

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Staffing changes 2017

Late last term we were notified by Annette O'Shea, of her intention to resign her Assistant Principal position, as she transitions towards retirement. Annette has been at Marymount for 13 years and has held Leadership positions in a number of schools around Queensland for many, many years. Her love of teaching, her Leadership skills, and her passion for sport and fitness will definitely be missed around here.

After a process involving interviews with Fr Ken Howell, and staff from Brisbane Catholic Education, we are pleased to be able to announce Mrs Tina O'Keefe to the role of Assistant Principal for 2017. Tina has been Acting Assistant Principal this year, and previously was Acting Assistant Principal at Guardian Angels School, Ashmore.

We welcome Tina to this role and wish Annette and her husband Tony, all the best for their future.

Further staffing changes for 2017 will be sent home to parents later in the year, when class lists go home.

Prep 2017 Orientation Meetings

We will be holding two meetings next week for our Prep 2017 intake of children. On the Monday evening, November 7 at 6.00pm we will be offering Parent Information meetings with the class teachers and then we will have an Orientation Session for the new children at 9.15am on Tuesday November 8. Our Parent meeting will start off in our Multi-purpose Centre and then move to the classrooms. The morning session with the children will run for just over an hour and normal classes for our existing Prep children will resume by 10.30am.

All Schools Touch Competition

Good luck to Dwayne Thorburn and our students from Years 5 and 6 who will be competing in the Qld All Schools Touch competition at Redlands on the weekend. We have been competing in this competition for the last few years against schools from all around Qld. Best of luck to all involved.

Year 4 Camp – 9 – 11 November

Next Wednesday our Year 4 classes head off for their annual camp at Tallebudgera Creek Outdoor Education Camp. This will be an exciting camp and for many of our children it is their first time away as a group of school children. The camp provides some wonderful facilities and the staff are very experienced teachers, many of whom have worked with our children over the years. I would like to thank our teachers for giving up their own family time in order to ensure a great experience for our children.

Children Absent from School

If your child/children are absent from school due to illness, appointments or holiday plans, it is important that you contact us and let us know that morning. This can be done by phoning the school on 5535 1803 and choosing Option 1 from the phone menu. You can also use the Parent Portal and the Report Student Absence Tab. It is a safety concern, so that we know that your children are at home, and have not gone missing in transit.

This is really important and helps ensure that children are exactly where we all think they are. This term if you have not notified the school by 9am, you will receive an SMS to contact us and please explain. This is to ensure the safety of our children.

Our SMS have begun this week, so please make sure you have contacted the school office.

Leaving Marymount Primary at the end of the year

If your child/children are not returning to Marymount Primary in 2017, could you please let our office know either through a phone message (55351803) or via email on pburleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au. This of course does not apply to our Year 6 children, who will be completing their primary education at the end of the year. We have a number of families who are keen to enrol in our school, and many of our classes are at or near capacity. By letting us know, we are able to more effectively plan for classes, resourcing and staffing for the future. Thank you for your anticipated help with this matter.

Hope you had some luck in the Cup yesterday and had a big win. I unfortunately will have to continue working for a little while longer.

Enjoy your week.

Yours in Christ, **Tony Barron**

Coming Events

Wednesday November 2
3P - Whole School Assembly

Thursday November 3
Year 3 - Jellurgal excursion
1Y, 1S, 1P - Class Liturgies

Friday November 4
Prep & Yr 4 Street Science
Incursion
Yrs 4 - 6 Intra-house sport

Monday November 7
6.00pm - Prep 2017 Parent
Orientation

Tuesday November 8
Prep 2017 Student Orientation

Wednesday November 9
Whole School Assembly
Yr 4 Camp - Tallebudgera
Prep - Nativity Puppets incursion

Thursday November 10
Prep - The Nativity

Friday November 11
Yr 4 students return from camp

Wednesday November 16
Whole School Assembly

Thursday November 17
Yrs 1 & 2 - Drum Beats

Friday November 18
0P - Christmas Concert

Monday November 21
Yr 1 Swim Carnival

Tuesday November 22
Yr 2 Swim Carnival

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)
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

Medical All Stars

Please be aware that all relevant paperwork for our All Stars, which was sent home earlier this Term, is now due.

