



Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

### **NAPLAN Testing – Years 3 & 5**

Our parents should be aware by now that these annual nationwide tests are being held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week for all children in Years Three and Five. The tests come in a booklet form and look to explore the understandings of all children in these year levels in the key areas of literacy (reading, spelling and grammar) and numeracy (mathematical concepts). The tests are set, administered and marked externally and the results usually return to school in late Term 3. In future years these tests will be completed online by the children and some schools across Australia will be trialling this method during the course of the next few years starting with next week. This will enable the administrators to be able to return results much quicker to schools. These tests are a good diagnostic tool for our school as well as our groups of schools in Brisbane Catholic Education. From the results we can identify if we need to work more solidly on a particular area of literacy or numeracy for the different year levels. The teachers have been preparing the children for the test regime over the last few weeks and I thank them for their focus on this important diagnostic tool. If you have any concerns in regards to the NAPLAN tests please discuss them with your child's respective teacher.

### **May Parents and Friends Meeting – Monday, 9 May**

Our next P & F Association meeting is being held on next Monday evening with a 7.00pm start. The meeting will be held in our schools' staff room and it is expected that we will be finished by 8.30pm. We will again have discussion on the possibility of introducing a new style of hat for our school and explore some new sports shirt styles. These are only preliminary discussions at this stage. We will also have the financial report and a Principal's Report tabled for discussion. The Building Blocks fundraising campaign which our church is running will also be discussed. Last time we had a very good attendance which was great so it would be wonderful if we could repeat this.

### **Staff Professional Development**

Each year our teaching staff participate in continual Professional Development activities so that they can keep abreast of the changes in the ever dynamic world of education and teaching and learning. Over the next few weeks we will be engaging in PD in the Religious Education aspect of our roles with staff from Brisbane Catholic Education as well as getting involved in workshops on the teaching of Reading and Inferential Reading in particular. These areas are parts of the key focus areas of Brisbane Catholic Education's Strategy Map for this year. The Religious Education PD falls under the "Strengthen Catholic Identity" focus point and the reading inservice workshops form part of the "Delivering Excellent Learning and Teaching" strand of our map. We have also been involved in afternoon workshops with technology usage in the classroom and Understandings of Speech Therapy matters in early years. It is great to see our teachers getting actively involved in these professional development activities and in some cases leading them for their fellow teachers.

In another staff training session last Friday, a number of Teacher Assistants and teachers joined in with a skills session on administering medications to children who may need emergency treatment for diabetes. We have a number of children who have various forms of diabetes in our school and this workshop was led by a Registered Nurse who works with diabetic children all of the time. She also addressed this issue with our whole staff in our January PD days. Well done again to the staff involved here for keeping up to date with the current directions in caring for these children.

### **Cross Country Success**

Last Thursday turned out to be a great day for all involved as we hosted our annual Cross Country carnival. The competition was pretty fierce and we had some very good performances on the day which the children should be very proud of. I would like to thank our PE teachers, Paul (Senior Years) and Leigh (Juniors) for their work in helping to co-ordinate the day. The whole show ran very smoothly and it was an excellent day. From here we will look to select our squad for the upcoming Oceanic District trails and then the Catholic Schools Carnival. All children involved in these trials will receive notification within the next few weeks.

### **After School Playground Usage**

I would like to remind our parents that all of our playground equipment is not to be used after or before school by our children. The playgrounds should only be utilised when we have staff members present on designated duties. The main playground equipment near our Multi-purpose Centre is also used by the children from our Outside School Hours Care unit so they require it to be clear for their use straight after the end of our school day. This is a Workplace Health and Safety initiative and as such I would ask that our parents please respect this directive.

### **Coming Events**

- Friday May 6**  
Prep - Mother's Day Liturgies  
Yrs 5 & 6 Interschool Sport
- Sunday May 8**  
Mother's Day
- Monday May 9**  
7pm - P & F Meeting
- Tuesday May 10**  
NAPLAN Testing  
Yrs 4A, 4Y & 2A Class Liturgies
- Wednesday May 11**  
Whole School Assembly  
NAPLAN Testing
- Thursday May 12**  
NAPLAN Testing  
Yr 6 - Pat Flynn, Author visit
- Friday May 13**  
Yrs 5 & 6 Interschool Sport



### **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)  
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

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### Happy Mothers' Day

This Sunday marks the yearly reminder for us all to give thanks to our mums, grandmothers, aunts or other significant women in our lives. My mum is 86 years old and is still going well. Mum had a pretty tough life in raising six boys (or so she tells us!!) and she taught us all many things which aren't in text books about how to live a fair and decent life. Perhaps the biggest thing that she taught us was to help others and to give of yourself – mum didn't need to tell us these things, we saw her actively doing this every day. I know that I see the same things happening here in our community through the selflessness of our mums and grandmas and aunties who repeatedly give of themselves for the benefit of their children. So apart from all of the hype of this day it may be just the chance for us to recognise what they do and to thank them to thank God for them and to pray that our God will continue to watch over them and bless them with rich days. Happy Mums' Day for this weekend to all.

