

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Vale Tom Rolfe

Last week we received the very sad news that Mr Tom Rolfe had passed away at the age of 85 after succumbing to an illness which had plagued him over these last few years. Tom was the founder of the Woodwork program which children from our school have enjoyed participating in since 2002. The program had also catered for boys from our sister schools of Guardian Angels and St Vincent's and it still finds children from our school and St Augustine's thoroughly enjoying the enterprise to this day. Tom's vision of helping young boys to learn the craft of woodworking had been his focus and he doggedly fought to bring this vision to reality despite many setbacks over a period of nearly twenty years. Tom, together with a band of like-minded mature-aged gentlemen, were able to provide their woodwork classes to our boys and those from the other schools at a series of venues before being temporarily relocated to the area under the Doyle Centre in the mid-2000's. In 2010, after many years of persistence and endless lobbying and meetings with politicians and the Gold Coast City Council, Tom was able to secure a parcel of Parish land adjacent to St Augustine's School at Currumbin. This site would enable his woodwork group to establish a purpose-built work shed which we hope will help to continue the program on for many more years. This magnificent building and its band of willing helpers is Tom's legacy to our children and the children of this region. Tom has been the Patron of this group for the last four years and only his failing health stopped him from joining in with the everyday group sessions with the boys from both schools. In 2010 Tom's work was recognised when he was presented by the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency Penelope Wensley, with the Spirit of Catholic Education Award for the whole of the Brisbane Archdiocese (pictured). This was indeed a fitting honour for him and due recognition for many years of untiring service to others. Our sympathies go to his wife, Diane, and his family. I would ask that you please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom.

Traffic Issues for the end of Term and Next Term

I would ask that parents please use extreme caution when picking up children in our main car park area. We have had a number of reports coming to us from our bus companies who utilise this area in regard to cars taking right of way from buses. This involves cars both pulling out in front of buses and crossing over in front of them to park and pick up. Both are very dangerous practices and I would ask that these are discontinued. There have also been a number of our children crossing south across Reedy Creek Road without properly accessing the designated walk and crossing zones as marked. More frightening is the fact that our children are walking around the mesh fencing which is designed to channel the flow of pedestrian traffic into the right zones. This means that the children are effectively walking in the traffic lanes which our parent cars are accessing. I would ask that parents please talk to their children about following the correct crossing procedures which includes following the designated footpaths and refuge stations.

NAPLAN Student Reports

Parents may have seen media coverage on the release of this year's NAPLAN results for the Year 3, 5 and 7 tests which all children in Australia sat for in May. This effectively occurred last Friday afternoon for schools. We have been advised by the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority (ACARA) however, that the individual Student Reports will be delivered to schools early in Term 4 and passed onto parents once checked by the school for accuracy and completeness. This delay has been due a printing error recently identified by ACARA. I will advise parents through this forum when we be sending out these documents.

Sacre Couer Billets

Thank you to the many parents who have answered our call to act as billets for the upcoming visit by our friends from Sacre Couer (Sacred Heart) Catholic Primary School in New Caledonia. We have more than enough (we have to accommodate 32 children) and our Billet Co-Ordinator, Tony Barron, will be contacting parents with full details this week to finalise details. The children and their support staff arrive here in the first week of Term 4 and spend the week on the Gold Coast. They will join us for our Wednesday assembly and spend part of this day with the children of our school. The rest of the time will see them visit many of the places of interest and fun in and around the South-East of Queensland. Your support for this annual trip is very much appreciated and I hope that all goes well for your time with our Pacific neighbours.

Term 4 Start – Tuesday, 8 October

Please be advised that school for all classes commences for Term 4 on the above date. The Monday is a gazetted Queensland Public Holiday for Labour Day and our school as well as our Outside School Hours Care unit will be closed for this day.

Coming Events

Friday September 20

TUCKSHOP CLOSED
End of Term

Monday October 7
Labor Day - Public Holiday

Tuesday October 8
School Resumes for Term 4



*Tom receiving his award from
the Governor-General*

**TUCKSHOP
CLOSED
THIS
FRIDAY**

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 *continued*

Marymount Fete News

Our Fete is fast approaching with it now being just on a month away and we are looking to tidy up a number of loose ends. The Art Union tickets which every family received a booklet for really need to be returned and it would be great if these could be received by the end of this week. If some of them are unsold this is fine as we need the leftover tickets and any monies from sales to be in to our Uniform shop. We have also sent out, via this newsletter, the lists of items we are asking the individual classes to donate to help us with prizes for the day. These items have been coming in and I thank you for this support. We will have our last draw for the \$50 Robina Town Centre Shopping voucher in the first week back at our assembly. This draw is eligible for any children who return their Art Union tickets. We still need some volunteers to help with various stalls on the day so if you can spare an hour or two please contact our office to leave your name. Thank you for all of your support so far with the Fete; things seem to be coming together well and we are hoping for a great community day.

