

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Staff Professional Development

Last week I wrote about some of the things which our staff are involved in so that we keep up to date with the latest developments in areas like the treatment of health issues for children, learning trends and strategies for the children as well as Religious Education and spirituality needs for our staff and children. Members of our staff have been involved with many quality professional development opportunities in these and other areas within the last few weeks alone. One area of focus for our school and staff for this year is in the area of Behaviour Management. Our school is introducing a program which a number of our Brisbane Catholic Education schools have adopted in the last three years. The program is called Positive Behaviours for Learning or PB4L. It involves a whole of school approach to the behaviours of our children with the obvious focus on the positive behaviours which our children exhibit every day. A group of our staff have already been involved in training for this program during Term One and they have begun to develop a framework for what type of behaviours we expect here at Marymount. This has already been shared with our teaching staff through our Staff Meetings and further work will be ongoing throughout this term. Members of our Leadership Team and some of our Specialist teachers will be undertaking more external training in Brisbane next week. Tina O'Keefe (Assistant Principal) and I will join with Sylvia Kelvin (Learning Enhancement) and Mary Sanders (Guidance Counsellor) for a two day session along with a number of other school groups who are at a similar stage in their program. This training will look at how to work with children and families who may exhibit behaviours which are contrary to our school values and expectations.

The whole program is based on the latest research and development in this area and it brings into play many features which are common in today's society and schools but may not have been ten or twenty years ago. The child of today is vastly different to the child of the last decade and as such our behaviour management processes need to acknowledge this and work with it. This is one of the main things with PB4L and thus the need for reframing our methods and strategies. We will present more on the PB4L program in future newsletters as well as at our P & F meetings so please keep an eye out for these updates.

Parent Portal and Semester One Reports

Our Parent Portal was introduced earlier this year and it's been great to hear of the number of parents who have taken up this new method of communication between home and school. If you have already been on to the Portal you would have had to provide your Username and then been given a password so continuing contact with the Portal shouldn't be a problem for you. For those parents who haven't yet logged on there are instructions later in this newsletter on how to do so. Our Semester One Report Cards will be presented online this year and we will cease the process of providing hard copies of the children's reports so it is imperative that you log into the portal. There are a number of other things on the Portal which are aimed to make communication better for all parties and I would strongly encourage all parents to sign up to our Parent Portal. If you have problems with this medium please contact our Parent Reception and we will endeavour to rectify the issue. Our Report Cards will be posted on to our Portal during the last week of this term.

Art Show Committee Meeting – Tuesday 24 May

Please note that due to a clash with other meetings for both the primary and the college the next Art Show meeting has been rescheduled to the above date. The meeting will take place in the Primary Staff room at 6.00pm and all are welcome.

Annual Marymount Beachathon Date Claimer

Our Beachathon will be on again this year on the last day of this term – Friday, 24 June. We will be following the same route as last year with our start being at Miami Beach near the Miami Surf Club. More information on the breakdown of the day will be coming out shortly.

Thanks for reading – enjoy the rest of the week.

