

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Marymount Primary School Open Tomorrow

Yesterday I sent a letter out via our email distribution list in regards to the Protected Industrial action which is being taken in some Catholic schools across Queensland. This action only affects those schools where the staff union members have voted to do so. There are many schools whose staff have opted not to do this and Marymount Primary school is one of these. Our school will be open as usual and we will be offered our full program. Our neighbouring college will only be offering partial classes and supervision however, and therefore some families may opt to keep their children who are in both schools home from school for the day. If you are going to keep your children in our school, home for the day as a part of this matter I would ask that you please follow the usual protocols for absenteeism and contact the school. My letter dated 23 February has fuller details on this issue.

School Evacuation and Bomb Threat

Our parents should have received our various communiqués yesterday from our school in relation to the Bomb Threat which we had come through just before 9.30am. A letter was sent home via email as well as notifications via SMS, the BCE Connect phone application, our Website and our school's Facebook page. If you are reading this and didn't get any of these then I would urge you to please check your current email address which you have listed with us. Over the last three weeks we have been encouraging our parents to ensure that we have correct family details – contact phone numbers, addresses, email addresses and so on. Incidents like yesterday heighten the need for this information to be up to date as it enables us to get the correct information out to our parent body as quickly as possible. The newly released Parent Portal gives you even more information channels and it also allows you to be able to change some of these important details very easily. Please contact our school offices if you would like to find out more about this or if you need to refresh your contact details.

Thank You to Woolworths at Stockland, Burleigh Waters and our Parents

During yesterday's whole school evacuation we were blessed to have a group of our parents who saw a need and jumped in to help us. Four of our mums had been here for the Volunteer Parent Student Protection session and they offered to source out some water for our children and staff who were clustered under the shade of the trees on the edge of our oval and forest at the back section of our oval. Everyone had been there for just under an hour and our parents who were outside the lock-down cordon, set off to find water. They found a champion in the staff and Manager at Woolworths at Stockland at Burleigh Waters. The Store Manager, Steve, donated half of the needed water as well as organising for his staff to help load up the 1 000 bottles. This is a wonderful gesture and one which shows the great community support which exists in this area. I contacted Steve yesterday to pass on the thanks of our community to him and his community. It was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to our 'Super-mums' for caring enough to offer this support to all of our school – a huge task but one which they did unflinchingly.

Thanks to our local Police

I would also like to thank our local police members who reacted so quickly to the Bomb Threat. They were here in numbers in under five minutes from our call and they very professionally handled matters so as to cause the least amount of distress to our children, parents and staff. This was happening whilst there were another 3 schools who were being targeted across the Gold Coast at the same time. Our school really appreciated their support and the caring nature in which they fulfilled their duty.

Car Park Changes

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we will be closing off our temporary parking area on our primary school oval for our Prep and Year One parents and families. This will take effect from next week. The new car park set-up seems to be working more smoothly now and the extended catchment area to the northern end of the college grounds for parent parking and queuing of cars allows for us to make this closure. This will allow us to fully utilize our oval space for the children at lunch times. Parking for parents who wish to drop off their children and walk in with them is still available in the external Public Car Park and this is usually cleared by 8.40am in the mornings and 3.20pm in the afternoons. Once again I would like to thank you for your ongoing patience and care with our traffic issues – all schools have them at the peak times and ours has been exacerbated by a number of external issues which are out of our control. Please keep thinking of our children when you enter into our school traffic vicinity.

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Coming Events

Wednesday February 24
Whole school assembly
Yr 6 Leadership Day - Jubilee
5M - Ozanam Villa mass

Thursday February 25
4A, 4R & 4P - Class Liturgies

Friday February 26
0M - 'F' Dress up Day

Tuesday March 1
Art Show Committee Meeting

Friday March 4
GCCPS Swim Carnival
Yr 3 - Teddy Bears Hospital

Tuesday March 8
School Photos

Thursday March 10
School Photos



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

Parent Teacher Interviews – Weeks 8 & 9 of Term 1 and Week 1 of Term 2

Our individual Parent Teacher interviews will be conducted during the above times for all of our year levels. As has been the case in recent years we will utilise the Parent Teacher Online (PTO) booking system for these interviews. Notification about when the system is open for bookings will come via the newsletter and through our website. These meetings are an important one on one opportunity for parents to discuss confidentially their child's progress thus far and to look at ways in which both school and home can work together for the benefit of the individual child. Week 8 commences on Monday, 14 March.

