

Marymount Primary School acknowledges the Kombumerri People of the Yugambah Nation as the traditional custodians of this land.
We are committed to work for reconciliation and justice.

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Welcome to the 2018 School Year

It has been really great to see the excitement of the children as they have started our new school year over the last two days. You could almost touch the energy as you walked around and our thanks is extended to you as our parent body for preparing the children so well socially and emotionally, as well as physically, for the challenges which a new start bring. Change is always with us and it brings highs and lows and our role as parents and staff of our school is to help guide our children along the way. This doesn't mean we wrap them in cotton wool but more so make sure that we are there to be a safety blanket. We all (even adults) make mistakes and have falls but these can be great learning opportunities. During the year we will have thousands of learning opportunities some good, and some not so, and life is about how we work with these learning opportunities and how we guide our children to be the best they can be. Good luck to you all with the challenges ahead, together we can make a difference for all in our school.

Welcome to the new children and families in our school community. We have just over 130 Prep children who have joined us this year and just under fifty new children across the other year levels. Some of these families have come to us from across the Gold Coast whilst others have been from across Queensland, other states of Australia and other parts of the world. We really are becoming a huge multi-national family. To these families, and to our existing families, I welcome you and I thank you for choosing Marymount Primary School for your children. I look forward to walking with you, your children and our staff throughout 2018.

New Priests for Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish

Late last year our new Parish Priest, Fr Morgan Batt, joined our Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish. Padre, as he likes to be called, met our children and staff at our final school assembly in the last week of school. (Fr Morgan is still an active Military Chaplain, thus his desire for the children to call him Padre.) In the few weeks after school finished we were informed that both of our Associate Pastors, Fr Dantus and Fr Stanley, had been transferred to other parts of the archdiocese. We had developed a very good relationship with both priests and it is sad to see them go. Our best wishes go to them for their new posts within the archdiocese – Fr Dantus up around Kilcoy and Fr Stanley into inner western Brisbane.

Over the last two weeks we have met our new Associate Pastors who will join Padre Morgan in his ministry here in Burleigh Heads. Our welcome is extended to Fr Ladu and Fr Saji. Fr Ladu is originally from South Sudan in Africa and he was ordained in the same ceremony as Fr Stanley a few years ago. Since this time he has ministered in a few parishes in Brisbane, most recently in the Sunnybank parish where he was involved with Catholic secondary and primary schools there. Fr Saji comes from the Kerala region in southern India and he has only recently arrived in Australia, having served in the Clayfield parish in Brisbane. It's great to have these two new priests in our parish and school community and we look forward to working with them over the course of the year.

Welcome to new Staff

This year we have a few new staff members in various roles across our school. I would like to welcome:-

Lee Meiklejohn – Assistant Principal – coming from Assisi Catholic College at Coomera where she was part of the school's Leadership Team.

Bernadette Christensen – Assistant Principal / Religious Education – returning after 3 years with the Northern Territory Catholic Education Department.

Lauren Fields – Year Three Class teacher – Monday to Wednesday
Job Share with Angela Lane – Lauren is returning to teaching following a period of Maternity Leave.



Coming Events

Wednesday January 24
Whole School Assembly

Friday January 26
AUSTRALIA DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday January 31
Whole School Assembly

Thursday February 1
Yr 4 1:1 Laptop Parent Meeting

Monday February 5
Parent Information Evening

Tuesday February 6
Marymount Swim Carnival -
Yrs 8-12



Fr Saji



Fr Ladu

Mass Times

Children Mass

(Mary, Mother of Mercy Church - children read at Mass)
5.30pm - 1st Sunday each month

Children's Liturgy of the Word

(Mary, Mother of Mercy Church - 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

Saturday - 5.00pm - Miami;
6.00pm - Palm Beach;
6.15pm - Burleigh Heads;

Sunday - 7.00am - Palm Beach & Burleigh;
8.30am - Mudgeeraba & Miami;
10.00am and 5.30pm - Mary, Mother of Mercy Church.

Tuesday - 7.30am - Mary, Mother of Mercy

Friday - 12.00pm - Mary, Mother of Mercy

continued from our Principal

Melissa Stevenson – Guidance Counsellor (part-time – Wednesday to Friday) working with Mary Sanders our current GC.



Teena Stick – IT Support School Officer – Teena joins Susan Cokley in helping to care for and maintain our computers and computer networks. Teena will be working three days per week.



Our best wishes go with our new (and some returning) staff members, they have many great gifts which I'm sure they will share with our children and families.

