



NEWS FROM OUR PARISH

Greetings to our parents and guardians of Marymount students,

As we approach the sacred days of Easter, I wanted to share a few thoughts for your consideration. As we know, the Easter holy days are the most significant and most important in the Christian calendar. We view all of our lives through the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Church offers us 'the three days' (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter) to enter into, not as a commemoration of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, but as a living way to enter into the mystery they celebrate. The society we live in offers us holidays or 'holy-days' to celebrate these events as conveniently as possible.

I want you to know how welcome your family will be as we celebrate these days in our parish churches and at Marymount. Can I encourage you to help your children to appreciate the beautiful liturgies that mark these days by bringing them to the ceremonies and helping them to understand how significant are these days of Easter.

Wishing you and your family the joy and peace of the Risen Christ, especially as we keep the true spirit of the Easter holidays.

Fr Ken Howell
Parish Priest

EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
7pm at Burleigh Heads, Miami, Mudgeeraba and Palm Beach

Good Friday – Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
3pm at Marymount (Primary School Multi-Purpose Centre), Miami,
Burleigh Heads, Mudgeeraba, Palm Beach

Holy Saturday – The Solemn Easter Vigil
6.30pm at Mudgeeraba,
7pm at Miami, Palm Beach and Burleigh Heads

Easter Day
7 am at Burleigh heads and Palm Beach
8.30 am at Mudgeeraba and Miami
10 am at Marymount (Primary School Multi-Purpose Centre)
5.30pm at Marymount (Primary School Multi-Purpose Centre)

Coming Events

Wednesday April 2
Yr 7 - Whole School Assembly

Thursday April 3
Yr 1 Liturgy

Friday April 4
End of Term

Thursday April 17
7pm - Holy Thursday Mass

Friday April 18 - Good Friday
3pm Mass

Saturday April 19
6.30pm & 7pm - Holy Saturday
Masses

Sunday April 20
Easter Sunday

Tuesday April 22
School Term 2 commences

Friday April 25
ANZAC Day Holiday



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(Doyle Centre - children are withdrawn for brief lesson)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)
at 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

TERM 2 2014 SCHOOL FEES

Brisbane Catholic Education is conducting a major up-grade of our accounting software programme for all of our schools over this coming Easter school holiday period. Therefore we have been asked to run our billing for Term 2 School Fees this week and send them out before the end of this week. Please be aware that this process will not alter the due date for the payment of these accounts. The due date for our Term 2 Fees will still be **Tuesday, 13 May 2014**. Thank you for your understanding and patience with us as we negotiate this upgrade. If there are any concerns with your school fee account please don't hesitate to contact our accounts department and ask to speak with Janelle or Sharyn.

Holy Week Assemblies

This morning our children led the school in our Prayer Assembly, which focused on the first parts of Holy Week – Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and then His Last Supper and last hours alive with his friends and family. It was a beautiful retelling of these major times in the life of Christ. After the holiday break at our first Wednesday assembly, which will follow the Easter weekend, the children will share the story of Christ's Resurrection. The Resurrection is the key point of our faith as Christians – we believe that Jesus rose from the constraints of death to show us that life in Him, and through Him, can lead us to God's Kingdom. These are challenges that we put to our children regularly – are we being like Christ, are we being the face of Jesus for others? These questions are fitting for us, as parents, as well – are we setting the right Christian example for our children? I hope that you get some time during the Easter break with your family to find yourself in church and to answer these questions.

Parents are most welcome to come along to this and any of our regular Wednesday assemblies – they are simple yet very powerful in their message.

Staff Changes for Term 2

Next term we will have a few staff changes for all or part of the term. Tony Barron, one of our Assistant Principals, is taking a period of Long Service leave and he and his wife, Christina, are heading overseas for the whole term to Europe and its surrounds. Christina's family hails from Italy so they will base themselves there and tour around. Tony has been busy practicing his Italian for the last six months or more and he went to the Italian masses at Surfers parish a number of times to hone his skills there.

