ENROLMENT

We begin the year with an enrolment of just over 1050 students. This week we welcomed 208 Year Eight students and 42 new students across Year Nine to Twelve. New students are essential each year to maintain enrolment levels and staffing and they ensure the vitality and energy of full enrolment. Our Year Eight students are our future. The talents and gifts they bring invites teachers and students to welcome and include them, and to provide high quality teaching and care so that they continue the tradition of high achievement and excellence established by Marymount students. Please advise prospective parents about our open evenings; details on the back page.

BUILDING WORKS

Rain delays in the final days will keep us from moving into the new $3.2 million Art & Technology Building. Fardoulys Constructions have done marvellous work, and foreman, Des Reid is very disappointed that the rain came three days too soon. Mr Connor has made arrangements for classes for the next week or so. These may be difficult for some, however, we know from inspections of the new facility how blessed we are and that we will have access shortly after the rain stops. Work on the roadway from the facility, around the ovals may be delayed a further week.

STAFFING

Staffing is largely unchanged. We welcome Mr Peter Shaw, Assistant Principal Senior Curriculum to our staff. Mr Shaw brings wisdom and experience, as a principal and assistant principal, to this vital leadership role in curriculum, working with Mrs Hansen and the Academic Coordinators while managing Senior student subject offerings, QSA and VET processes.

We also welcome Ms Joy Sherriff to the Learning Support Teacher Aide team. Ms Sherriff will assist students, mostly in class, as arranged by Mrs Annette McMahon who is the Coordinator of Learning Support.

Appointments to the new position, IT Support, and to the vacant Library Aide positions will be finalised shortly.

COMING UP FOR PARENTS

MONDAY 30 JANUARY 7-8PM
Year 9 Laptop Program Briefing - Doyle Centre

MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 7-8PM
Year 8 Laptop Program Briefing - Doyle Centre

MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 7PM
Senior Information Evening - Doyle Centre

FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 6PM
P & F BBQ Year 8 Parents/Families

It is essential that a parent/guardian and the student attend the Program Briefings. Laptops are not issued to students until a parent and student has attended. One ‘catch-up’ briefing will be scheduled during school time for those unable to attend. The briefings will conclude within the hour and signed agreements and undertakings must be returned to the College shortly after so that the MacBook Air laptop can be issued.

START OF THE YEAR

While for students it may seem the year has just begun, and almost been extinguished by the rain, for staff, preparation of the College Calendar that arrived in homes just before Christmas signalled the start of 2012. At the same time budget processes for 2012 culminated in the presentation of the budget to the Marymount College Combined Schools Advisory Council in November 2011. The College Administration Team returned for 2012 with planning days on 12 and 13 January. Teaching staff resumed on 18 January, Professional Development on the first day focused on Mission, Gospel and Social Justice with the emphasis that ‘the word was made flesh’. We believe that we make the Gospel come to life through actions; as individuals; as family; as College community; as Burleigh Heads Catholic Parish...... And so the 2012 College year began.

THANK YOU TO ANCILLARY STAFF

I would like to take time to thank our wonderful members of the ancillary staff who have worked so tirelessly over the last couple of weeks prior to the term beginning to ensure that everything from timetable distribution to text hire and stationery packs. A special thank you to Mrs Mary-Ann Angel, Ms Terri-Lea Johnston, Mrs Anne Barrett, Mrs Margaret Donald, Mrs Cathy Murtagh, Ms Claire Schofield, Mrs Marilyn Kelly, Ms Jan Crick and to Mrs Cathie McCosker.

CAR PARK

The car park has been somewhat horrendous over the last few of days due to the bad weather. Of concern were the number of parents parking in the bus lane during the recent storm. This resulted in a number of Year 8 students running across to parked cars in the bus lane. This is an extremely unsafe practice. Please remind your child of the need to use the crossing. Parents please avoid parking in inappropriate places as this can cause a danger to students, and also parking on yellow lines can result in a council fine.

