



Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Staff News

One of our Year Five teachers, Trish Taylor, has decided to take leave for the rest of the year to help care for her terminally ill husband Geoff. Geoff has been sick for a number of years now and sadly his condition has deteriorated over the latter part of this year. Trish and her family decided to move Geoff into a hospice in late September. I fully support Trish's decision and it was one which took great courage. I would ask that our school community keeps Geoff, and the whole Taylor family, in our prayers. Trish's co-teacher, Samantha Edwards, has offered to take this class full time for the rest of the year and our thanks goes to Sam for taking on this extra load at this busy time of the year.

Late last week we received confirmation from our central office of Brisbane Catholic Education that Doug Hicks has resigned as a teacher at Marymount Primary School. Doug has been absent from our school for almost three years now on extended medical leave. I would like to commend Doug on his decision – he didn't want to return to teaching here unless he could give the position his full fitness and commitment, and unfortunately he is unable to do so. Doug had been teaching here at Marymount since the early 2000's and was a well-respected colleague on our staff. He was known for his calm and caring nature towards our children and his wisdom and wide life experience. Doug's influence and keen sense of humour will be missed. On your behalf I would like to thank Doug for his commitment to our school and I wish him well with his ongoing health concerns.

Morecombe Foundation Visit – Tuesday, 19 November

Next Tuesday morning our school will be receiving a visit from Bruce and Denise Morecombe on behalf of the Morecombe Family Foundation. Bruce and Denise will be sharing their story and their words of wisdom on Child Safety to our children from Year 3 to 7 at a special gathering in our Multi-purpose Centre at 9.00am. We will also have children from our College's Year 8 classes and the Year 6 and 7 classes from St Vincent's at Clear Island Waters joining our group. Our parents are most welcome to come along for the session which will run for just on an hour. Our Parents and Friends President, Genevieve Sly, will be in attendance and she will present Bruce and Denise with a donation to the Foundation on our behalf. I would like to thank our Curriculum Support Teacher, Diane Anderson, for all of her work in co-ordinating this visit. Diane has been liaising with the Foundation staff and our sister schools since early in the year and was very keen for our children to hear their message.

Parents and Friends News

Our last P & F meeting for the term was held on Monday evening and we shared drinks and nibbles to celebrate the end of the year and another successful year for our P & F. At the meeting some preliminary ideas were put forward as to possible projects for the P & F levy for next year with the view being that a 'big ticket' capital expenditure much like the Frank Shine Walk may be the best way to go. The P & F took out a half share in a loan to construct this walkway in 2004 and it will finish paying this loan off in early 2015. The Frank Shine Walk was a very good project and it has helped to make our school environment a much better place. In other news from the meeting it was decided that our number for a Quorum for future P & F meetings would be set at 8. This decision was made following notification being tabled in our October newsletter and after initial discussion being held at the October meeting. I would like to thank all of the members of our P & F for their work over the course of this year; much has been achieved and this body has helped to enliven the great community spirit that we have here at Marymount.

School Helpers Liturgy - Wednesday, 27 November

Each year we hold a prayer liturgy to say 'Thanks' to all of our parent and grandparent helpers and volunteers for their combined efforts in supporting our children over the year. This year we will combine this liturgy with one of our normal Wednesday Prayer assemblies which are led by our classes. We will hold this liturgy on the above date at 9.00am in the Doyle Centre and all of our helpers are invited to come along. Following this liturgy we will hold a short Morning Tea in our school's Staff Room.

School Safety Issue

At Marymount there are a number of before and after school activities which are on offer for our children and are held either on our school premises or within the school boundaries (eg ovals). Some of these activities don't start until 4.00pm or they finish at 5.00pm or later and this leaves a lot of loose time for the children if they are waiting around for activities to start or to be picked up. Please know that our supervision here ends at 3.30pm with our last duty at the top area of Sunlight Drive and after this there is no supervision for the children if they remain on our grounds. As a school we have concerns about the safety of our children during these times and this applies especially to some of our younger children who aren't involved in these events but who have to stay here to wait for pick-ups. Please talk to your children about where and when you are picking them up and also about staying together and being with the co-ordinators of the relevant events.

