Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Year 6 Canberra Trip
Our Year 6 classes are currently enjoying the cooler climes of our nation’s capital city as the focus for their main excursion for the year. They left from Coolangatta Airport last Sunday morning and are scheduled to return to the Gold Coast tomorrow evening at 6.30 and 7.30pm respectively. The children have had a great time so far with yesterday being one of their major days with visits to Parliament House and the War Memorial. If you would like to see more of their adventures then please click on this link which will take you to our school’s website for photos and a breakdown of their days.


World Language Challenge
During the last two weeks children from our Year 7 classes have been involved in an online language challenge through their Cultural Languages studies with their teacher, Meagan Curry. Meagan has included the main details of this later in the newsletter and I would urge you to check it out. Our children did remarkably well with a number of them performing outstandingly on the world stage. They were highly motivated and, using various technology devices such as ipads and laptops, were able to give a very creditable account of themselves against children and schools from across Australia and the world.

I would like to congratulate our Year 7 children for a magnificent effort and thank Meagan for her efforts in coordinating this educational opportunity and experience. Well done to all.

Year 5 to 7 Sports
Our draw for this year’s Winter Sports Interschool competition is coming to an end very shortly with our last games being played next week. Unfortunately we have again had a number of our games interrupted by the weather which has meant that we have missed three out of the eight rounds scheduled. Still in this time our children have been able to put in some great individual and team efforts as has been identified with our weekly results which are listed in the newsletter. I would like to congratulate the children on their performances and their sportsmanship. I was able to get to a number of their games and see this first hand but it was reinforced weekly from the teachers who looked after them. Rather than the result being first mentioned, the teachers would often tell me how tightly the children played as a team or how they played in the spirit of the game. Most importantly they reported that they had enjoyed themselves, taken on the tough challenges, accepted losses and learnt from them, supported those not as gifted in this field and kept going. These are great traits for our children to learn – they are important life skills. Thank you to our parents who have been able to get along to support the children, your presence is an added incentive to the teams. Thank you as well to our teachers and staff who have taken on the roles of coaches / managers for the course of this competition, without this support, encouragement and guidance the whole season would not have been possible.

Whale Watching - Friday, 6 June
This Friday morning the children from Marie Quinlan’s Year 4 class and Jane Lennon’s Year 3 class will be heading off to Burleigh Beach to take part in the Gold Coast City Council’s official opening of the Whale Watching season. They will travel via bus to the beach and take part in a number of activities to mark the official opening (I think a few whales have jumped the gun though – maybe their calendars are slightly different to ours?!?). Last year our children were also involved in this celebration and were then featured on the local television news so it may pay to check this out from 5.30pm on Friday evening. Thanks to these classes for representing our school, good luck and here’s hoping some of our marine mammoths turn up for the day.

Marymount Athletics Field and Track Days
This year we will be holding our Athletics Field events on Wednesday and Thursday, 25 & 26 of June. Over the course of these two days the children from our older age groups – 8 years to 13 years will be able to participate in High Jump, Long Jump and Shot Put events. These will be held in different locations around our fields and on the College ovals. A full draw outlining the days for each year level will be posted in next week’s newsletter. Parents will be most welcome to come along to support the children on these days.

Our Track day has been set down for Friday, 18 July – the first Friday in Term 3. This will be held on the College oval and will take in the whole day. The timetable for this day is still being finalized and it will be published towards the end of this term.

**Coming Events**

**Wednesday June 4**
Yr 5A - Whole School Assembly
Art Show Meeting

**Thursday June 5**
Yr 6 return from Canberra trip

**Friday June 6**
Yrs 5 & 7 Sport/Musical Practice

**Monday June 9**
Public Holiday - Queen’s Birthday

**Wednesday June 11**
Yr 7P - Whole School Assembly
Yr 7M - Ozanam Villa visit

**Thursday June 12**
6.30pm - Yr 5 Personal Development Evening

**Friday June 13**
Yrs 5 - 7 Sport (Last week)

**Monday June 16**
Musical commences

**Tuesday June 17**
Yr 3 - Phil Green visit

**Wednesday June 18**
Yr 3R - Whole School Assembly

**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
This week, Michael Grose’s Insights article is written by Catherine Gerhardt. It provides valuable information for parents to assist them to help their children to develop ‘social netiquette’. Faced with the fact of transitioning to high school, parents may be concerned by the greater online presence their children must learn to manage. Catherine urges us to encourage our children to T.H.I.N.K. Have your child answer “5 simple questions before they post. Is it True? Is it Helpful? Is it Inspiring? Is it Necessary? And is it Kind?”…. Even a single ‘no’ to one of these questions means your child “will be pushing the boundaries of social netiquette”.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Mary Sanders
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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.

