Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Semester Two Report Cards

Our end of year Report Cards will go out with the children this Friday afternoon. They will be given to the children in sealed envelopes for them to take home. These reports provide a summary of their progress over the course of this semester in all of our Key Learning Areas as well as provide an outline of their work and social habits. The children are assessed against the Australian standards for each learning area and given a ranking over a five point scale. These standards are the same across schools nationwide although the scale may have different names. Our teaching staff see these as the culmination of work from the children and they are assessed in various ways, it’s not just the end of term tests as it may have been a long time ago. I would like to thank our staff for their dedication to their roles this year and especially for drawing together these documents for the formal assessment process. In reading through them it’s great to see the growth in our children over the year and to also see the variety of learning experiences that they have been involved with this year. If parents wish to make an interview to discuss these individual reports and their child’s progress I would ask that you please contact our office staff so that a mutually acceptable time can be organised for both parties.

2016 School Fees

Last evening at our final Marymount Combined Schools’ Advisory Council meeting our annual budget for 2016 was tabled and ratified by the members. Fr Ken, our Parish Priest, and members of our Parish Finance Council and the wider parish community are members of this group as well as the P & F Presidents of the Primary and College schools. A recommendation was presented to the meeting for a fee increase in 2016 of 1.5%. This was in line with the increase recommended by our Brisbane Catholic Education Commission and our Executive Director and their finance board for all schools in the Archdiocese. This increase was recommended due to the small increase in the Consumer Price Index over this year. Our Council passed this recommendation and our new fee structure for 2016 is attached to this newsletter. As we will be bringing in a one to one laptop program for our Year 4 classes next year we have also amended our Technology Levy. Parents of children in Year 4 next year will pay a much-reduced levy here as they will be subject to a special levy for the roll-out of these computers. We have also reduced our levy in this area for all other year levels. I would ask that you please take some time to check through the new structure for our fees and note the increases across the board. My thanks is extended to Janelle Holmes, our Finance Secretary, for her significant work in helping to draft our 2016 budget. It has involved many work hours and checks and counter-checks with our BCE Finance personnel.

Annual Goal-Setting Review

Tomorrow will see our Leadership Team away from the school as they engage in our review of our school’s goals for this year. Diane Anderson, Maree Wright, Tony Barron and I have met with the leadership staff from the other Gold Coast Catholic schools and our Area Supervisor, Trevor Doyle, as we analyse our performance against our own school goals which we developed at the start of the year. We will also look to see where we are tracking in relation to our Brisbane Catholic Education and wider education system goals. This day is a great way to evaluate what we’ve been focussing on and to set possible goals for future years. In our absence I have asked Laura Mitchell, our Curriculum Support Teacher, to be the Teacher in Charge for the day.

I will also be away on Friday as I will be attending our Term 4 Principal’s meeting for the Gold Coast schools. This meeting has input from our BCE staff in relation to current and future educational trends as well as from external groups. Tony Barron, our Assistant Principal, will be in charge whilst I’m away.

Staff Changes in Prep

Next year will see a few changes with our Prep School Officers (Class Teacher Assistants). Tenika Gawler will be resigning from her position in order to spend more time with her family as her children start to move through the senior primary and early secondary years. Tenika has been with us since 2010 in a number of capacities but of recent years she has worked with our staff in the Prep classes. Tenika has done a fabulous job and she has developed many caring relationships with the children under her care. We wish Tenika well for her future and we also thank her for the wonderful role she has played here.

Another of our Prep Assistants, Louise Lowe, will be missing from our school ranks in 2016. Louise has applied for next year off so that she can spend time assisting her growing family including grandchildren. Louise has been with our school for over 20 years and I’m sure that she will enjoy the time off although her ‘Grandma duties’ may keep her very busy.

We will be looking to fill these positions this week with a view to announcing our replacements in next week’s newsletter.
Outstanding Bookpack Payments for 2016
I would like to remind our parents that our 2016 Bookpack payments are now well overdue. These payments were due on Monday 9 November. At this stage we still have just under 300 payments outstanding which is quite frustrating for our Uniform Shop staff. Our shop officially closes for the year on next Monday 30 November, so that we can do a stocktake. I would ask that if your account is one of the outstanding ones that you please look to rectify this by our school closure date or if possible by the closure date for our Uniform shop.

Swimming Carnivals
This week we are hosting Swimming Carnivals for Years One, Two and Three in the school pool. We have already completed the Year One carnival and the Two and Three ones are on today and Friday respectively. These carnivals are a fun way to finish their swimming program and I would like to thank our staff for helping out with them. Particular thanks goes to our PE staff, Paul Hill, Leigh Yates and to our Swimming Co-ordinator, Jenny Wood, for their assistance in the smooth running of these events. It's also great to see so many parents who come along to cheer for and support the children.

After School Swimming Program
And speaking of swimming, our After School program will finish for the year this week. It has proven to be very successful yet again and this is very much thanks to the hard work and commitment of our Co-ordinator, Jenny Wood, and her very capable assistant, Kim Shillig. Jenny and Kim have many years of Swim training behind them and they are very easily able to pass their skills and talents on to our children. Our thanks also goes to our three trainees from our College. Ally Christie, Tristan Kelly and Nick Muir are all senior students from Marymount College and they have been an integral part of the success of the program. Well done to all and we look forward to recommencing the program in 2016.

Thanks for your time, enjoy the rest of the week.

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey

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 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. If you wish to send your form into Parent Reception, prior to next Friday, we will send them off to Munch Monitor in a bulk mail.

