Dear Parents, Friends and Guardians

Parent Teacher Interviews
These important meetings are being held during the next two weeks and some, due to unforeseen circumstances for some of our teachers, will be held in the first week of Term 2. These parents will be notified of these changes if they haven’t already. I would like to thank our parents for working with our new Parent Teacher Online program for the co-ordination of our interview times. This program is utilised by many of our sister schools and although we have had a few teething issues with it there seems to be general approval for continuing on with it.

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Parking disruption for tomorrow – Thursday 27 March
We have been informed that the area used for parking by staff and parents at the top reach of our school (off Sunlight Drive) will need to be closed off to vehicle parking for tomorrow. This is the site for our new church and associated car park and entry roadway. Soil testing and surveying will be taking place right across this area from early in the morning and running throughout the day. We will leave the access road open during the morning and afternoon times for drop-off and pick-up only, using the top roundabout section. There will not be allowance for parking and walking in, as these areas will be out of play. The access for our Outside School Hours Care facility will still be usable for parents early in the morning and later in the afternoon. I apologise for any inconvenience this will bring but it is necessary for works to progress with our new church precinct. Thanks for your patience with this.

I would like to remind parents that you can view an architect’s flyover view of this new area on our website. It is able to be accessed by going to our school website and clicking on the News and Events drop box and then clicking on News Events to find the Parish Church flyover.

Year 5 Annual Camp – Today to Friday
Our best wishes go with our Year 5 teachers and children as they head off today for their annual camp at Lake Ainsworth near Lennox Heads in northern New South Wales. The camp is a great venue and one which we have been accessing for over ten years now. The staff are very professional, the accommodation is good and the facilities are well-maintained and exciting for the children. Well done to all of our staff for their planning and preparation for this camp – let’s hope the weather clears a little for them all.

Parents and Friends Trivia Night (80’s Theme) – Saturday, 29 March
Who is the lead singer of the Glam group Wham? What year did Australia win the America’s Cup in yachting? These and many more questions could be on the agenda at our P & F’s annual Trivia Night which is being held this Saturday evening in the Doyle Centre with a 6.30pm start. The theme for the night is an 80’s one and it promises to be great fun as Anthony “George Michael” Touzell leads us in a walk back through a decade many of us are struggling to remember. For others though it may seem like only yesterday when Spandau Ballet was gracing our airways and Cliff Richards was wiring us all for sound. So if these things strike a chord with you and you can remember what went on all those years ago, why not grab a group of friends and come along for the 80’s Trivia Night. The night is BYO drinks and nibbles and there are raffles and other prizes on offer.

Art Show 2014 – Meeting tonight
We are holding another of our meetings tonight at 6.00pm in the College Boardroom for our Term 3 Combined Schools’ Art Show. Any parents are most welcome to come along and join with this group in order to co-ordinate the July show. We already have a committee Chair (being shared by two people) and a number of other group co-ordinators eg. Marketing, Artist Liaison. We are also looking for parents to help co-ordinate our school art works. This would be a relatively simple role of linking in with teachers at year levels to look at ways to collect and hang their individual art works for the weekend show. Our meeting should be finished by 7.30pm.

Staff News
This Friday is the last day for Deb Rowlings who finishes work in our Uniform/Bookshop. Deb has worked during this term and before school commenced at the start of the year. I would like to thank Deb for all her hard work and look forward to welcoming her back in Term Four.

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From our Principal
Greg Casey (continued)

Queensland Catholic Primary Principals’ Association Conference – Greg Away
I will be away from school from Wednesday to Friday next week as I will be attending the conference for Catholic Primary Principals in Queensland. This conference is held every two years in a different diocese of Queensland and it is an excellent way to hear of best practice happening in our community of schools and to hear from national and international speakers on educational leadership and child welfare matters. In my absence Tony Barron will be Acting Principal for the three days. My thanks go to Tony for taking on this extra role.

Thanks for reading – enjoy the rest of the week.

Yours in Christ
Greg Casey

From our Acting Assistant Principal
Julian Cotter

Griffith University project - Helping young Australians to ‘Look for Good’
As part of our pastoral care program at Marymount Primary School, students from Years 3, 4 and 5 will be invited to undertake a Positive Emotional Well-Being Program during Term 2 which will encourage them to focus on positives in order to develop positive emotional health.

This program is being conducted in collaboration with Griffith University. An information package will be sent home with your child over the coming week. If you have not received this package, or you need another copy, please see your child’s teacher, or contact the team at Griffith University on (07) 3735 3418, or email cadrp@griffith.edu.au. Please remember to return the signed parent/carer consent and contact details forms to the “Griffith University” box in your child’s classroom by the end of this term (Friday, April 4, 2014).