Thanks for reading, enjoy the rest of the week ahead.

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey

## PATRON PARENTS

**Year 2R** - Coffee & chat - Coffee Club, Stocklands. Friday 6 May after school drop-off

**Year 1P** - After school Coffee & Play at John Laws Park, Burleigh Headland (next to swimming pool and Nook Café). After school pick up on Friday 13th May.



## STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES Semester 1, 2016



### Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than \$33/week\* on fares to and from school (\* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

### Students With Disability

- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and

apply at [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au) by **31 May 2016**.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

## UNIFORM/BOOKSHOP

**NOW IN STOCK**

All sizes of the formal uniform and socks are now available.

**Mother's Day**

May marks the month when we pay particular devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus. At Marymount, our identity is closely associated with Mary as we try to embed in our lives and relationships her many qualities. We especially focus on five qualities- Mary saying 'Yes' to God and facing hard challenges, praying to God, working with others to build community, showing love to our family members and being thoughtful and considerate of others. At assembly Mrs Lester's and Mrs McCabe's Prep class prayed for the significant role our mothers play in our lives.

Throughout this week the Mothers' Day stall has been held in our staff room. Thank you to all the staff who stayed late Tuesday wrapping these gifts in preparation for the stall. A special thank you to the Patron Parents who came in to assist the children with purchasing gifts. Without this support, events like this couldn't be held. All money raised will support the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

**Year 6 Mass and Class Liturgies**

On Tuesday 4M, 4R, and 4P celebrated class liturgies with Fr Dantus and today Year 6 celebrated mass. As part of our Religious Education program, liturgies and mass form an important time for the priests, staff and students to come together to share God's word and participate in the heart of our faith, the Eucharist. Thank you to Fr Dantus for being with us for these celebrations.

**Sacramental Program**

A reminder to all parents of students in Year 4 or older who have been baptised, now is the time to contact the Parish Office to leave contact details with expressions of interest in the upcoming Sacramental Program for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The preparation process for these sacraments will commence in June, with Confirmation set for Wednesday 17 August.

Parents with children in Year Three will be invited to enrol their children after August to receive later in the year the Sacrament of Confirmation in line with the new Archdiocesan Sacramental Policy. This policy can be viewed online at <http://liturgybrisbane.net.au/doctypes/christian-initiation-for-children/>

The number for the Parish Office to register your details is 55766466.

I wish all of our Mums a very happy Mothers' Day this Sunday!

**Maree Wright**

**Mother's  
Day Stall**



# Sport News

## **Regional Hockey**

Congratulations to Camryn Mathison who has been selected into the South Coast Regional Girls Hockey team. Camryn played at the Regional Hockey Carnival last week, as part of the Oceanic team. She has been selected into the South Coast team to play at the State Carnival on the Sunshine Coast.

## **Marymount Primary Cross Country Carnival**

Last Thursday saw the running of our annual school Cross Country Carnival. The weather and track turned out to be very nice after some overnight rain.

There were many excellent performances on the day and some very close racing in many age groups.

Well done to all those runners who have taken out the top 3 placing's and therefore Age Champion medals.

Listed below are the Marymount Cross Country 8-12yr Champions for 2016;

### **8yr Boys**

1st Luke Ross  
2nd Austin Carroll  
3rd Jacob Russell

### **8yr Girls**

1st Indra Frogley  
2nd Chelsea Smyth  
3rd Amy Winson

### **9yr Boys**

1st Scott Arderne  
2nd Skyler Williams  
3rd Ben Browne

### **9yr Girls**

1st Pascale Foster  
2nd Isabelle Sly  
3rd Neve Chapman

### **10yr Boys**

1st Soma Byres  
2nd Mason Field  
3rd Zane Stevens

### **10yr Girls**

1st Millar Brosnan-Ball  
2nd Alexis Smyth  
3rd Withheld

### **11yr Boys**

1st Luke Rana-Smith  
2nd Daniel Bray  
3rd Ben Radler

### **11yr Girls**

1st Kali Byres  
2nd Zali Williams  
3rd Charlotte Sly

### **12yr Boys**

1st Jaden Wood  
2nd Harry Chapman  
3rd Ky Howell

### **12yr Girls**

1st Kiana Young  
2nd Hayley Weise  
3rd Lily-Rose Kolc

## **Cross Country Training**

Don't forget that Cross Country training will continue for our District and Catholic Cross Country teams.