I have asked Diane Anderson, our Curriculum Support Teacher, to take on Tony's role for the term and I thank Diane for accepting this extra responsibility. She has performed in this acting position before, a number of times, over the last few years and this experience is welcomed again.

Maree Wright from Year 7 will take on Diane's position as Curriculum Support Teacher for the term and Maree has much to offer this task. She has co-ordinated a number of other cross-school roles before and has the skills and knowledge to fulfill this placement.

Next term we welcome Adam Brooks as our Year 7 teacher for Maree's class. Adam has done a number of contract teaching roles before at Marymount and this experience will stand him in good stead for the coming term. Maree and Adam have already met to co-ordinate the smooth transition into next term.

Laura Mitchell, one of our Year 3 teachers, is also taking some well-earned Long Service Leave next term and she will be away for the first four and a half weeks. Laura is also heading off overseas with her family to meet up with relatives on the other side of the world. I have asked Kasey Frost to take on the teaching role for Laura for this time. Kasey has also done a number of relief contracts with our school over the last year and more.

Our best wishes go with our staff for their Long Service Leave and our thanks is extended to those staff taking on different roles during Term 2. We also welcome Kasey and Adam to our staff.

Multi-Purpose Centre as Temporary Mass Venue

During the Easter holidays the Doyle Centre will be undergoing some much needed refurbishments which should be finished by mid May. Therefore the normal weekend masses will now be held in our Multi-Purpose Centre (The Shed as the children call it) during this time. This will include some of the main Easter celebrations like Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday as Fr Ken has outlined on the front page of this newsletter. I would like to thank Megan and our staff from the Outside School Hours Care facility for their willingness to work around some of these logistical set-up issues.

Parents and Friends Trivia Night Success

Last Saturday night the years were rolled away as our school community came together to test our collective memories and wisdom at the annual P & F Trivia Night. We had a very good roll-up and the competition was fierce (well maybe not so from all of the tables). Our twin compares, David Boone (Anthony Touzell) and Genevieve Sly (looked like Olivia Newton-John from Xanadu & complete with Roller Skates) kept the evening rolling along beautifully. They were well supported by Tricia "Question King" Baumann and Debra "I've got all the answers" Hopkins. Well done to our P & F for their organization of the evening – it was another great night and all monies raised went towards the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal which is always a cause our school supports. Congratulations to our winners on the night – they were just too good in all areas (apart from the Nutbush dance-off). Well done also to all of the other teams who joyfully joined into the fun. Now it's off to the books to study for next year!!

ANZAC Day Community Commemoration Ceremony – Friday, 25 April

Our school will once again take part in this very important community ceremony which is held on ANZAC Day in Burleigh Heads. We will join with the staff and students of our College to honour those who have served in all conflicts across the world both past and present. Parents are most welcome to join with our contingent to parade with us or to be a part of the community honouring our service men and women. Full details of times will be included with our next newsletter. We have been getting a bigger and bigger group each year and it would be marvellous to show our support again as a Marymount community.

Art Show Meeting – Wednesday, 23 April

Our next Art Show meeting is to be held in the College Board Room on the 23 April with a 6.00pm starting time. We had a few extra helpers turn up at our last meeting which was great to see and our show is starting to take shape. All are welcome to attend these meetings which are always finished by 7.30pm.

Term 2 Start – Tuesday, 22 April

Please be advised that school officially starts for Term 2 on Tuesday, 22 April. The Monday is the gazetted Public Holiday for Easter Monday.

Thanks for all that each of you do as parents of our great school – without your ongoing support we would not be able to achieve so many of the exciting learning moments that we have each and every day. I look forward to continuing on the journey in Term 2. I hope that you have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and that any travelling you do is done safely for all.

Yours in Christ, **Greg Casey.**

My thanks and congratulations to the group of students who led our Holy Week Reflection at assembly this morning on their outstanding contribution. Having worked with the group for over a week on this task I am most impressed with the creative and cooperative skills they displayed. Their attention to being 'in the moment' ensured a very moving and prayerful presentation of the story of Jesus' final time on earth. My thanks to musicians Trinity, Lua, Pippi, Yasmin, Charley, Juliette and Cameron; Yr 7 students Nikita, Cynan, Emma, Kasey, Paul, Bryn, Jess and Isabella; and the students of Prep A (Mrs Jan Marais) for their photostory.