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Coming Events

Wednesday November 13
Whole School Assembly - 2P

Friday November 15
Yrs 5 - 7 Sport

Tuesday November 19
9.00am - Yrs 3 - 7 Morecombe
Foundation visit

Wednesday November 20
Whole School Assembly

Friday November 22
Yr 1 Swimming Carnival
Book Club orders due.

Tuesday November 26
Yrs 2 & 3 Swimming Carnival

Wednesday November 27
Whole School Assembly
Yrs 4 Swimming Carnival

Thursday November 28
Swimming Trials
6pm-Tuckshop Volunteers
Get Together

2014 Booklist
payments due
this Friday 15
November 2013

Bookshop closed
from
Friday 29
November.

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 Principal
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Last day of school – Friday, 6 December

I would like to remind our families that school officially closes for the year on Friday, 6 December, at 12 noon. Our Friday classes will be held as normal but we will only have a Morning Tea break at our usual time. It would be good if parents could begin to make plans now for the collection of your children at twelve o'clock and to let your children know as it is out of sync with our normal patterns. Our Outside School Hours Care unit will be operating but numbers in this will be limited. If you are arranging for other adults to pick up your children please let your child's teachers know this. This is especially important for our younger children. Thanks for your anticipated help with this matter.

Thanks for your time this week

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey



From our Assistant Principal -
Tony Barron

Backyard League Program

The National Rugby League would like to invite your son/daughter (from Years 3-7) to our "Coles Backyard League Centre" in conjunction with Marymount Primary School and your local Junior Rugby League Club, the Burleigh Bears.

Venue: Marymount Primary School

Date: Tuesday 19th November

Time: 3:10pm – 4:10pm

The Coles Backyard League Centre provides a great introduction to Junior Rugby League. The session will consist of fun games and challenging activities that will provide an opportunity for your child to improve their coordination, spatial awareness, social skills and fitness. It is also a great way to make new friends!

The session will be taught by professional NRL Game Development officers.

The best thing about the Coles Backyard League Centre is that it is completely FREE, and your son/daughter will receive a show bag, and experience what Junior Rugby League is all about.

To register your son/daughter, please obtain an information letter from Parent Reception, and return the attached permission slip to the Office at Marymount Primary School by Friday 16th November.

Movember

Hi all Marymount Males

The male staff at Marymount Primary have decided to take on the challenge, that is, Movember. We are also encouraging any other members of the Marymount community to join our team. Our team is known as the Marymount Primary Mo Bros.

You can find information on the website listed below. Here you can join us, register, or donate. Your donation will support world class men's health programs and mental health challenges.

These programs, directed by the Movember Foundation, are focused on:

- awareness and education
- staying mentally healthy, living with and beyond mental illness
- living with and beyond cancer
- research

All programs work to achieve our vision of an everlasting impact on the face of men's health. The Movember Foundation is authorised by the Australian Tax Office as a deductible gift recipient and tax-exempt health promotion charity.

Movember Team is - Marymount Primary Mo Bros. Register and Donate on- <http://au.movember.com/donate>

Tony Barron

CURRICULUM NEWS

On Tuesday 19th November parents are welcome to attend a child safety presentation at 9.00am in the Multi Purpose Centre. Denise and Bruce Morcombe will present their child safety message. Marymount children are asked to wear red tops on this day. If you have any enquiries please call me on 5520 8408.

Diane Anderson



The Liturgical Season of Advent

Preparations for the Christmas season have begun at Marymount even though the official liturgical season doesn't start until Sunday 1 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. In 2013 the readings challenge us to think about the ways God acts in our lives. God is a God of Surprises. Advent challenges us to 'Wake up' and be prepared to welcome God in people and experiences.

At this morning's assembly Year 2P explained the symbolism of the Advent wreath and shared a short video which can be found at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S02KOIw7dIA>.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Bernadette Christensen



As we wrap up another very successful year of Instrumental Music and Band at Marymount we celebrate our successes. We have finished the year with 32 students in our Senior Band, seven of whom also joined the Marymount College Concert Band. We have attended an excursion to see the Australian Army Band; participated in a Performing Arts day with St Augustine's students; toured with the St Vincent's Band to St Kevin's (Benowa) and Jubilee Primary (Gaven); played on assembly and had two concerts for family and friends.

