



Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

### **Mary, Mother of Mercy Church**

Our new Church is moving along very quickly, with roof trusses beginning to be moved into place. It is great to drive along Reedy Creek Rd and see the magnificent building taking shape. We have included photos and more information in this newsletter about how we as a Parish and school, can help with this project.

### **Car Park Drop-off and Pick-up**

An area of concern that we have noticed in the car-park for drop off and pickup is the practice of children walking behind cars to place bags in the boot of the car, or to enter the vehicle on the right hand side, close to oncoming traffic. Both of these events are extremely dangerous and place your children at risk of injury, or worse.

While I realise it is often difficult to have children, car seats and bags in the back of the car, it is far better than the possible alternative. I know of a number of schools whereby placing bags in the boots, or having children behind cars is not allowed. Can I please ask parents to be mindful of this, and to discontinue this practice, as there is a real concern of a child being caught between vehicles? I have asked our teachers on duty to keep an eye out for children doing this, and to approach parents about a safer way to get into a vehicle.

Also a reminder that this is designated a "Kiss and Go Zone". This means cars should be there for no longer than a minute, and parents should not be getting out of vehicles. Please help us to ensure the safety of our children in this area.

### **Gold Coast Catholic Schools' Cross Country Meet**

Last week about 65 students attended the Catholic School's Cross Country at St Brigid's. It was a very successful day for our team. We came 1st in the Girls, 1st in the Boys, and finished 1st Overall. A magnificent achievement! A big thanks must go to Mr Paul Hill, Jenny Wood and Claudine Smyth for their efforts in training our children.

### **Plaque Check**

We have been given an opportunity by a company called Plaque Check to provide free heart assessments for staff, and our school parents.

If you are over 40, they will conduct a FREE MEDICARE BULK-BILLED professional medical assessment to identify if you are at risk of a stroke.

A simple 20 minute process:

- Short consultation with doctor
- If assessed as suitable, Sonographer will use ultrasound on your carotid arteries, abdominal aorta and tibial arteries
- Doctor will explain your results
- You will have the report to take to your own GP

They are scheduled to be here on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st June. We have opened up Monday 21st June (10am – 6:50pm) for parents. If you are interested in an appointment please ring Carmel Muller (5520 8481) or Rena Harvey (5520 8404) by this Friday, and make a time.

### **Parent Portal and Semester One Reports**

[Have you logged onto the Parent Portal yet?](#)

I realise that some people have had some issues with this. Should you be having problems, please email us, or better still drop into Parent Reception so we can look into the problem. 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 on Monday June 20, during the last week of this term.

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## Coming Events

**Wednesday June 8**

Whole School Assembly

**Thursday June 11**

Yrs 1S, 1Y & 1A Class Liturgies

**Friday June 10**

Yrs 5 & 6 Interschool Sport

**Wednesday June 15**

Whole School Assembly  
5.00pm - DISCO

**Friday June 17**

Yrs 5 & 6 Interschool Sport  
Finals

**Tuesday June 21**

Yr 1 Fairytale Day

**Wednesday June 22**

Whole School Assembly  
State of Origin Sausage Sizzle

**Thursday June 23**

Prep S Open Day

**Friday June 24**

Beach-a-thon  
Tuckshop Closed  
End of Term 2

## BEACH-A-THON

# FRIDAY JUNE 24

Last day of Term Two

## 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

### **Uniform Policy**

It seems of late that we have had an increasing number of students who have chosen not to follow the dress code policy. This policy also includes haircuts and styles. I have attached below, information from our Uniform Policy, which can be found on our website.

*“Hairstyles should comply with standards of neatness and safety. Extremes in style, cut or colour are not permitted. Hair at or below shoulder length is to be tied back with either white or blue ribbons or white, blue or tartan scrunchies. Short hair styles should be no closer than a Number 2 cut. Hair should be kept tidy and off the face. Suitability of any hairstyle is at the discretion of the Principal. Make-up including nail Polish is not permitted. Plain sleeper/studs may be worn. If choosing to wear these, one sleeper/stud in each of both ear lobes is essential. Wrist watches and a Religious Medal are permissible. All other jewellery e.g. wristbands, rings or necklaces, are not acceptable.”*

Thanks for reading, enjoy the rest of the week,  
Yours in Christ  
**Tony Barron**

From our Acting Assistant Principa

Tina O'Keefe



Jinggerri everyone. Jinggerri walla wahu? = How are you?

