Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Welcome Back to the 2015 School Year
On behalf of our staff I would like to welcome all of our children and families back to our new school year. A special welcome is extended to our new families – over 150 Prep children and 70 children across our Years 1 to 6. This is a very different year as for the first time we don’t have our Year 7 children with us following their state-wide move into the secondary sector of schooling. This will take some adjusting to and our best wishes and prayers go with these children as they start their time in secondary school.

It was great to see our children looking so resplendent in their uniforms over the first few days. I have heard many stories of relaxing, refreshing, low-key, camping, fishing, caravanning and other types of holidays from the children and parents over the last few days. I hope that you were all able to enjoy some quality family time even if it was only for the Christmas / New Year period. We had a very smooth start to the year and the children are gradually getting back into the routines of everyday school life here at Marymount. I would like to thank you as parents for helping to get your children ready for the new year and for creating such a positive atmosphere in our community. I look forward to walking the journey with you over the course of the year.

Staff News
This year we welcome Brigitte Scharkie to our teaching staff. Brigitte is starting her teaching career with us and we warmly welcome her to Marymount even though she is not a stranger to our place. Last year she completed her teaching Internship with us and she is also an ex-student of both the primary and secondary schools.

We also welcome back our Assistant Principal, Annette O’Shea. Annette, as many may know, was on leave last year and she and her husband travelled around Australia. It’s great to have Annette back with us – we look forward to hearing of her travels and adventures.

This year we have a new Tuckshop Convenor. I would like to welcome Acacia Baldwin to our school community. Acacia replaces Natalie who returned to her home state of Victoria at the end of last year. Our Tuckshop is still being run by our external contractors, Metropolitan Canteens, and Acacia is there main person of contact here. Acacia has a separate article in this newsletter introducing herself and also asking for volunteers. Volunteers form an important part of our Tuckshop and this assistance helps us to keep our prices low – please consider the possibility of helping out if you can.

Welcome to Fr Stephen
During the holidays our parish of Burleigh Heads welcomed a new priest to our community. Fr Stephen Camiolo was ordained in December last year and was appointed to be an Associate Pastor here with Fr Ken, our Parish Priest, and Fr Lucius, our other Associate Priest. Fr Stephen met with members of our school Leadership Team last Friday and we hope to introduce him to our school community in the next few days. On behalf of the primary school I would like to welcome Fr Stephen to our great part of the Coast and wish him well as he begins his priestly mission.

Parents’ and Friends’ Association February Meeting – Monday, 7.00pm
This coming Monday, 9 February, will see the running of our first P & F Meeting for the year. The meeting will be held in our school staff room and we would look to be finished by 8.30pm. At this meeting I will be able to provide an update of the progress of our new parish church as well as discuss issues like possible traffic concerns whilst this construction is occurring. We will also begin discussions on our upcoming Term 4 Combined Schools’ Fete which is to be held on Saturday, 17 October. All parents, are welcome to come along to this meeting and meet our President, Genevieve Sly, Vice-President, Jenny Wood, Secretary, Sarah Price, and our Treasurer, Richard Tregidden.

Traffic Matters
The start of a new school year brings with it the issues of traffic around our schools. Our site has two access points at present – the main car park off Reedy Creek Road and the second entry through Sunlight Drive and up to the top end of the school. As the children slowly begin to settle in to the routines of school life I would ask that parents please use extreme caution around not only our schools but also the many other ones which dot this local area. Please be aware that the businesses across the road and around our precinct should not be used as temporary car parking spaces as this is not fair on these places. Could you also practise with your children road safety procedures like crossing the road, riding bikes, entering and alighting buses and cars and so on. These may sound strange things to do but these simple lessons could save your child or another’s life. We will continue to block off vehicular access to the internal road near our school’s administration block in the morning and afternoon during these times – 8.10 – 9.00am and 2.40 – 3.10pm. This will restrict traffic flow during our peak arrival and exit times. Please also let your children know where they are going to be picked up in the afternoon (especially our younger years) as often children can get confused in the larger numbers of parents and children at the end of the day.

P & F Meeting
Monday February 9
7.00pm
Primary Staffroom

Mass Times
Children Mass
(Doyle Centre - children read at Mass)
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We are working with the parish and the College to look at some long term ideas and road work to assist with our traffic challenges. I would hope to be able to discuss these at our February P & F meeting. Again though, I would ask for your patience and caution as we move through these initial weeks of school.

**School Hours**

Our school hours are listed below for your awareness. We will have staff supervision in place from 8.10am in the morning and our final duty finishes at 3.30pm in the afternoon. It is important that arrangements are made to have children picked up from school by 3.30pm and that they are not here in the morning before 8.10am. These are important safety matters for the children. We do have a fantastic Outside School Hours Care unit on our school site which operates outside of these times for parents to utilise. Their contact number is 55 763 756.