Patron Parent Events
(Thank you to these volunteers who facilitate the building and strengthening of networks at Marymount Primary)

Yr 1A - Coffee & Chat - Thursday June 5, 8.45am - Zarrafas, Stocklands
Yr 3A - Coffee & Chat - Friday June 6, after drop-off - Commune, Lower GC H’way
Yr 2M - Coffee morning - Tuesday June 10, 8.45am - Coffee Club, Stocklands
Yr 2P - Coffee & Chat - Thursday June 19 after drop-off - Coffee Club, Stocklands

Last day for orders is Tuesday June 10. Please return your order form and receipt to the library by Friday. No cash or cheques to be sent.

Ye a r 6 Canberra Trip

Monday Public Holiday – 9 June
This coming Monday is the Queensland government’s gazetted Public Holiday for the Queen’s Birthday. As such our school will be closed for this day. Normal classes will resume on Tuesday, 10 June. Our June P & F Meeting which is usually held on the second Monday of the month will be conducted on the following Monday, 16 June.

State of Origin Woes
Some of our staff, children and parents were crowing after last week’s State of Origin game and good luck to them – it’s been a long time between drinks as they say! It looks like a number of changes for both teams before Game Two so I’ll hold on making my score call until the actual day of the next one – 18 June. Thanks to those who have offered their ‘commiserations’ to we Queenslanders in advance!

Thanks for your time this week, enjoy the weekend ahead.

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey
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).

Patron Parents
Marymount thanks the Patron Parents who have arranged meet-n-greet sessions for parents this term. Please see the “Events” column in the newsletter each week for details. Working together to build community is a sign of God’s spirit alive and well amongst our families.

Enjoy the rest of the week
Bernadette Christensen

Sacramental Programme – Confirmation and Holy Communion

Dear Parents
The second preparation session for Sacraments in 2014 will begin in June. Confirmation will be on August 22. This is early this year due to the Archbishop visiting the Parish in August. If your child is in Year 4 or above and has not received these Sacraments, please contact the Parish Office on 5576 6466 immediately for registration in this next preparation.

Further information is available from Narelle Guyder, Sacramental Co-ordinator at the Parish Office.

We welcome your family’s participation as it is important that your child completes what you began at their baptism. This will enable your child to participate in Holy Communion at school and parish Masses in the future.

Praying God’s blessing on your family,
Father Ken Howell (Parish Priest)

Our new Church and Community Centre

The new buildings are on the way… many meetings… lots of planning. At recent Burleigh Parish Council meetings we have been discussing the use of the new Community Centre and we are excited that this building is fast becoming a reality. Below are some of the ideas from the Parish Council…

A GATHERING PLACE FOR OUR YOUTH
• Conversation Corner
• Mini Vincent de Paul group
• Visiting speakers e.g. the Net Team
• Various Celebrations
• Youth Outreach e.g. to Rosie’s
• Youth choir
• Activities from our Parish Schools
• Games area

A GATHERING PLACE FOR ADULTS
• For hospitality after funerals
• Welcome and Hospitality to new parishioners
• Fund raising projects for Parish and Community needs
• The activities of St. Vincent de Paul
• Coffee mornings/afternoons
• Various friendship groups - family group gatherings
• Multi-cultural events
• Handicrafts
• New Mum’s group
• Friendship groups
• Celebrations of all kinds
• Motivational guest speakers
• Bereavement Support Group

A GATHERING PLACE FOR EVANGELISATION
• A welcoming place for those wishing to revisit Church after time out/ away
• Adult Education groups - scripture - formation for groups
• Sacramental Program functions
• Renewal in its various forms

These are some of our ideas, this is our Parish and this will be our Community Centre. We would love to hear your creative idea. Please email them to the Parish Office and put “Community Centre” in the subject. burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au
School Banking Competition

The dollarmites want to encourage School Banking students to keep up their regular savings habit. That's why they are giving students a chance to win a share of the sunken treasure they have found in the Lost City of Savings.

Simply make three or more School Banking deposits between 21st April and 4th July and you'll automatically be entered into the competition. If you haven't been Banking lately, you still have time to make School Banking deposits so you're included in the fun!

Major prize – a family underwater adventure holiday. Five nights’ accommodation at Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast; VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet’n’Wild Gold Coast; Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and • $3,000 travel gift card to get you there.

Runner up prizes - 130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys.

Remember – school banking day is every Tuesday!

Volunteers required – School banking.

If you have an hour or so to spare on a Tuesday morning (8:30 am), we urgently require some volunteers to help process the school banking. It is really easy and a fun way to meet some of the other parents. Children can be brought along. Please contact Annemarie Webber on 0419 706 123 if you are able to assist.