### **BEACH-A-THON 2016**

Just a reminder about our Beach-a-thon fundraiser for 2016, which will be held on Friday June 24, the last day of Term Two. The money raised this year will go towards more IT equipment for our school, such as new iPads. Our theme song this year is “Pump It” by the Black Eyed Peas. There have been some interesting ‘moves’ at assembly as our students and many teachers attempt to copy the dance – some not as successful as others!

Donations are starting to roll in and we thank you for continuing to support our school by helping your children to collect the money. For every \$10 raised your child will receive a raffle ticket from their teacher for lucky door prizes. The first 100 children to bring in \$15 will each receive a hand ball. A list will be kept at student reception when the money is returned.

There are some sensational prizes to be won in the raffle, such as a senior girl’s and boy’s bikes with helmets, junior girl’s and boy’s bikes with helmets, sporting equipment and vouchers. Also everyone who returns their money before the Beach-a-thon goes in the draw to dig on the day for buried treasure – an iPad!

As was the case last year, you will be asked to drop your child/children off at Miami Surf Club between 8:00-8:30am on Friday June 24 and pick up your child/children at the same spot by 12:30pm. We will begin our walk around 9am. Children attending Outside School Hours Care will be bussed to and from the venue. Any child who is still at the venue after 12:30pm will be bussed back to school and supervised in the library until the normal end of day time. Car pooling is encouraged and volunteers are welcome – please see your class teacher to arrange this.

Notes will be coming home today asking you to indicate how your child will be transported to and from the beach. Please sign and return these promptly so that we can organise this aspect of the day.

If you have not already completed the Volunteer Student Protection training course, please email me to arrange a time on [tokeefe@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tokeefe@bne.catholic.edu.au)

Thanks and have a great week unya jimb lungmang (my friends), Tina.

## **Curriculum News**

### **Book Review by Kieren Miernik Prep Y**

#### **“How I became a Pirate” by Melinda Long**

The story is about a boy Jeremy Jacob and a pirate Braid Bear. Jeremy becomes a pirate!

The characters were Jeremy Jacob and Braid Bear. My favourite part was when Jeremy Jacob played soccer for the pirates.

What a wonderful effort, especially as Kieren is in his first year of schooling!

#### **Deb McKean-Nunan**

Early Years Literacy and Curriculum Teacher



**Mary, Mother of Mercy Church**

Our Parish Priest, Fr Ken Howell provided an update in the parish newsletter on the new church, Mary, Mother of Mercy being built at Marymount and photos included in this newsletter show the extent of the works completed to date. Fr Ken writes, "This central Church will serve Burleigh Parish and Marymount Schools for generations to come. In all of the work in our new church, we are intent on providing a worship space that reflects the Church's vision of 'noble simplicity', and a place that also draws us into the mystery of God, nourishes our faith, and sends us forth to be Christ in the world."

The parish is running a 'Building Blocks' campaign to raise money to furnish Mary, Mother of Mercy Church and both Marymount Primary and College will be contributing to this campaign. The sale of the land at Marymount has provided funds for the completion of the major buildings including the Church, Parish Offices and Administration, Parish Community Centre and St Vincent de Paul Centre, however help is needed to provide furnishings. Marymount College traces its origin back to 1968 with the Primary School being relocated from Infant Saviour in Burleigh Heads in 1973/74. Since then Marymount Primary has grown to become the largest Catholic Primary School in Queensland, however having a central church on site at Marymount to gather as a community to thank God for our lives and the blessings He has given us has been sorely missed.