**Bell Times**

- 8.35am   Preliminary Start bell
- 8.40am   Classes start
- 10.40–11.10am  Morning Tea
- 1.10–1.50pm  Main Lunch
- 2.55pm   End of School

Please also note that our two Adventure Playground areas near our Multi-purpose Centre and our Prep Playground structure should not be used by the children after school ends at 2.55pm as there is no direct supervision of this equipment. The Adventure playground structures also need to be free for our Outside School Hours Care children and staff.

**Works Completed over the Holidays**

During our Christmas holiday period we had a number of works completed throughout our school. Some were maintenance items and others involved new works. I would like to thank our Office Manager, Rena Harvey, for her coordination of these projects. Thanks also goes to our Grounds staff – John Stevens, Brad Doughty and David Hayward – for their assistance with some of these jobs but mainly for their efforts to have our school looking in great shape for the new school year. Listed below is a summary of the major works completed.

- Yr 6 class block building repairs completed to outside verandahs
- Bubblers installed in the new Shelter Shed on the oval (P & F Financial support here)
- New Shade Sails installed near the Year 2 classes & all other sails maintained
- The Multi-purpose Centre (Shed) floor had a deep clean and the speakers were repaired
- Painting done in all Year 5 classes, parts of the library, administration block, Junior toilets and general maintenance / touch-up work across the school
- Carpets shampooed and pest control completed across the whole school
- Replace all windows on verandah side of the Year 2/3/4 block and removal of all Asbestos under windows.
- John, Brad and David worked painting the inside and outside of window in-fills.
- Asbestos around the drain pipes outside the Library was also removed
- Our school is now Asbestos free
- Electrical work completed on Emergency Lights and RCD switches.
- All testing and tagging of electrical devices completed
- Internal driveway car park repainted
- Year 6 new desk and chairs received and installed
- Minor repairs made to the pool coping and tiles and lane ropes to be repaired soon

**Term One School Fees Accounts**

Term 1 2015 school fees will be emailed and/or posted over the next day or so with a due date of 24 February 2015. Please be aware that, due to the finalisation of changes in account holder responsibility, some accounts will have a new Bpay reference number, so if you will be paying by Bpay - please check your Bpay details before remitting.

If you are receiving your accounts by email please check your junk/spam mail boxes especially parents with Hotmail, Ymail or Gmail accounts.

If you do not receive your school fee account by the end of this week, please contact our Accounts department on 55208412 or 55208417.

**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

Thanks for reading this week – I hope that the start of the new year has been as smooth as possible for you.

Yours in Christ

Greg Casey
Welcome back to another year at Marymount, and thanks for the warm welcome back to me that has been extended by many parents and children. For those new to Marymount we look forward to a happy partnership.

Last year I travelled around our magnificent country and can only encourage all Australians to experience what it has to offer. It is a country of extremes, from the dry, dusty interior to the white, sandy beaches and the snow-capped mountains to the extreme heat, not to mention the seemingly ever-dry and then ever-wet regions. From the bustle of the major cities, to the quiet of the quaint country town, it is a beautiful country filled with friendly, spirited people.

Having said that, we truly are spoilt to live on the Gold Coast, where the climate and the natural environment are conducive to enjoying the great outdoors. We are doubly spoilt then, to belong to a vibrant community such as Marymount. In all cases and places, it is the people that create the beauty and culture, and thus Marymount is blessed.

Again, I look forward to a great year and especially to meeting more Marymount families. Until next week, I leave with a couple of Aussie adventure reminders (perhaps for my own therapy!).

Cheers

Annette O’Shea

MARYMOUNT COLLEGE TOURS
Monday 9 March from 5:30pm
• Student led tours of the College
• Meet the Principal and Administration Team
• Now enrolling Year 7 for 2016/2017

Please RSVP info@marymount.qld.edu.au

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS APPEAL
Christmas is always a worrying time for needy parents who naturally do not want their children to do without. Your generous support for the Christmas Appeal and the Gifting Tree brought smiles to 68 local families and delight to 107 children. The students and teachers of Marymount have excelled themselves by providing an impressive number of presents. Like you, they have shown how much they care for those less fortunate than themselves. Necessary funds raised will also support the work of the Conference during the coming year.

On behalf of all those we assist, thank you for your prayers and generosity.

Elite Rhythmic Gymnastics Club
All Ages Welcome!
Qualified coach Tatiana Kloiants
Doyle Centre.
Beginners classes Monday 3.30 to 4.30pm
Contact 0403 034 914
Hello and welcome to what is shaping up to be a very busy term. As well as various classes visiting the residents of Ozanam Villa, we will shortly have the celebration of Easter.

