

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Friday Whole School Mass – To Honour Mary

This Friday we are celebrating a mass with all of our children in the Doyle Centre at 9.00am. It is our way of recognising and celebrating the significant place of Mary, the mother of Jesus, in our school life. This Saturday, 15 August, is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which is one of the main Marian feasts of the church's year. Our mass will focus on Mary and the Christian model which she presents to us all. At Marymount we highlight five qualities of Mary which we see as being excellent guidelines for living our lives as Christians. These qualities are:

- Mary faced up to tough challenges in life and said 'Yes' to God
- Mary loved and cared for her family members
- Mary prayed to God
- Mary was kind and considerate to others
- Mary helped to build community

As teachers and staff we discuss these qualities with the children and we encourage our children to take on these traits in their everyday lives, both here at school and outside of our community. We would see that we are mirroring what is happening in the homes of our families and throughout our parish. Our Friday mass then is a great way to honour Mary and to reflect on these five qualities of Mary. They are timeless in nature and they are a great challenge for each of us everyday. Parents are most welcome to join us for this celebration and to join with in prayer.

Band Concert – Thursday, 13 August

This Thursday evening our children in our Concert band are holding an evening performance to showcase their skills. It will take place in the Doyle Centre at 6.30pm and should be finished within the hour. The children have come a long way so far this year and they have achieved much. This is great considering that we lost two grade levels of talent when our Year Seven classes moved to the secondary sector. Parents are most welcome to come along to the evening to cheer the children on and to marvel at their skill. I would like to thank our Band Co-ordinator, Diane Anderson, for her planning of the night. Best wishes to the children for their performances and thanks to our instrumental teachers, Col Hoy and Paul Radford, for their fantastic work in getting the children to this stage.

Car Park Delay

We were hoping to have things happening in our new designated car park area this week but the project has hit a small hitch with the Gold Coast City Council authorisation. There are some minor areas which need to be signed off on which hopefully should be worked through by the end of this week. When these are rectified we will meet with the contractors to organise project timelines, safety measures and other matters. Watch this space for more information shortly.

Pick-up and Set-down Areas for the Children

At Marymount Primary we have teachers on duties in various areas of the school for the morning drop-offs and the afternoon pick-ups of the children. This is to help ensure their safety. Sadly I hear of, and see, many of our children moving to areas and from areas where it is hard for us to supervise them. Some of these areas involve the children crossing Reedy Creek Road or Sunlight Drive and waiting outside business houses or on the side of the road. This is not fair to these business houses and it can be very dangerous as these places can have heavy traffic flows and they don't have designated waiting areas, meaning the children are on narrow strips of land adjacent to the roads. The pick-up areas do have some traffic issues which we are moving to address but they do have teachers on supervision which helps with safety concerns. I would ask that parents please help us out with this important safety matter.

Influenza Concerns

We have had a number of cases of children in recent weeks who have been diagnosed with varying degrees of influenza. In some instances the children have been coming to school whilst still suffering symptoms. This has proved difficult for us as more often than not they end up in our Sick Bay area and are then sent home. This can also have the added problem of their conditions being passed on to their fellow classmates. I would ask that parents please think carefully before sending a sick child to school as it can turn out to be a miserable experience for them but also for others.

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Coming Events

Wednesday August 12
NO School Assembly

Thursday August 13
Class Liturgies - Yrs 4A, 4P, 4Y
6.30 - Band Concert - Theatrette
All welcome

Friday August 14
9am - Primary School Mass -
Doyle Centre



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

A slight Alteration

In a recent newsletter I informed parents that Jo-Anne Henderson, one of our teachers here, will be moving to another school next year. I mentioned that Jo-Anne had been here for just over ten years. It has in fact been fourteen years. This is a significant time in the career of a teacher. As mentioned, Gemma Walker will also be moving on in 2016. We will officially farewell both ladies later in the year.

Thanks for reading, enjoy the rest of the week.

Yours in Christ
Greg Casey

From our Assistant Principal

Tony Barron

New Caledonian Visitors

During the last week of this term, (September 14th to 18th) 34 students aged 10 - 12 years old will be visiting the Gold Coast from Sacre-Couer Primary School, Noumea, New Caledonia.