Language Perfect World Championships 2014 Results

This year, for the first time, our Year 7 students entered the annual Language Perfect World Championships along with over 135000 other students from around the globe. It was an amazing event and I want to congratulate all of our students for their incredible effort over the course of the 10 day competition. Our students had to answer questions based on their knowledge of the French language in the four strands of reading, writing, listening and speaking. For each correct answer they received 1 point. The total number of questions answered by Marymount students was a staggering 178,877 which represented 637 hours of language learning. Globally 187,170,294 questions were answered!

One student, Montana MacFarlane 7M, was simply outstanding. In a competition dominated by secondary students, Montana finished 182nd globally and was 1st for French by a primary student. This makes her the unofficial French Primary Student World Champion! Needless to say we are all very proud of Montana. She amassed an individual total of 12265 points and was one of 618 elite prize winners globally.

Our school achievements were as follows:

- 326th overall globally (out of 1151 schools)
- 22nd overall in the 51-100 students category (out of 169 schools)
- 45th overall in QLD (out of 176 schools)
- 235th overall in Australia (out of 778 schools)
- 13th in Australia for the 51-100 students category (out of 98 schools)
- 4th in QLD for the 51-100 students category (out of 33 schools)
- 112th overall in French (out of 962 schools)
- 10th for French in QLD (out of 131 schools)
- 9th for French in the 51-100 students category (out of 137 schools)
- 76th for French in Australia (out of 649 schools)


Student Achievements:

- Elite Awards: 1 (10,000+ points) Montana MacFarlane
- Silver Awards: 1 (2,000+ points) Sam Brosnan
- Bronze Awards: 9 (1,000+ points) Ben Ryan, Sam Munro, Emily Pade, Adonis Brown, Maddy Fields, Ella Cabildo, Hunter Grove McGrath, Jessica Sheffield, Nathan Rana-Smith

One extremely proud teacher.

Mrs Curry
Catholic Cross Country
The annual Gold Coast Catholic Schools Cross Country Carnival was held last Thursday in wonderful weather conditions. As usual the carnival was very well organized and our thanks goes to the staff of St Brigid’s Primary School at Nerang.

Congratulations to our students who ran very well at the event. The girls placed 1st in their competition and our boys placed 4th in theirs. The Marymount team placed 2nd overall by just 1 point to Guardian Angels Primary. Well done team, great effort.

Regional AFL Captains
Congratulations to Liam O’Brien and Jack Johnston who have been named captain and vice captain respectively, of the South Coast AFL team to compete at the State AFL carnival in Townsville. This is a wonderful achievement and demonstrates the maturity and leadership qualities of these two young Marymount students.

Harry Tonks and Nathan Rana-Smith will also be travelling to Townsville to take part in the carnival.

We wish all four boys all the very best of luck and safe travels. Paul Hill

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If your child has ordered Tuckshop and is either not coming to school or is being taken home before 9.30am you will need to let the Tuckshop ladies know. If no notice is given and food is cooked and supplied then no refund can be given. We appreciate your support with this.

Sushi will now only be available on Thursday and Friday due to the colder weather. Sushi will be back on the menu every day in the warmer months.

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!
Marymount Art Show will feature some exciting and well known Artists to exhibit their work at this years’ Art Show.

Over the coming weeks we will share the work and story of our Feature Artists.

**Ian Tremewen**

Now based in Australia, contemporary watercolourist Ian Tremewen was born in Montreal. Much of his life has been spent in the Caribbean and Hawaiian tropics. Ian’s work reflects the interest he feels for light, space and shadow working in sculpture, contemporary glass and textiles.

His abstract interpretation of the amorphic shapes of nature, coupled with his design and composition enable him to present his work with a view that is distinctly his own. “As an artist, I can experiment with many aspects and combinations. I’ve always been fascinated by the psychedelic colours hidden in rainforests. For me, these elements invite abstraction, where a shape, along with colour and texture, defines an object.”

“There now appears to be a refreshing openness emerging in the art world. I feel there is a freedom to stretch and explore ideas and alternatives like never before using mediums and concepts that are expanding the world of art and design.” Tremewen's viewpoint brings to his work both strength and imagination, uncovering a vision of life and it’s images that we might otherwise miss.

Like Ian Tremewin on facebook
I am in transition and it has happened way too fast. I hope I am prepared. I am now the mother of a high school student. Entering high school is a phenomenal year of change for parents and youth. Actually, it was the first week that really made its mark. Suddenly my daughter has her own laptop, email addresses and a smart phone. When I was her age I had a fairly simple transition. I simply walked across the parking lot and turned right towards the high school instead of left for the primary school and the transition had occurred. That was one of the privileges of a rural education – not the norm for most youth as they make the change from primary school to secondary college. Back then, thoughts of laptops and phones with internet connection were non-existent, or at least only possible in the realm of movies like Star Trek. Fast forward to today and our kids are carrying these devices around in their backpacks.