Traffic Concerns

As usual at this time of the year we have to talk about traffic in and around our school – both vehicular and pedestrian. Our two set down / pick up areas are fully in operation again and they will be certainly tested out over the next few weeks as our families negotiate the morning and afternoon traffic pressures for both of our schools. Your patience with these two areas is certainly appreciated as well as your adherence to the legal road rules in place for them. This means that there are some areas which don't allow turns in certain directions or parking in others. I would also ask that you look very carefully at your speed limits and speed in general whilst in and around our school. Young children take a number of years to fully develop a sense of traffic awareness and they need our help whether we are driving them or we are in another car near them. They cannot fully comprehend what can happen and that's why they need our guidance and example as adults.

We are having some problems now with the pedestrian access from the Council pathway which runs behind the school bordering Reedy Creek Road. Many of our families use this to access the school when coming from the east. We were informed by the Council right at the end of last year that we had to close off the temporary gate which we had put in. It was basically put there as a release valve whilst construction happened on the church site. We are in discussion with our parish as to ways to resolve this problem and it may take some time to fix. The safest way for children into and out of the school if they want to use this path is to follow it right down to the internal road near our Prep buildings and then come into the school this way along Frank Shine Walk. The reverse would then happen in the afternoon. The whole pedestrian access through the parish church site is being investigated and I would hope that we can find a resolution shortly. I apologise for this inconvenience but these matters are out of control at present.

Thank you for your patience and understanding with these traffic matters. If we keep the safety of our children utmost in our minds we can continue to work through these challenges.

Car Signs

Children from new families will be bringing home a sign today which can then be placed on the visor of your car. Your car can then be identified by staff when picking up your child from the drive through areas, which will make the process a smoother and quicker one for all involved.

Glass Containers in the School

We have had a number of children coming into the new school year with new lunch boxes and water bottles. Unfortunately some of the current brands of water bottles are glass which probably isn't the greatest fit for a primary school setting. They may keep the water cooler for longer but they aren't as user-friendly as other versions. We have already had a few slip and break. We will try our best to keep them alive but sometimes it may be better to get other more safer options for a primary school setting. Thanks for your help here.

Enjoy the Friday Australia Day Holiday with your families and hopefully the children will have lots of great stories that they share with you of their first week.

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey

From our Assistant Principal

Lee Meiklejohn

This week has been very exciting for many new students and families to our community, myself included. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making me feel part of the Marymount Primary School family. We are blessed to be joining such a welcoming faith community.

I join Marymount Primary School from Assisi Catholic College at Upper Coomera, where I was Assistant Principal (P – 12) – Teaching and Learning. I will be working more closely with Years 3 to 6 and look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks, as we gather in car parks or for Parent Information Sessions. Please feel free to stop and introduce yourself if you see me around the school.

Year Four 1:1 Laptop Parent Meeting

This information session is an important part of our orientation to the 1:1 Laptop Program. The purpose of this evening is to ensure parents and caregivers are fully aware of how technology is used in the learning process and the responsibilities that we all have as users of technology within the school and at home.

When: Thursday 1st February from 6:00pm – 6:30pm
Where: Multi-Purpose Hall (at the top of the school)
Who: Year 4 parents/guardians

We warmly invite any parents of new students in Year 5 or Year 6 to join us for this information session.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Lee Micklejohn

Jingeri everyone. Baugull yau-un (good afternoon). I hope you are all baugull (good/well).

Welcome back to all our students and their families, both current and new. I hope you've had a relaxing and productive break, and are fresh and ready to begin our new school year.

Part of my role here at Marymount Primary is to coordinate our school behavior system, called Positive Behaviour 4 Learning. The basis of our system is our MARY Expectations Matrix which you will see displayed in each classroom and learning area. Our teaching staff use the Matrix to explicitly teach the behaviours we expect here at our school. The language we use to correct unproductive behaviours and to model the expected ones is taken from the Matrix and used in a positive context. It's not how we get children to STOP an unproductive behaviour but how do we get them to START expected and productive behaviours. Instead of saying "stop sliding down the railings" we say "at Marymount we walk on the stairs". We teach behaviour in the same way we teach each curriculum area, with many opportunities and role modelling to support the way we do things here. I will be including some more information in regards to our PB4L system in future newsletters and there is information also available on our school website.

