

*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

Parent Teacher Information Meetings – Monday, 5 February

On the above evening our teachers will conduct their annual Parent Information meeting. At these meetings our teachers will share information about the main teaching themes in the curriculum areas as well as discuss matters like parental help, classroom management and behaviour systems, incursions and excursions, camps, homework policies and so on. The meetings usually go for just on 45 minutes and there will always be the opportunity for general questions. Communication avenues for parents and the class teachers will also be shared and as such it is important that parents endeavour to get along for these meetings. If you can't make it our teachers will often be able to send home some handout booklets or sheets with general information on them though these are not as good as actually being there to hear first-hand what's happening. It would be best if children were left at home as there will be no teacher supervision available during the meetings. I look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible so that we can keep our communication channels as open as possible.

The meetings will be held in the classrooms at the following times:-

Prep & Year 1 – 5.00pm
Years 2 & 3 – 5.45pm
Years 4 – 6 – 6.30pm

Please contact your child's class teacher for further information on these meetings.

Marymount Primary School Swimming Carnival – 8 – 12 Year Old Children

Next Tuesday, 6 February, we will be conducting our annual Swimming Carnival at Pizzey Park Swimming Complex at Miami. This carnival is for all children in Years 4 to 6 as well as children in our younger grades who are 8 or 9 years old and are what we classify as 'A' Division swimmers. These children have been trialled either late last year or early this year and they would be aware of who they are. If you have any queries here please contact your child's respective class teachers for clarification.

The carnival is a full day and children will be travelling to and from the venue on buses. Parents are most welcome to join us for the day and cheer on the children. If you wish to take your child home from the swimming pool then you'll need to contact your child's class teacher so that they can be marked off the role. For children who are 8 or 9 years old then you will need to see Mrs Jill Mathison, our Junior PE teacher, for signing out.

These days are usually great fun days so here's hoping for great weather, great competition and great sportsmanship from all.

Some Friendly Reminders

At the start of each year it is timely to remind our parents of a few logistical issues and routines for our school. I would ask that you please take the time to read these notes and to adhere to them so that we can continue to provide a safe learning environment here at Marymount Primary. Thank you for your assistance here.

Hours of School – 8.35am – 2.55pm

- Our school is officially open during these above times. We do however have teachers on supervision duty from 8.10am for before school supervision and until 3.30pm for our Bus and Kiss & Go pick up areas. We should not have children here at school before or after these times unless they are here for a recognised school-related activity eg. music / sport training. This means that we should not have children wandering around the school earlier in the day or after school when there is no direct supervision occurring. If your children need to be here outside of our duty hours then they should be enrolled in our school's Outside School Hours Care unit which is located at the northern end of our Multi-purpose facility.
- We tend, from time to time, to have a number of parents and children congregating around different parts of the school in the afternoons. This can lead to unsupervised children running / moving around the school site. It is dangerous and it can be distracting to staff who may be having meetings during this time. I would ask that when you pick up your children you ensure that you leave our premises as soon as is reasonably practicable.

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Coming Events

- 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

P & Meeting

MONDAY
5 FEBRUARY
in staff room.
ALL
WELCOME

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

Adventure Playground Equipment

- Our school has two Adventure Playground apparatus located up near our Multi-purpose facility. These areas are utilized during the day by our children under the direct supervision of our staff. After school they are accessed by the children from our Outside School Hours Care unit under the supervision of their staff. There should not be any other usage by our children apart from these times as there may not be adequate supervision for this usage.

February Parents and Friends Meeting – Monday, 12 February

Our first P & F meeting for the year will be held on the above date with a 7.00pm start. The meeting will be held in our school Staff room. At these meetings we always have a Treasurer's Report as well as a Principal's Report along with other agenda items. If parents wish to have an issue raised for discussion then they would need to send their agenda point through to our school's email address – pburleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au and we would then send it on to our P & F Executive for their deliberation. Please note that not all items submitted may be tabled as they may not fully relate to the general forum discussion and they may be best handled via another avenue eg. relayed on to the school's Leadership Team or our Workplace Health and Safety department.

At this meeting I will present details of a proposed shade cover area for our school. This proposal was tabled at our November meeting last year and was put forward to this meeting for further discussion. The building has a significant cost associated with it and we, the school, are looking at possible financial support from our P & F in order to move ahead with the project.

I will also put forward the date for this year's Combined Schools' Art Show for discussion and early co-ordination details.

Our meetings usually go for just on an hour and a half so we should be finished by 8.30pm.

Thanks for reading this week, I trust the rest of the week goes well for you all. This is the first full week for our children and our new Prep children so hopefully we'll all make Friday in a fit state!