Mr Chris Noonan
Principal
Welcome back to a new school year and a special welcome to our new families. I would like to commend all parents on the way students have returned to school, very much “looking the part” and thank you for your support in ensuring our students remain worthy ambassadors of the College in the public domain. I look forward to working with all members of the College community throughout the course of 2012 as we work together to really make a difference in the lives of our students.

**COLLEGE PHOTO DAY**
Wednesday 1st February 2012
FULL SCHOOL FORMAL UNIFORM is to be worn for this day.

You will receive an envelope for each of your students explaining the products available. Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes. Students are to bring envelopes on Photo Day and present to the photographer.

You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payment by cash, cheque or money order. Sibling photos are also available for students at the school. Please collect a “family order envelope” from SAO.

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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - PASTORAL**

I hope the students of Marymount College have enjoyed a well-earned break. It is great to see so many refreshed faces for the start of the year.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new members of the Marymount College community. Tuesday of Week 1 saw new students in years 9–12 take a tour of the College as well as go through some important administrative matters to help them settle into life at Marymount College. The Year 8 students spent time with the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders who initiated games and activities in an attempt to make our new students feel welcome and comfortable. Congratulations to the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders for your excellent enthusiasm and commitment to helping the younger students in our community.

Unfortunately there has been a hold-up in the production of the new lockers for Years 8 and 11. This has caused a reshuffle of the use of existing lockers, which has in turn meant that students in Year 8 are required to carry more books in their bags, to and from school than normal. Year 9 students will have the use of the locker room that they used in 2011 and the Year 8 students will have a storage area in the lockable cage, which the Year 11 students have previously used. The new lockers are due to arrive during Week 3 and will be installed and utilized within 48 hours of arrival. The students in Year 8 and 9 are encouraged to take extra care at night to ensure that they organize their equipment to ensure that they are only placing necessary books and equipment in their bags each day.

Some important points to consider for the start of the 2012 school year: Particular attention needs to be made to the wearing of the correct College uniform. Students who changed the colour of their hair for the summer break need to ensure that it is back to a natural colour before returning to school.

If new piercings were installed, they needed to be well healed in time for the start of school. Girls are not permitted to have any piercings other than one small stud or sleeper in the lower lobe of each ear. No other piercings are permitted at Marymount College. Please note that clear piercings are not permitted at any stage. Traditional, black, lace-up leather shoes are the only shoes that form part of the Marymount College uniform.

These simple uniform requirements are outlined in the 2012 Record Books.

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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - SENIOR CURRICULUM**

Again, a welcome back to all students and a special welcome to all new students, beginning with us this year. As I am also new to the College this year I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have been an educator with Brisbane Catholic Education for over 33 years; teaching on the Environment and later in the day considered dimension of Social Justice. Peter Arndt’s presentation was a celebration of the Word we joined up with the Marymount College staff began the year with an inservice day focusing on the 2012 Record Books. Well, here we are in 2012, the Year of Grace, the Archdiocesan dimension of Social Justice.

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Mr Kyle Connor
Deputy Principal

Mr Geoff Browne
Assistant Principal - Pastoral

Mr Peter Shaw
APA - Senior Curriculum
Welcome back and a special welcome to the new families who have joined the College community. Hopefully 2012 is a successful and rewarding year for the students, due to their hard work and dedication to their studies.

Students wishing to make any subject changes should do so before next Wednesday, 10th February. Please see Ms Schofield in SAO before school or at recess to collect the change of subject form, which must be then signed by the parents. There must be a valid reason for the change and not all classes have spaces available.

All Year 8, 9, 10 students will be issued with their assessment schedules at the end of week 3 (17 February), published in the newsletter, and placed on the school website.

Please do not hesitate to contact Learning Support Staff or me if you have any concerns about your son or daughter’s studies. The Year Coordinators are also available to respond to your concerns.

All the best for 2012.

Ms Marie Hansen
APA - Junior Curriculum

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Well, here we are in 2012, the Year of Grace, the Archdiocesan Year of Mission, the Year of Sustainable Energy, Chinese Year of the Dragon and the Year of Mark.

