Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Greetings during this the holiest week of the Christian calendar. The gatherings of Christians in all parts of the world to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is indeed a cause of great joy, especially in our local area and Parish.

Can I add a very warm invitation for your family to join with your fellow parishioners in the liturgical acts that make up our celebration of Easter. These begin on Holy Thursday evening in the Mass of the Lord’s Supper [7pm], continue at 3pm on Good Friday for the commemoration of the Lord’s Passion, and reach their high point in the Solemn Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening or Easter Sunday Mass. These celebrations will be held in our four churches and at Marymount. A very special welcome to families of Marymount to come to the Doyle Centre on Friday at 3pm or Easter Sunday at 10am or 5.30pm. [A full listing of all our liturgies can be found in this newsletter].

I hope and pray that this Easter will be a blessed time for all at Marymount. May the joy and peace of the Risen Christ touch the hearts of all our families with hope and renewed life. Happy Easter and a good holiday time for our students.

Fr Ken Howell
Parish Priest

Easter – a Celebration of New Life

The commercial world loves two of our key Christian celebrations and they would probably be lost without them. Christmas is something which shops mark with their sales from about early October and then just when it’s past the eggs and hot cross buns for Easter arrive in our shops. Don’t get me wrong I have no hassles with this but it’s just that I hope that these two celebrations which form the crux of our faith don’t get lost in the materialistic world. Just as the commercial world needs Christmas and Easter so too do we as Catholics. Christmas is about God bringing His own son Jesus into the human world to ‘be one’ with us and then Easter commemorates the victory of life over death through the Resurrection. Through His death and resurrection Jesus dawns into new life and in doing so His life provides a way for us as humans to be able to move towards life in God’s Kingdom. Jesus talks about living in God’s Grace and the Easter celebration is a reminder each year for us to be like Christ, to live as he did and to show others how we can love ourselves and others as He did. By doing this we are giving life to ourselves and others. We can do this every day, and this is our challenge as Christians, and the time of Easter is a time when we can refocus on this.

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From our Principal

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Parent Teacher Interviews – Term 2
Our Semester One Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for the first two weeks of next term – 20 April through to 1 May. As has been our practice over the last few years we will utilise a computer-based timetabling system for allocating our respective interview times. Our Assistant Principal, Tony Barron, has already emailed parents about this program with details of how to log on to the database and select certain times. If you are having issues with this system please contact our office on 55 351 803 and our staff will look to assist you.

Year 5 Camp
Last week our Year 5 children and their accompanying staff had a great time at their camp at Lake Ainsworth near Lennox Head. The weather was very kind to them and it meant that they were able to participate fully in their activities. These included sailing, canoeing, a ropes course, rock wall climbing, initiative games and archery. The staff at Lake Ainsworth are very professional and our children were able to pick up many new skills throughout the course of the camp. Again I would like to thank our teaching staff for their supervision and support of our children over the course of these three days – it is very much appreciated. Well done to the children on their behaviour and enthusiastic participation – they were a credit to themselves and their families.

Marymount Combined Schools’ Fete Meeting – Monday, 20 April
Our next Fete meeting is to be held on the first Monday back of next term at 6.00pm in the Primary Staff room. Our Fete convenors – Tracey Dean and Karen Harrison will be at the meeting to continue the work that they and others have already commenced and to start to up the ante on what is needed to be done at this stage. We will need to start allocating Stall Convenors to the different activities which will make up our fete, as well as to provide direction to matters such as sponsorship and marketing. Our meeting should go no longer than an hour and it would be great to see as many interested parties there as possible. Thanks for your anticipated support with our Fete. If you need any further information in relation to the Fete please contact Tracey or Karen via email on fete@marymount.qld.edu.au. More information can also be found by jumping on to this link - http://www.marymount.qld.edu.au/news/Pages/Marymount-Fete.aspx.