With all this technology comes a great deal of responsibility for youth and their parents. I know I expect my children to use their manners, show respect and treat others as they would like to be treated. I expect this in the real world and I expect this online – constantly and consistently. Social netiquette is exactly that: online rules and guidelines that match real world rules and guidelines.

Here are some guidelines you can teach your child to help them develop social netiquette:

Don’t be an ‘open book’
Giving away too much information, too soon, to people you may not really know can put your child at risk. What you need to know and understand is that your child is now hanging out in the biggest possible public place there ever was. Placing themselves online and being an open book can make your child a target. Once they have put themselves out in this public place, they are accessible to billions of people. Even with tight privacy settings and all the awareness in the world, that post, that photo is out there; chances are that sometime, someone out there is going to make a derogatory comment about something they put online. I’m not saying that is right, but I am saying that it is bound to happen. Be prepared for that, and talk to your kids about what to do when it does. We recommend they do not respond, let a trusted adult know what has happened and do not re-enter that conversation.

Building your personal brand
In a world where social media rules, we have all become brands. Everything we do online is either adding or detracting from our personal brand. Does your child want their brand to be like a Nike or Coca Cola: a top shelf brand that people want to buy into because it is seen to have value? Everything your child says, ‘likes’, re-posts, comments or retweets on social channels tells others what they are all about. Online presence is not only about the content that they provide themselves – it is also about what’s written or posted about them by others. Today’s first impressions occur on the internet.

Your child’s personal brand will take them further than any education or university degree. In today’s world an individual’s online reputation is far more believable than anything they can provide on a piece of paper. A comment on a piece of paper doesn’t have a lot of ‘weight’, but what others can see about them on the internet – now that is ‘real’. A strong personal brand will allow your child to move between opportunities with ease.

Housekeeping required
Your child’s personal brand will also outlive any of their personal and professional achievements. Setting up and maintaining social networking requires constant work. Work with your kids to maintain a clean house, so to speak.
Keep social networks tidy and tight. Some apps make it very easy to connect with people they have never met. Have a conversation with your child about why ‘quality friends’ should win over ‘quantity of friends’. Are they connecting only with real life face-to-face friends? Who will stand beside them if they don’t, and things go wrong?

Mistakes will be made, and our aim is to minimise the slip-ups our children will make. The first thing is to reassure your child that you will be there to help if something goes wrong or gets out of control. Yes, we may be angry at first, but your child will need your support; we may be disappointed, but we will get over it. Let your child know that you are far more likely to respect them for being upfront about issues rather than trying to bury any mistake they have made.

Even the most insignificant online actions can have an influence on how your child will be perceived. Take a proactive and preventative stance – spending the time now to help your child navigate their way through their new digital world, and to help them attend to any stains and spills that might happen along the way, will pay off in the long run. Learning how to edit, block and delete content is a great place to start.

**Encourage kids to T.H.I.N.K.**

This is an ‘oldie but a goodie’ and it works every time. Work with your kids to have them answer these five simple questions before they post. Is it True? Is it Helpful? Is it Inspiring? Is it Necessary? And is it Kind? If your child can answer yes to those questions, then certainly they can consider putting their material online. But even a single ‘no’ to one of these questions means they will be pushing the boundaries of social netiquette.

Times certainly seem different these days, but the rules are still the same. Be nice in public, make a first good impression, tidy up your mess and think twice before speaking.

So far the transition has gone smoothly and we have both settled into the new demands of online learning and the world of ‘bring your own device’. Being the mother of a high school student is a privilege, and I welcome the new challenges it will bring.

**Catherine Gerhardt**

‘eSmart Schools has found the content in the Kidproof Safety program to be a valuable and credible resource on cybersafety for schools’

The Alannah and Madeline Foundation
We Have New Courts!

South Coast NA – Season 2 2014
Juniors Competition
For Players aged U9s to U12s

Commencing Wed 23rd July to Wed 12th Nov 2014
Games at 5.30pm

At Mallawa Drive, Palm Beach

Only $50 per team per week

Kiosk selling hot/cold food/drinks and Coffee

If you are already registered with another association OR South Coast Netball Association in 2014, registration is $20 for Season 2. If you have not registered with another Association OR South Coast Netball Association in 2014, registration is $87.00. Nominations close 16th July.

For more information or to send through nomination, please contact us on 0421 369 669 or check our website or email: southcoastnetballassociation@gmail.com or check the website: www.southcoastnetballassociation.org.au

Nomination forms on website