The District team will consist of the top 6 place getters aged 10, 11 and 12. The Oceanic District Carnival will be held on Monday 23 May at Pizzey Park and not as previously advertised on 19 May.

The Catholic Cross Country team will consist of the top 6 place getters aged 8-12yrs. The Gold Coast Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country Carnival will be held on Wednesday 1 June at St Brigid's Primary School, Nerang.

## **Inter-school Netball Results**

### **Year 5 Netball**

5A lost 8-1 to St Andrews  
5B won 5-0 to Burleigh  
5C lost 1-0 to Broadbeach

### **Year 6 Netball**

6A won 12 - 1 to Elanora  
6B won 5 - 4 to Caningeraba  
6C had a bye

## **Paul Hill**



*Cross Country Age Champions*

## **BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH**

Parish Office Hours 9.00am to 5.00pm    Shop 5 Executive Place, Executive Drive, Burleigh Waters (Postal PO Box 73, Burleigh Heads)    Phone: 5576 6466  
Parish Business & Finance Manager: Mr Jim Littlefield    Parish Pastoral Team    EMAIL: burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au  
Parish Pastor: Fr Ken Howell    Associate Pastors: Fr Stephen Camiolo & Fr Dantus Thottathil MCBS



# MARYMOUNT ART SHOW 2016



## FRIDAY 29 - SUNDAY 31 JULY 2016



**GALA OPENING 7PM FRIDAY 29 JULY | WEEKEND EXHIBITION SATURDAY 30 - SUNDAY 31 JULY 2016**



### CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Calling all artists to submit their artworks for the 2016 Marymount Art Show

All mediums are welcome including paintings, mixed media, pencil, and photography.

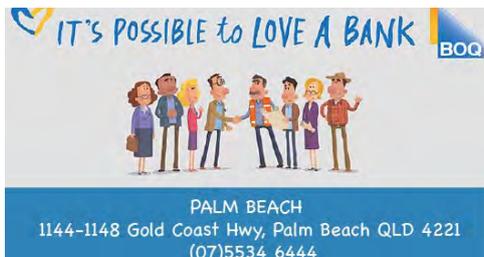
Great prize available and an excellent opportunity to display and sell your work.

Artist entry forms and further information can be found at [www.marymount.qld.edu.au](http://www.marymount.qld.edu.au)

Enquiries email: [artshow@marymount.qld.edu.au](mailto:artshow@marymount.qld.edu.au) or phone 0421 593 700

Entries close Friday 15 July 2016.

Please help us to get the word out and share this post with your social media community.



### SPONSORSHIP

Calling all Marymount families, we need your help!

As part of the planning for the 2016 Marymount Art Show, we need to source event sponsors. There are various sponsorship packages, to suit all budgets and in return, we'll offer you some great exposure and acknowledgment. Our Art Show is one of our key fundraising initiatives and the money raised goes back to our tremendous schools and students.

If you or your business can help, we'd love to hear from you. For more details please contact our Art Show Sponsorship Coordinators Jen Gyles on 0418 458 906 [jengyles@gmail.com](mailto:jengyles@gmail.com) or Melissa Hickling on 0405 258 160 [melissawestine123@yahoo.com](mailto:melissawestine123@yahoo.com)



### PRIZE DONATIONS

As part of the planning for the 2016 Marymount Art Show, we need to source an amazing prize pool to support our Art Show Raffle.

The raffle is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for our school and a valued part of the Art Show event.

If you or your business has a prize they can donate – be it a pack, product or voucher we'd love to hear from you! In return for your generosity, we'll offer you some great exposure and acknowledgment of your support within the school community and at the Art Show. If you can help, please contact our Art Show Raffle Coordinator Melissa Hickling on 0405 258 160 or [melissawestine123@yahoo.com](mailto:melissawestine123@yahoo.com)

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