Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

**Musical Success – Alladin Trouble**

Last evening saw our final performance of our Year 5 & 6 musical “Alladin Trouble”. Our cast of over 120 children have put on three evening shows and one matinee which served as their last full dress rehearsal since last Friday. It has been a tremendous effort for them and I would like to congratulate them all on putting on such a professional series of shows for our parents and friends. I would also like to thank our musical Director, Meagan Curry, for her tireless efforts over the last term and also the last part of last year. She is able to conjure up wonderful things from the children and she has once again weaved her magic with this musical. Meagan has been ably supported by a number of our parents and our staff during this time and we are very much indebted to them for their help. Well done to Kathy Frost, Marie Quinlan, Penny Jones, Wendy Sims, and Elissa Grant for their efforts over the course of the term with the children and a special thanks to Chris Britton for her expertise and great co-ordination skills over the last week as our Stage Manager. The children were really excited to be able to perform this event and I’m sure that it has been great for their confidence. Again, well done to all.

**A Traffic Solution**

Over the last three months our College Principal, Chris Noonan, and I have been working with our school’s architect on a possible solution to ease the congestion on the car park area where the buses pick up our children. We have also met with personnel from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and traffic engineers to look at a way to allow our children to have a safer way to be picked up and dropped off at the beginning and end of the day. We are very aware of the challenges of the current car park but as it is a property owned by the Queensland Government (under the auspices of TMR) we cannot make any major alterations to it. We have therefore decided to construct an off-street car parking area and a drive through set-down / pick-up point. I have attached a design layout at the end of this newsletter for your perusal. This project will come at a cost for the schools but we believe that it, along with the other parking area and set down zone which is to be built with our new church, will go a long way to alleviating many of our traffic issues. This new project is detailed for construction (depending on relevant building approvals and the tendering process) to commence in June / July. It is hoped that it would be completed by October following a staged construction to allow traffic to continue to be able to access our school site near the Doyle Centre. I have already presented this design to our Parents and Friends Association but I would be happy to be able to do so again if needed. This is an exciting development for both schools and we realise that there may be some problems with it as we move along but we believe that it is a great step for us as schools in the long run.

**Year Five Annual Camp**

This morning our Year Five classes and their teachers headed off for their annual camp at Lake Ainsworth near Lennox Heads in New South Wales. The children will come back to school on Friday afternoon around 2.30pm. This camp is one of the best I have been involved with and our children are in for a great three days as they participate in activities such as sailing, archery, low ropes courses, initiative games and so on. The staff and facilities are first rate and our school has been able to enjoy them for many years now. I would like to thank our teachers who have given up their own family time to help make this camp a success. Our best wishes go with the children and their accompanying staff - Leanne Crowe, Trish Taylor, Whitney Reid and Jackson Elliott. Laura Mitchell, our Curriculum Support Teacher and John Jensen, our Teacher Librarian, will also be attending the camp. Sadly Deb Cronin will not be able to attend the camp with the children as she is still recovering from her recent bout of illness. Deb has been involved in the lead-up to this camp and her presence will be missed.

**Harmony Day Awareness**

Last Saturday was recognised across Australia as National Harmony Day. This is a day where we focus on the many different cultures and their peoples which make up our contemporary Australian society. Our school has many different cultures with our children's heritages coming from our original Australian inhabitants and then those with European links right up to our present day breakdowns of families from all parts of the world. At Marymount we value all children regardless of where they come from and we acknowledge that each one of us can form a part of a beautiful Christian family. Our children highlighted this last Friday with simple decorations along our Frank Shine Walk depicting children from all parts of our world. Their message was simple – we can all work together in harmony and we can be at peace with each other – it just means that we need to show respect for each other. Our children do a great job of this here at Marymount and we were blessed by the presence of our Marymount Mob members who helped us to better appreciate Harmony Day.

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Our Marymount Mob is made up of the children from both of our schools who identify as indigenous to this country. They do a great job at creating awareness for our indigenous culture as well as those of other countries. Congratulations to all involved in this day.

**Cross Country Date Change – New Date – Thursday, 7 May**

Please be advised that we have had to change the date for our school’s annual Cross Country due to other external commitments. The new date is listed above so that we are now running the morning carnival on the third Thursday of Term Two. I am sorry if this has inconvenienced any families.

**School Banking – Help Needed**

At Marymount we have the facility for children to deposit money into the Commonwealth Bank through the bank’s Youthsaver Accounts. All children can participate in this service which encourages banking on a weekly basis in order to help the children develop good saving patterns. Our banking day is Tuesday of each week. The Youthsaver accounts do not incur any banking fees and our school receives a commission of 5% per deposit no matter how small the amount is, plus $5 for each new account opened by our children. So by your child banking they can develop a healthy deposit and also help our school. At this stage we have just over $12 000 in this ‘commission’ account. It is facilitated by our Parents and Friends Association and the money is used to purchase materials for our school and children. If you would like your son or daughter to be involved in this program please contact our school office for further details.

We also currently require a person or persons who can be our co-ordinator for this program. It doesn’t take too much time each Tuesday morning – roughly an hour or so – and it is tabulated in our school staff room or one of our administration offices. If you could help, please contact our office.