Thanks for the Term

It has been a long term for all involved but much has been achieved. I would like to thank our staff for their dedication to the children under their care – teachers, School Officers, Grounds staff and our tuckshop workers and helpers. Everyday I see wonderful examples of professionalism and many magnificent works for the sake of our children. We are blessed to have such great and caring staff. I would also like to thank our parents for their efforts in joining in partnership with our staff to help create a caring Christian environment. The better we can work together in support of each other the better things become for our children. I hope that you have a relaxing and invigorating break with your children, I wish you well for any travelling that you may undertake and I look forward to joining together again for the last term.

Yours in Christ
Greg Casey

PS My tips for the Grand Finals – The Storm in the League & Geelong in the AFL. Good luck if your team is still in the hunt!

From our Assistant Principal - *Tony Barron*

Backyard League

Last week saw the culmination of our Backyard League Program run by the NRL and Titans. The Backyard League Program is a three week program designed to give children ideas, skills and rules for modifying games to suit the players and their environment. The program run here at Marymount, was the largest single Backyard League Program ever run in Qld!

Children learnt many new skills and had lots of fun. On the last day, all 650 children received a football! A big thanks to Coles (sponsors of the program), the NRL Development, and the Titans for all their help in running these sessions. Check out the links below for videos and photos from the day.

<http://www.titans.com.au/news-display/loane-hands-out-tips-to-juniors/84389>

http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc_page.cgi?client=1-2984-0-0-0&slD=176538&&news_task=DETAIL&articleID=25589850

New Caledonia Billets

A huge thank you to all the families who offered to help in taking a billet for the students from New Caledonia. We had an overwhelming response from families!

Those families who have been successful will have received an envelope today, containing details about the visit, and about the students they will be looking after. Later this week families will also receive a card containing the contact details for the New Caledonian Teachers.

The students from Sacre-Couer School arrive on Monday October 7 at 5.00pm and are here for a week.

Thanks, and have a great holiday.
Tony Barron



CURRICULUM NEWS

NAPLAN RESULTS

The results for these tests which were undertaken by children in Years 3, 5 and 7 in May will be available soon. We had expected to be able to send home individual reports this term. However, a printing error by ACARA has meant that all reports are delayed. We are now expecting to receive these early in Term four. Once we have had the opportunity to check and scan the papers, each eligible child will be given their copy to take home. An announcement will be made in the newsletter to let parents know when this will happen.

As a school we are able to access online school data and overall our results are pleasing. In terms of the National Minimum Standard for each test at each year level we have achieved scores in the high 90's for most areas. These percentage scores are the number of children who scored above the minimum score for their year level. Well done to all our students.

Diane Anderson

Thoughts from your School Counsellor

In his article "Making children's birthdays special", Michael Grose talks of the Big Birthday Party Phenomenon and the pressure this is placing on parents to come up with something bigger and better every year. Michael provides a few ideas to make celebrating your child's birthday special, keep the budget and your sanity intact and incorporate your child's friends as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, healthy and safe holiday break.

Mary Sanders

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WRITING GROUP TRIP TO THE BRISBANE WRITER'S FESTIVAL

Last Wednesday 15 members of the Marymount Writing Group travelled to Brisbane to take part in the Brisbane Writers' Festival. We went by train which was very exciting because some students had never been on a train before. It took a bit of practice but we finally got the hang of using the Go Cards! The author/illustrator we listened to was Gus Gordon. He has illustrated many Aussie Bites and Aussie Nibbles books. Recently he has published three of his own picture books and they were great! He showed us some drawings he did as a boy and how they still inspire him in his work today. He gave us some tips to help us with our writing and inspired us to keep writing!



EMAILING OF FEE STATEMENTS – TERM 4 2013

As the majority of parents are now aware, we will trial sending our Term 4 School Fee accounts out via email in the first week of Term 4 (8 – 11 October). I would like to thank the significant number of parents who replied to our recent mail out and advised us of their correct email address for this distribution of fees.

