



Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Welcomes and Farewells

This year we have a number of staff changes and this week we sadly say farewell to some long-term staff here at Marymount Primary. I have previously mentioned that both Gemma Walker and Jo-Anne Henderson will be leaving our classes and moving to Jubilee Primary School at Pacific Pines on the northern end of the Coast. Gemma has been a staff member here since 2003 and Jo-Anne since 2002. Our best wishes go with Gemma and Jo-Anne for their new schools as well as our thanks for their hard work and support for our children during this time.

We will also be losing Diane Anderson as she leaves to take up her new role as Assistant Principal – Religious Education (APRE) at St Augustine's Primary School at Currumbin Waters in 2016. Diane has been on staff here since 1999 and in that time has taught classes from Pre-School (as they were called in the old days) to Year Three. She has also taken on roles like Curriculum Support Teacher for the whole school for five years and then various 'Acting' roles over the last few years as Assistant Principal and then this year as APRE. Diane has been a pleasure to work with and she has been professional in all of her dealings with our staff, parents and importantly, children. We are indebted to Diane for this wonderful work and I am sure that she will be able to bring this same degree of diligence and commitment to her new school.

In last week's newsletter I mentioned that Tenika Gawler (resigning) and Louise Lowe (taking a year off) would both be absent from our ranks as Prep School Officers in 2016. After an advertising and interview process I am pleased to be able to announce that our new Teacher Assistants will be Trudy McCabe and Kate Garwood. Trudy will be well-known to some of our families as she has previously worked in the area and as such it is great to be able to welcome her back as she has a great deal of experience in working with children of this age. Kate has over fifteen years of working with young children in various settings and we look forward to her sharing the skills and talents which she has picked up in this time. Both ladies will start with us in January 2016.

Over the course of this term we have been lucky to have been able to have the teaching services of Bronwyn Ward and Rosemary Wood in two of our classes. Bronwyn has taken over the role of Year Six teacher for Maree Wright whilst she has worked as an Acting Assistant Principal for the term. Rosemary, likewise, has been here teaching in Year One for the term whilst our usual teacher, Deb McKean-Nunan, has been away on sick leave. Deb is back at school but is under specialist orders and as such she has not been able to return to full class duties. Bronwyn and Rosemary have both worked remarkably well in their respective classes and their commitment to ensuring as smooth a transition as possible for these children has been really appreciated. Our thanks is extended to both ladies for a job very well done.

And in late news for staffing, Jackson Elliott, one of our Year Five teachers, informed me yesterday morning that he will be taking next year off to pursue some other goals away from Brisbane Catholic Education. Jackson has applied for the year off and he will be sadly missed in 2016 not only for his classroom work but for his assistance with our athletics running programs. I would like to wish Jackson well for his move and thank him for his great efforts at Marymount since he started here in 2006. I am pleased to be able to announce that Deanne Krueger will be the replacement Year Five teacher for Jackson in 2016. Deanne has been with us now for seven years and she has taught in most year levels from Prep to Year Six in this time. Prior to this Deanne has taught in primary schools in all year levels across two states since the late 1990's. She is an experienced teacher whom we warmly welcome in to this new role.

Annual MPS Awards Ceremony

This morning we held our annual Awards ceremony in the Doyle Centre and during this time we were able to present our school-wide awards for the year as well as a number of other Academic awards. This year was a very difficult year from which to pick our winners and we had a number of nominees in each of the major award categories. I would like to congratulate all of our children who were nominated on these achievements and thank them for the special presence which they have brought to our school over this year and in preceding years. The list of nominees and actual winners is listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

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Coming Events

Wednesday December 2

Yr 3P - Assembly
End of Year Awards
Yr 5 - Art Incursion

Thursday December 3

Yr 5 - Art Incursion
Yr 4 - Pool Party
6pm - Yr 6 Graduation Evening
Last day for Tuckshop

Friday December 4

12 noon - School Concludes

Monday January 25

Professional Development Day

Tuesday January 26

Australia Day Public Holiday

Wednesday January 27

School Resumes for 2016



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



End of School Year

Friday 4 December - 12 noon finish



Prayers requested please

It is with great sadness that we were informed today of the unexpected death of Fr Lucius' mother Angela last night (midday Nigerian time). Angela had been in hospital for some time quite ill, however she appeared to be recovering and had returned home. This has come as a shock for Fr Lucius and we ask that you keep Angela, Fr Lucius and the family in your prayers. Fr Lucius will be returning home in the next couple of days to be with his family.

Eternal rest grant unto Angela O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Year 6 End of Primary School Liturgy

Tomorrow evening (Thursday, 3 December) at 6.00pm in the Doyle Centre we will celebrate the end of the primary years of schooling for our Year 6 children. Our Parish Priest, Fr Ken Howell, will lead our liturgy as we thank God for the gift of these children to our school and pray for their future lives. It is the final step on their primary schooling journey and I would ask that you please keep these children and their families in your prayers over the next few days. The children will be a part of our school's Guard of Honour at the end of the school day on Thursday. They will process from their rooms at the top end of the school through our school with our other classes lining their way down to the area in front of the Doyle Centre. Here they will be met by their parents and other brothers and sisters before heading home. They will then formally finish their time with us through the end of year liturgy. I would like to thank Diane, our APRE, as well as our teachers – Kathy, Marie, Bronwyn, Dwayne and Dan – for their co-ordination of the exciting liturgy and farewell ceremony.