Regards
Julian Cotter

Year 4 Ngu-tana Lui Visit

Refugee Day at Tallebudgera Beach
A BIG thank you to those families who have sent in items for the refugee beach day. We still need lots of items so please, if you haven’t had a chance to look, this is your last week to find that hat or empty bag or board shorts that are too small. We have no balls for the children to play with so soccer, footballs any balls would be fantastic.

Thanks for your support.
Jane Lennon & Deb McKean-Nunan
**Be a Good Egg This Easter (from ACRATH website)**

Presently children as young as 12 years old are picking cocoa in West Africa to make the chocolate we eat. Some of these children are trafficked. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age for minimal or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions, without any possibility of attending school. Most of these children have never tasted chocolate.

Five years ago Australian supermarkets did not have any Easter chocolate certified as slavery-free, but in 2013 there were at least six slavery-free Easter eggs and rabbits available. Products available in 2013 were:

- Divine eggs (milk & dark)
- Green & Black eggs (milk & dark)
- Chocolatier eggs (milk & dark)
- Chocolatier (3 rabbits boxed with 3 tiny eggs)
- Cadbury dairy milk eggs
- Oxfam chocolates – a large range of chocolate bars

You can help to work against child slavery. Go to Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans at http://acrath.org.au/resources/slavery-free-easter-chocolate/

**Chicken and Rice for Caritas**

Thank you to Yolanda and the tuckshop assistants, the Year 6 Helping Hands and all students who have participated in this fundraiser so far (Prep, Yr 1, Yr 4 and 5). When we appreciate the impact of healthy food in our everyday lives, we also acknowledge that we are blessed in a way that many others in the world are not. Lunch for Years 2 & 3 is on Monday and Years 6 & 7 on Tuesday.

**Join the Gold Coast City Library and win at Marymount!**

To encourage more reading, our library is running a competition! We want you and your children to read all the time but there are some children who are not yet members of the Gold Coast City Council Library. There are 13 libraries on the Gold Coast and it is free to join. The council libraries are open over holidays and often run special children’s programs. So to help you, we have plenty of application forms available here at school. Mr Jensen (our librarian) will be handing out forms and information brochures to those who ask. When your child shows their new GCCC Library card to him they will receive a small prize. The forms can also be used for adults, so if you have been thinking of joining but haven’t had the time to go and collect a form, let our librarian know.

**Curriculum News**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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

Maureen Ruzans

Diane Anderson
SPORTS RESULTS

Years 5 & 6 Girls soccer
6A defeated St Vincents 3-0
5A defeated St Vincents 8-1
5B lost to St Vincents 2-1

Marymount Rugby League
U10s defeated Varsity 22-16
U11s defeated Varsity 42-10
Open A’s defeated Varsity 14-8
Open B’s defeated Varsity 18-8

AFL - Seniors
MMP 57 defeated Merrimac 12
MMP 79 Defeated Caningeraba 27

Easter is approaching and we are now selling hot cross buns. Yum! There are a variety of flavours (fruit, choc chip and strawberries & cream) at $1.50 each with or without butter and are all made fresh daily. They may also be heated up if you wish. Easter themed shortbread cookies are also available at $1.50 each. They are able to be purchased on Munch Monitors or over the counter.

Students in Years 5, 6 & 7 are now able to order their lunch online. They can collect it from the Tuckshop before they go to sport. Please ensure that your child knows if they will need to collect a lunch order on this day. There will be no over the counter sales for these year levels on these days.

Our Prep Colouring Comp is coming along wonderfully! We’re enjoying the creativity they’re showing and can’t wait to surprise them next week with something special. Keep those amazing entries coming. You have up until the end of this week to hand them in to the tuckshop.

THE TUCKSHOP LADIES WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND VERY HAPPY EASTER HOLIDAYS!

We are always on the lookout for Volunteers to help out in the Tuckshop. Should you wish to come and have some fun whilst meeting new people please contact the Tuckshop. We don’t mind if you volunteer once a week/fortnightly or monthly. We appreciate the help.
Marymount C NAB AFL Auskick Centre
Sign on & 1st Session: – Wednesday 7th May
Time: 3:10pm-4:10pm
Venue: Marymount C, School oval
Address: Burleigh Connection Rd, Burleigh
Cost: $65
For more information contact: Tim Searl on 5594 5722
Or visit www.aflauskick.com.au
Participants receive benefits which includes, Hat, Football, Back pack and much more.
TO REGISTER:

B-OPTION A – PREFERRED
2. Register online at www.aflauskick.com.au
3. Print submitted registration form
4. Hand form with payment to your AFL Auskick Co-ordinator at the first session

OPTION B-
Complete a handwritten registration form and give along with payment to your AFL Auskick Co-ordinator at the first session.