**Go Card and Bus Payment**

The school bus service provides a very good and most needed transport solution for many of our families and their children. Surfside Bus Line are good supporters of our schools, they are good to work with and are very aware of the important role they serve to assist our children to and from school each day. The company works closely with us and they often go out of their way to support us by waiting for a child who’s late or is missing a bag and so on. We really appreciate the flexibility of their drivers in what is sometimes a thankless role. The system does have a cost and the majority of our children do pay via the Go-Card system which is a very effective and cheaper way to cover transport costs for our families. From time to time however, children do misplace or lose their cards and our drivers are very considerate and safety conscious and allow them to travel without payment. Sadly I hear stories of children abusing this flexibility from Surfside and their drivers and this is disappointing. It does not provide a good example to our children and it gives our school a bad reputation in our local community. It is important that as parents you ensure that your child has their Go-Card and that there is adequate credit for its proper use as this is only fair and just to all involved. Please support our bus company and their drivers as without them many of us would struggle in getting children to and from school.

**ANZAC Day – Saturday 25 April**

Once again our school has been invited to join in with the March, and Cenotaph ceremony to commemorate ANZAC Day at our local Burleigh Heads celebration. This year will have great significance as it is the commemoration of the 100th landing by our ANZAC troops at Gallipoli in Turkey and the birth of the ANZAC legend. Our children will be joining with the staff and students of Marymount College for the parade which moves down James St to the Cenotaph in the park opposite the bowls club. If you would like your children to be a part of our school contingent I would ask that you bring them to the top end of James St so that we can form up with the other school groups. The children will need to be in full school dress uniform including their hat and arrive by 8.45am. Our staff will be there to meet them and move with them to the Cenotaph area for the main ceremony. We have been asked by the RSL organising committee that if our parents should wish to march as part of our school group that they do so by joining in the ranks behind the children. This is because they are expecting a large crowd for the day and this will help to streamline the parade. I look forward to seeing another great contingent from our school as we support this very important day in the life of our country.

Thanks for reading this week – enjoy the coming weekend and good luck to the Australian Cricket team in their World Cup semi and hopefully the final against our ANZAC brothers from across the water.

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey

*Year 6 Musical*
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.

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer.

Early next week (March 30/31) you should receive an email with your login details, PIN, and instructions. If you have not received an email by Wednesday April 1, please contact Parent Reception.

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.

Tony Barron
As the Easter break approaches we need to remember what it is we are celebrating. It is not just about holidays and chocolate, which in themselves are great, but it about the death and resurrection of Jesus. If your family have not been to a mass for a while here is the perfect opportunity to attend. Easter is a significant part of what the children have been learning about recently and so your children will be able to ‘walk’ with you through the Easter story.

As we approach the break it is also the time to return the Project Compassion boxes. If you are ready to return yours please send it in by Wednesday next week. Alternately you may like to continue donating until the first week back next term. Caritas are helping many desperate people at the moment and so every little bit helps.

There is still a need for clean towels and swimming gear as well as beach toys. If clothes or toys are still good enough for your family to use or wear and are surplus to your needs, please send these items to student reception for the Refugee Beach Day.

A number of our students have undergone the Rite of Reconciliation. It is appropriate that they are celebrating during Lent as we are told that, during Lent penance should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social. Below is a comment from these children about their experience.

Diane Anderson

Jemima, Connor, Miller and Cooper

We felt nervous and excited.

It was a good feeling and nice to have our family with us.

Please note
No Learn to Swim in Term 2
Only Squad & Mini Squad
See Flyer for enrolment
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.

MARYMOUNT COLLEGE PRESENTS

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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
MARYMOUNT FAMILIES

PLEASE JOIN US AT MARYMOUNT FOR GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY

GOOD FRIDAY 3:00PM
EASTER SUNDAY 10:00AM & 5:30PM
DOYLE CENTRE
AFTER SCHOOL SWIM PROGRAM TERM 2 2015

Mini Squad 2- 3 & Squad Only

MONDAY 20th April 2015 - FRIDAY 22nd May

Monday’s & Wednesday’s - $8.00 per session
$40.00 for a 5 week swim term - swimming once a week $80.00 twice a week

Session times:   Mini Squad 2 & 3 (45min. session)  3.15pm – 4.00pm
Squad (45min. session) 3.15pm – 4.00pm

***PLEASE NOTE: No Learn to swim or Mini Squad1 in term 2***

Term 2 swim program(pool will be heated) – Strength, Stroke & Swim

Mini Squad (45 min. session) – Strength work, stroke correction, drills, & swimming fitness.
Swimmers need to be competent to swim 25 meters freestyle and continually swimming 30-45mins.

Squad (45 min. session) – Strength work, swimming - drills & kicking. Swimmers need to be competent in all strokes and have 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.

All parents will receive an email confirmation & term 2 swim information.

** Signed & Completed forms are required no later than WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL. 2015**

Invoices will be posted out to all parents. Payment is calculated on a 5 weeks swim program. 20/04/2015 – 22/05/2015 (inclusive)

For further information please contact Jenny Wood, Program coordinator.
Jennifer.Wood@bne.catholic.edu.au OR 0421 603 455

REGISTRATION FORM AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING TERM 2 2015

Parent Name: ............................................. Contact #: .............................................

Email: ............................................. Parent Signature: .............................................

Squad (S) Mini Squad (MS)

NO LEARN TO SWIM TERM 2

Child’s Last Name       Child’s First Name   Class   Day /s
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Signed and completed forms must be returned by WEDNESDAY 1st APRIL 2015
To: Accounts Department or your child’s class