On **Tuesday February 17th** we are selling pancakes to raise money for the Catholic missions work, both here and overseas. A paper bag with an order form attached will be sent home this week. Please send your child’s order in with the correct money to the class teacher. **DO NOT SEND ORDERS OR MONEY TO THE TUCKSHOP.** Orders must be received no later than Thursday February 12th.

The pancakes will be made FRESH HERE AT MARYMOUNT ON THE DAY and will be delivered to classrooms for Morning Tea. If you would like to assist in preparing these delicious pancakes please send me your details on 55 208 406.

Diane Anderson
Acting APRE

YEAR 5 CAMP
The Year 5 camp will take place between Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th March at the Lake Ainsworth Sports and Recreation Centre. This is a wonderful camp and teachers and students are eager to attend! Parent Consent and Medical forms are now overdue- please return them to class teachers ASAP.

Parents are now also required to complete a separate online consent form from the NSW Office of Sport and Recreation. The form can be found at: [http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampmedicalform/](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/schoolcampmedicalform/)

Details on how to complete this form were sent home on bright yellow paper on Monday 2nd Feb.

If there are any general questions about the camp or the associated paperwork, please contact me on 5520 8430 or pop into Room C4 (Early Years Area).

Laura Mitchell
Acting Curriculum Support Teacher

Welcome back to all. As a “parenting ideas school” Marymount Primary has access to materials which aim to build parent-school partnerships. Michael Grose states that “parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality”. His Insights article ‘Help your child ACHIEVE’, is attached and offers 10 ways to maximise your child’s chances of school success.

I would like to remind parents that I may be contacted by email on msanders@bne.catholic.edu.au or by phoning the school on 5535 1803. If out of my office at the time of your call, I will return your call as soon as possible.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Mary Sanders

Performing Arts Classes are held every Tuesday after school in the Doyle Centre Drama Room. These are for Year 2 through to High School. There are a few spots still available this year.

With years of experience in both live and TV/film work, my daughter Cleo Massey and I like to offer the students a variety of experiences. Some take part in festivals and the older students will do some film work.

Classes cover acting skills, role play, character work, improvisation and more. If you would like to enrol your child, email or text me as below

Anna Waters-Massey (0417 584290)
watersworks@bigpond.com
www.annawatersmassey.com.au
Marymount Swimming Carnival (Year 4, 5 & 6)

Our annual Marymount Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 10 February at Miami Aquatic Centre, Pizzey Park (weather permitting). The carnival will include 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 year old ‘A’ division competitors as well as all Year 4, 5 & 6 students. ‘A’ division swimmers will be competing for age champion medals and representative selection.

All swimmers must wear a swimming cap. Students are expected to wear their school sports uniform or house colour shirt and must have a hat and sunscreen. Morning tea, lunch and water will be required for the day.

Students can travel to and from the venue by bus. The busses will depart school at 8.40. Therefore, students are required to be at school by our usual starting time.

Parents are invited to attend the carnival and may wish to take their children to the pool. If taking your child directly to the pool please have your child see their class teacher to be marked present on the class roll.

If wet weather forces the postponement of our Marymount carnival, all ‘A’ division swimmers, 10 – 12yrs eligible for District selection will be required to submit a paper nomination no later than 9am Friday 13 February.

Any student who arrives at school and is not able to participate in the carnival, will remain at school under teacher supervision.

District (Oceanic) Swimming Trials

District Swimming Trials will be held on Thursday 19 February at Miami Aquatic Centre. This will be the first event for our newly combined Primary and High school District. We are now called Oceanic District. This carnival will include children age 10 -17 & over, (similar to our Regional Swimming Carnival).

Only 50m events will be run at the District carnival with all 100m, 200m and 400m events being selected by paper nomination. More information to follow.

MARYMOUNT SWIMMING CARNIVAL PROGRAM OF EVENTS

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I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Acacia and I am the new Tuckshop Convenor at Marymount. Over the past week I have met many of the students and parents and am excited to be working here with such an enthusiastic group of people. There have been some additions to the menu this year. We now have macaroni cheese, lasagne and tuna bake available for lunch. There have also been some price increases on some items due to change of suppliers. All these menu changes are on the menu on the Munch Monitors site.

We are calling for any volunteer helpers such as parents/grandparents and caregivers who would like to assist in the tuckshop on a regular basis. If you would like to be involved please contact me on 55208413 or return the form below to me at the Tuckshop and we can arrange a day suitable to you. Your contribution to assist in the tuckshop is vital to ensuring the smooth running of our Tuckshop throughout the school year.

We guarantee you lots of laughter and the opportunity to meet new parents and make new friends. The greatest thing though is that your children love to see you in their tuckshop.

I look forward to meeting and working with you, as we work together and give our children the best tuckshop on the Coast!