If you **DO NOT** want your statement emailed please contact our Accounts Department on 5520 8412 or 5520 8417. If you do not receive your statement by email or post by the end of the first week of Term 4, please also contact our Accounts Department. I would like to thank you for helping us out with this initiative.

DANCE EISTEDDFOD NEWS



Marymount College's Junior Extension Dance Team was very excited to include two talented Year 7 dancers in their performance at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod last month. Heidi Haley and Georgia Kreugar joined Year 8 and 9 students from the College, many of whom were also ex-Marymount Primary students, to perform a lively Musical Theatre routine. The troupe danced extremely well, against hundreds of dancers from Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and Brisbane schools, and were awarded a Highly Commended. Earlier in August, the routine, featuring Tom Weatherall, received First Place at the Beenleigh Eisteddfod.

It has been a pleasure to involve Marymount Primary students in our activities and we look forward to seeing more talented performing arts students as they progress through the College. In addition to Dance, Marymount College offers students the opportunity to select Drama, Music and Film and New Media as elective subjects. Extension Programs are also available in each of these performing arts and auditions for the Extension Dance Team will be held between 10-14 February 2014.

Shona Press
(Marymount College Dance Coordinator)



Congratulations to members of The Writer's Group who received awards at today's assembly.

Year 5 Gold Rush Day



**NEXT FETE MEETING
TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER
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Trish 0439722369



MUNCH MONITOR COUNT DOWN

Please make sure you have joined Munch Monitors - this is what you need to do.

Go to Munch Monitor.....User Namer: Marymount Password: munch4220

Commencing Tuesday 8 October ALL Tuckshop orders will be processed thru Munch Monitor. Any questions please come and see Vicki at the Tuckshop.

Our Tuck Shop has had a very successful term with many children enjoying a healthy variety of food, special treats and great Theme Days. Thank you to all for supporting our efforts to encourage the children to make healthy choices. Our new Spring/Summer menu will be available on Munch Monitors for the start of Term 4.

A very big thanks to all Tuckshop volunteers; your help is greatly appreciated by all.

Back to School Roster
Tuesday 8 October.....Deb Hopkins
Wednesday 9 October.....Trudy Humphreys
Thursday 10 October.....HELP PLEASE
Friday 11 October.....Sandy Kennedy and Chris



TUCKSHOP CLOSED FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
No orders or over-counter sales.

Enjoy the holidays.
Go The Alleygators and Bunnies!

Vicki Turner

SPEECH & DRAMA EISTEDDFOD RESULTS

The annual Gold Coast Eisteddfod has now come to a close, after 2 huge weeks of fantastic entertainment from children all over the Coast. Once again, Marymount Speech & Drama students are to be congratulated on their performances. Their talent and hard work is reflected in their outstanding results:

FIRST PLACE: Zara Nunan (x 2), Skye Defina, Abbey Gawler, Soma Byres, Heidi Haley (x 2), Dylan Stipancic (x 5), Gabriella Pegler, Kiara Covino, Hannah Mitchell, Riley Watt, Bryn Larkin, Liam Howe, Georgia Clay.

SECOND PLACE: Hannah Mitchell, Braedan T, Abbey Gawler, Shonelle Leis, Georgia Ryan, Olivia Heritage, Sam Butterworth, Kali Byres, Olivia Edwards, Charli Ackerman, Charlotte Threfall, Liam Howe, Bryn Larkin, Dylan Stipancic (x 2), Heidi Haley (x 2), Summer Defina.

THIRD PLACE: Piper Stockell, Linda Restaino, Elizabeth Jeffries, Tayla Willis, Skye Defina, Willow Howe, Cooper Sawyer, Harrison Sly, Jordan Bruce, Sophie Ackerman, Jack Murray, Kiki Bot-Cranitch, Dylan Bexley, Zoe Gilbert (x 2), Olivia Edwards, Jorja Hockings, Sophia Sanders, Bryn Larkin.

VERY HIGHLY COMMENDED: Samantha Marchmont, Hannah Mitchell, Jorja Hockings, Isabella Dean, Mia Gilbert (x 2), Willow Howe (x 2), Liliana Pooley-Venz, Rhett Kraljevic, Vinh Nguyen, Emily Crilly, Georgia Ryan, Sam Butterworth, Zara Murphy, Isabella Brown, Taylor Kane, Jade Murphy, Lola Jenkins, Isabelle Arthur, Gabriella Pegler, Emily Conway, Liam Howe, Bryn Larkin, Heidi Haley, Dylan Stipancic.