Staff News
Our LOTE teacher, Meagan Curry, will be taking Long Service Leave from the start of next term up until the end of Term 3. We will be replacing Meagan with Melissa Redman who is also our part-time Year 3 teacher. Melissa has done this role before for us and we welcome her back to it. We also wish Meagan well for her time away and thank her for her tireless efforts over the course of this term.

On behalf of our staff I would like to wish all of our families a Holy Easter break. If you are travelling I wish you safe journeys. I also hope that the break is a great chance for you to share some quality time with your children. I look forward to recommencing our journey in Term 2.

Yours in Christ
Greg Casey

Year 6 Actors
Dear Parents,

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held for years Prep to 6 from Monday April 20 until Friday May 1.

Interviews will be of **15 minutes duration**.

*For these interviews we are using an internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). It will save time for parents, staff and students! This is the same system used previously at Marymount.*

**BOOKINGS FOR PTO WENT LIVE AT 5PM ON TUESDAY MARCH 31ST**

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. Yesterday you should have received an email with instructions, directing you to the site to obtain your PIN. If you do not have an email address linked to your child’s records in the Office, you will need to fill in the form sent home with your child today, and return this by tomorrow (THURSDAY)

You will have access to book an interview for your child’s teacher up until Thursday April 16. If you have not booked a time by this date, your PIN and login will no longer work, and you will again need to contact Parent Reception

- If you encounter any problems using PTO please contact Parent Reception by phone on 5535 1803, or by email to pburleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au OR tbarron@bne.catholic.edu.au

Tony Barron

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I can’t believe this is the last week of Term One! Here is snapshot of some of the exciting things that have happened in our lovely school.

**Grade 5 camp at Lake Ainsworth**

Great weather, beautiful location, yummy food and fun activities – what more could you want from a school camp? The grade five students and supervising teachers all had an amazing few days away.

**Year 6 incursion**

Mr John Arbuckle visited our Year 6 students yesterday to share the story of John Flynn and the establishment of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The presentation was a blend of storytelling, role-play and student interaction.

**Book Reviewers**

Two of our students have completed book reviews for the TXT4U feature in the Gold Coast Bulletin. Their reviews of Operation Code-Cracker (Lachlan Zidar) and Beach Holiday (Lucy Matus) will appear in the paper next term. As well as becoming published writers, both students were able to keep the books. Students can come and see me next term if you are interested in completing a review. A special thanks goes to Annemarie Webber from the Gold Coast Bulletin for providing this opportunity to our students.

Wishing you and yours a peaceful Easter break.

Laura Mitchell

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![Lucy and Lachlan](image1.jpg)

**Lucy and Lachlan**
As this busy term ends I hope you have time to enjoy the Easter celebrations with your family. There are many opportunities to join with the parish to observe this significant time of the liturgical year, have a look on the newsletter for all the details.

Last Monday Fr. Stephen took Year 5M through the Stations of the Cross. The children certainly appreciated the time Fr. Stephen took to celebrate with them and the information he passed on to them regarding the stations and their meaning. This took place in our Prep. Courtyard and will now be followed up with the rest of the Year 5 classes on Thursday. It was the start of what we will hope to become a tradition in the week leading up to Easter, and next year we will look to include many more classes.

Next term we will be joining with the Burleigh community to celebrate ANZAC Day. We will be having our own ceremony here at school on the preceding Friday in the Multi-Purpose Centre. This will be led by Year 6Y students. Our social justice group will sell ANZAC pins in the first week back. These will be available in the senior area.

Also next term we will be having our annual Mother’s Day Stall. We have a lot of beautiful gifts for sale but we would be happy to accept more. If you have some gift lines that you would like to donate please send them in tomorrow (Thursday) or first thing back next term. Details of the stall times and prices will be advertised next term.

Thank-you to all the families who have donated to the Project Compassion Appeal, you have been most generous. If you still have your contribution box please add to it if you can, then send it in first week back.

Diane Anderson

State Swimming

Congratulations to the three Marymount Students who competed at last weeks State Swimming Carnival in Brisbane.