We need around 18-20 host families for this exciting visit. If you are interested in hosting some of these students (from Monday afternoon until Friday morning), please complete the form included with this newsletter and return it to your child's teacher or the Office this week.

Once we have matched families with students, I will forward home an information package to you. The students are very excited and are looking forward to visiting and staying on the Gold Coast.

Thanks
Tony Barron

From our Acting Assistant Principal - Religious Education

Diane Anderson

Last Thursday a number of our students celebrated their Confirmation at St Benedict's. Although it was quite a cold evening the children all enjoyed the ceremony made special with the presence of Bishop Oudeman and our three Burleigh priests, Fathers Ken, Luscious and Stephen. The children then attended local masses on the weekend to receive their First Communion. It is hoped that next year we will once again see such a large number of children ready to receive the sacraments.

This Friday, August 14th we will celebrate a mass in the Doyle Centre at 9am. All parents and friends are welcome to attend to help us celebrate this special event.



Band Performance

Thursday of this week, August 13th, our band will be performing in the Doyle Centre theatre. All are welcome to attend, the performance commences at 6:30 PM and will conclude at 7:30 PM. If your child is interested in joining the band this is a great time to come along and see what is involved. The band director will be available to explain what is involved and answer questions.

Woolworths Stickers

Please remember to keep on collecting those Woolworths stickers. We have had a fair response but really need a big effort to collect more.

St Vincent de Paul Collection

The classes have received a basket each for collection of goods for donation to the St Vincent de Paul larder. Every year we collect non-perishable food items as well as some personal hygiene items and these are handed over on Marymount Day. Different classes will be asked for specific items. However, any non-perishable items that you are happy to donate will be welcomed.

Fathers' Day Stall

Fathers' Day is coming up and we have a lovely range of gifts that we will be selling. Look out for a flyer next week which will give the days the stall will operate.

Curriculum News

NAPLAN Student Reports

Last Friday (7th August), students in Years 3 and 5 took home their NAPLAN results. Kindly note that if your child was withdrawn from NAPLAN, no report was issued. The results from the 2015 NAPLAN tests for your child contribute only one aspect of the assessment program here at Marymount Primary School. The tests are a point in time test in relation to student performance, and must be looked at in conjunction with all other assessment items over the year to gain a clear picture of strengths and weaknesses.

Year Three Incursion

On Tuesday 18th August, School Performance Tours (SPT) will visit our Year Three classes. SPT will present a show titled 'Pass the Poetry Please' to provide our students with a lively, engaging and visually rich theatre experience. This incursion will provide an opportunity for enhancing student learning on how language features, images and vocabulary choices are used for different effects. We look forward to the day!

Book Week 2015

The theme for this year's Book Week is – 'Books light up our world'. Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend this week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. At Marymount, Mr Jenson and various classroom teachers are participating in activities to highlight the importance of reading. I invite our parentbody to participate in Book Week 2015 and join in the fun! You will find a lantern attached to this week's newsletter and I ask you to nominate up to three books which have lit up your world as you have grown up. Hard copies of the lantern are also available at Student Reception. Your child can return your lantern to the library for display. Thank you for your anticipated support.

My top three include – The tiger who came to tea by Judith Kerr; The Duchess bakes a cake by Virginia Kahl and The Famous Five series by Enid Blyton.

Warm regards
Laura Mitchell



Sport News

Athletics Age Champions

Finally we have been able to run all the events and collect all the results in order to determine our Athletics Age Champions 8-12yrs. We will present the medals to our champion athletes at next Wednesday's assembly (19 August) in the Doyle Centre.

Oceanic District Athletics

Good luck to our Marymount 12 year old boys and girls who will be competing against the 12 year old students in secondary schools at the Oceanic Athletics Carnival on Thursday and Friday 13 & 14 August.

Jayden Wright, Joseph Nelson, Brayden Field, Shannon Nolan, Maile Rickard and Paris Freese will be competing in their respective events for selection into the District team to compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival on the 8 & 9 September.

Regional Athletics

Congratulation to our 10 and 11 year old students who have completed their selection process and qualified as part of the Oceanic District Team (10 & 11yrs) to compete at the Regional Athletics Carnival on the same dates as above.