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey

Coming Events

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 Interscholar Sport

Tuesday May 17

Yrs 2P, 2Y & 2A - Class Liturgies

Wednesday May 18

0A - Whole School Assembly
5A - Ozanam Villa Mass

Friday May 20

0P Dress Up Day
Yrs 5 & 6 Interscholar Sport

Tuesday May 24

6.00pm - Art Show Meeting

Date Claimer

BEACH-A-THON

**Friday 24 June
Miami**

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

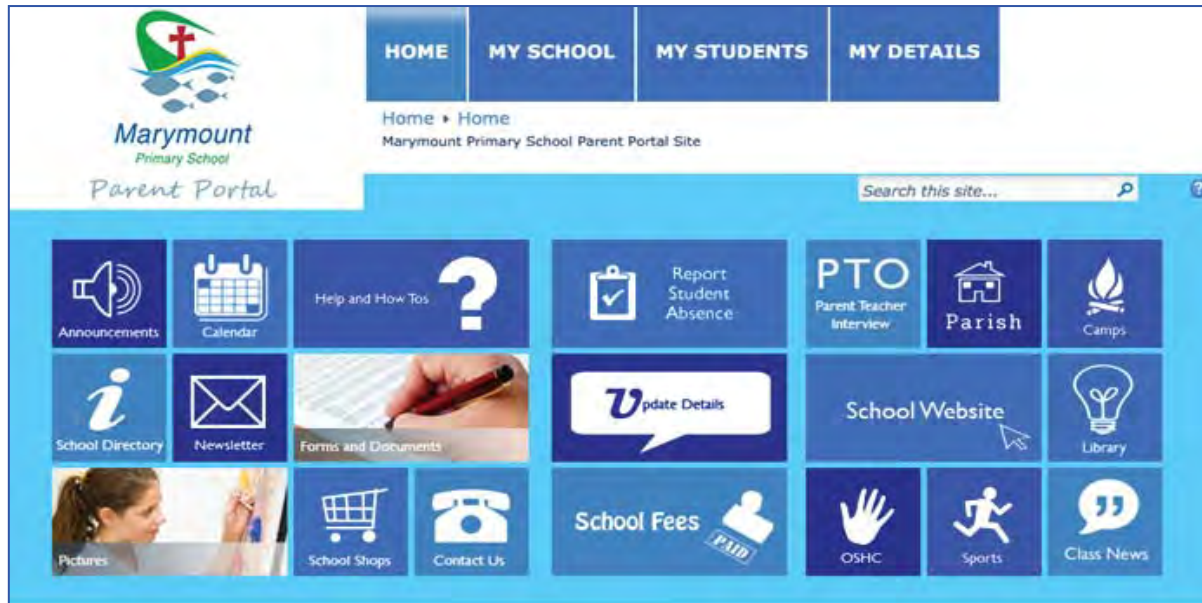
Marymount Primary

Have you logged into the Parent Portal yet?

Here you can access Newsletters, log your child's absence from school, update details, view class blogs.

This year, the Parent Portal will be the only way to access your child's Semester Report. These will be placed online ready for access in Week 11 this Term.

Reports will not be printed and sent home from school.



The initial login requires you to verify your identity and setup a password. This document will run you through the process.

Go to the Marymount Primary school site, and click on Community access OR click on the direct link below

<https://extranet.bne.catholic.edu.au/parent/marymountprimary>

Start the process by clicking on the link above. You will be met with a login screen.



1. Select **Brisbane Catholic Education** and select **Forgotten Password/First-Time Login**.
2. Select the link under the **Parents** heading titled **choose your own password online**.
3. Enter the personal email address that you have provided to the school (this is the email address from the enrolment form, or is used by school/teachers to contact you) and click **Next**.
4. Check your email for a security code and enter the corresponding security code in the screen that follows and click **Next**.
5. Ensure that **Password Reset** option is selected and enter your desired password in both boxes before clicking **Next**.
6. Now that you have set your password you can now login to the Parent Portal by following this link <https://extranet.bne.catholic.edu.au/parent/marymountprimary>





Pentecost

This Sunday the Easter Season draws to a close with the celebration of Pentecost. This feast celebrates the power of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles on the first Pentecost Sunday. For the Apostles, Pentecost ended a time of fear and uncertainty when they experienced the Risen Jesus still present in their midst, giving them the courage and strength to spread Christ's message of love, peace and forgiveness. We too are challenged to spread Jesus' message of a loving God to all in our community. I encourage you and your families to celebrate this important feast at mass this Sunday. Mass times in our parish are published on the front of our newsletter.

Mothers' Day

Our Mother's Day stall was a great success raising just over \$2000 that we will present to the St Vincent de Paul Society in support of their annual winter appeal. I hope all our mums enjoyed this day and were able to spend quality time with families. Thank you for your support of our fundraising efforts and thank you to all those who helped make this stall a success.

All our Prep classes held their Mothers' Day liturgy Friday morning. It was wonderful to see the excitement on the children's faces as they prayed, shared stories and songs and gave gifts to their mums. Thank you to our Prep teachers for their organisation of this special morning.

Have a wonderful week.

Maree Wright



Curriculum News
Book Reviews from Year 1A!



Caitlin reviewed "Madagascar" by Erica David.

Madagascar took place in the Zoo and then the jungle. They were excited to see the wild! The main characters were Marty, Alex, Gloria and Melvin. Caitlin's favourite character was "Alex, because he is funny!"

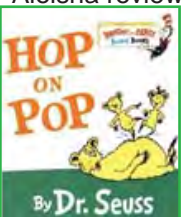
Movies can never take place of reading, however, capitalising on characters and settings that children know and love can be a way to encourage an enthusiasm for reading. If children haven't seen the movie prior to reading the book, even better! This can be a fun weekend activity when the book is done!

Amity reviewed "Just another Ordinary Day" by Rod Clement.

The story was about a girl that has made a new friend from Outer Space. Amity thought a good new ending would be if Amanda went to Lollypopland and became fat. Her favourite part? "...when they had a bath in the waterfall with an elephant!"



Aleisha reviewed "Hop on Pop" by Dr Seuss



This book took place in "Dr Seussland". Of all of the characters Aleisha liked Pat the best. She enjoyed all of the rhyming in this book and thought the ending should have even more rhyming!

Due to the repetitive nature and rhyming – Dr Seuss books are excellent books for children to listen to and later read from babyhood to young readers.

Thank you to the girls! I leave you with a quote from Margaret Fuller, "Today a reader, tomorrow a leader!"

Deb McKean-Nunan
Early Years Literacy Teacher

Netball Results

Year 5

5A v Varsity won 1-0

5B v Varsity won 8-1

5C v Burleigh won 2-1

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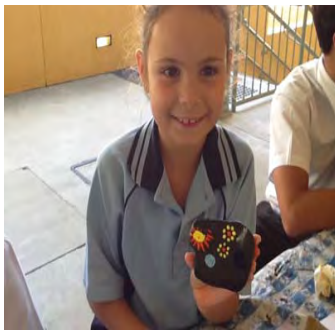
Year 1P - After school Coffee & Play at John Laws Park, Burleigh Headland (next to swimming pool and Nook Café). After school pick up on Friday 13th May.