We have explored many aspects of the events of Holy Week in our classes during these last weeks. I encourage you and your family to consider attending one or more of the Church services over the weekend. While not all services are Masses, each one marks an important snapshot of Jesus' journey towards resurrection on Easter Sunday.

*God deep within us,
You call us out of darkness into your marvelous light.
Give us faith and courage to commit ourselves in love
to the pattern of dying and rising in our lives
and so breathe new life into the pain of our world .
We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son,
and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen*



Project Compassion Activities



Thank you all so much for your consideration of this important campaign and for your contributions, both at home and at school. Your efforts and prayers will make an enormous difference in the lives of others. Don't forget to send the money boxes back to school by the end of this week. A full report with fundraising totals to come after the holidays.

Enjoy the holidays with your children.

Bernadette Christensen

SEEKING INTERESTED FAMILIES TO BILLET STUDENTS FROM THE TOP END

Marymount College is excited to be hosting 15 children and 4 staff from Nganmariyanga community in the Northern Territory for five nights from 25th - 30th August.

Nganmariyanga has a population of 400 people and is about 400km south-west of Darwin. The first language of these students is Murrinh-Patha. English is their second language. Some of these students have never been out of the community. For about seven months of the year, Nganmariyanga is isolated by flood water.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the students from Nganmariyanga, and a valuable learning experience for our students also. We are seeking families who would like to billet one or two students in their home over this period, whilst they attend Marymount College.

If you are interested, please contact Kim Parker by email: kparker@marymount.qld.edu.au or by telephone at the Collège 07 5586 1000

REMINDER

PREPARATORY

ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

Applications close at the end of Term 1, 2014.



EASTER CAPERS

Fun Holiday Activity Day for Parish Children

The parish has invited members of the Archdiocesan Children's Ministry team to facilitate a day of games, storytelling, prayer, singing, craft and friendship for primary-aged children.

Thursday 10 April, 9.30am – 3pm Scortechini Room, St Benedict's, Mudgeeraba.

The theme is Alive in the Spirit and the day's activities will be based around the Gospel stories of the Easter season, especially Ascension and Pentecost. We will be looking for adult helpers to assist on the day (Registration, Group Leaders, Catering morning tea and lunch) Craft Supervisors, Games Helpers.

Phone Narelle - 0452 076 466.

SPORT NEWS

District Touch

Congratulations to Saxon Henderson, Josh Munckton, Jack Connolly and Joe Nelson. All four boys have been selected into the Gold Coast South District Boys Touch team.

The boys will play at the Regional Carnival in early June. Best of luck at the carnival.

District Basketball

Congratulations to Jack Johnston, Tatiana Wright and Charlotte Dawson who have been selected into the Gold Coast South District Basketball team. These students will compete at the Regional Basketball trials at the end of April. Good luck!

Taekwondo

Congratulations to Zac Biddle who won a gold medal at the Queensland State Champions last weekend in Brisbane. All the best at Nationals, Zac.

Marymount Cross Country

The date for our Marymount Cross Country Carnival has been changed to Thursday 1 May (week 2) due to the very short week 1 of Term 2.

Cross Country training times are still the same; Monday at lunch time, Tuesday at 7.45am and Thursday at morning tea.

Paul Hill

IMPORTANT NOTICE

NO Chess Club
this week due to Parent/
Teacher Meetings.
Thankyou



Maureen Ruzans

APRIL SPECIAL

Uniform Specials

- Track Jackets \$25 Sizes 12-16
- Track Pants \$20 Sizes 10-16
- Jumpers \$30 Sizes 12-20
- Winter Sports Pants \$33 Sizes 8 - 16

Whilst stocks last.



Year 5 Camp - Lake Ainsworth



BURLEIGH HEADS CATHOLIC PARISH

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