Thanks. Have a great week

Tony Barron

Activities Galore!
We finish the year with a hub of activities for our classes including – Mrs Red’s Art for Years 2 and 4; a beach excursion and a maths day for Year 1; Zumba for Prep and Years 3 and 5; Christmas Craft and Art with Peter Burdett for Years 3 and 5 and our Year 6 classes bounce it out at Air-Factory. What exciting and fun ways to finish the year!

Report Cards
Semester Two reports cards will be sent home with your child on Friday 27th November. Prep students will also bring their portfolio of learning for the whole year, with Years 1-6 bringing a folder containing work samples from Semester Two. The portfolio, the folder and schoolbooks contain evidence to support your child’s results in their report card. Should you have any questions about either the report or the collection of evidence, please contact your child’s teacher.

This is my final blurb for 2015 as Acting Curriculum Support Teacher. I have enjoyed my time in this role and have learnt many things that will enhance my future teaching practices. It has been a pleasure working with the wonderful staff we have here at Marymount Primary School. I take this opportunity to wish you and yours a safe and merry festive season.

Warm regards
Laura Mitchell
Our assembly today focused on peace and the harmony of being in a multicultural country. As the closing song said, ‘we are one but we are many’. It was a simple message that our smiles speak all languages and we need to strive to live together happily. We have a wonderful world let’s hope our children can continue to spread this message. The Marymount Mob and Year 5R are to be congratulated on a great effort.

Today Year 5P attended mass at Ozanam Villa. This is the last visit for this year by a class from Marymount. The social visits by junior classes and the sharing of mass with the residents by the older classes are a highlight of the week for students and Ozanam residents alike. This program has run for many years and we look forward to continuing in 2016.

Today our Senior Band played at Stocklands Burleigh Heads. The children were very excited and very well received. They felt quite the rock stars when they saw that they had been assigned security staff by the centre, possibly to keep the autograph hunters at bay!

Next Wednesday the assembly will see the presentation of our annual school awards. It will be at 9am in the Doyle Centre, everyone is welcome.

Have a great week,

Diane Anderson

Woodwork Presentation
Last Thursday the Year 6 Woodwork Boys ended a wonderful year with their annual presentation and BBQ. These boys have been travelling to The Woodwork and Craft Club situated in the grounds of St. Augustine’s Primary School each Tuesday. The wonderful men who teach the boys and volunteer their time, are committed to teaching primary school children woodworking skills, making toys for charities, and encouraging companionship among the members. A big thank you to Damien Aird (President), the team of woodwork men, Trish Hartman and the parents who drove and accompanied the boys each week. Thank you also to Annette O’Shea who has coordinated the woodwork program for many years. The boys have had a wonderful year learning new skills.

Year 6 Master Chef Challenge
The annual Year Six Master Chef bakeoff was held last Friday with very imaginative cupcakes being created. The children had a great time showcasing their cooking talents to their buddies and Year Five students. Thank you to Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Cokley for judging this fun competition. Congratulations to Maile Rickard (1st), Taylor Bruce (2nd) and Stephanie Sheehan (3rd) as the winners of the 2015 Cup Cake Challenge.

Have a great week

Maree Wright
We were so proud of our young students last Wednesday night at our concert, especially the Year 3 students who played their hearts out and impressed all. We have a lot of excited children anxious to join the music program for next year. We also have a lot of completed initial interest forms returned and we will contact these students before the end of term and give them a try out on the instruments of their choice. When we have assessed them and they have made their choice we will send home a consent form with the instrument they have chosen. If you agree with their choice, please sign the form and return before the end of term so they will be enrolled for next year. If you missed the concert and did not get a form, the office will have some available. There will be no more band rehearsals this year but lessons as normal.

Regards
Colin Hoy

Patron Parents
Yr 2A - End of year catch up - 9am Friday 27 November at Lakeview Cafe, 100 Burleigh Street
RSVP Leigh 0419 653 471

Congratulations to Maegan Kinloch (Y) who received an Academic Award for English and Mathematics at today’s assembly.

Christmas Disco

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 25
Doyle Centre
Wear your best Christmas gear!
Prep to Yr 3 - 5.00pm to 6.00pm
Yr 4 to Yr 6 - 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Drinks $1 Chips 50c
SAUSAGE SIZZLE - $2 for St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
Please refrain from sending older children (Years 4-6) to the junior disco with their younger siblings until 6.30 as this creates a supervision and safety concern.
Disco is strictly for students of Marymount Primary School.

$3 entry
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Education Levy: Used to cover Classroom Budgets/Stationery and Supplies; Educational Software; Printing; Photocopy charges; Resources for Music, Library, Art and Sports

Information Technology Levy: Used to cover the cost of the purchase of computers and equipment: maintenance of technology equipment including electronic whiteboards

Excursion Levy: Used to cover Religion / Music / Sports Buses; Elective Sports; Camps and Excursions
MunchMonitor Account Closure Request Form

Full name of Account holder

Street no  Street

Suburb

State  Postcode

Contact Phone

Email

Name of one Student on the Account

Name of the School this Student attends

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

My student is moving to another school

I don’t use the canteen

I’m unhappy with the online system

Other, please specify...

BSB

Account Number

Account Name

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO: MUNCHMONITOR, PO BOX 1431, PARRAMATTA, NSW 2124
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

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

REGISTRATION FORM AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING TERM 1 2016

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Please return completed forms back by Friday 29th January 2016
To: Accounts Department or your child’s class
SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2PM

MARYMOUNT COLLEGE
(261-285 Burleigh Connection Road)

Entry at door
Adults $8
Children $4

For enquiries contact Elite Rhythmic Gymnastics Club
(07)55 938 197 0403 034 914
You're invited to a RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS Gala Spectacular hosted by the Elite Rhythmic Gymnastics Club