10yr Girls

Piper Stockell – High Jump

Charlotte Threlfall – High Jump

11y Girls

Nalani Beckley – Long Jump

Felicity Smith – 800m

Remi McLellan – 100m

10y Boys

Tom Cervenak – High Jump

Carden Skalij – Long Jump

11y Boys

Lewis Treggiden – High Jump, Long Jump

Luke Browne – High Jump

Xzqualiz Petalesio-Faamausili – Shot Put

12y Boys and Girls will complete their selection process at the Oceanic District Carnival.

All Hallow's Touch Carnival

Best to luck to our grade 6 boys and girls touch teams travelling to Brisbane this Sunday to compete in the All Hallow's Touch Carnival.

Gold Coast Primary Schools Oztag Challenge

Good luck to our year 5 and 6 boys and girls Oztag teams who will be competing in the Gold Coast Primary Schools Oztag Challenge next Monday 17 August at Mallawa Drive Touch Fields, Palm Beach.

Dance News.

Last Thursday, the Marymount Combined Schools' Dance Team placed First at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod! Willow Howe (Yr 6) was a member of the troupe of Marymount dancers from Years 6-11 and they 'wowed' the audience with an exciting street tap routine. The group of fourteen students had been rehearsing hard over 3 Sunday's and ex-student Maddison Clay was the choreographer. It was exciting to see their hard work pay off by winning the section, to represent Marymount so proudly.



TOTAL FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Total Football Academy will be running an after School soccer program during Term 4 at Marymount College. The program is for Prep to Year 4 Pupils.

Registration forms will be distributed during a free demonstration. During the 6 week program games will be played inside an inflatable soccer field, which captures the imagination of students, giving them a great soccer experience. Training will take place inside a skills square focusing on different skills each week, such as dribbling, turning and shooting. As part of the program players can also purchase a soccer kit (Top and Shorts). The program starts on Monday 26th October, 3.10pm - 4.10pm.

To sign up online visit www.totalfootballacademy.com.au or call Andy Robinson on 0413 888 643.



MISSING

No. 26

Marymount Primary School
Aussie Rules Jersey
Please Return to
Uniform/Bookshop ASAP



Parent/Caregivers of Prep OM
Please note

CHANGE OF VENUE

We apologise for the late notice due to Vecchia Roma being closed on Saturday we will now have Dinner at Zab Isan Thai Restaurant (BYO)
Gold Coast Hwy
Saturday 16th August @ 6.30pm
RSVP Leslie 0416863397 or
Emma 0409313010

Patron Parents

2A - Fri 14 August - after drop off @ Plantation house Cafe,
413 Tallebudgera Creek Road

OM - Mum's dinner - 6.30pm Sat.15 August - Zab Isan Thai Restaurant (BYO) -
RSVP 13th August Leslie 0416 863 397 or Emma 0409 313 010

All Yr 3 - Combined Parent dinner - 7pm Fri 4 September - Justin Lane,
1708 Gold Coast Highway, Burleigh Heads - Banquet \$35 pp. -
RSVP Kim 0449969105 or Rosalie 0417 611 450

Tuckshop News



Best wishes for a speedy recovery to one of our regular helpers - Tanya Mocke.
Thankyou to everyone who has helped me while Acacia has been unwell.
We hope Acacia also has a speedy recovery and look forward to her return.

Regards
Rommy

Thursday 6	Friday 7	Monday 10	Tuesday 11	Wednesday 12
Lisa Armstrong Cristina	Camila & Tanya Juan San Martin	No help needed	No help needed	Kate & Mel

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

Parish Office Hours 9.00am to 5.00pm
Parish Manager: Mr Jim Littlefield

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

Phone: 5576 6317/5576 6466 FAX: 5576 7143
EMAIL: burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Pastor: Fr Ken Howell

Associate Pastors: Fr Lucius Edomodi & Fr Stephen Camiolo



SCHOOL BANKING CO-ORDINATOR AND VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Our School Banking Programme is run by volunteers and we are seeking interest from parents who would like to become involved in this very important service we have in place for our students.

Marymount Primary School receives a commission of 5% per deposit, no matter how small the amount, plus \$5.00 for every new account opened by a current student.

We urgently require a Co-Ordinator to oversee the running of the School Banking Programme. This would involve your commitment to 3hrs every Tuesday morning. At present, we have a number of ladies who help on a Tuesday morning, but unfortunately cannot commit to taking on the role of Co-Ordinator.

