

Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

### **Catholic Education Week 2014**

This week, along with 296 Catholic schools across Queensland, we celebrate Catholic Education Week. About 143,500 or 18.5% of all Queensland students and almost 60% of students in Non-government schools are educated in one of Queensland's 296 Catholic schools. More than 17,000 teachers and staff are employed in Catholic education state-wide. Queensland's Catholic schools are operated by five Diocesan education authorities in Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Toowoomba and Brisbane, as well as 15 Religious Institute or incorporated school authorities.

The theme for this year's celebrations comes from John's Gospel when Jesus spoke to His disciples and offered them the opportunity for eternal life with God. "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10). The challenge then, from Catholic schools to our students, staff and parents is to 'live life to the full' through our involvement with Catholic schooling and in life in general. Pope Francis leads this focus and echoes this sentiment to us as well. He asks Catholics the world over to take up this challenge from Jesus -

*Jesus teaches us another way:  
Go out. Go out and share your testimony,  
go out and interact with others,  
go out and share,  
go out and ask.  
Become the Word in body as well as spirit.*

**Pope Francis**

One of our staff who has been recognised as someone who actively does this is Jane Lennon. Jane has been a member of the Marymount staff now for over thirty years and she has lived out the challenge of 'living life to the full'. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, Jane was nominated as one of ten staff from the Brisbane Archdiocese for the prestigious Spirit of Catholic Education awards. These awards are presented each year in Catholic Education Week to a person from each of the five dioceses. On this occasion Jane didn't win the overall prize but it was great that she was recognised for her marvellous and selfless efforts over many years. At this morning's assembly we were able to present Jane with a certificate which came from our state governing body, the Queensland Catholic Education Commission, to acknowledge her for her commitment to our school and our children as well as those of the wider community. Jane is indeed someone who is exemplifying Pope Francis' words – she is going out and sharing her testimony.

### **Art Show Success**

Last weekend we had a great Art Show, one in which parents and staffs from both primary and secondary schools of Marymount came together to do marvellous things. The Art Show was a great community effort and it was well supported by our families and the wider community. From the Gala Opening night to the open days on Saturday and Sunday there was a steady stream of visitors and art connoisseurs. The weekend once again shows how significant the Marymount Art Show is in the Gold Coast community. I would like to thank our parents and friends for supporting the various days and night and for helping to make it such a success.

I would also like to thank our committee who have worked tirelessly since earlier in the year in order to make our show the success it was. We had a small but enthusiastic group who worked well together to overcome any hurdles which manifested along the way. I would like to particularly thank Pauline Young and Lynne Bray for their efforts. Pauline and Lynne no longer have children at the schools but were happy to come back and lead our committee. They have a huge amount of knowledge between them on the running of such an event and it was an invaluable opportunity for our current committee to draw from this and to note things for the future. Without their support our Art Show would not have been as successful as it was. Again, well done to all for such a great weekend.

Our final sales figures will be tabulated over the next week or so and then brought to our next committee meeting on Wednesday, 13 August.

Thanks for reading this week, enjoy the beautiful winter sunshine.

Yours in Christ,

**Greg Casey**

### **Coming Events**

Wednesday July 30  
Yr 5Y - Whole School Assembly  
Catholic Education Week Theme

Thursday July 31  
District Track & Field Carnival

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Wednesday August 6  
Yr 3M - Whole School Assembly  
Yr 6R - Ozanam Villa visit  
6.30pm - Band Concert



*Congratulations  
Mrs Lennon!*

### **Mass Times**

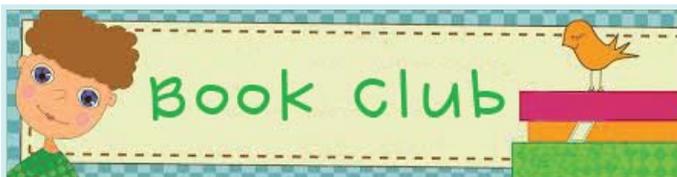
*Children Mass*  
(Doyle Centre - children read at Mass)  
5.30pm 1st Sunday each month

*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



## Professor Jellybean Visit - Year 1



Last day for orders is **Friday August 1**.  
Please return your order form and  
receipt to the library by Friday.  
No cash or cheques to be sent.

### Thoughts from your School Counsellor

Helping our children to make sense of the MH 17 air disaster (given the current media coverage) would seem to be important for us to consider. Michael Grose has forwarded a link to his Parentingideas Blog. Michael provides eight valuable suggestions for parents to consider as they care for their young people. I have attached this link below together with one from the ABC. The latter covers the same issues and may also be of interest for parents.

<http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Blog/July-2014/Helping-kids-make-sense-of-the-MH-17-air-disaster>)

<http://www.abc.net.au/health/thepulse/stories/2014/07/22/4050435.htm>

With best wishes to all

**Mary Sanders**

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This morning we were led in vibrant and colourful prayer and song by the students from 5Y (Mrs Cronin's class). Catholic Education Week is being celebrated across Queensland from 27 July - 2 August this year. Our prayers joined those of thousands of students from Far North Queensland to the borders.

This annual event is held to promote the special ethos of Catholic schools and to highlight the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

The theme for this year's celebrations is: Come, live life in all its fullness. This inspirational call is based on the Gospel of John (10:10), challenging those who answer it to "live fully".

Reflecting this Gospel call, our school, like all Catholic schools, strives to provide a learning experience through which every young person has the opportunity to reach their full human potential - spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, culturally and physically - and know what it means to engage in all that life has to offer.

