Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Year 4 Camp
This afternoon we will welcome our Year 4 children and their accompanying staff who return to school following their annual camp at the Tallevudgera Creek site. Despite a few issues with weather – breezy one day and very hot the next – they have had a great time. The facilities at this camp are first class for our children with experienced and quality camp staff to lead challenging, fun and safe activities for them to be involved in. Once again I would like to thank our own staff for their support of the children with this camp. Without this support we would not be able to offer such a rich and rewarding experience for them.

Class Masses for our Children
With the support of our priests – Fr Ken, our Parish Priest, and his Associate Pastors, Fathers Lucius and Stephen – we have been able to offer class masses to our children in Years Four to Six at some of our different worship centres across our Burleigh Heads Parish. Our Year Five classes joined in mass with Fr Stephen at St Benedict’s Church at Mudgeeraba a few weeks ago and this week our Year 6 classes will celebrate mass at Our Lady of the Way Church at Palm Beach. Then next Thursday, 12 November, our Year 4 classes will travel to Calvary Church at Miami for their mass. It is great that our children are getting this opportunity to share in the Eucharistic liturgy with our priests. We hope that through these masses the children will gain a greater awareness of our parish but more importantly, have the time to share and reflect on their faith journey with each other and with their God. The support of our priests led by Fr Ken as our Faith Leader in the parish here is greatly appreciated. We aim to conduct more of these masses into the New Year and to invite our families along to share with us.

Parents and Friends’ Association Annual General Meeting – Monday 16 November
Our P & F Association’s AGM is being held on the above date with a 7.00pm start in our school staff room. This will also be our last P & F meeting for the year so it would be great if we could have a good turn-out for the meeting and to say thanks to our outgoing Executive for the great work that they have done on our behalf. We will also need to set our annual P & F Levy at this meeting and this is a decision which affects all parents. Our AGM will be followed by our November meeting where we will look at issues around the school like road works, building programs (especially our new church), our new One to One Laptop program for our Year 4’s in 2016 and other matters pertaining to the new school year.

Leaving Marymount Primary at the End of this Year
If your children are not returning to Marymount Primary School in 2016 could you please let our office know either through a phone message (07) 5535 1803 or via email on pburleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au. This of course does not apply for our Year 6 children who will be finishing their primary education at the end of this year. We have a number of families who are keen to enrol with our school and many of our classes are at near capacity. By letting us know now we are able to more effectively plan for classes, resourcing and staffing for the future. Thank you for your anticipated help with this matter.

End of School Year – Friday 4 December
Our school officially closes for the year for the children on Friday, 4 December, with a 12 noon finish. As in previous years I would ask that parents and care-givers please look to make arrangements for the children to be collected at this time. The children will only require Morning Tea on this day as classes will finish before the normal Big Lunch time. Our Outside School Hours Care facility will operate on this day but it is essential that bookings be made early as they have limited spaces. It is important that you please let our younger children in particular know what the arrangements for pick-up are as they can often get confused with this change to routine. Our Year 6 classes will have their last official day on the Thursday previous when they will celebrate their end of year liturgy and their Guard of Honour with the whole school. Thanks for your support with this important matter.

Thanks for reading – enjoy the rest of the week

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey
This week our Religious Education Validation Team has completed the book and website which we have been working on for most of this year. The team which consists of, Laura Mitchell, Jane Lennon, Deb McKeach-Nunan, Dan Allsopp, Vanessa Munro and I will present this work at a moderation session next Tuesday in Brisbane. A panel consisting of members of the Religious Education team from Brisbane Catholic Education; together with staff from two other schools will have the opportunity to ask questions relating to the program we have here at Marymount. We are very pleased with the body of evidence we are presenting and wish to thank all members of Marymount who have assisted in writing and preparing items for inclusion. The team has also had technical and administrative support from Susan Cokley and Carol Rennie.

The document and accompanying website will be made available for parents to view once we have presented it next week. I am sure that you will be impressed with not only the quality but quantity of work involved.

This Thursday sees the second of our class masses take place. Year Six students and staff will travel to Our Lady of the Way at Palm Beach for this special mass. As always parents who are able to attend may do so. The mass will commence at 9.15am.

Have a great week

Diane Anderson

Charcoal Drawings in Prep P
More Representative Netball

Congratulations to several more of our Grade 5 and 6 girls who have been selected into representative netball teams over the last few weeks.

Lily-Rose Kolc has been selected into the U11yrs South Coast Rep team to play at the State Carnival here on the Gold Coast in July 2016.

Keely Whatman, Kophie Woolf, Charlie Ricketts, Josie McCabe and Jade Murphy (Shadow) have been selected into the Hinterland District Netball Association Rep team to also play in Townsville in September 2016.

Well done girls, great effort.

Paul Hill

Refugee Pen Pals

Students in Year 5A have been busy writing to refugee children who are in Australian detention centres. After reading the book “Boy Overboard” the class activity was pen pal letters to these children.

These letters included information about life in Australia and a return addressed, stamped envelope so the refugees can write back.

Well done 5A!

URGENT REMINDER
Medical All Stars

The updated paperwork for the 2016 Marymount Medical All Stars is now due. We ask parents and caregivers to attend to this very important matter and return the necessary forms as soon as possible.

A reminder that if your child’s Action Plan does not require any changes, it can be kept for signing by your medical practitioner and returned to the school at your earliest convenience.

Many thanks
Helen Brosnan
LEC teacher

2016 Bookpack
Payments due by next Monday 9 November 2015.

Tuckshop News

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1. Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service

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