Brisbane Catholic Education Gold Coast Schools Leadership Meetings

Each year the Leadership Teams of all of the Gold Coast Catholic schools meet to formally set their goals for the year. These are done in consultation with our Area Supervisor, Trevor Doyle. We also access many of Brisbane Catholic Education's support personnel such as Literacy and Numeracy, Special Needs, IT, Indigenous and other key staff. These days also involve meetings with various staff from our main office. In our absence I have asked John Jensen to be our Teacher-in-Charge for the two days that we are away.

Marymount Combined Schools Art Show – First Meeting – Tuesday, 1 March

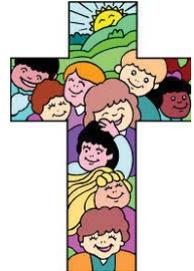
Every two years the two Marymount schools host an Art Show. This show is well-known and well-respected as being one which exhibits some of the best of the Gold Coast region's artists. This year the Art Show is taking place on the weekend of 29 – 31 July with the gala official opening and prize night being on the Friday evening. The show is set up in the Doyle Centre and it gives our communities plus the wider community the opportunity to purchase some amazing pieces of art at very reasonable prices. The Art Show is a combined schools fund-raising activity which works under the auspices of our two P & F Associations. Our first meeting is being held in the College Library block next Tuesday, 1 March, at 6.00pm. We already have a number of parents who have been involved in previous shows and who are keen to be involved again which is great, but it would be wonderful if we could get some extra support this year. The tasks are not onerous. Please consider coming along to this meeting to find out more.

Gold Coast Catholic Primary Schools Swimming Carnival – Friday, 4 March

This annual swimming carnival is taking place on Friday week at Pizzey Park Swimming Complex at Miami. Our school has selected a squad from our recent Marymount carnival who will represent us at this meet. The children will receive notes from Paul Hill, our Senior PE teacher, detailing all their needs for this day. More information will be out shortly on this.

Thanks for reading, enjoy the rest of the week.

Yours in Christ
Greg Casey



From our Assistant Principal

Tony Barron

Email Addresses and Contact details

With the new parent portal up and running, your email address is a vital part of your communication at Marymount. Each time we send something out, like our information on our Evacuation yesterday, we have approximately fifty addresses that bounce back. Please ensure your details like mobile contacts and email addresses are up to date. Without this email address you will not be able to receive important information, access the parent portal, receive newsletters, receive school reports, or login to parent teacher interviews.

In a school the size of ours, communication is vital. This means reading the newsletter each week, checking out the parent portal and keeping up to date with what is going on!

Parent Portal and login issues

If you are having issues with access and codes not working, please follow through the hints below which have been sent by BCE IT Helpdesk

If your code is not working, the issue might be that people have emailed again or tried a number of times to reset their password/code. Each time you do this the system recognises the codes for 15 minutes before they expire. So the system does not know which code to use.

To start parents need to delete ALL previous security code emails and begin the process of resetting their password again. When the security code arrives, it will be the correct code and they can then create a new password.

Once a new password has been created, navigate to the Schools Website, click on "Community Access" and then click the link for Parent Portal.

If it does not work, wait at least 15 minutes before trying again.

Thanks

Tony Barron



Year 6 Leadership Day

Today our Year 6 children travelled to Jubilee Primary School at Pacific Pines to gather with Year 6 students from all the Catholic schools on the Gold Coast. This day is symbolic in its recognition of the students as leaders of their perspective schools. We began the day with a liturgy, followed by leadership building activities. Mr Paul Allen, Director of School Services South, and leaders from Orange Sky Laundry addressed the students speaking to them about their role as leaders in a Catholic community.

Ozanam Villa

Today Mrs Crowe's class (5M) celebrated Mass with Fr Lucius and the residents of Ozanam Villa. Marymount Primary has a long tradition of visiting with the residents, to be a presence in the lives of members of our local community.

Year of Mercy

This Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy began on 8th December 2015 and will conclude on the 20th November 2016. Pope Francis opened the door of St Peter's Basilica to officially welcome the Jubilee Year. He said, "The door will become a 'Door of Mercy' through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons, and instills hope."

