Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

**Parents’ and Friends’ February Meeting**

Many thanks to those parents who came along for our first P & F meeting for the year on Monday evening. Our President, Genevieve Sly, facilitated our meeting agenda and led us in prayer to start the night. Genevieve acknowledged the presentation of the inaugural awarding of the P & F Bursary for a child in our school which was presented at our last major assembly in 2014. Our Treasurer, Richard, was able to report that the association is in a healthy financial position and discussion was held as to possible projects for the P & F to support financially over the course of this year. Other items discussed centred around our annual P & F Trivia Night which has a tentative date of Saturday, 2 May, and also the combined schools’ Fete.

Our Fete has been set down for Saturday, 17 October, which is the second Saturday of Term 4. We will be holding a Fete meeting on Monday, 9 March, at 6.00pm in our school’s Staff Room to begin the preparation process for this year’s event. Any parents who would like to be involved in any way are most welcome to come along to this meeting. We will also invite parents from our College so that we can form a joint schools’ committee as we have done in previous years. The Fete is a great community event for our schools and the local area so it would be fantastic if we could get as many parents along to this initial meeting.

As in previous years we would be looking to pay a convenor who oversees the co-ordination of the Fete. This is a paid position and involves participation and facilitating of our monthly meetings as well as dealing with much of the paperwork for insurances, permits, signage and so on. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this position please ask them to contact our school’s Parent Reception.

**Parent Information Evenings – Monday 16 February**

Our class teachers will be holding these important information sessions on the above date at the times outlined below. Our meetings usually run for approximately 45 minutes and they will cover many of the general matters pertaining to the class. Outlines for the key curriculum areas will be discussed as well as things such as parental input and support, homework policies, behaviour management and so on. It would be great if at least one parent from each family could make it to these meetings.

- 5.00pm Prep & Year One & Year Six
- 5.45pm Years Two & Three
- 6.30pm Years Four & Five

**Afterschool Swim Program**

Our Afterschool Swimming program has commenced for the start of the year and already we have booming numbers. I would like to thank Jenny Wood and Kim Shillig for their co-ordination and running of this program which at this stage is catering for over 210 children. The program is a Learn to Swim one which also looks at stroke correction for the more proficient swimmers. We also have three Marymount College children who assist with the program and they are working through a Traineeship program. The program will run for the duration of this term.

Thanks for reading

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey
From our Assistant Principal

Annette O'Shea

Thanks to the staff, children and families involved in the swimming carnival yesterday. As well as some excellent swimming, we were treated to a day filled with happy Marymount spirit. It was a real joy to witness the excitement and pride of both the children and their supporters on their efforts and accomplishments. Of course, it is so very important that all children living on the Gold Coast be proficient swimmers and yesterday was evidence that at Marymount, this is very largely the case. On behalf of the children, I thank parents for affording the finances and time to ensure children learn this important skill.

I also thank parents and teachers for preparing the children for the day. The children’s positive “have-a-go” attitude is indicative of parenting which promotes this ideal. The positive and encouraging words from parents and grandparents etc serves to further enforce a healthy approach to sport and competition. This is not a short-term message, but one that brings about an attitude which the children are likely to take with them throughout life.

Congratulations to all as we now look forward to the Catholic Schools’ carnival, as well as wishing our best to the children who are moving through the representative arena.

Enjoy the rest of the week

Annette O'Shea

From our Assistant Principal

Tony Barron

New App for Newsletters and Announcements!
BCE Connect mobile app – connecting BCE schools with parents and the community

The first release of our new mobile app, BCE Connect, is now available to download from:


(The app is designed to work on both Apple and Android devices. Search the relevant store for BCE Connect.)

The app gives parents & extended family, easy access to school information, making it easier to keep track and stay in touch. It works with Google maps for location and directions, and gives instant access to phone numbers, emails and public school information.

Once you download the App, go to School Search and type in Marymount School. Add us as your Favourite.

You will then have instant access to Newsletters, Calendar, and important announcements.

It is an easy option to receive newsletters, as you can set it up to receive push notifications as new things are added.

Thanks
Have a great week

Tony Barron
**Pancake Tuesday and Caritas**
The response has been wonderful. We have orders so far for close to 1500 pancakes! We are cooking these fresh onsite at the staffroom next Tuesday morning and would love to have some **HELP!** If you can spare some time on Tuesday morning before 10am please contact me on 55 208 406 or leave your details at Parent Reception and I will call you.

The money raised from this event will go towards Caritas. Year 3A, guided by Mrs Jane Lennon shared some wonderful ideas and information today at assembly. For as little as $5 your donation could change the life of someone far less fortunate. As the children today were told if each one of them went without just one Take-Away treat, (or a parent giving up one Take-Away coffee) we could easily raise $5000 every week of Lent! How amazing would that be, to know that together we can make a difference of significant proportions?

Every family will receive a Project Compassion money box to have at home during the upcoming Lenten period. You are asked to donate whatever you can manage. The boxes will be collected in the last week of Term One and first week of Term Two. If you fill the box early send it in and we will gladly collect the money and return the box to you.

Have a great week

*Diane Anderson*
Marymount Swimming Carnival
Well done to all our Marymount students who participated so well at yesterday’s annual swimming carnival. There were many outstanding performances on the day with several new records being set. Relays are always the highlight of the day and this year was no exception, with all relays being swum with much enthusiasm.

Age Champions will be presented at assembly on Wednesday 4 March.

District Swimming Trials
District Swimming Trials will be held at Miami Aquatic Centre on Thursday 19 February. This event is for 10-12yrs boys and girls who placed 1st or 2nd at our Marymount carnival. The relevant students will be given more information ASAP.

Catholic Swimming Carnival
The annual Gold Coast Catholic Primary Schools Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 6 March at Miami Aquatic Centre.