In the next few weeks we prepare to begin again in 2014 and invite you to consider this opportunity for your child. This morning at assembly all students from Years 2-6 were encouraged to consider joining the program next year. Students from Years Three and Four were given a note to take home; however information will be available from the office for any other student who is interested. Instruments on offer include trumpet, saxophone, trombone, flute, clarinet and percussion.



During this term Year 4 and 5 students have prepared short plays under the direction of teacher Meagan Curry. Parents are welcome to attend the performance of these in the Theatrette at the times listed below.

Year Four – 'A Christmas Cinderella'

Year Five – 'Another Time'

Plays Theatrette

Mon 25 Nov.	9.30	4P	11.30	4R		
	12.30	4M	2pm	4Y		
Wed 27 Nov.	9.50	5A	12.15	5P	2pm	5Y
Thurs 28 Nov.	9.15	5M	11.30	5R	2pm	4A



Weekly visits to Ozanam Villa have given residents and students a lot of joy throughout the year.



PATRON PARENTS EVENTS

- 1P - Thursday 14 November - 9.00am
Parents/Caregivers Morning Tea
Miami Marketa Coffee Shop, 23 Hillcrest Pde, Miami
- 1R - Friday 15 November - 6.00pm
Family Evening - Dog & Parrot, Robina
RSVP - 6 Nov. to Jo 0414572901
- 2A, 4M, 4Y - Wednesday 20 November - 9.00am
Parents & younger children welcome.
Coffee Club, Stockland No need to RSVP.
- 5Y - Friday 22 November - 6.30pm
Parents - Groove Train, Robina Town Centre
RSVP - 19 Nov. to Lisa 0424381931
- 0R - Thursday 20 November - 9.00am
Coffee Club, Stockland -Lis & Jen



SUPER SUMMER SAUSAGE SIZZLE - \$4

Monday 25 November

Yummy BBQ Sausage sizzle, plus an exciting new fizzy juice drink called GLEE.
(Which will be your GLEE? Bubblegum Grape; Blackcurrant Burst or Slammin Strawberry!)

To order simply log on to Munch Monitors and go to the School Shop Section and click on "Super Summer Sausage Sizzle" - Monday 25 November.

PLEASE NOTE: THE CUT OFF DATE FOR THIS SPECIAL WILL BE TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER.

No other food available that day except special treats over the counter.

Helpers are always needed on these special days. Should you be able to help out please contact Vicki at the tuckshop with the good news! 11am till 1pm would be fantastic. This will be our last theme food day for 2013.

JOIN THE FUN, HAVE A SNAG AND BE FULL OF GLEE!

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday 18 November.....**HELP NEEDED PLEASE**

Tuesday 19 November.....Tracey Stanton

Wednesday 20 November....Ros Knowles

Thursday 21 November.....Laura Kirkwood

Friday 22 November.....Michelle Tonks

As you can see, there is only one helper each day. Should you be able to lend a hand on any of these days (if only for an hour) I am sure the rostered volunteer would appreciate it. Thanks.

Have a great week

Vicki Turner



Congratulations to Year 5 Public Speaking winners.
Equal First - Grace Bopf-Lewis & Jessica Myles;
2nd - Georgia Ryan; 3rd Corbin Zahn.

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS END OF YEAR GET TOGETHER

Where: North Burleigh Surf Club

When: Thursday 28 November

Time: 6pm

If you're keen please let me know and I'll put your name on the flyer in the tuckshop.



SPORTS NEWS

Swimming Carnivals 2014

Year 1 - Friday 22nd Nov (AM)

Year 2 - Tuesday 26th Nov (AM)

Year 3 - Tuesday 26th Nov (PM)

Year 4 - Wednesday 27th Nov (PM)

Trials - Thursday 28th Nov (PM)

Bookclub



Final Bookclub order for the year.
Catalogues have been sent home.
Great Christmas bargains available.

Orders due back

Friday 22 November.

No cash or cheques please.

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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