



Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Catholic Primary Schools' Cross Country Carnival – Today, 3 June

Our annual Gold Coast Catholic Primary Schools' Cross Country carnival is on today at St Brigid's school at Nerang. Children from 8 to 12 years old were selected following our annual Marymount day a few weeks ago. Six boys and six girls from each age level will travel to St Brigid's to compete in this team's event. Our thanks goes to Annette O'Shea, Paul Hill, Dwayne Thorburn and Jackson Elliott from our staff for their training efforts with our squad since the holidays. This day is always a fun day and the competition is always quite sharp. Best wishes to all of our competitors for today.

New Adventure Playground Structures

During the June/July holidays our existing Adventure Playground equipment will be dismantled and two brand new set-ups will be constructed. We will also be getting a new shade structure built over the top of these playground spaces. The current equipment is over twelve years old and we have been replacing various elements of it in the last three years as they have deteriorated and have created safety hazards for the children. The total cost for the project is just over \$110 000. This cost is being covered by our Parents and Friends Association and also our Outside School Hours Care facility on a 2/3 to 1/3 ratio respectively. This money from the P & F Association is a direct result of the levy which all families pay and as such it is going back into significant projects which our internal school budget may not always be able to manage. I would like to thank both organisations for their financial support of the school. This project will directly affect all children in the school and it should be completed just after the holiday break if all goes to plan. The footings for the shade structure are hopefully being done today.

Winter is Officially Here

The last few days have confirmed that the Winter season is officially here with us in fairly spectacular form. The cooler climes, especially in the morning, have seen the children rush to bring out their winter clothing. Sadly though, this clothing often ends up in our Lost Property section as many of the jumpers, jackets or tracksuit pants don't have the children's names on them. Even though the mornings are fresh, come Morning Tea the temperatures have often risen dramatically and the children tend to discard their winter gear in various parts of the playground, eating area or other venues around the school. Could I ask that you please ensure that all items of your children's clothing are adequately named (even year level as well if you can) so that we can make sure that they are returned to their owners in good time. If you have lost an item of clothing please take some time (or ask your child to do this) to check the Lost Property section outside our Learning Enhancement Centre. Thanks for your support here.

Parents Addressing other Children

From time to time I receive reports that a parent has spoken to or chastised a child who isn't theirs. This can often come out of frustration or some other similar type of concern about your own child's welfare which you may feel is being impacted upon by the other child. I can understand this but I would ask that you do not take up a contentious matter with a child of the school who isn't your own. This can be grossly unfair on the child being singled out and can only serve to exacerbate the original issue. If there is a concern about another child I would ask that you firstly speak to your class teacher in order to make them aware of the situation. The teacher may in turn speak with a member of our school's Leadership Team for advice or support and the matter would be handled through these channels. "Adults dealing with adults and not the situation where children are being confronted by a possibly upset adult". Thank you for your expected support of this important safety issue.

Thanks for read – enjoy the rest of the week

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey



Coming Events

Friday June 5

0M - "P" dress up day
Yrs 5/6 interschool sport

Monday June 8

Queen's birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday June 9

9am - Patron Parent Meeting
Class Liturgies - 3Y, 3P, 6M

Wednesday June 10

Whole School Assembly
5A - Ozanam Villa Mass

Thursday June 11

Class Liturgies - 6A, 6R, 6Y

Friday June 12

Yrs 5/6 interschool sport Finals

Tuesday June 16

Class Liturgies - 2P, 5M, 5A

Wednesday June 17

Whole School Assembly
Field Events Carnival
State of Origin sausage sizzle

Thursday June 18

Class Liturgies - 1R, 1Y, 1M

Friday June 19

Field Events Carnival

Beach-a-thon

Friday

June 26

**Details in this
newsletter**

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

From our Acting Assistant Principal - Religious Education

Diane Anderson

The Prep children have enjoyed their first liturgies with Frs. Stephen and Lucius. They had many interesting comments and questions for the priests. Credit must also go to the prep teachers who prepared the children so well. The children were aware of the responses and sang with gusto.



This week saw the staff take part in a Pink Morning Tea fundraiser for cancer research. We have a small staff but managed to raise almost \$350 in half an hour.



Congratulations to Eamon Lennon (1R) who sold the most tickets in our recent raffle.



The Patron Parent group will meet next Tuesday at 9am in the staffroom for a quick hello and a cuppa. If you are interested please come along.

We are planning to have a sausage sizzle for the next State of Origin game. Please keep a lookout for the note and order form which will be sent home soon. Money raised will go to our mission fundraising account.

Diane Anderson



Our Beach-a-thon will be held on the last day of Term, Friday June 26.

This year will see a number of changes. The Beach-a-thon will begin at Miami Surf Club (cnr Hythe St and Marine Parade) and continue north along the Beach.

The biggest change this year, is that we are asking Parents to drop off their children at the Beach rather than at school. (This is currently done by most of the Gold Coast Schools) At the conclusion of the Beachathon, parents will need to pick up their children and take them home (approximately 1pm).

