progress of the children.

Please be aware that the payment for your child’s respective year level book-packs is now overdue with the due date being Friday 9 November. As our Uniform / Book Shop is closing for the year on next Friday 30 November, it would be appreciated if any outstanding accounts could please be attended to. If there are payment concerns or you would like to look at a lay-by payment system please contact Jenny Mellifont (Shop Co-Ordinator) on 55 351 803. Thank you for your anticipated support with this matter.

COMING EVENTS

Wednesday November 21
School Assembly—Yr 1M
Ozanam Villa—Yr 7P
6.30pm—Band concert—Theatre

Thursday November 22
AM—Yr 3 Swimming Carnival
PM—Yr 4 Swimming Carnival
Yr 2 Gold Coast Water visit

Friday November 23
AM—Yr 1 Swimming Carnival
Prep Christmas concerts
Under the Sea–Tuckshop Theme Day

Tuesday November 27
Swimming Trials Yrs 5, 6, 7

Thursday November 29
9.00am—Helpers Liturgy
(Multi-purpose Centre)

Friday November 30
Yr 2 Swim Carnival

Wednesday December 5
LAST DAY FOR TUCKSHOP

MASS TIMES

Children Mass
(Doyle Centre - children read at Mass)
5.30pm 1st Sunday of 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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CLASS LIST 2013

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the office on 55 351 803.

PO Box 2506 Burleigh BC 4220 Phone:(07) 5535 1803 Fax: (07) 5535 1819 Email: pburleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au
Year Level Swimming Carnivals
Over the next week or so children from our Years 1 to 4 will be participating in their annual Swimming Carnivals. The dates have been advertised for a few weeks now and are again included with this newsletter. We will be using our school pool and our staff will be helping to facilitate the day. Our parents are most welcome to come along for these swim meets and cheer the children along. Thanks to Sarah Marks, Leigh Yates, Andrea Bedward and Kerry Homer from our staff for their overall co-ordination of the days and good luck to our children.

Catholic Schools Leadership Teams’ Meeting
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, our Leadership Team – Annette, Bernadette, Tony and myself – will be absent this Thursday as we will be attending the above meeting. This meeting is a chance to review our school goals for the year and to make preliminary ones for next year. We will be joined by a number of Brisbane Catholic Education Office personnel as well as our Area Supervisor. In our absence, Diane Anderson, our Curriculum Support Teacher will be the Teacher in Charge.

Thanks for reading – enjoy the rest of the week
Yours in Christ
Greg Casey

From our Assistant Principal
At the start of this year there were numerous positive comments made regarding the way in which the children settled into their new classes. This can be partly attributed to the fact that the children had already met their respective teachers at the end of last year and spend a short amount of time in their “new” surrounds. This allowed an adjustment time for all concerned. However, I feel that much of the thanks is due to positive parental attitude to the new situation.

Many child developmental experts fear that parents in Australia are managing their children’s lives down to the nanosecond in vain attempts to prevent them encountering even the slightest discomfort. They are afraid to tell their children they are wrong, or at fault, in case they offend or cause their offspring to dislike them. These parents are interfering with the normal development of resilience necessary to survive the inevitable ‘unhappiness’ that confronts every human life.

Melbourne Child Psychologist, Jennifer McIntosh, believes that for many children the normal egocentric developmental period is being unnecessarily extended. She argues that this is the result of the ‘hovering behaviour’ of parents who would not dream of ever allowing their kids the chance to fail, to be bored, or to be made accountable for their unruly behaviours.

I particularly thank the parents who at the beginning of this year, and the end of 2011, worked with their children to adjust to a new class or teacher which may not have been their preferred choice. Supporting a child through the adjustment facilitates far more growth than interfering or sheltering the child from the adjustment. The benefits may not be obvious in the short term, but the child is likely to develop problem solving skills and resiliency in such a supportive environment whilst working through the problem.

Having now come to the end of these children who initially entered of the school year with trepidation, or even some degree of fear, have proven to themselves that they are resilient and able to face and adapt to challenges. I congratulate them wholeheartedly on their success. I wish all children happiness in settling in to their new groupings for 2013.

I wish all children happiness and resilience of embracing the new year and the new situations with excitement and joy.

The following poem might be a good one to place in a prominent area of your home so that all family members might be able to face challenges with a sense of optimism, courage and confidence.

BOUNCE BACK (NOW)
Bad times don’t last. Things always get better.
Other people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.
Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset.
Nobody is perfect - not you and not others.
Concentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.
Everybody experiences sadness, changes, hurt, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes. They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.
Blame fairly - how much of what happened was because of you, because of others and because of bad luck or circumstances?
Accept the things you can’t change (but try to change what you can first).
Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don’t believe the worst possible.
Keep things in perspective. It’s one part of your life and doesn’t have to spoil everything else.
Never give anyone else the power to ruin your day.
Operate on the 80-20 principle...if I can do things effectively 80% of the time, the other 20% won’t really count (or can be forgiven!)
Wisdom comes from getting through the tough patches...it doesn’t necessarily come with age...sometimes age just shows up by itself!

Enjoy the rest of the week
Annette O’Shea

Curriculum News
Student reports and portfolios will be going home on Friday 30 November 2012.

Diane Anderson
Curriculum Support Teacher
Advent
Preparations for the Christmas season have begun at Marymount even though the official liturgical season doesn’t start until Sunday 2 December. Advent signals the start of the new year for the church. The readings are different each year but the focus for our thoughts is much the same – we are waiting and preparing for the impending birth of Jesus, saviour of the world. In much the same way as the season of Lent prepares us for Easter, Advent encourages us to look inwards at our lives and connect with our own Christian life. This year it is our actions towards the poor and marginalised under scrutiny as we strive to do our best to bring about fairness and justice for all.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal – all donated items are distributed locally along with the grocery items from Marymount Day. Trees will be placed in the library and Student Reception.