Hayley Weise competed in the 50m Butterfly and the 200m Individual Medley and placed 19th in both events.

Lewis Treggiden competed in the 50m and 100m Freestyle and Backstroke, he placed 5th in 50m Backstroke and 4th in 100m Backstroke. Lewis also swam in the Freestyle and Medley relay teams where he placed 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Zali Williams competed in the 50m Freestyle, Freestyle Relay and Medley Relay. Zali and her relay team placed 1st in the Freestyle Relay and 2nd in the Medley Relay.

District Touch

Congratulations to Shannon Nolan and Joseph Nelson who have been selected into the Oceanic District Touch teams for Girls and Boys respectively.

Cross Country

Please be advised that our Marymount Cross Country Carnival will now be held on Thursday 7 May (Week 3 Term 2).

Cross Country training will continue on Monday and Thursday morning at 7.45 starting Monday 20 April. The Tuesday afternoon session will change to Tuesday lunchtime.
Win a Family Pass for Quarter Finals Day to the ATP Brisbane International Tennis Tournament in January 2016 and see all the stars in action!

How to be eligible to go into the draw:

**New Enrolments for Term 2**: Book on before 17th April. Call John 0417634524 or Trish 0439722369. Please leave your name and phone number and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Students already enrolled in our Hot Shots Tennis Program**: Confirm your booking for Term 2 on or before 2nd April and you will be eligible for the draw. Text or call on the above numbers.

Draw will take place on the 27th November, 2015. The lucky winner of the Family Pass will be notified on that day.

All Hot Shots pupils receive a **FREE Hot Shots Tennis T-Shirt** when they register with Tennis Australia.

You can book for tennis lessons at anytime during any term.

Enquiries: Call John or Trish on the above numbers.
A Big thankyou to all our fantastic volunteers.
We would not have been able to do it without your help as Thursdays and Fridays are very busy.
We have organised a “Get Together” at North Burleigh Surf Club on April 9th at 6.30pm.
All volunteers please come along to meet other mums and have a laugh.
Happy holidays everyone. See you next term.

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NETBALL SEASON:
It’s not too late to join.

Tryout or Register for this year’s season. No experience necessary.

Players born in 2004 for the 2015 season needed urgently.

Please contact Maria - 0415 422 829.

Interschool competitors encouraged.
CALVARY CHURCH  
Santa Monica Road, Miami

Holy Thursday  7.00 pm  Thursday of the Lord’s Supper
Good Friday    10.00am Stations of the Cross
                3.00pm Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday  7.00pm  Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday  8.30am  Mass
Easter Monday  9.00am  Mass

DOYLE CENTRE  
Marymount College, Reedy Creek Rd,  
Burleigh Waters

Good Friday  3.00pm  Passion of the Lord
Easter Sunday 10.00am  Mass
                5.30pm  Mass

INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH  
Park Avenue, Burleigh Heads

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OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH  
Eleventh Avenue, Palm Beach

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ST BENEDICT’S CHURCH  
Wallaby Drive, Mudgeeraba

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

100TH ANNIVERSARY ANZAC DAY
SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2015
BURLEIGH HEADS COMMEMORATION Services

Conducted by RSL (Qld Branch) Burleigh Heads Sub-Branch Inc

COMMUNITY DAWN SERVICE:
WAR MEMORIAL PARK BURLEIGH HEADS CENOTAPH
CONNOR STREET & GOLD COAST HIGHWAY

PARADE 4.15 am
Service to commence 4.28 am (sharp)

MAIN COMMUNITY SERVICE:

PARADE: 9.15am CNR WEST & JAMES ST's BURLEIGH HEADS
MARCH OFF: 9.30am DOWN to
WAR MEMORIAL PARK BURLEIGH HEADS CENOTAPH
CORNER GOLD COAST HIGHWAY & CONNOR STREET
COMMEMORATION SERVICE TO COMMENCE APPROXIMATELY 10am