Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

40 Years Mass & Celebration Day – Friday, 22 August
Marymount Primary School is celebrating 40 years as a primary school on this site this year after our opening in 1974. To celebrate this significant milestone we will be coming together for a mass in the Doyle Centre on Friday, 22 August, at 9.00am. Our Parish Priest, Fr Ken Howell, will lead our liturgy as we give thanks for the great things and great people who have made Marymount Primary such a wonderful school. Parents are most welcome to join in with this liturgical celebration which will be finished by just after 10.00am.

As a further part of the celebrations we will be having a fun activity day for the classes in the middle and afternoon sessions. Our children will be broken into groups so that we have younger and older classes together and they will rotate through various activities. The children will need to be in full sports uniform and ensure that they have water and sun screen for the day. Tuckshop will operate as normal although our break times may vary slightly.

Our Archbishop, Mark Coleridge, will be visiting our school and the College in the latter part of the day and will have the opportunity to meet some of the classes during this time. Archbishop Mark will then join with the staffs from both schools after 3.00pm. He is in our parish as he is celebrating the sacraments of Confirmation and Communion on Friday evening.

Prayers for Fr Ken
I would ask you to please keep our Parish Priest, Fr Ken Howell, in your prayers. Sadly Fr Ken’s father, Jack, passed away early this morning in Brisbane. He was surrounded by his family, he was 84 years of age. His funeral will be held early next week in Brisbane. I know that Fr Ken would appreciate our school community’s prayers and support during this time.

Class Eucharistic Celebrations
Yesterday children from our Year 4 and 5 classes joined together to celebrate a mass at St Benedict’s church at Mudgeeraba. Fr Lucius, one of the Associate Pastors, led our Eucharist which focussed on the Gospel reading of ‘Limiting our light shine’. This Eucharist was the next step along for our children who have, over the last year and a half, been involved in class Liturgies of the Word with our priests. Our Year 6 and 7 classes will join again with Fr Lucius tomorrow at St Benedict’s for a similar celebration. I would like to thank our priests, Fathers Ken, Huong and Lucius, for their prayer, encouragement and support for these liturgies and their faith leadership of our children. The process has been specifically designed to provide our children with opportunities for worship of different forms and ultimately lead to Eucharistic celebrations like these. I would also like to thank our Assistant Principal Religious Education, Bernadette Christensen, for her co-ordination of our liturgies. Bernadette has a great depth of wisdom with liturgy and her support for these celebrations has been integral in getting us to where we are now. We will continue to plan further masses over the coming months and we look forward to a time when we can celebrate these in our new parish church here on this site.

Parents and Friends Association Support – A new Shed and Water to the Oval
At our P & F meeting on Monday evening of this week approval was given to cover the back of the Doyle Centre, under the access road and to this shelter so that we can include a drink trough into the design of the shelter area. I would like to thank our P & F Association for this support. It was a project which came about from our meetings earlier in the year and weather permitting it should be finished by the end of the September school holidays if not before. On completion it will be a real asset to our oval area.

Class Placements 2015
We are about to begin the process for formulating our classes for next year. Our process is a very thorough one which takes in many considerations and our decisions for placing children in certain grades are not made lightly. We have decided once again to consider feedback...
from parents should parents feel the need. As such I would ask for this input to be made over the next few weeks so that all details are in by Thursday, 28 August. Please note that this information forms only one part of our process and often requests cannot be accommodated. It is our professional responsibility to place the children where we believe that their educational needs can be best met. Once our decision is made and the class lists are sent home we will not be changing them as one change may cause a knock-on effect for other placements. We have confidence that the system we use best meets our overall school needs as well. I would ask that parents not nominate respective teachers as our staffing (i.e teacher placements) will change from what it is for this year. Any information for requests should only be on medical or specific educational grounds. We would look to send out our class lists on the Monday of our second last week of Term 4 (24 November) and then hold our ‘New classes for 2015’ day on the last Tuesday (2 December) of the year. I would like to point out again that once these lists are finalised and sent out no changes will be made.

All class placement details need to be either emailed to pburleigh@bne.catholic.edu.au or sent to our Parent Reception office in a written form so that we have a hard copy form of your request.

After School Supervision
I would like to remind our parents that if you pick up your children from the classes after school finishes, that you need to continue to supervise them. There has been a growing number of children of late who have been running through our verandahs and play areas whilst under the supervision of their parents and this has caused disruptions to class meetings and individual parent meetings. This has particularly been the case in our Prep playground area where children have been left unsupervised in the sand pit area and on the play equipment. Whilst this may appear harmless play there can be serious consequences especially if accidents occur and there is no one around to care for them. This also applies to some of our children who like to play on the Adventure playground area or in the grassed area in front of the Doyle Centre at the end of the day. These areas should not be utilised for play unless there are supervisory staff there and at the day’s end this is not the case. If children are waiting to be picked up they need to be seated and waiting for the arrival of their parents. Thank you for your expected adherence to these simple safety measures.

Thanks for reading this week. I hope that you enjoy the rest of the week.