Our Beach-a-thon is a fundraiser for the school therefore no buses means more equipment for our children.

Children need to be dropped off at Miami Surf Club between 8:20 and 8:50am.

We will be providing a bus **ONLY** for those children who must catch a bus to and from school, or for those children who are booked into OSHC on that day.

Prep - Year 1 Walk to Seashell Ave (Just past Nobby Surf club) and back
Years 2 – 3 Walk to Mermaid Surf Club and back
Years 4 – 6 Walk to Kurrawa Surf Club and back

Fruit and snacks will be provided on the day.

A permission form will be sent home in the next day or so.
Please fill in the **ONE** that relates to your child/ren and return it to your class teacher
by Friday 12 June.

Curriculum News

Writers' Workshop

Yesterday a small group of students from our Year 6 classes, joined with students from Marymount College and St Augustine's Primary School, to participate in a Writers' Workshop. This initiative is part of Middle School endeavours across the three schools, and is specifically designed for students who display a passion in writing. Local author and illustrator, Angela Sundae, shared her talents with the group and provided them with ideas and strategies to enhance their creative writing. It was a very engaging and informative day!



Out and about at Marymount

Our school is always buzzing with different activities. Here are some photos of Year 4 conducting an outdoor science experiment and Year 1 and 2 classes enjoying gross-motor activities.

Warm regards

Laura Mtichell



Sport News

US Kids Golf Australia

Congratulations Kai Komulainen who has been selected to play in the US Kids Golf, World Championships in America, July 30. What a fantastic achievement Kai. We wish you all the very best at the Tournament. Enjoy this experience.

District Cross Country

Well done to all the Marymount students who competed so well at the Oceanic District Cross Country Carnival last Thursday.

The 11y girls (Kiana Young, Lily-Rose Kolc, Hayley Weise, Felicity Smith, Madison Miernik and Skye Defina) took out first place in the team event.

Congratulations to the students listed below who qualified to compete at the South Coast Regional Cross Country Carnival at Runaway Bay.

10y Boys - Luke Rana-Smith, Daniel Bray
 10y Girls - Kali Byers, Zara Nunan
 11y Boys - Ky Howell, Harry Chapman
 11y Girls - Felicity Smith, Kiana Young, Lily Kolc
 12y Girls - Olivia Breeze

Good luck at Regionals on 9th June.

Catholic Cross Country

Best of luck to all the Marymount students competing at the Gold Coast Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country Carnival today (Wednesday) at St Brigid's Nerang.

Paul Hill

Upcoming Sporting Events

Field Events - Wednesday 17 and Friday 19 June
 College ovals and our back shed area

Track Events - Wednesday 24 June - College oval



We will be selling popcorn chicken from Tuesday 9th June. The cost will be \$3.50 for a cup. It will be available for both morning tea and lunch. Please order through munch monitors.

Popcorn Chicken



We have organised a volunteer get together on Friday 19th June at Justin Lane pizza bar in Burleigh. All are welcome.

Acacia

Thursday 4	Friday 5	Monday June 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10
Volunteers Needed	Jenny Cowan	No help needed	No help needed	Belinda Fairclough

RENEWAL

Youth Mass

June 7

5:30pm at the Doyle Centre

Music, Pizza and Games!

All Welcome



HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED

for students of
Yuhigaoka Gakuen High School
from **Osaka, JAPAN**

attending

Marymount College

26 July – 9 August , 2015

This is a worthwhile opportunity for your family to learn about Japanese culture, while sharing with your Japanese student the lifestyle of an Australian family.



- Families are asked to provide all meals and a friendly home for their student
- They will travel to and from school each day the same way as arranged for your own children (please provide transportation fee)
- Payment to host families will be paid to assist with some of the expenses involved when hosting your student
- If you are hosting another Japanese student during Yuhigaoka High School's stay, please refrain from becoming a host family for Yuhigaoka High School students.

Yes, I would like to host a Japanese student, but...



Will the student speak any English?

Yes. However, as their English skills may be limited, we would ask that you speak clearly and slowly (but not in a patronising way) when communicating with them.

Will I have to cook Japanese food for the student?

No. Your Japanese student is here to experience an Australian lifestyle. This includes spending mealtimes with your family, and eating what you and your family normally eat.

Is it OK if the parent/s work fulltime?

Yes. During these times (e.g. after school), your Japanese student can spend time with your own children. Families who live near each other are encouraged to share transport, or other activities outside of school.

Do we need Blue Cards?

Yes. If your family hosts an overseas student for 10 or more days, it is necessary for all family members over the age of 18 to have a current Blue Card. Please contact the school office to obtain blue card application form.

If you would like to host a Japanese student this year,
please contact:

Kanae Aki (LOTE Coordinator)

email: kaki@marymount.qld.edu.au

to obtain a *Host Family Application Form*

Please contact Yoko if you need information about this program.

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