MARY EXPECTATIONS	CLASSROOM	PLAYGROUND	TRANSITIONS	EATING AREAS	BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL	TOILETS	ONLINE	CHURCH AND ASSEMBLY
Make a difference M	Encourage, cooperate and include everyone Be a leader – start your work without being asked Be prepared – have all your equipment ready to go	Include everyone Welcome and invite people to play Speak in a kind and friendly manner	Be aware of problem situations and let a teacher know Pick up rubbish	Put all rubbish in the bin Allow others to sit near you Care for our environment	Care for your siblings and others Wear the correct uniform Arrive and leave school at the correct times	Wash your hands with soap Use quiet voices Turn off taps – save our environment	Turn off and report inappropriate words or images Laptops are only open in class and when safely home	Listen to speakers with your whole body Encourage others through clapping respectfully Join in with the song and actions actively
Act responsibly and safely A	Care for your own and others belongings Be responsible for your words and actions On task behavior Raise hand to speak Hands and feet to yourself	Always wear your hat Play in the correct areas Use equipment correctly Respond to the bell promptly	Sit or stand quietly in line-up areas Walk only Always walk on the left side of the pathways and stairs	Sit quietly and eat your food Care for your belongings Line up quietly at the tuckshop	Move to your area promptly and safely Listen to the teacher on duty and follow their instructions Be responsible for your belongings Laptops in case	Keep the toilet area tidy Go to the toilet at break times Walk at all times Open and close doors carefully	Use equipment carefully and report damage Check before entering details Only go to sites which the teacher has asked you to	Enter and leave calmly and carefully Sit quietly with patience Show reverence Leave the space clean and tidy
Respect everyone R	Listen and respond appropriately Speak in a kind and friendly manner Use your manners Everyone has the right to learn On appropriately	Move safely when playing Follow the rules of the game – ask if you don't know Show respect for adults and students	Consider others when you walk and move to another area Safe hands and feet	Clean up your area Be neat and dairy aware Use good manners	Hand in your mobile phone at school and pick it up after school Care for our gardens – no rubbish or footprints	Ask permission to go to the toilet Return promptly to the classroom Respect the privacy of others	Ask before you take a photo and use it Share your skills	Respond appropriately to presentations and prayers when asked
Yes to faith and learning Y	Challenge yourself and have a go Mistakes are good if you learn from them Show thanks to God for your gift and talents	Encourage others, remembering God made us all differently Play fairly	Be calm and patient	Give thanks to God for the food you are given.	Be welcoming Use your manners	Be hygienic In, Do, Wash, Out: Use the correct toilet block	Think- is it true, helpful, inspiring, necessary, kind? Know who you are communicating with	Fully participate in rituals Use the values Jesus teaches us in our lives

At Marymount Primary School we say YES

Yugambeh Garden and Mary Labyrinth

Today at our Yugambeh Garden and Mary Labyrinth we will be laying pebbles between the sandstone paths and preparing the area behind the labyrinth to receive native plants. The plants chosen will be local to this area and were used as tools, medicine and food for the local Kombumerri people for thousands of years. The fish and sea animals created by the Marymount Mob in 2017 with artist Peter Burdett, are also ready to be placed in the area towards the front of the labyrinth.

As an Aboriginal person myself, I am a Bundjalung woman from the Tabulam region of NSW, it is very exciting to see this wonderful place of quiet contemplation and prayer, heading towards its completion. It is special in that it brings together our love for Mary whom we walk with at Marymount Primary and it is a visual display of our respect for the local Aboriginal people – the Kombumerri people of the Yugambeh Nation.



Thanks and have lovely week unya jimbelongmang (my friends), Tina.

From our Assistant Principal - Religious Education

Bernadette Christensen

Hello to all, it's great to be back in the Marymount community! I have been away for the last three years teaching in a remote Aboriginal community outside Alice Springs called Santa Teresa (Ltyentye Apurte). Life in community was a challenging but very rewarding experience that I am very glad to have had. I was privileged to be accepted by the Arrernte people who shared many of their cultural ways. The children in my class were very patient with me and we shared many good times together. English is a second (or third or fourth) language for all students there but every child made progress in learning, in spite of my mistakes and misunderstandings!

As I settle back into Marymount life, I'm pleased that some things haven't changed. We will continue to pray together daily as a school community and join with the parish and our new priests in our church. We will get to know Father Saji in particular, as he will work closely with the primary school this year. I will let you know next week about the schedule of Masses for year levels and about parish sacramental preparation for children in due course. Visits to the residents of Ozanam Villa will continue for many classes as will our connections with the College.



God of new beginnings

Your plan for us is to grow in your love and take our place in the world.

Thank you for bringing us back together safely after the holidays. We say yes to new opportunities to learn and make friends at Marymount Primary.

Bless all staff and students as we work together to make a difference in our class and our school. We especially welcome new students, staff members and our new priests, Father Morgan, Father Ladhu and Father Saji.

