Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Last Thursday evening our Year 6 children and their accompanying staff returned from their week-long trip to Canberra. This is the first time that we as a school have taken the Year 6 cohort away to the nation’s capital and from all accounts the children and staff had a magnificent time. On the last day the children visited Yarralumla, the residence of the Governor-General, Peter Cosgrove and they were able to wander around this beautiful home and garden. Both groups were also lucky enough to be able to meet him, share some questions with him and have their photo taken with him. What a great experience for them all. These trips are very worthwhile as educational excursions and the things that the children learn will stay with them for many years to come. Our staff were very impressed with the behaviour of our children and their general demeanour and many times the children were complimented for this – this is a credit to them and to you, their parents.

I would like to thank our staff who shared the time away with our Year 6 children, without them and their work the whole trip would not have been as successful as it was. Rena Harvey and Diane Anderson deserve much credit for the meticulous planning which they both put into this trip – even when we had a hitch with the weather during one of our days they were able to organize an alternative for the children. I would also like to thank our parents for their support of this trip – as I mentioned above it was the first time we have taken on such a large exercise with this age level and with your support it has turned out to be a great venture for all involved. Please take some time to check out our website for more Canberra photos. For our Year 6 parents, I’m sure you’ve already seen a few and heard the stories that go with them.

Musical Fever Hits Full Pitch

Next week our Year 6 and 7 children will showcase their acting, dancing and singing talents as they bring to the stage their musical “A Faerie Tale – Return of the Dark Queen”. This show has been written and directed by one of our staff, Meagan Curry, and it promises to be a great hit. Every two years our senior children put on this musical which will be held in the Doyle Centre theatre. They have toileted away solidly under the tutelage of Meagan and her band of staff helpers since early February and next week will see the culmination of their efforts with a number of Matinee performances for the children and then evening shows for our parents. Tickets can be purchased through our Parent Reception Office. I would like to wish the cast and crew well for next week’s shows – as they say – ‘break a leg’.

Priests / Principals’ Archdiocesan Meeting – Thursday, 12 June

Every two or three years all of the priests and school principals of the archdiocese come together to discuss issues pertaining to our church and its direction as well as the place Catholic Education plays in this. Our Archbishop, Mark Coleridge, has initiated such a meeting in Brisbane this Thursday. Our Parish Priest, Fr Ken Howell, will be joining Chris Noonan (Marymount College Principal) and myself at our forum for the day. We have a recently new Religious Education guideline which will be discussed and we will also be looking at the mission of our church and schools in today’s context. With the spirited message of Pope Francis refreshing the church world-wide there is much we, as a church, can bring to our local parishes and archdiocese and these days help to centre our focus. Archbishop Mark is a very learned person and it will be great to hear his words of wisdom first hand.

June Parents and Friends Association Meeting – Monday, 16 June

Our next P & F Association meeting is being held this coming Monday at 7.00pm in the Staff room. Our President, Genevieve Sly, along with Geoffrey Bolster (President of the College P & F) is endeavours to co-ordinate a meeting with Council representatives in relation to the Council Car Park and traffic issues around the school. Genevieve will hopefully be able to shed some more light on this matter at our meeting. We will also have updates on the P & F finances and I will present our school report. Our meeting usually finishes at 8.30pm and all are welcome.

Last Friday for Sport

As I mentioned last week, this is our last Friday for Interschool sport for our children in Years 5 to 7. I would like to wish the children well for their last game and again thank them for their great efforts over the course of the competition. I would also like to make a special thanks to Paul Hill, our Senior PE teacher, and Julian Cotter, our Assistant Principal, for their weekly co-ordination of the draw and the associated transport issues. Our draws can sometimes have some last minute changes and this can cause major travel problems but Paul and Julian have handled the situation beautifully each week. Our thanks also goes to Bede and his staff from Koala Koaches who assist us each week. They too have proven to be really flexible with their vehicles and staff and they have helped to ensure that our Marymount children can participate to the fullest each week.

Thanks for reading this week – enjoy the rest of the week and look out for the coming cooler temperatures.

Yours in Christ, Greg Casey

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Australian Government Assistance for Year 6 Canberra Trip

Year 6 students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour they participated in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australian’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist us in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed some funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) programme toward the travel expenses incurred for each student. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program.

We had a great time while in Canberra, and the children were great ambassadors for our school. Their behaviour all week, and their knowledge on the subjects were outstanding. They were a credit to their teachers and parents.

Have a great week.

Julian Cotter
Marymount Primary School Musical 2014

“A Faerie Tale – Return of the Dark Queen”
Written and directed by Mrs Meagan Curry
Performed by Year 6 & 7 students

We are pleased to announce that “A Faerie Tale – Return of the Dark Queen” is to be performed in the Doyle Centre Theatrette for family and friends on:

- Mon 16, Tues 17 and Thurs 19 June @ 6.30pm
- Tues 17, Wed 18 and Thurs 19 June @ 11.15am
- $15.00 per seat

*Students from Years 4-7 will come as class groups to matinee sessions.

Tickets on sale NOW at Parent Reception (cash only).

Mary Amongst Us

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is a significant influence in our school life because we are named after her. We recognise students who exemplify her inspirational qualities in their everyday dealings with others.