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey

Busy times at Marymount

Celebrating Mass
We have been most fortunate to be joined by the priests of the parish for 18 months now for regular Liturgy of the Word. Most of these meetings have taken place here at school but some classes have been to Infant Saviour Church in Burleigh. This week we are very pleased that all students from Yrs 4 -7 have been celebrating Eucharist (Mass) together with Fr Lucius at St Benedict’s Church, Mudgeeraba. Any student who has made his/her First Eucharist may receive communion at Mass. Any student who has not yet done so is invited to be blessed. Of course, all these experiences have prepared us to celebrate Mass together next week for our school’s 40th anniversary and, further into to the future, to join with parishioners at our new Church in 2015.
Sacramental Program

Please keep the following students and their families in your prayers as they come closer to celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. These rituals complete the sacraments in initiation into the church community and mean that the children can participate more fully in the Mass. Families prepare by participating in a parish program over a number of weeks, details of which are published in the parish bulletin which you can collect at Sunday Mass.

Finn Murphy  Douglas Cowan  Elijah Maurer  Phillip Kalakouti  Tara McMullen
Isabella Smithson  Eloise Allen  Thomas Pade  Zac Burns  Michael Browne
Molly Capie  Casey Allan  Jake Smyth  Hunter Skalij  Jayda Silvestrino
Fletcher Capie  Mitchell Lance  Alex protestors Smyth  Carden Skalij  Paul-Raymond Pearson
Ella van Bruggen  Finley Rae  Cahill Wharton  Joao Lohmann  Jaykob Brown
Jaden Wood  Zain Daley  Dylan Pereira  Xavadia McKinlay  Ella Stawicki
Amelia Wood  Charli frustrated Silvestrino  Tom Isaacs  Porsha Cush  Zali Williams
Shayla Wood  India Silvestrino  Jordan Rose  Charlie Berry  Luke Williams
Sadie Gamble  Noah Humphreys  Jenna Penfold Gr 8  Luana Taylor  John-Paul Pearson Gr 8
Bede Creedy  Liam Marcinkus  Alexandra Scott  Zali Irwin  Georgia Clay Gr 8
Carolyn Marcinkus Gr 8

Music Notes - Congratulations

Recently 80 students participated in a Performing Arts Workshop and Showcase that involved both Marymount and St Augustine’s staff and students in dance, vocal, guitar and ukulele, band and French culture. The two-hour workshop was followed by two concerts – one at each school. A great time was had by all as the creative process flowed and the resulting performance was enjoyed by many. We particularly thank staff members Col Hoy, Paul Radford, Mark Wilkins, Tony Barron, Susan Cokley, Meagan Curry, Lynne Roehanna (St Augustine’s APA) and Kate Hanna (Coastal Dance) for their work with groups of students.

This Thursday evening we are very proud to have 8 students joining the College Concert Band at the Queensland Catholic Schools and Colleges Music Festival at Villanova in Brisbane. Suzanne Allen, Juliette Alomes, Emily Crilly, Bryn Larkin, Sam McCarthy, Cameron Saliba, Ned Williams and Lachlan Young have been rehearsing after school with the Concert Band as an extension activity since the beginning of the year.

Feasts of Mary

Mary, the mother of Jesus, is particularly dear to us at Marymount Primary as a role model and source of inspiration. The liturgical calendar features two significant Marian feasts this week and next.

The Assumption of Mary – August 15
This feast commemorates Mary’s passing over, body and soul, from this world into the glory of her risen Son. Key points for children:
Mary is a symbol of what God can and is already doing for all people.
Mary’s continual saying “yes” to God is an example for us all.
God has transformed Mary’s earthly body into a new and marvellous life with God.

The Queenship of Mary - August 22
Titles of royalty were given to Jesus and Mary from earliest times by Christians as signs of the special status they held. This day was particularly placed close to the feast of the Assumption to stress Mary’s role, as she became queen of heaven and earth.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Bernadette Christensen

Kirra SLSC Nippers Sign-On
Free rashie for all members!
9am to 11am Sunday 24th August & 14th September
at Oasis Pool, Banora Point.
Open day Kirra SLSC - Saturday 31st August 9-12pm.
Nippers season start Sunday 21st September 8.45 to 11am.
For further information at www.kirrasurfclub.com.au

Patron Parent Events
(Thank you to these volunteers who facilitate the building and strengthening of networks at Marymount Primary)

Yr 05 - Coffee & Chat - Thurs August 14 after drop off @ Coffee Club, Stocklands
Marymount & St Augustine’s Performing Arts Workshop
Catholic Athletics
Our annual Gold Coast Primary Catholic Athletics carnival will be held on Thursday 4th September. We will be holding some training sessions for the athletic events during morning tea and lunch times. Please see the table below and Team list (click here) for training times for various events. It would be greatly appreciated if your child could be in sports uniform for training sessions.

**Catholic Athletics Training times 2014**

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Gold Coast Primary Schools Oztag Challenge
Best of luck to our year 6 and 7 teams participating in the Gold Coast Primary Schools Oztag Challenge. The carnival is being held next Monday 18 August at Mallawa Dr sports fields. The teams have been training for the last couple of weeks and are looking forward to the event.

Paul Hill

Happy 40th Birthday
Marymount Primary School
School Mass on Friday 22 August, 9am in the Doyle Centre
Special morning tea and games for all. *Come, celebrate with us!*