HIGHLY COMMENDED: Ryan Cason, Samantha Marchmont, Charlie Ricketts (x 2), Matteo Oliveira-Fiamenghi, Charli Russell, Jemima Price, Jade Beard, Sarah Radler, Isabella Dean, Jade Touzell, Jasmyn Glegg, Shonelle Leis, Elizabeth Jeffries, Tayla Willis, Jack Murray, Erin Arthur, Chloe Long, Holly Gordon, Jesse Ince, Mischa Marek, Luella Watson, Estella McCarthy, Oliver O'Connor, Will Binskin, Amanda Oliveira-Fiamenghi, Zoe Willis, Alexis Smyth, Flynn Defina, Sienna May, Alexandra Cotterill, Shivan Bailey (x 2), Leah Cox, Linda Restaino, Lachlan Pinch, Lucy Fisher, Porsha Cush, Brock Kraljevic, Miller Grove-McGrath, Harrison Sly, Cooper Sawyer, Kiara Covino, Mia Carroll, Piper Stockell, Kate Glancy, Ashleigh Brown, Riley Watt.

Katy Crosby

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SPRING FETE

Saturday 19th October 2013 - 11am to 5pm

CLASS DONATIONS

Every class is being asked to please bring in a specific item to donate to the Fete.

Prep & Year 1	Cakes & baked treats
Year 2	Assorted party prizes
Year 3	3M—Wrapped lollies 3A, 3P—Small novelty toys 3R, 3Y—Lolly Pops
Year Four	4M, 4A, 4P—Packets of Freddos 4Y & 4P—Packets of Whizz Fizz
Year Five & Six	Blocks of chocolate
Year Seven	Chocolate bars (standard size)

Please bring your items to your class by
FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER



Making children's birthdays special

Children's birthday parties seem to be getting bigger every year. But bigger is not always better when it comes to celebrating children's birthdays

There's no doubt a child's birthday is a special day. It's one day of the year when they legitimately become the centre of attention for their family and friends.

It's not just children for whom birthdays have significance. A child's birthday is also a milestone for mums and dads. Another year older means another year along the parenting journey and plenty of fond memories too.

Traditionally a child's birthday has been recognised with gifts, a family gathering, and perhaps a special treat with a few friends. Essentially it's been a relatively low-key family affair with parties to celebrate milestones such as fifth, tenth and thirteenth birthdays.

Over the last decade children's birthday parties have become an annual celebration; and they've become increasingly bigger events.

Where once a few good friends would gather; we are now seeing the emergence of the BIG party where everyone, or close to everyone, in a child's class gets an invitation whether they are close friends or not. This Big Birthday Party Phenomenon is interesting to say the least.

It's obviously beneficial for the 'birthday child' as the number of presents they receive increases astronomically. Somehow there is something not quite right about a child receiving twenty or more presents, not to mention the gifts from his or her family.

Having the whole gang along removes the special opportunity for celebrating a birthday with their closest friends.

I know many parents organise whole class parties to encourage friendships. However in wanting to promote friendships they may inadvertently be making it more difficult for kids to form





friendships as little differentiation is given between a good friend and a child in their wider social circle when invitations are issued en masse. Good friends need to be recognised as such.

Some parents invite the whole class so that no child is left out or feels disappointed. That's a great intention, but it removes the chance for parents to teach the 'birthday child' to be discreet when issuing invitations and to be mindful of the feelings of those that aren't invited. It also removes the difficult decision-making process of choosing whom to invite from a child, which can be a great learning experience in itself.

The **Big Birthday Party Phenomenon** places enormous pressure on parents to come up with something bigger and better every year. Backing up a **BIG PARTY** year after year is hard work.

If you are over the **Big Birthday Party Phenomenon** here are a few ideas to make celebrating your child's birthday special, keep the budget and your sanity in tact and incorporate your child's friends as well:

1. **Alternate** birthday parties with gatherings or sleepovers of a few friends (without presents) every two or three years.
2. If you have a party each year then consider **matching** the number invited with their age. That is, six year olds can have six friends and so on.
3. Identify the different groups your child is in and allow him or her to invite a small number from each group. So school friends mix with friends from outside school.
4. Involve children in choosing and preparing the activities, food and treats for their party.
5. If organising a **BIG BIRTHDAY BASH** is for you, then keep it for your child's **milestones** such as their tenth birthday.

Birthdays like a lot of things can get out of hand. It's probably better to aim for **SPECIAL** rather than **BIG** and that means surrounding your child by his family and close friends to celebrate his or her special day of the year.

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