School Ends for 2105

Our school will officially close for the year this coming Friday, 4 December, at 12.00pm. The classes will finish at this time and a reminder that no buses will be operating on Friday. I would ask that parents please organise for the pick-up of their children at 12.00pm. The children will only require Morning Tea for this day. Our day will commence at the normal time and we will break for Morning Tea at 10.30am. After this break we will hold a short liturgy in the Doyle Centre before the children head back to their respective classes for dismissal for the day by their teachers at 12.00 noon.

School Starts 2016

Our first school day for 2016 will be Wednesday, 27 January. The classes will commence at our normal time with the first bell going at 8.35am. The Tuesday will be our Australia Day Public Holiday and the Monday, 25 January, will be a Staff Professional Development day.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

On behalf of the staff of Marymount Primary School, I would like to wish all of our parents and children a very merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. We have listed the mass and parish celebration times for Burleigh Heads parish in this newsletter for the Christmas time. I would urge our families to take some time to make it to these liturgies and to also talk to your children about what Christmas is really about. Thank you to our parents for all that you have done this year to help make our community a great one, without this support our children would never be able to do the great things that they do in our school. I look forward to continuing on our journey in 2016.

May the peace of the new born Christ be with you all during this festive season.

Greg Casey



From our Assistant Principal

Tony Barron

Tuckshop 2016

We have begun arrangements for a new Canteen Contractor to begin in 2016. This company is called H & H Canteens and currently operates businesses in Victoria, NSW, and QLD. We are very excited to have H & H Canteens on board with Marymount. They come with great recommendations, have an exciting and cheaper new menu, and bake most food on site daily for our children.

The biggest change for parents, is that H&H Canteens use a different online ordering company – Our Online Canteen. This means that parents will no longer use Munch Monitor. The good news with Our Online Canteen is, that they have no ongoing account charges. While this does mean cancelling your Munch Monitor account, no one will be left out of pocket.

I have included in this newsletter a copy of the account closure form for Munch Monitor. Any remaining funds will be credited back into your nominated account. The new online Canteen link is now on the website, so families can begin setting up their new accounts for 2016. www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

1 to 1 Program Year 4 2016

All families should have received a note yesterday regarding the new 1 to 1 program for Year 4 for 2016. We will hold a parent information evening on Monday 1st Feb 2016. This is an important session for all families, as you will receive all documentation on this night. Without this documentation, your child will not receive their laptop.

Thanks and have a great week/holiday.

Tony Barron



Today we presented the major Marymount Awards for 2015. Below is a list of the nominees and the winners. The Charlie Clarke, Pat Dolan, St Vincent de Paul and Spirit of Mary Awards are voted on by staff. The Sport and Music awards are criteria based and the winners are chosen accordingly. Below is a list of this year's nominees and winners. All of the children should be very pleased to have been thought of so highly by the Marymount staff who nominated them, it is certainly an honour, and a reward for their excellent efforts this year.

The Charlie Clarke "Aussie All Rounder" Nominees

Thomas Nicholson	Luke Browne
Ella Moore	Zoe Riddell
Brayden Field	Maile Rickard
Will Ross	Grace Curtis
Joe Nelson	Jayden Wright
	Jake Wright

Pat Dolan Award Nominees

Nalani Beckley	Harry Bloink
Keely Swaddling	Megan Stapleton
Jade Touzell	Lachlan Pinch
Tyson Collins	Emily Edwards
Brendan Doyle	Emmasen Davis
Isabella Dean	Harrison Sly
	Felicity Smith

St Vincent de Paul Inspiration Award Nominees

Byron Wilson	Lewis Treggiden
Harrison Sly	Willow Howe
Isabella Dean	Mia Forbes
Joel Bowen	Keely Swaddling
Jeseka Atley	Shakayla Thorpe-Martin
	Megan Stapleton

Spirit of Mary Award Nominees

Megan Stapleton	Will Ross
Brayden Field	Summer Finn
Georgina Ward	Thomas Nicholson
Pippi Harris	Maile Rickard
Keely Swaddling	Paris Freese
Jade Touzell	Luke Browne
Josephine Hughes	Aston Bai

Today is also the last newsletter for me. I will be leaving Marymount at the end of this year to take up the Assistant Principal RE role at St Augustine's. I have been teaching, and in administration at Marymount for 16 years and in this time I have seen many children, parents and staff come and go. I have enjoyed being a part of this wonderful school and a member of the Marymount family. Over the years I have seen many changes. I have seen the school grow and develop into the great facility we have today. I have watched children move through their years here and seen the excitement in their eyes as they learn and grow. I have enjoyed seeing many of them graduate from Year 12 and move forward in life. I would like to thank all of my teaching colleagues who have not only taught my own children; but who have been, and continue to be wonderful, talented friends. I would also like to thank all of the support staff here at Marymount, without them many of the essential jobs which keep the school and me running would not happen.