In his Lenten Pastoral Letter Archbishop Mark Coleridge wrote, "For all of us the Jubilee Year is to be a new experience of God's mercy, so that we can in turn become a more powerful experience of God's mercy for others, especially those in need of it."

Project Compassion

Thank you to those families who have already returned their Project Compassion boxes. If you would like an extra donation box, please ask at Parent Reception. Each class has their own box too and if each student could donate some money each week, we will be able to send a substantial amount of money to Caritas at the end of Lent. Just as Jesus gave the poor and marginalised preferential treatment, we are called to do the same, seeing His face in others. Caritas' theme Learning More, Creating Change, empowers those who are less fortunate than we are to create change in their lives to end poverty. The money donated through Caritas can make a real difference in the lives of others.

Have a great week.

Maree Wright



Volunteer Student Protection Training

Thank you to everyone who was able to make the training course this week. It is wonderful to see that so many people are able to help out at our school. Your time and enthusiasm is much appreciated and valued.

For people who were not able to make the training this week I will be holding another course on Tuesday March 8 at 2:30pm in the staff room. Please email me to let me know if you are able to attend.

Just a reminder for all volunteers to sign in and out at the Parent Reception. It is important to know who is at our school and where at all times, especially in the event of an evacuation or lock down. Thanks for your support in this matter.

Have a lovely week and stay safe.

Tina O'Keefe

From our Acting Assistant Principal

Tina O'Keefe



Sport News

Oceanic District Swimming

Congratulations to our Marymount Primary students who competed at last weeks Oceanic District Swimming Carnival. The carnival is used as the qualifying event for 10, 11 & 12 year old student to progress through to South Coast Regional Swimming trials.

Our team of 20 swimmers performed very well with 11 students progressing through to the Regional Swimming Trials next Monday and Wednesday evenings at Southport.

Our Marymount Primary swimmers also featured heavily in the Age Champion awards. Results listed below;

10y Boys - Lachlan Kelly 1st , Kai Allen 2nd with 1 point separating the boys. 10y Girls - Millar Brosnan-Ball placed 3rd
11y Boys - Sean Lunney 1st and Tom Cervenak 2nd 11y Girls - Zali Williams placed 1st
12y Girls - Hayley Weise placed 1st

In the Overall Team Pointscore Marymount Primary School placed 4th overall behind Miami High School, Marymount College and Varsity College. Please keep in mind that primary schools only have 3 age groups and high schools have 6 age groups from which to score points. The nearest primary school was back in 10th place with about one third of our total points. A very rewarding result for our young swimmers.

South Coast Regional Swimming

The South Coast Regional Swimming carnival will be held next Monday 29 February and Wednesday 2 March at Southport Olympic Pool.

The Marymount Primary School students who have qualified are listed below;

10y boys - Lachlan Kelly and Kai Allen 10y girls - Millar Brosnan-Ball
11y boys - Sean Lunney and Tom Cervenak 11y girls - Zali Williams, Josie McCabe and Caitlin Allred
12y boys - Taj Harris and Jaden Wood 12y girls - Hayley Weise and Kiana Young

Congratulations and best of luck at next week's meet.

Oceanic District U12 Netball

Well done to our four Marymount Primary students who tried out for the Oceanic U12 Girls Netball team. Lily-Rose Kolc, Charlee Carr, Charlie Ricketts and Kophie Woolf all participated in the trials.

Congratulations to Lily-Rose Kolc and Charlee Carr who were selected to be part of the Oceanic team to play at the South Coast Regional Netball Carnival.

Paul Hill

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST CHATTER

Speech Sound Production

It is typical for some speech sounds not to be correctly produced by a school age child. There are speech sounds that typically don't develop until 8-9 years of age. For more information, please see http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/library/2013Factsheets/Factsheet_Sound_of_Speech_PreschoolSchool-aged_children.pdf

A child who is at school should be able to be understood by adults with whom they are not familiar.

If you have concerns about your child's production of speech, see a Speech Pathologist (contact your child's teacher for information) who is professionally trained to advise, diagnose and work with those who experience difficulties communicating.

Sharon Cummings



MOB

"Last week we had our first Marymount Mob gathering with the College and we had so much fun. We played some team sports to get to know each other again and meet our new Preppies, Beau, Darci and Eli."

BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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