St Vincent de Paul (Burleigh)
Christmas Appeal 2012
Please leave a gift under the tree for a boy or girl over 8 years of age.
No need to wrap your gift.
Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Band Concert
All are welcome to attend the final Band Concert for the year this evening at 6.30 in the Doyle Centre. We are especially proud of our progress during this year and keen to perform. Those from Yrs 3-7 who might consider joining next year this evening at 6.30 in the Doyle Centre. We are All are welcome to attend the final Band Concert for the year this evening at 6.30 in the Doyle Centre. We are especially proud of our progress during this year and keen to perform. Those from Yrs 3-7 who might consider joining next year this evening at 6.30 in the Doyle Centre. We are All are welcome to attend the final Band Concert for the year this evening at 6.30 in the Doyle Centre. We are especially proud of our progress during this year and keen to perform. Those from Yrs 3-7 who might consider joining next year this evening at 6.30 in the Doyle Centre. We are

Thank you – two small words that make quite an impact but can be overlooked! Please allow us to thank you for your time and efforts for the benefit of our children here at Marymount. You are invited to gather with us and pause for prayer and refreshments. We would appreciate your reply if you know you can come, but you will be most welcome even if you just drop in!

Have you helped out at school this year? Are you a sport coach or assistant? Did you walk on the beachathon, help at the musical or Art Show? Have you helped in the tuckshop or with classroom work? We would like to thank you for your generosity at a special

Helpers’ Liturgy and refreshments
OSHC rooms in Multipurpose Centre
Thursday 29th November starting at 9.00am
Please indicate your attendance on the slip below so that we can make arrangements for catering.

(Please return to Ms Christensen at the office or to the class teacher)
Yes I would love to come to the Helpers’ Liturgy on Thursday 29th November.
Name: _________________________Number attending: __________

Isabella Freeman 7M - Excellence in mathematics, English, history; Erin Wilson 7M - Excellence in mathematics, English, geography; Mia Beasley 7M - Excellence in mathematics, English, geography; Lillian Boyes 7M - Excellence in mathematics, English, geography; Casey Roberts 7Y - Excellence in mathematics, English, history; Natalie Hughes 7P - Excellence in mathematics, English, geography; Zali Williams 1A - Excellence in writing; Vinh Nguyen 4R - Excellence in science; Sam Becker 5M - for academic passion and excellence in speaking and Leon Quok OY - Excellence in English and mathematics.

P & F Social Event
Saturday 9th March 2013
Arrive 6.30pm for 7.00pm start
Doyle Centre - St Patrick’s Day theme
BYO Drinks & nibbles
Lots of prizes to be won!
Tickets will be available for purchase from the start of the 2013 school year.
Prices start at $10 per person
Make your own table of 8 - pay only $8 per person
Early Bird Special $7
if purchased before Friday 15th February.
All money raised will go to charity.
All enquiries to Genevieve Sly
0412 211 854
Banking News

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Writing Award Winners

Congratulations to Thomas Browne 4A; Charli Russell 3R; Kasey Hatton 5R; Libby Hughes 1R and Summer Finn

Tuckshop News

Thanks to all the volunteers who attended our night out last Friday. Everyone had a fantastic time; great food and lots of laughs made for a great evening. Thanks to all who participated. I am sure this will become an annual event.

UNDER THE SEA THEME DAY - FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER

I can still accept late orders on Thursday, however we will not be able to accept orders for Friday. The Tuckshop will be open as usual for Morning Tea and Lunch. No other lunch orders will be accepted on this day except for the Fish burger. This theme day is available for all grades.

A very big thanks to those who have offered to help out on Friday. We will certainly need your help. All welcome to give a helping hand.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday 26 November.............Jo Kane, Angela Sauvarin
Tuesday 27 November............Lisa and Karen
Wednesday 28 November....Christina Ross & Brigette Mallow
Thursday 29 November......Sharon Lally, Louise Gimellaro and Lou
Friday 30 November...............Silvia and Michelle

Next week I will be sending a tuckshop volunteer form home with every family. Please consider offering your services to help out in your child’s tuckshop. We rely heavily on your commitment and cannot operate our school Tuckshop without volunteers. One day per month is the usual roster. However any time you can volunteer is most appreciated. Please consider this request as the students love their Tuckshop and it would be a shame to have to reduce days of operation. Thank you.

The last day for Tuckshop is Wednesday 5 December 2012.

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Uniform/Bookshop

Opening Hours Term 4
Mon - Fri 8.10am to 10.30am & 2pm - 3.15pm.

BOOKLIST PAYMENTS NOW DUE.

We will take booklists payments until 7 December and they can be made over the phone or email bookshop@mps.qld.edu.au

Swim caps in stock!
lycra and silicon with school name/emblem $13.20
latex in house colours  $4.40

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MARYMOUNT COLLEGE UNIFORMS

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Anne Barrett
Marymount College Uniform Shop

XMAS HOLIDAY FUN CAMP

Each day is filled with a variety of fun filled sporting activities: Tennis, Table Tennis, Cricket, Basketball, Soccer, Touch Football, and T-Ball. Invitations welcome!

Call Joanne: 0417634324 - Email: Joanne.sauerbrun@mpq.qld.edu.au

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