The below duties would be required of the position.

- Commitment to 3hrs every Tuesday morning
- Basic computer data entry required
- Cash handling
- Banking money at the Commonwealth Bank, Stocklands Shopping Centre, Burleigh Heads

Please leave your name and contact number at Parent Reception if you would like to be involved in our School Banking Programme.



New Caledonian Visit

Help Needed

During this term, (**September 14 to 18**) students aged 10 - 12 years old will be visiting the Gold Coast from Sacre-Couer Primary School, Noumea, New Caledonia.

We urgently need a number of host families for this exciting visit. If you are interested in hosting some of these students please complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher or the office this week. Once we have matched families with students, I will forward home an information package to you. The students are very excited and are looking forward to spending some time with an Australian family so they can immerse themselves in our language and culture.

If possible the teachers would like their students billeted in pairs.

The students only need to be billeted for the school week (Mon-Fri). This means that hopefully there is less strain on families involved in weekend activities.

Also, it is not necessary to have a spare room for the visitors as the children can bunk down on mattresses or make-shift beds. They do not require special foods or the provision of any special activities.

From our experience the program is an enjoyable one for families. Please consider being involved in this program and I look forward to a very successful Noumean visit for 2015.

Tony Barron
APA



Yes I am interested in hosting New Caledonian student/s.

PARENT NAME: _____

DAY CONTACT PHONE: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____ **CLASS** _____

PLEASE CIRCLE — BOYS/GIRLS ONE/TWO/THREE

A.B. PATERSON PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Each year A.B. Paterson College holds a public speaking competition at their school for Years 4-6. The Year 4's don't compete for a prize but for the experience and this year, Year 4 heats are on 10th September. Years 5-6 heats are in October.

Public Speaking builds confidence in young people. It gives them a chance to improve their skills by listening to other speakers and speaking in front of an audience. All the information on topics, dates and times for the event are on the A.B. Paterson College website www.abpat.qld.edu.au. I encourage all students to give this competition a go.

Years 5-6, please complete the form below and return to Mrs Mitchell (Room C4) by Wednesday 9th September with the \$6 entry fee. Year 4, please return your form and a \$6 entry fee by Wednesday 26th August.

I give permission for my child

_____ Year _____

to enter the A.B. Paterson Public Speaking Competition. I understand I must transport my child to and from the event. I have enclosed the \$6 entry fee.

Parent's Name _____

Please print

Parent's Signature _____



AFTER SCHOOL SWIM PROGRAM TERM 3 2015

Mini Squad & Squad Only

MONDAY 31st August 2015 – Wednesday 16th Sept.

Monday's & Wednesday's - \$8.00 per session
\$24.00 for a 3 week swim term - swimming once a week \$48.00 twice a week

Session times: **Mini Squad** (45min. session) 3.15pm – 4.00pm
 Squad (45min. session) 3.15pm – 4.00pm

*****PLEASE NOTE: No Learn to swim or Mini Squad1 in term 3*****

Term 3 swim program (pool will be heated) – Strength, Stroke & Swim, preparing for term 4 swim carnivals

Mini Squad (45 min. session) – Strength work, stroke correction, drills, & swimming fitness. Swimmers need to be competent to swim 25 meters freestyle and continually swimming 30-45mins.

Squad (45 min. session) – Strength work, swimming - drills & kicking. Swimmers need to be competent in all strokes and have good swim fitness.

Children will be placed in lanes appropriate to ability, please use the above as a guide to choose the correct class for your child.

All parents will receive an email confirmation & term 3 swim information.

**** Signed & Completed forms are required no later than WEDNESDAY 26th August. 2015****

Invoices will be posted out to all parents. Payment is calculated on a 3 weeks swim program.

For further information please contact Jenny Wood, Program coordinator.
Jennifer.Wood@bne.catholic.edu.au **OR** 0421 603 455



REGISTRATION FORM AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING TERM 3 2015

Parent Name: Contact #:

Email: Parent Signature:

Squad (S)
Mini Squad (MS)
NO LEARN TO SWIM TERM 2

Child's Last Name	Child's First Name	Class	Day/s
(1)
(2)
(3)
(4)

**Signed and completed forms must be returned by
WEDNESDAY 26th August, 2015
To: Accounts Department or your child's class**