Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

World Teachers’ Day
On Friday we celebrate World Teachers’ Day. At Marymount we refer to it as World Educators Day, as we celebrate the achievements and the hard work that all our Teachers and School Officers do each day. Everyone in our school community plays an important role in the running of our school, and in the education of our children. They are a magnificent group who work tirelessly, often without thanks. But on Friday we take the time to say Thank You!

Thank you for everything you do each day at Marymount.

20 and 30 Years Service
Today on Assembly we recognised two people for their contribution to Catholic Education. One of our teachers, Christine Buzolic celebrates 30 years as a teacher in Catholic Education, while Janelle Holmes, our Finance Secretary celebrates 20 years.

Chris has worked for many years at Marymount, and has always had a strong passion for teaching. Recently taking up the challenge of robotics and coding with our Year 4 students, she is continually learning to ensure she gives her very best to all the children she teaches. Janelle, has the often thankless job of looking after finances and school fees. While this can often be a tough role to complete, she always manages to find the positives and keep going. Marymount and Catholic Education are lucky to have such dedicated employees. Congratulations Chris and Janelle!

College Awards Night
Tonight the College celebrates their Annual Awards Night. Many of the students who have attained awards, went through the Primary school. We wish College Principal Chris Noonan, his staff and all the students the very best tonight. Good luck also to the Year 12 students as they approach final exams.

Red Day, and Red and Yellow Day
On Friday we celebrate another two special events. We are encouraging the students to wear Red, as a sign of respect and remembrance for Daniel Morcombe and his family in a “Day for Daniel”, and for continued thoughts about our children and keeping them safe.

We also encourage Red and Yellow to be worn, as we celebrate Surf Lifesaving Qld and the magnificent work that the Surf Lifesaving community does to keep us safe while on our beaches. More information about these days can be found further in the newsletter.

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.

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.

Yours in Christ

Tony Barron
Last Thursday was the P - 2 Athletics carnival. Children had the opportunity to showcase the skills they have learnt in PE, such as high jump, hurdles, ball games, relays, throws and sprints.

A wonderful time was had by all.

*Deb McKeen-Nunan*
EYL & Curriculum
20 and 30 Years of Service to Catholic Education

Today at assembly we honoured the service to Brisbane Catholic Education of two of our staff members. Chris Buzolic, one of our Year 4 teachers celebrates 30 years and Janelle Holmes, our Accounts Officer, 20 years, as employees within Catholic Education. We celebrated their dedication, generous service and faithful witness to the calling of Catholic Education. We also thanked them for the unique gifts they have brought to Marymount and all the places they have worked over these years.

As a community, we prayed in gratitude for their presence among us and for continued blessing on their work and lives. They were presented with certificates of appreciation on behalf of our Archbishop, Mark Coleridge, and our Executive Director, Pam Betts. We concluded this liturgy with all staff at Marymount reaffirming their mission to continue in their service of the gospel to affirm the reign of God with justice, compassion and peace, so all at Marymount will feel the sense of welcome and presence of a loving God.

I congratulate Chris and Janelle on reaching these milestones in their careers.

Thank you for your generosity

As a result of our Silly Sock Day last Friday we have sent $965.20 to Catholic Missions to support children living in poverty in Cambodia and to help them have access to education. We are called by Pope Francis to be missionary and to commit to be the hands of mercy that draws everyone into God’s family and merciful love. Here at Marymount, your generosity in supporting those less fortunate than us truly encapsulates merciful love to those less fortunate. Thank you for your generosity.

Nude Food Day Tomorrow

Tomorrow our students are encouraged to join other students across the country in bringing, healthy, wrapper-free lunches to school. National Nude Food Day is a chance for our students to realise what they can do for their health and the health of the planet.

Teachers tomorrow will tally the number of nude lunches brought to school in each class, with the winning class receiving a free ice-cream party. The winning class will be announced at assembly next week.

So make sure tomorrow you pack a healthy, wrapper free lunch.

Day for Daniel

Marymount Primary is pleased to support the work of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation in highlighting personal safety for children. We will participate in the Wear-Red-For-Daniel Day this Friday 28 October and each class will receive age appropriate resources to teach the students to recognise, react and report danger.

Within our Health and Physical Education curriculum, child safety is also paramount. The content supports students to develop knowledge, understanding and skills to make safe decisions and behave in ways that protect their own safety and that of others. All students at appropriate intervals across the continuum of learning from Prep to Year 10 will learn about:

- safety at school
- safe practices at home, in road or transport environments, in the outdoors and near water
- strategies for dealing with unsafe or uncomfortable situations
- safe practices when using ICT and online services, including cyberbullying
- managing personal safety
- first aid and emergency care
- safety when participating in physical activity, including sun safety and
- relationship safety

Surf Lifesaving Appeal

The Day for Daniel also coincides with the first ever ‘Red And Yellow’ day coordinated by Surf Lifesaving Queensland. Students are encouraged to swap their school uniform for casual red and yellow clothing on Friday 28 October in return for a gold coin donation. The Westpac Lifesaver Helicopter Rescue Service will be landing on our oval at 9.30am providing the students with a rescue demonstration by the crew.

So this Friday 28 October, please support both these important causes by wearing red and/or yellow and donate a gold coin in support of both the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and Surf Lifesaving.

Maree Wright
Year 1R presented today’s assembly all about faith and miracles.

2017 Booklist
Invoices were sent out in the first week of Term 4.

Payment is 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.

Tuckshop News

On Monday 31st October, we are bringing back the show boxes with a choice of three meal deals all with a surprise inside.

Meal Deal 1: Hotdog, choice of juice or flavoured milk, a cookie and a surprise! $7.00

Meal Deal 2: Good eating beef pie, choice of juice or flavoured milk, a cookie and a surprise! $8.00

Meal Deal 3: Chicken fingers (goujons), choice of juice or flavoured milk, a cookie and a surprise! $7.50

Order online by Wednesday 26th October.

Kerry and the Tuckshop team.