Paul Hill
Next Monday and Wednesday we will have pikelets available. They will be forty cents each or fifty cents with jam, and will be available both at Morning Tea and Lunchtime.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to my request for helpers. I have had such a fabulous response that I am still trying to contact everyone to finalise my rosters.

The roster for this week is below.

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The Winter Uniform order form is included in today’s newsletter. Please place your orders by the 20th February 2015.

WILD AFTER SCHOOL ART CLASSES
Marymount Primary
Learn to create, draw and paint. It’s fun for everyone.

WEDNESDAY 3.15pm to 4.45pm
Meet outside the library.

Most art materials supplied.
Expert tuition artist/teacher
Free snacks!

DON’T MISS OUT. BOOK NOW!!!
TEXT NOW 0402328987
(include your name and school)
or phone 55773293 after 7.00PM

Burleigh Hockey - Junior Sign-on day is Saturday 21st Feb at Hockey Lane, Labrador. 8am-10am Training for the whole club is Thursday nights. Junior age groups include U10’s U12, games played on Saturday morning and Under 14’s and U16’s playing Friday nights. All games are played at the same place, Keith Hunt Park Musgrave Ave. New players are welcome!

For more information visit http://www.hockey-burleigh.com

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HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH READING AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL

If you want to help in the classroom or have some great ideas to help your child then complete the form below and place, the form in an envelope marked, Attention Ms. Kelvin “Parent Workshop –Reading”.

Your name…………………………………
Your child’s name…………………………
Your child’s class…………………………

Please return this section by: Thursday 19th February, 2015

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Workshop topics

- How do children learn to read?
- What do I need to know about reading?
- Making reading fun
  * Activities to help children with reading
  * Games to help your child learn the 200 sight words.

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If you want to help in the classroom or have some great ideas to make reading more fun then this ‘hands on’ workshop is for you.

When:
Monday 23rd February 2015
Time:
8.45 am (sharp) till 11 am
Where:
the LOTE room
MARYMOUNT PRIMARY WINTER UNIFORM ORDER FORM

Student Name: ___________________________ Class: _________
Student Code: ___________________________ Date: ___________

To ensure your child has either tracksuit, jumper or sports jacket, order must be placed by 20/2/15.

PREP must wear track jacket with or without track pants.
BOYS may wear track pants with Day or Sports uniform.
YEARS 1 – 6 may wear jumper with day uniform only.
YEARS 2 – 6 may wear either the track jacket or sports jacket with both uniforms.
GIRLS may wear black stockings with Day uniform and track pants with Sports uniform.

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Please note: Orders without a deposit cannot be processed.

Credit Card Payment Details

Student's Name: ___________________________ Date: ____________________
Student's Class: _________________________ Student's Code: ______________

☐ MASTERCARD ☐ VISA ☐ BANKCARD AMOUNT: __________________

CARD NUMBER: ___________________________ EXPIRY DATE: __________/

Cardholders Name: _________________________ Signature: __________________
SPEECH AND DRAMA CLASSES 2015

Speech and Drama classes are available for all Marymount Primary students in Years 1 – 6. S&D lessons consist of improvisation, drama activities, theatre sports, public speaking, poetry, speech/breathing exercises, miming and puppetry. Classes aim to give the children confidence, improve speech skills, explore creativity and develop the art of performing. In Term 3, S&D students also have the opportunity to perform in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod at Robina Community Centre.

Weekly half hour Speech & Drama classes are held in small groups. Lessons are held during school time and class teachers are consulted regarding a suitable time for the children to attend.

If your child/children are continuing S&D students and you have not yet confirmed their continued enrolment for 2015, please email me asap at marymountdrama@yahoo.com.

If you are interested in your child commencing Speech & Drama lessons this year, please send an email to marymountdrama@yahoo.com with your child’s name & class and your name & phone number. Further information will then be sent to you. Alternatively, new S&D students may fill in the information below and hand it to the school office in an envelope marked “K.Crosby.” Please do this asap so we can finalise the Speech & Drama timetable.

Kind regards,
Katy Crosby

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SPEECH & DRAMA – Attention: K. Crosby

I am interested in my child learning Speech & Drama.

Child’s name: _____________________________________

Class: ___________________________________________

Parent's name: _________________________________

Phone: _________________________________________

Email: _________________________________________
Squad Coaching – Playing – Training
A program for students aged 10 to 18yrs.
Squad participation is designed to fully develop a student's tennis potential and incorporates technical, tactical, mental and physical coaching and training.
Sessions: 1 Hour
Cost: $200 (10 weeks)  Family discounts apply

Cardio Tennis
This NEW, high-energy group tennis fitness program gives you a great workout and improves your tennis skills too.
Why not join thousands of Australians who have already discovered that the best fitness workout is on the tennis court! For students and adults of all abilities.
Sessions: 40 Minutes
Cost: $80 (8 weeks)
Evening sessions: 5.30pm

Brain Boost
Ages 4 to 7
A combination of Hot Shots Tennis, physical activities and games. Develops perceptual motor skills, essential for early learning. Improves concentration, memory, hand-eye coordination, balance and cross lateral integration.
Give your child this added advantage to early learning while developing the fundamental skills for playing tennis and other sports.
Classes: Tuesday – Friday from 3.05pm
Sessions: 40 Minutes  Equipment Supplied
Cost: $80 (10 weeks)  Family discounts apply

ANZ Tennis Hot Shots
Ages 5 to 12
Tennis Australia's starter program that allows kids of all ages and skill levels to play the game.
See attached brochure.
Classes: Tuesday – Friday from 3.05pm
Sessions: 40 Minutes  Equipment Supplied
Cost: $130 (10 weeks)  Family discounts apply

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