I must thank the administration team, particularly the 2015 team, Greg, Annette and Tony, with whom I have had the privilege to work. The collective wisdom that is shared has enabled me to grow and learn so much this year. I owe much of my success to them!

I would also like to thank our Burleigh priests, Frs. Ken, Lucius and Stephen, as well as Fr. Pat Molony. They have guided me and shown me that with love and patience almost anything is possible. I will take to my new school many of the teachings they have shared with me.

Marymount is a great school with great people and once you have been a member of the 'Marymount Family' you will always be welcome back. It will be a sad time for me on Friday when I walk away but I will take with me amazing memories, strong friendships and the love and support of those around me.

Thank you again to all who have been part of my journey so far, have a blessed and wonderful Christmas and wishing everyone a great 2016.

'God has gone before us supporting us along the road to this place'

Diane Anderson



Charlie Clarke Award Winner
Joe Nelson



Spirit of Mary Winners
Aston Bai and Maile Rickard



Pat Dolan Award Winner
Emily Edwards



St Vincent de Paul Winner
Willow Howe



Year 6 Academic Awards

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who received academic awards at their final Primary assembly. The criteria for receiving this award was to achieve a minimum of five A's on their report card with two of these from the English strand or 6A's and above. This is a substantial achievement and testament to the dedication and commitment they put into their studies. Congratulations to Yasmin Glifos, Georgina Ward, Pippi Harris, Josie Hughes, Mia Sims, Jared Crowley, Keely Swaddling, Luana Amerena, Summer Finn, Charli Russell, Brayden Field, Will Ross, Mackenzie Dowker, Anita Beard and Sarah Tynan on this remarkable achievement.

I wish you and your family a safe, relaxing and blessed Christmas.

Maree Wright



*Sportsperson of the Year
Jayden Wright*



*Sports Encouragement Award
Lewis Treggiden*



Christmas Mass Times

Thursday 24 December

- 5pm - Calvary Church, Miami
- 5pm - St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba
- 6.30pm - Doyle Centre, Marymount*
Christmas carols before service.
- 6pm - Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach
- 7.30pm - Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads
- Midnight - Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads

Friday 25 December

- 7am - Infant Saviour, Burleigh Heads
- 7am - Our Lady of the Way, Palm Beach
- 8.30am - Calvary Church, Miami
- 8.30am - St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba
- 10am - Doyle Centre, Marymount

*** PLEASE NOTE THE CHRISTMAS EVE MASS IN THE DOYLE CENTRE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 6.30pm**

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
Parish Pastor: Fr Ken Howell

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

Associate Pastors: Fr Lucius Edomodi & Fr Stephen Camiolo



AFTER SCHOOL SWIM PROGRAM TERM 1 – 2016

Learn to Swim (LTS), Mini Squad & Squad

Commencing: MONDAY 1 FEB – WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH
8 week program \$64.00 once a week or \$128 twice a week

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday After School (\$8.00 per session)

Session times:	Learn to Swim	3.10pm – 3.45pm
	Mini Squad	3.10pm – 4.00pm
	Squad	3.10pm – 4.00pm

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- Learn to swim** (L.T.S level 1 & 2) – water safety & entry level to freestyle stroke technique
 - Mini Squad** (levels 1, 2 & 3) – stroke correction, swim drills, & fitness swimming
 - Squad** – swimming program, all strokes & kicking. Swimmers need to be competent in all strokes with 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.

As your child's swimming progresses, they will be moved accordingly.

Should there be no availability for your chosen session, you will be notified. LTS classes are limited and are on a first come basis.
All parents will receive an email confirmation & swim information.

****Signed & completed forms are required back by Friday 29th January 2016****

Invoices will be posted to all parents. Payment is calculated on an 8 week swim program.

For further information please contact Jenny Wood, Program co-ordinator.
Jennifer.Wood@bne.catholic.edu.au | 0421 603 455

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REGISTRATION FORM AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING TERM 1 2016

Parent Name: Contact #:

Email: Parent Signature:

Child's Last Name	Child's First Name	Class	Day/s	Squad (S) Mini Squad (MS) Learn to Swim (LTS)
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(3).....
(4).....

Please return completed forms back by
Friday 29th January 2016
To: Accounts Department or your child's class

MunchMonitor Account Closure Request Form

Parent Account Details

Full name of Account holder

Street no Street

Suburb

State

Postcode

Contact Phone

Email

Other Details

Name of one Student on the Account

Name of the School this Student attends

Your Bank Details

Note: we will attempt to refund directly to your credit card, however please provide bank details as a secondary option

BSB

Account Number

Account Name



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Your Instructions

I authorise and direct MunchMonitor to close my account and to refund any remaining balance, to my credit card or bank account (details of which are provided)

Signature of Account Holder

Date

Reason For Account Closure (optional)

- My student is moving to another school
- I don't use the canteen
- I'm unhappy with the online system
- Other, please specify...

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