Enjoy the rest of the week

***Bernadette Christensen***

## **SCHOOL FEE REMINDER**

A reminder that Term 3 2014 School Fees are due and payable by Monday 4 August 2014. Late fees will apply after the due date. Parents/Caregivers who have payment plans in place will not be affected by late fees.

Direct Debit, automated Credit Card and BPay payment options are available for your convenience.

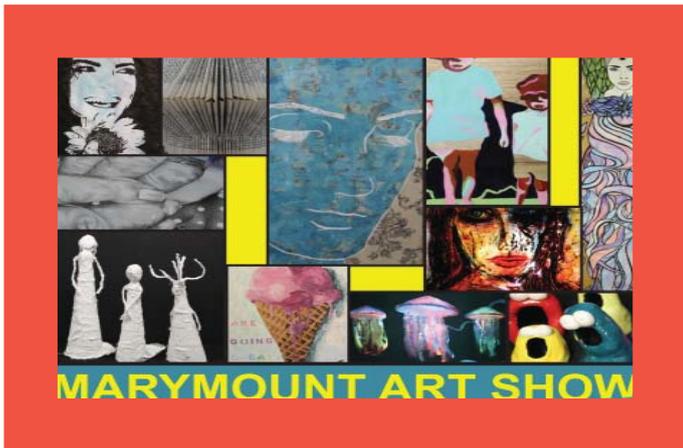
Please contact our Accounts Department on 55208412 or 55208417 for assistance.

### **Patron Parent Events**

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

Yr 3M - Coffee & Chat - Mon August 4 after drop off @ Coffee Club, Stocklands - Catherine & Nicky





# Sport News

Congratulations to our Marymount Athletics Age Champions for 2014. Listed below are the names of our medal winners from 8 -13yrs boys and girls. Well done to you all.

## Athletics Age Champions 2014

8yr Boys		8yr Girls	
1st	Kai Allen	1st	Miller Brosnan-Ball
2nd	Philip Coates	2nd	Chanel Davies
3rd	Ben Cervenak	3rd	Kiara Cavino
9yr Boys		9yr Girls	
=1st	Carden Skalij	1st	Tara Penfold
=1st	Tom Cervenak	=2nd	Charlie Touzel
2nd	Corey Connelly	=2nd	Abby Fields
3rd	Luke Rached	3rd	Zara Nunan
10yr Boys		10yr Girls	
1st	Lewis Treggiden	1st	Nalani Beckley
2nd	Jaden Wood	2nd	Jaid Whitney
3rd	Jay Antony	3rd	Polly Deane-Johns
11yr Boys		11yr Girls	
1st	Jayden Wright	1st	Ellie Beer
2nd	Joseph Nelson	2nd	Shannon Nolan
3rd	Brayden Field	3rd	India Silverstrino
12yr Boys		12yr Girls	
1st	Paul-Raymond Peason	1st	Tatiana Wright
2nd	Jack Johnston	2nd	Jessica Shefford
3rd	Joshua Karchinsky	3rd	Ashley Jablonski
13yr Boys		13yr Girls	
1st	Zac Biddle	1st	Dayna Sullivan
2nd	Tom Deane-Johns	2nd	Emma Riddell
3rd	Sam Pinch	3rd	Elise Burke



### Disney International Cup

Outstanding news this week from our international soccer player Lua Suero. As you may remember Lua was off to the USA to play in the Disney International Cup, the Australian girls team which Lua was part of, won their division of the competition. This is an amazing result considering they played some very strong soccer nations including Brazil.

Lua arrived back from the United States on Tuesday last week, only to head off to Mt Isa to compete in the State Soccer Carnival where she was selected in the Queensland team.

Congratulation Lua. She will now travel to Bendigo in Victoria to compete in the National Carnival during September.

### National AFL Carnival

Congratulations to Jack Johnston and Liam O'Brien who have been away at the National AFL Carnival in Sydney. The Queensland team came 6th out of 8 teams competing at the event.

Liam was named Most Valuable Player for the QLD team. Well done to both boys for their outstanding effort.

### Paul Hill

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# Parentingideas Blog

## Becoming better parents

WRITTEN & CURATED FOR PARENTS BY THE PARENTINGIDEAS TEAM

23 July

### Helping kids make sense of the MH 17 air disaster

Reports of the recent shooting down of Flight MH17 over Ukraine air space has saturated newspapers, television and the Internet for the last week. The events were shocking and many of the images shown on our television screens have been quite confronting. Worldwide outrage has been the result. But what about the impact of the event and the subsequent media coverage on children and young people?

As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of such tragedies and natural disasters. In reality we can't do this.

So what is a parent, teacher, or other caring adult to do when such events fill the airwaves and the consciousness of society? Here are some ideas:

1. Reassure children that they are safe. The consistency of the images can be frightening for young children who don't understand the notion of distance and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and fiction. Let them know that while this event is indeed happening it will not affect them directly.
2. Explain what happened. Sounds obvious but it's important not to simply assume that children and young people understand what's happened. Be calm and stick the facts, using a map to show older children where it happened.
3. Be available. Let kids know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.
4. Help children process what they see and hear, particularly through television. Children are good observers but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.
5. Support children's concerns for others. They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for those concerns. It is heartwarming to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.
6. Let them explore feelings beyond fear. Many children may feel sad or even angry with these events so let them express the full range of emotions.
7. Avoid keeping the television on all the time. The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both distressing to some and desensitizing to others.
8. Be aware of your own actions. Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.

Children's worlds can be affected in ways that we can't even conceive of so adults need to be both sensitive to children's needs and mindful of what they say and how they act in front of children. In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.

You'll find more ideas and advice to help you raise happy, confident kids at [parentingideasclub.com.au](http://parentingideasclub.com.au)



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