Help us to celebrate with great joy when we do well and give us courage to keep trying in the hard times.

We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus our brother and Mary our mother.
Amen

Have a great week
Bernadette Christensen

Sacramental Program

Hoping all families have enjoyed a time of renewal during the Christmas break.

A reminder that preparation for the Sacrament of Penance – First Rite of Reconciliation will be commencing very soon. Thank you to families who have already registered. For those who have yet to register, forms are available from the Parish Office. Please return completed enrolment forms to the Parish Office by Monday 29th January, 2018. We will meet for Parent Information Sessions on Thursday 15th February and further details will be advised after 29th January.

I am available in the Parish Office on Wednesdays and Thursdays or please contact me by email on sc.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au.

Angela Williams
Sacramental Co-ordinator

From our Primary Learning Leader

Deb Cronin

A warm welcome (no pun intended) to our 2018 school year. I hope you had a wonderful break and enjoyed this valuable time with your children. The level of excitement at the start of the school day yesterday was magnificent. As I was walking around the school meeting new students and welcoming back others I was privileged to hear many great holiday stories. However, the buzz of excitement about returning to Marymount seemed to outweigh everything else. Catching up with old friends; making new ones; meeting teachers and being excited about all that is 'part of' moving up a year level was wonderful to witness. For me it was more than this. The actions of yesterday morning and again today truly confirms what an incredible school Marymount Primary is. We are indeed a family. One of warmth, safeness and support.

At Marymount Primary School we value the importance of each and every child and strive to give them the best possible learning opportunities in an environment that nurtures their academic, spiritual and personal growth. As we settle back in to school life I encourage you to continue your active involvement and support in your child's learning.

I thank you for your continued support and look forward to working with you throughout the year.

God Bless
Deb Cronin

SPEECH AND DRAMA CLASSES 2018

Speech and Drama classes are available for all Marymount Primary students in Years 1 – 6. S&D lessons include improvisation, drama activities, public speaking, poetry, clear speech exercises, theatre sports, miming and puppetry. Classes aim to give children confidence, overcome shyness, improve speech skills, explore creativity and develop the art of performing. These are life long skills that benefit children in many areas of their development. In Term 3, S&D students also have the opportunity to perform on stage at the annual Gold Coast Eisteddfod, held at Robina Community Centre.

Weekly half hour Speech & Drama classes are held in small groups. Lessons are held during school time and class teachers are consulted regarding a suitable time for the children to attend.

The Speech and Drama program has been running at Marymount for over 25 years and is proudly recognised as one of the leading providers of S&D education for primary school children on the Gold Coast. We are currently accepting new enrolments for Marymount students who would like to participate in S&D for 2018.

If your child/children are continuing S&D students and you have not yet confirmed their continued enrolment for 2018, please email me at marymountdrama@outlook.com.

If you are interested in your child/children commencing Speech & Drama lessons, please send an email to marymount-drama@outlook.com with your child/children's name & class and your name & phone number. Further information will then be sent to you. Alternatively, new S&D students may fill in the information below and hand it to the school office in an envelope marked "K.Crosby." Please do this asap so we can finalise the 2018 Speech & Drama timetable and begin our lessons for the year.

Kind regards, Katy Crosby

SPEECH & DRAMA 2018 – Attention: K. Crosby I am interested in my child learning Speech & Drama.

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Parent's name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____



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Sport News

Marymount Swimming Carnival

The annual Marymount Primary School Swimming carnival will be held on Tuesday 6th February at Miami Aquatic Centre, Miami. The carnival will involve all students in Year 4 – 6, plus some younger students who have qualified into 'A' division for the 8 and 9 year old age groups. All students are encouraged to swim in as many events as possible to earn house points, regardless of division. Children are encouraged to wear house colours on the day.

'A' Division swimmers will be competing for representative positions at Oceanic District and Catholic swimming teams. Our Age Champions will also be determined from the 'A' division swimmers.

Bus transport to and from the pool will be available. However, parents are welcome to take their child/children to the event.

Please refer to the timetable below for approximate times for each event.