Year 1Y - Friday May 13th - After school drop off. Coffee & Chat at Zaraffas, Stockland.

Marymount Mob Message Stick



Last Wednesday, Stephen Chadburn, a participation officer from BCE, introduced the MOB to some dot painting and simple story telling. He brought stones for us to paint on and encouraged us to tell the story of our painting. The flat end of a wooden skewer was used to create the dots, and the pointy end to draw lines. It was a wonderful opportunity to talk about culture and totems. Our College friends joined us which is always such fun. We have some very talented painters and storytellers in our MOB.



The sun and the stars are in the sky and the water holes have filled up from the rain last night. Zoe Breeze 3R



The rain blows out the smoke and the rain waters the flower. Kaelah Campbell 2P



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 by **31 May 2016**.

Late applications cannot be accepted.

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



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PRINCIPAL'S TOURS



NOW ENROLLING
YEAR SEVEN 2017 & 2018

TUESDAY 17 MAY
9:00am, 11:00am, 1:20pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

**Appointments for Marymount College
Principal's Tours can be booked by
emailing tours@marymount.qld.edu.au
or calling us on 5586 1000**

261-283 Reedy Creek Road, Burleigh Waters QLD 4220
www.marymount.qld.edu.au info@marymount.qld.edu.au

Academic

Extension English & Maths•Gifted & Talented Program•Library & Resource Centre• Technology & Design Centre•Science Laboratories•Maths Tutoring•Period 7 Homework Club•Learning Support Centre•Night of Living History•Science Night•Leadership Excursions•ICAS Science & Maths Tests•Business Week•Readers Cup•Opti-MINDS•Debating•Mooting•Public Speaking Coaching•Rostrum Voice of Youth•Principal's Awards•Griffith Science Engineering Challenge•Awards Night

Performing Arts

Dance Studio•Media Studio•Art Studios•Music & Individual Tuition Rooms•Instrumental Teachers•Subsidised Music Tuition•Outdoor Amphitheatre•Theatrette• School Musical• Eisteddfods•Marymount Rock Workshop• Battle of the Bands• M-Fest Week• Excursions to Dance, Drama & Music Performances• 'Race Around Burleigh'

Sport

Advanced Sports Program (ASP) for students with high level of sporting ability• AGCC Interschool Sports• Confraternity Rugby League•QLD Independent Secondary Schools Netball•Catholic Cup Netball•Swimming Pool•Basketball, Netball & Tennis Courts•Soccer, Rugby League & AFL Fields•Gym•Swimming Carnival•Track & Field Carnival•AFL Gala Day•AGCC Awards Evening

Camps, Excursions & Formals

Year 7 Camp•French Trip—New Caledonia•Music Camp•Year 8, 9 & 10 Personal Development Days•Subject Excursions•Trip to Japan•Senior Art Trip to Melbourne/Sydney•G'Day USA Trip•Year 10 Dinner Cruise•Year 12 Ski Trip•Year 12 Formal Dinner•Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Vocational Education & Career Pathways

Vocational Education & Careers Coordinator•Gold Coast Institute of TAFE Schools Program•Certificate Courses in Business, Children's Services, Hospitality, Information, Technology and Tourism•Hospitality Kitchen•Junior & Senior Culinary Challenge•Careers Centre•School based Apprenticeships & Traineeships• University Direct Entry Programs•Griffith University GUESTS•GriffBUS program• Bond University Scholarships and Programs•Marymount Careers Expo•University Showcase•Work Experience•Guest Speakers

Community & Cultural

Primary Feeder School Interaction•School Fete•Art Show•Indigenous Mentoring Program•Peer Mentoring Program•Parents & Friends Association•Welcome BBQ• Japanese School Visit•Student Teacher Advisory Council (STAC) Meetings & Fun Events

Social Justice Groups

We seek to empower students to actively participate in social justice activities including; •Rotary Interact•Caritas Australia•St Vincent de Paul•Rosies - Friends on the Street

Liturgies and Retreats

While vigorous academic courses are offered, there is also a necessary focus of the faith development of students through three-day retreat experiences, Liturgical events and personal prayer opportunities

- Year 9 & 10 Reflection Days•Year 11 & 12 Retreats•Opening Liturgy•Easter Liturgy•Marymount Day•Graduation Liturgy•Youth Mass

We teach young people about God, how to pray and we nurture their spirituality through Religious Education, retreat experiences, liturgy and prayer.

HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED

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

Marymount College

7 August – 19 August , 2016

**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 of \$400 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 (Languages Coordinator –
kaki@marymount.qld.edu.au)

to obtain a *Host Family Application Form*

Please contact Yoko if you need information
about this program.

Yoko Sugimoto (ISS – Study Tour Organiser)
3870-9114 / operations@griffithiss.com.au

THANK YOU