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - TUCKSHOP**

Name: ______________________________________ Contact Phone: ____________________________

Child’s name and class: ___________________________________________________________________

Preferred Day/s: _________________________________________________________________________

Anyone in particular you would like to work with: ________________________________________________

**Oztag State Cup**

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**Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish**

Parish Office Hours 9.00am to 5.00pm 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters (Postal PO Box 73, Burleigh Heads) Phone: 5576 6317/5576 6466 FAX: 5576 7143

Parish Manager: Mr Jim Littlefield Parish Pastoral Team

Parish Pastor: Fr Ken Howell Associate Pastors: Fr Lucius Edomodi & Fr Stephen Camiolo

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**Munch Monitor**

Please update your child(s) class immediately in their online ‘Student Profile’ to ensure lunch orders are delivered to the correct class.

Steps to do this:
1. Login to your Munch Monitor account and go to MY ACCOUNT > STUDENT PROFILE
2. Click on your child’s name in the left greencolumn
3. When the new page opens select their new 2014 class from the drop down list
4. Click Save
Help your child ACHIEVE!

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent–teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

1. **Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve**
   Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. **Keep your expectations reasonable and positive**
   If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. **Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home**
   One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. **Send kids to school ready to learn and on time**
   Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. **Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes**
   Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. **Skill children to work with others**
   Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. **Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties**
   Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. **Participate in class & school activities**
   There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. **Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience**
   Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. **Talk up what happens at school**
    Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10-point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.
AFTER SCHOOL SWIM PROGRAM TERM 1 2015

PREP - YEAR 6
Learn to Swim, Mini Squad & Squad

Commencing MONDAY 9th February 2015

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday’s- $8.00 per session
i.e. $56.00 for a 7 week swim term - swimming once a week.

Session times:

Learn to Swim (30min. session) 3.15pm – 3.45pm
Mini Squad (45min. session) 3.15pm – 4.00pm
Squad (45min. session) 3.15pm – 4.00pm

Learn to swim (30 min. session) – water safety, stroke technique, & swimming fitness.
Mini Squad (45 min. session) – stroke correction, drills, & swimming fitness. Swimmers need to be competent to swim 25 meters freestyle.
Squad (45 min. session) – set program swimming, drills & kick. Swimmers need to be competent in all strokes and have good swim fitness.

Children will be placed in lanes appropriate to ability, please use the above as a guide to choose the correct class for your child.

As your child’s swimming progresses, they will be moved accordingly.

Should there be no availability for your chosen session, you will be notified and offered another day. Learn to Swim sessions have limited availability. All swimmers will receive an email confirmation & swim information.

** Signed & Completed forms are required no later than MONDAY 2nd Feb. 2015**

Invoices will be posted out to all parents. Payment is calculated on a 7 weeks swim program. 9/02/2015 – 27/03/2015 (inclusive)

For further information please contact Jenny Wood, Program coordinator.
Jennifer.Wood@bne.catholic.edu.au OR 0421 603 455

REGISTRATION FORM AFTER SCHOOL SWIMMING TERM 1 2015

Parent Name: ………………………………………..  Contact #: ………………………………………

Email: ……………………………………………….

Parent Signature: ……………………………

Squad (S)
Mini Squad (MS)

Child’s Last Name          Child’s First Name    Class   Day/s            Learn to Swim (LTS)
(1) ……………………………………      …………..................... ……………       ..………….. ………………………….
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Signed and completed forms must be returned by WEDNESDAY 4th Feb. 2015
To: Accounts Department or your child’s class
Come Celebrate World Marriage Day
At St Benedict’s Church, Wallaby Drive, Mudgeeraba
On Sunday 8 February, 2015

- An acknowledgement and celebration of respect and reverence for Christian Marriage

- Renew your Marriage Vows in the presence of family and friends

- All who believe in Marriage are invited

- Celebrant: Father Rafal Rucinski

11:00 am Mass, followed by a shared lunch on the verandah,
Please bring a plate, and all your family and friends.

More info? Sue & Bren Milsom  55224880
Marmount College NAB AFL Community Auskick Centre
We are pleased to announce we will be running separate Auskick programs for Boys & Girls Auskick at the same time.

Sign on & 1st Session: – Wednesday 18th of February
Time: 7:30am to 8:30am
Venue: Marymount School Oval
Address: Burleigh Connection Rd, Burleigh
Cost: $70

For more information contact: Tim Searl on 0415 274 319
Or visit www.aflauskick.com.au

Participants receive benefits which include, Hat, Football, Back pack and much more.

TO REGISTER:

Register & Pay online by 22nd Feb to receive your free tickets to a GC Suns Game
1. Register online & pay online at www.aflauskick.com.au
2. Please print your receipt and bring to the first session
Blades Basketball Club

2015 Season Sign-On

When: 11th February

Time: 5:30pm

Where: Marymount College - West Burleigh

New Players Welcome

For more information email:

bladesbasketball@hotmail.com