Yours in Christ
Greg Casey



From our Assistant Principal

Lee Meiklejohn

1:1 Laptop Program

This week, at 6:00pm on Thursday evening, we have our Year 4 Parent Information Evening for our 1:1 Laptop Program. This session is an integral part of forming strong partnerships between school and home, leading to a more successful experience for our students. This is a very exciting time for our Year 4 students and we encourage families to establish strong routines and expectations at home, reflecting those outlined in our Mary Expectations (<http://www.marymountprimary.qld.edu.au/Policies/Documents/MARY%20Expectations.pdf>) here at Marymount Primary School and the tips outlined in the information we distribute on Thursday night.

Our students in Year 4, 5 and 6 will be discussing their digital responsibilities in classes. Year 5 and 6 students will also re-sign their Network User Agreements, reminding them of positive behaviours when working in a digital learning environment. We thank all parents and guardians for taking the time to discuss these with their children over the next week.

Best wishes for the week ahead.
Lee Meiklejohn

A Note from the Guidance Counsellors

Welcome back for the start of another happy and productive year. This year Melissa Stevenson and I will be sharing the guidance role. I will be working from Monday through to Wednesday whilst Melissa will work from Wednesday to Friday. We look forward to supporting our Marymount children and families throughout the year.

To begin, we would like to share with you the attached link to Michael Grose's blog in which he notes that "the beginning of the school year offers a great opportunity for making changes and putting processes in place for student success for the year ahead. Regardless of how your child performed or behaved last year at school or pre-school, the slate has been wiped clean ready for a fresh start".

https://www.parentingideas.com.au/2018/01/7-ways-to-make-a-sensational-start-to-the-school-year/?utm_source=Parenting+Ideas+Master+List&utm_campaign=891acefae-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_01_23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f488c60967-891acefae-186061333&mc_cid=891acefae&mc_eid=17cd6fd013

With best wishes for the week ahead

Mary Sanders & Melissa Stevenson
Guidance Counsellors
Marymount Primary
07 5535 1803

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

Parish Office Parking

Could we please ask all parents not to park in the designated Parish Office parking spaces near our Mary, Mother of Mercy church. The Parish Office car parks are clearly marked and are for office staff, priests and people attending the parish office for appointments only. Please also keep pedestrian walkways clear at all times, these are not to be utilised as car parks. Disabled parking is available for anyone who has a Disability Permit and it is displayed clearly on the car windscreen. Thanks so much for your anticipated support for these matters.

Animals at School

Just a reminder that animals are not allowed on our school premises. This is due to the risk of allergy, and wellbeing of students who may be uncomfortable with their presence on our grounds. Guide, hearing and registered assistance dogs are exempt from this policy.

Volunteers – Student Protection and Code of Conduct

Student protection and wellbeing are paramount in Catholic Schools. Our commitment to the protection of students is based in our belief that each person is made in the image of God, and our ethos is to provide a safe and supportive environment for all. All students have the right to expect that the school will always act to protect them from any kind of harm.

Every parent who volunteers to help in their child's classroom, the tuckshop, library etc. at our school needs to complete online training in the Brisbane Catholic Education Student Protection and Code of Conduct modules on a yearly basis. On completion of the short courses you will need to fill in the registration form and bring it to our Parent Reception so that you can be added to our 2018 list of volunteers. Grandparents who regularly volunteer will need to also provide the office with a copy of a current QLD Blue Card. Please contact us if you require more information. Thank you for contributing to the continuing protection and safety of all our children.

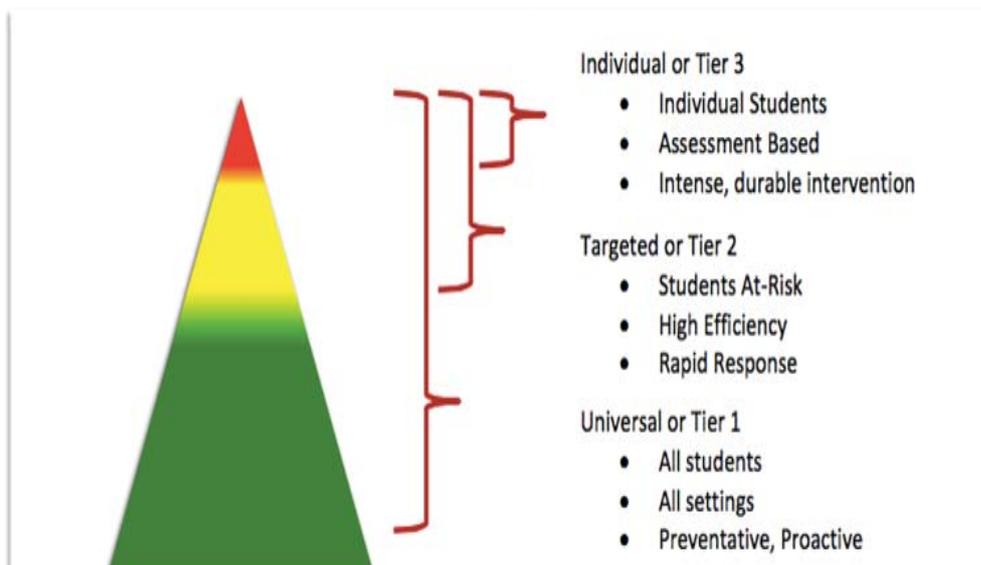
<http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/student-protection/Pages/Code-of-Conduct-Training.aspx>