Throughout this year we will be holding fundraising events to raise money to support the Burleigh Heads Parish in furnishing the new church. Our students will be benefitting from having a sacred space to remind them of the place of the church in our lives, to celebrate Mass and liturgies and to come together as a community to practice and learn about their faith. As a beginning initiative, the Social Justice Crew will be holding a sausage sizzle at the disco next Wednesday night. A sausage in bread cooked freshly onsite will cost \$2.50 and can be purchased in the canteen area of the Doyle Centre. Parents are most welcome too to take the night off cooking and purchase a sausage or two. Thank you in advance for your support of the fundraising initiatives that will run throughout this year to help furnish Mary, Mother of Mercy Church.

*On this rock, I will build my church  
Matt 16:18*

**Sacramental Program**

A reminder that all expressions of interest for the upcoming sacramental program need to be returned to Parent Reception or the Parish Office by Friday. All students in Year 4 and those in Years Five and Six who had not yet had the opportunity to participate in the Sacramental Program have been invited by Fr Ken to enrol. If your child is in Years 4, 5 or 6 and you wish to enrol him/her in the upcoming preparation process please return the forms sent home as a matter of urgency. If you would like further information regarding the preparation for the sacraments, please contact myself on 5535 1806 or Sue Thomas, Sacramental Coordinator in the Parish Office on 5576 6466.

Enjoy the rest of your week

**Maree Wright**

**PATRON PARENTS**

**Prep M, A & S** - Mum's Dinner - Friday June 10 @ Tom Ugly's, Burleigh. 6.30pm. RSVP Melissa 0405 258 160

**Prep O** - Parents Dinner - Fri June 10 @ Palm Beach Surf Club RSVP via text to Jen 0418 458 906 or April 0404 990 932 by Friday 3 June

**Prep P** Play date - Saturday 18th June @ 2.30-4pm at Currumbin Waters Playground, Galleon Way, Currumbin Waters (Opposite the Merv Craig Sporting Complex) Bring: Kids bikes/scooters and a plate to share

**Prep R** - Mum's Night Out - Sat. June 18 at 6.30pm. JFK Woodfire & Bar (Tallebudgera Creek Rd, Burleigh) Liz 0439 995 799 or Cindy 0403 344 495

# Sport News

## Gold Coast Primary Catholic Schools Cross Country

Congratulations to our Marymount team who competed at the Gold Coast Primary Catholic Schools Cross Country carnival last Wednesday at St Brigid's, Nerang.

There were many fantastic results and lots of our students picked up individual place ribbons.

However, the most pleasing results were in the team events with 8 out of 10 age groups placing either 1st or 2nd.

The fantastic results by all age groups flowed through into the overall results. This saw Marymount take out the Boys Overall Trophy, Girls Overall Trophy and the Overall Pointscore Trophy.



## Regional Cross Country

Tuesday 7 June saw running of the South Coast Regional Cross Country Carnival at Runaway Bay.

Marymount was strongly represented at the carnival with 12 of our students competing as part of the Oceanic District Team. Not all results have come in yet, so I will list individual results in next week's Newsletter.

## Paul Hill



## Hello Marymount families!

First of all a huge thank you for all your State of Origin support, the day was a huge success with blue and maroon cupcakes flying out the door! Just a reminder the next State of Origin is on the 22nd June. A sausage sizzle will be held by the school on this day however our team coloured cupcakes will still be available over the counter at the tuckshop for \$1.

New to the tuckshop menu are a few winter warmers such as hot chocolates \$2.50, raisin toast \$1.50 and garlic bread for \$2.50.

Just a reminder that the last day of term is the Marymount beachathon so the tuckshop will be closed on this day. With Friday being tuckshop day for most people, be sure to get your child's last order of the term in on Wednesday or Thursday.

Stay warm and eat well!

**Kerry and the Tuckshop team**

## DISCO



## Rock/Pop Star Theme

Wednesday the 15th June

5.00 to 6.00pm for Prep to 3

6.30 to 8.00pm for Years 4 to 6



Entry \$3 per student,

\$1 drinks and chips.

Social Justice Crew sausage sizzle fundraiser - \$2.50

Suitable clothing and footwear to be worn.

Students must be dropped off and picked up on time by a responsible adult.

The disco is for students of Marymount Primary School only.

## 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