Marymount Swimming Carnival 2018

Time	Age	Event	Time	Age	Event	
9.15 approx	8y Boys	Butterfly	12.15 approx	8y Boys	Freestyle	
	8y Girls	Butterfly		8y Girls	Freestyle	
	9y Boys	Butterfly		9y Boys	Freestyle	
	9y Girls	Butterfly		9y Girls	Freestyle	
	10y Boys	Butterfly		10y Boys	Freestyle	
	10y Girls	Butterfly		10y Girls	Freestyle	
	11y Boys	Butterfly		11y Boys	Freestyle	
	11y Girls	Butterfly		11y Girls	Freestyle	
	12y Boys	Butterfly		12y Boys	Freestyle	
	12y Girls	Butterfly	12y Girls	Freestyle		
10.15 approx	8y Boys	Backstroke	1.15 approx	8/9y Boys	Relay	
	8y Girls	Backstroke		8/9y Girls	Relay	
	9y Boys	Backstroke		10y Boys	Relay	
	9y Girls	Backstroke		10y Girls	Relay	
	10y Boys	Backstroke		11y Boys	Relay	
	10y Girls	Backstroke		11y Girls	Relay	
	11y Boys	Backstroke		12 Boys	Relay	
	11y Girls	Backstroke		12Girls	Relay	
	12y Boys	Backstroke				
	12y Girls	Backstroke	1.45	Staff v Y6 Student Relay		
11.15 approx	8y Boys	Breaststroke	2.00	Clean up		
	8y Girls	Breaststroke		2.10	Depart	
	9y Boys	Breaststroke				
	9y Girls	Breaststroke				
	10y Boys	Breaststroke				
	10y Girls	Breaststroke				
	11y Boys	Breaststroke				
	11y Girls	Breaststroke				
	12y Boys	Breaststroke				
	12y Girls	Breaststroke				



Oceanic District Swimming Carnival - Thursday 15 February at Miami Aquatic Centre

Gold Coast Catholic Primary Schools Swimming Carnival - Friday 2 March at Miami Aquatic Centre

Paul Hill



SCHOOL BANKING
WILL COMMENCE NEXT TUESDAY
JANUARY 30th.
Further information to come for
new students who wish to commence banking.

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Office Hours 9.00am to 5.00pm

3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters (Postal PO Box 73, Burleigh Heads)

Phone: 5576 6466

Parish Business & Finance Manager: Mr Jim Littlefield

Parish Pastoral Team

EMAIL: burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Priest: Fr Morgan Batt

Associate Pastor: Fr Dantus Thottathil MCBS & Fr Stanley Orji

Surfside Buslines

www.surfside.com.au T: 07 5552 2700

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School passes 2018

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

School bus passes for 2018 will be delivered to the schools in the first 2 weeks back. If you've recently applied for a new application then please allow an extra 2 weeks for processing.

Remember if your child is changing schools (includes primary to high school) or address that you will need submit a new application.

Frequently asked questions and more information regarding bus passes can be found on our website.

<http://www.surfside.com.au/school-services/queensland-school-services/#faq>

<http://www.surfside.com.au/school-services/queensland-school-services/#application-information>

Service Updates from TransLink

709 Removal: Any students impacted by the removal of the 709 can utilise the service 704 instead of the 709.

Coombah High can utilise the 704 run and get off at Pine Ridge Road, the same as if they were travelling on the 709.

Biggera Waters primary can utilise the same and change at Harbour Town to the 713. If you have any questions, please contact TransLink for more information. 13 12 30.

Important contacts

QLD Feedback and Timetable information

Translink 13 12 30

Lost Property

Surfside (07) 5552 2700

Monday – Friday

8:15am until 4:15pm

Surfside School Services

<http://www.surfside.com.au/school-services/>

Important Announcement from Translink

Now that Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2 has opened. TransLink has made changes to all Gold Coast bus timetables.

Gold Coast students who travel to school on urban bus services rather than designated school bus services should check their bus times at translink.com.au or call 13 12 30 before returning to school in 2018.

Reminder for return to school plans

It's always a frantic first week getting back to the school routines.

This newsletter is a reminder to make sure all students know which services to catch to get to their school and home.

Remember, your last year school bus driver or service may have changed. Know your school route or school service number.

Parents/Guardians - know your child's route or school service number. Did you know TransLink have an app which will send you notifications on your services? More information on the app is available on their website or you can contact them for assistances on how to use their app on 13 12 30.

1st time travelers:

Catching the bus for the first time? Surfside encourages parents/guardians to travel with their children if it's their first time travelling on a bus. Here are some easy steps to follow:

- Arrive at your bus stop 5 minutes early and get to know your surroundings (e.g. other students, street names, etc.)
 - Wait in a visible location – make sure the bus driver can see you when he/she approaches the stop.
 - Hail the bus driver – let the driver know you require their service.
 - Stand in a safe location – when the bus is approaching, make sure you're standing in a safe area.
 - Don't push or shove to get on the bus.
 - Push the button once and let the driver know you would like to get off at the next stop.
 - Make sure you have all your belongings before exiting the bus.
 - Respect others around you.
 - Have a safe journey.
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BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

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