We walk with Mary every day at Marymount when we:

- Say ‘Yes’ and accept challenges; like Mary of the Annunciation in Luke 1: 26-38 and Mary of Bethlehem in Luke and Matthew
- Pray, reflect and praise God; like Mary of the Magnificat in Luke 1: 46-55
- Are thoughtful and considerate of others; like Mary of Cana in John 2:1-12 and Mary of Calvary in John 19:25-27
- Are a Marymount School community builder; like Mary of Pentecost in Acts 1:14

Today we commended the actions of two students in particular – Briana Briski and Matt Sexton from Year 6.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Bernadette Christensen

Marymount College Year 7 2016

Enrolments are now open for Year 7 2016. There are limited vacancies for Year 7/8 2015 with final interviews to be completed in August.

Come along to our next Student Led Tour on Monday 21 July at 5.30pm to view our new Year 7 Building. Enrolment packages are available from both the Primary and Secondary School Offices or from our website www.marymount.qld.edu.au.

All enquires or to RSVP for the tour, please call Mrs Jan Crick on 5586 1003.
Price increase: Some items on the menu have been put up due to costs by suppliers. We apologise for any inconvenience. Please check the on-line menu for the changes.

Coming up on Wednesday 18th June is the 2nd Game for the State of Origin, We’ll be cooking up a Footy Fever Storm with Hotdog Combo for the kids plus some YUMMY Surprises. You can start to place orders from Thursday 5th June with the cut off on Friday 14th. Please note the gluten free option for the day.

Combo Deals
• $5.00 for a Hotdog Combo (Includes Drink, Hotdog with or without Sauce and a Surprise)
• $5.00 for a Gluten Free Combo (Includes Chicken Nuggets, Drink and a Surprise)

All menu items like ice blocks, slushies and snacks can still be ordered through the normal ordering process BUT NO OTHER HOT FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE DAY.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!
As you would understand State of Origin is a HUGE day for tuckshop sales. Please consider volunteering a couple of hours on Wednesday 18 June so that the children can enjoy a treat on this day. Please contact the Tuckshop on 55208413 or come and see the lovely ladies. It will be a fun and eventful day!

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to help out in the Tuckshop. Should you wish to come and have some fun whilst meeting new people please contact the Tuckshop. We don’t mind if you volunteer once a week/fortnightly or monthly. We appreciate the help!

| Monday 9th | Tuesday 10th |
| Monday 16th | Tuesday 17th |

| Wednesday 11th | Thursday 12th | Friday 13th |
| Trish Y | Rebecca G | Tracey S |
| Wednesday 18th | Thursday 19th | Friday 20th |
| Trish Y & Louise G | Rebecca G | Tracey S |

Sport Results

Congratulations to Shalayne Smith (6P) who received an award for her writing as a member of the Marymount Writer’s Group.

Congratulations to Harry Tonks, Jack Johnson, Liam O’Brien & Nathan Rana-Smith who played in the U12 School Boys AFL State Championships in Townsville recently.

Netball

5A bye
5B Marymount lost to Elanora 3 - 6
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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Art Show Committee, comprised of Marymount College and Marymount Primary present and past parents, are working together to raise funds for students of all year levels at both schools. As we get closer to the event we will need more volunteers.

What’s Involved?

Artists will begin delivering their work from Monday 21 July. All work must be catalogued and receipted, organised and hung on display boards ready for judging on Thursday. Friday is a busy day finalising preparations for the Gala Opening that night at 7:00pm. Over the weekend, we operate a cafe, have kids activities, drama, dance & music presentations. Artists or purchasers are able to collect art from 3:00pm Sunday afternoon. All art is removed from display, boards are dismantled, chairs stacked and put away, and the Doyle Centre is returned to its original state.

Wanted:

- Monday 21st July to assist with artists submitting work
- Tuesday - Wednesday to assist with hanging/displaying art (morning, afternoon, or early evening)
- Thursday - the final touches before judging that afternoon
- Friday - to assist with preparations for Gala Opening (afternoon), setting up raffles, arranging chairs, setting up bar
- Saturday & Sunday - to assist in cafe (2 hour shifts between 10:00am - 3:00pm)
- Saturday & Sunday - collecting gold coin entry fee to exhibition and performances
- Saturday & Sunday - assisting with children’s activities
- Sunday - to assist with dismantling and packing up (3:00pm - 5:00pm) - some Dads to help here would be great.
- Monday 28th July - assist with artists/purchasers collecting art (morning only)

If you have an interest in Art or just like being involved with a well organised team, raising funds for a good cause, then call 55861 006 or email artshow@marymount.qld.edu.au

Thank you to the parents who have already made contact to volunteer their time. We will email a schedule closer to the date.

DONATIONS REQUIRED

All donations of products and vouchers towards the raffles to be held during the Gala Opening and over the Weekend Exhibition are most appreciated. Some examples of items that would be great to have are: Hair & Beauty products, gift vouchers, accommodation vouchers, meal vouchers, homewares, and electrical appliances.

Contact Art Show Convenor: Pauline Cook on 0448 884 353 if you are able to donate.

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Please contact artshow@marymount.qld.edu.au if you are interested in becoming a sponsor of Marymount Art Show.