Positive Behaviour 4 Learning – Tier 1 Supports

PB4Learning is about people, practices and processes – it is not a program but the way we do work. A focus on learning, capability building, wise and thorough use of data, and identifying and spreading good evidence-based practice are all integrated into the PB4L learning strategy.

At Marymount Primary we focus on three tiers of behavioural and academic support for all students. For the majority of students, approximately 80-85%, Tier 1 supports such as teaching our MARY Expectations explicitly in class and in the playground, modelling and role plays of expected behaviours and positive reminders in regards to how we do things at Marymount, help students to display our expected behaviours. We believe that for behaviour change to occur, we must use positive approaches that strengthen teacher-student relationships, and in collaboration with parents and carers we are committed to each and every student's success.

These proactive universal supports which focus on prevention of problem behaviours, providing early intervention for those at risk and creating positive learning environments across all settings in the school, help students to display the desired appropriate behaviours and have few behaviour problems. When there is continued displays of unproductive behaviours, students may then need the more targeted supports of our Tier 2 team, which I will include in next week's newsletter.



Thanks and have lovely week unya jimb lung mang (my friends), Tina.



Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday – 13 February 2018

Shrove Tuesday occurs the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. It signals the starting of the season of Lent.

Traditionally viewed as a day of repentance, Shrove Tuesday has become the last day for celebration and feasting before the period of fasting required during the Lenten season. The name "Shrove Tuesday" is derived from the word "shrive", which means to confess and receive absolution. The name denotes a period of cleansing, wherein a person brings their indulgent ways under control through abstention and self-sacrifice.

Shrove Tuesday originated during the Middle Ages. In those times, food items like meats, fats, eggs, milk, and fish were regarded as restricted during Lent. To keep such food from being wasted, many families would have big feasts on Shrove Tuesday in order to consume those items that would inevitably become spoiled during the next forty days. The English tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday came about as a way to use as much milk, fats, and eggs as possible before Ash Wednesday began. In France, the consumption of all fats and fatty foods on this day coined the name "Fat Tuesday" or Mardi Gras. In Eastern Europe, the Carnival celebrations include boisterous processions where people in large masks parade around and play jokes on bystanders, while dances and pageants are popular in New Orleans and Rio de Janeiro.



Pancake Tuesday will be our first fundraising event for the year. Proceeds will go to Project Compassion (Caritas).

There are two ways you can be part of this event:

- Support our day by ordering pancakes - \$1.00 per serve (two pancakes). An order envelope will come home on Monday to be returned by Friday.
- Come and help with cooking and distributing on the day, Tuesday 13 Feb after morning drop off. Please email me directly bchristensen@bne.catholic.edu.au if you can help.

Date Claimer: Padre Morgan Batt is to be installed as Parish Priest on Sunday 11 February. All parishioners are invited to be part of this important ceremony at Mary Mother of Mercy Church.

Blessings for the week ahead.

Bernadette Christensen



We've had a wonderful start to the new school year here in the Marymount school library. A special welcome is extended to our new students and all our new Prep students and their families. Mrs Dawood, Mrs Gergahty, Sue-Ellen and myself are all well-rested and look forward to working with your child and encouraging and supporting them on their reading journey. Books are flying off the shelves and we've had several recommendations for new book titles for our collection. It has been delightful to hear that many of our students received new books for Christmas and enjoyed some time curled up with a great book over the holidays.

Wishing you and yours all the very best for the remainder of the term.

Laura Mitchell
Teacher-Librarian

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 marymountdrama@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

State Tennis Tournament

Well done to our Marymount Primary School tennis team comprised of Clayton Balding, Shaun Lunney, Ethan Smith, Zane Stevens and Jack Murray who competed at the Queensland Schools Challenge during January 2018 at the Pat Rafter Arena during the recent Brisbane International tournament.