All Action Plans for **Anaphylaxis** must be renewed by your medical practitioner and **Medical** Action Plans need to be signed by your doctor. We ask that these be returned to the school as soon as possible.

If you have any concerns or have not received this information, please feel free to contact me through the School Office by phoning 5535 1803.

Many thanks

Helen Brosnan
LEC Teacher



QUEENSLAND



All Saints and All Souls Feast Days

Mrs Cameron's Year 3 class led us in prayer at assembly today as we commemorated All Saints Day and All Souls Day. All Saints' day observed on the 1st November is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church and expresses our Christian faith with the communion of saints. All Souls Day commemorated annually on the 2nd November, is a time we especially remember and pray for the members of our family and friends who have died. These feast days have long been in the liturgical calendar and expresses our Christian faith in the communion of saints and in the souls who have departed.

**Confirmation**

Please keep in your prayers the 107 children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 16 November. Bishop Joseph Oudeman will lead the Confirmation ceremony along with Frs Ken, Stephen and Dantus. Each week at mass, the community warmly welcomes these children as they prepare to celebrate the confirmation of their baptism.

Youth Mass- Sunday 6 November

The final Youth Mass for 2016 is being held this Sunday 6 November at the 5.30pm Doyle Centre Mass. The theme for this month is, 'Today leads to Tomorrow.' Please come along and join in to make this a joyous occasion and to say thank you for the tireless work throughout the year from the Burleigh Blaze Youth Group who organise each month a mass for our youth to celebrate. Following mass you are very welcome to stay for food, music and games.

Remembrance Day Assembly- Wednesday 9 November 9am

Next Wednesday at assembly we welcome Fr Ken as 3M leads the 'Remembrance Day' liturgy. For us as Christians, Remembrance Day presents a unique opportunity to meditate on the way of peace. God calls us to look to Jesus, who through His life and teachings, we see the perfect example of a peacemaker and peacekeeper. We are encouraged to follow Jesus' way of reconciling love and commit to ways in which we can serve as God's peacekeepers throughout Marymount, home and the wider community. All are welcome to join us for this important time to pray together for peace in our world. Marymount Primary will pause to remember on Friday 11 November at 11am.

Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Rescue Service

The students had a wonderful morning last Friday as the Westpac Helicopter landed on our oval. The pilot and crew landed to a sea of red and yellow as the children swapped their school uniform for casual red and yellow clothing in support of Surf Lifesaving Queensland. This day raised \$1057.25 that we will forward to assist them in keeping our beaches safe.

Day for Daniel

Last Friday also coincided with 'Day for Daniel'- a National Day of Action to raise awareness about child safety and protection and to promote a safer community for children. Marymount Primary has also forwarded money raised to the Morcombe Foundation for Bruce and Denise Morcombe to continue assisting educators and parents in the education of children about their personal safety.

Thank you once again for your support of these two important causes.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Maree Wright



Dear Parents, our combined junior and senior bands performed at assembly today. Some of the students demonstrated their instruments afterwards to Year 2 & 3 students and a form was handed out to all interested children who would like to learn an instrument and join the band program next year. The program is open to all students from Year 3 to 6.

Parents if you are interested in your child joining the band in 2017, please help them to make a selection on the form and bring your child to our concert on Tuesday 8th November at 6.30pm in the Doyle Centre Theatre. At this concert the current band will showcase their talents and you will be given all the information on how to enrol your child in the music program. There will also be a display of all the instruments available for tuition.

Regards
Colin Hoy

Public Speaking



Year Six

First - Charlotte Threlfall
Second - Nick Ranson
Third - Jasper Williams

Thanks to our adjudicator
Janie-Maree Burgess from the College.



Year Five

First - Zane Russell Second - Brodie Richmond Third - Daniel Bray
Highly Commended - Jack Ross



Sport News



Congratulations to Brooke O'Brien who made the under 12's Gold Coast AFL Team, the first ever Gold Coast U12 Girl's AFL team.

The team recently played in the State Carnival held in Brisbane.

2017 Booklist

Payments due 14 November 2016.

If you have not received your Booklist Invoice or cannot pay the full amount by the due date, please contact Jenny Mellifont in the Bookshop on 55208410.

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TODAY

Youth Mass

6 November

Doyle Centre, Marymount

Food • Music • Games

facebook.com/burleighblazeyouthgroup

5:30pm

TOMORROW