Previously the boys won their qualifying tournament (mid 2017). This provided them with the opportunity to represent not only Marymount but the whole Southern Coast Region.

The team finished in 5th overall for Queensland after 3 long hard days of finals play. To gain 5th place out of the 26 schools who qualified to play in the finals was a huge feat.

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Sport News continued

The boys not only played well in the sweltering conditions and fought hard for each point but more importantly they conducted themselves beautifully - special mention goes to Clayton Balding who received a well deserved 'best sportsmanship of the tournament' award.

QLD State Cup Oztag

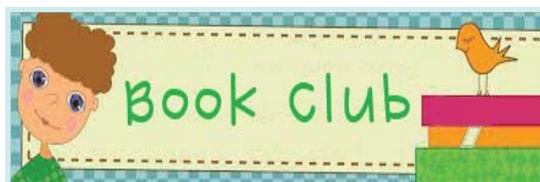
Congratulations to all the Marymount students who travelled to the Sunshine Coast last weekend to take part in the QLD State Cup for Oztag. Eleven of the 12 Miami Raptors teams made the semifinals which is an awesome achievement!

The under 11 boys team were undefeated all weekend and went on to win in the Grand Final. They defeated a very strong Townsville Blackhawks team 5 tries to 2 in the Grand Final.

The under 12 boys team won every game leading up to the Final but were narrowly defeated by Springfield Pumas 5 tries to 4 in their Grand Final game.

The under 13 boys and under 15 girls were two other Miami Raptors teams to win their Grand Final games. The under 11 girls team also went through to win the Grand Final defeating Caloundra Jets.

Paul Hill



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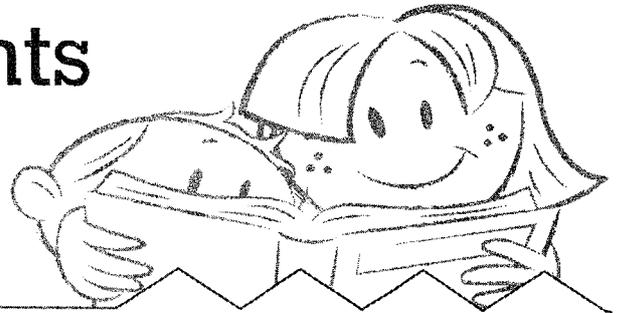
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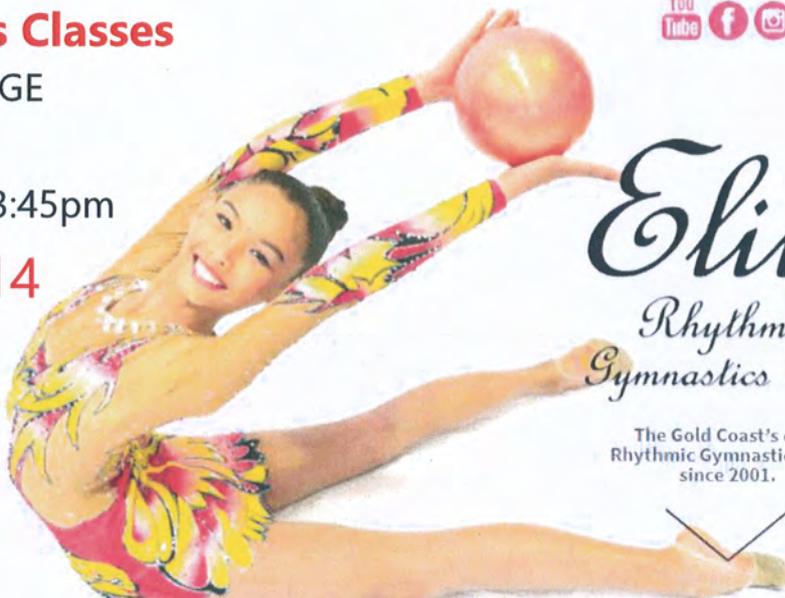
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World Marriage Day

**At St Benedict's Church, Wallaby Drive,
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On Sunday 11 February, 2018



- **An acknowledgement and celebration of respect and reverence for Christian Marriage**
- **Renew your Marriage Vows in the presence of family and friends**
- **All who believe in Marriage are invited**

**Celebrant: Father Peter Dillon PP Surfers Paradise.
Dean for the South Coast**

Mass will start at 11:00 am, followed by a shared lunch on the verandah,

Please bring a plate, and all your family and friends.

More information? Sue & Bren Milsom 55224880