The College staff began the year with an inservice day focusing on Social Justice and the Liturgy of the Word. Beginning with a celebration of the Word we joined with the Marymount Primary staff for a Peter Arndt presentation on Catholic Social Teaching on the Environment and later in the day considered inclusivity and accessibility of the curriculum as an important dimension of Social Justice. Peter Arndt’s presentation was very comprehensive, informative and enjoyable. In this Year of Sustainable Energy Peter’s presentation would have melted away any complacency re our obligations in this area.

Our Opening Liturgy will take place on Tuesday 7th February at 11 am in the Doyle Centre. Our 2012 student leaders have begun preparations, their enthusiasm being demonstrated when they returned to school one day early to do so! Thanks to Father Pat for his presence and help on Wednesday when the students began to prepare.

Year 12 Retreat will be held from 29th February - 2nd March. This is compulsory for all students. Permission forms have been distributed and need to be returned before the 15th February, please.

May I draw your attention to the notice re: World Marriage Day Mass in the newsletter which will take place at Saint Benedict’s on 12 February at 11 am. All married couples are most welcome.

Happy New Year everyone!

Mrs Dolores Maitland
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - CATHOLIC EDUCATION ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Welcome to the 2012 school year. I hope that you have enjoyed a refreshing break. I extend a special welcome to those staff members who are new to Brisbane Catholic Education. I thank each of you in anticipation of your contribution to our exciting and challenging ministry in Catholic education this year.

At the beginning of each week during term time you will receive the Executive Director’s Message in your inbox. This is an important communication link across the community of staff in our schools and offices. I urge you to read it each for information which will be both of interest and of benefit to you in your work.

SCHOOL VISITS: Last week I was pleased to have the opportunity of leading professional learning workshops at St Peter’s School Rochedale and Emmaus College Jimboomba where I enjoyed meeting staff members and engaging in conversation about our vision to teach, challenge and transform. I also presented a session as part of the ACU Masters of System Leadership program. A common thread of all three presentations was the exploration of what it means to be part of a professional educational community that extends beyond our own school.

At the start of a new year, reflecting on our common vision, purpose and culture as “a community of communities” is a good beginning. I know that there has been a great deal of exciting professional learning in our schools during the past week.

SPIRITUALITY FOR THE JOURNEY: During the break, like many of you, I managed to catch up on some reading. I came across an article from the National Catholic Reporter on Father Ron Rolheiser, a Canadian Oblate who, I believe, links the best of our Catholic tradition with human experience in a very balanced way.

At the end of the article he lists the 10 Major Faith and Ecclesial Struggles of our Age. These are all well worth pondering. Rolheiser also lists four “nonnegotiable essentials” of Christian spirituality:

  * Private prayer and private morality
    * A personal faith commitment
  * Social justice
    * A willingness to be people of mission who seek to change the world for the better
  * Mellowness of heart and spirit
    * A gentleness and humility
  * Community
    * as a constituent element of true worship.

As we journey into 2012 I believe it is worth keeping these in mind. Best wishes in your work as the school year begins and for your Australia Day celebrations later in the week.

Mr David Hutton
Executive Director

DO WHAT YOU CAN, WITH WHAT YOU HAVE, WHERE YOU ARE - THEODORE ROOSEVELT
Sport at Marymount College is already well underway for 2012 with preparation for the College Swimming Carnival and Interschool Sport season. The following are important dates to note:

1) Pre-Carnival lunch time swimming events at the college pool:
   - Mon 30th January - 100m Freestyle
   - Tues 31st January - 200m Freestyle
   - Wed 2nd February - 200m Individual Medley

2) Swimming training at the college pool - Monday 30th January, Tuesday 31st January, Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd February. Training commences at 7.15am and concludes by 8.00am.

3) Marymount College Annual Swimming Carnival at Miami Pool, Pizey Park - Friday 3rd February. Buses will leave the college at 8.30am and return at 2.30pm. Attendance is compulsory.

4) Interschool Sports Trials – Period 5 and 6, Thursday 9th February and Thursday 16th February. Practice round versus Aquinas College, Thursday 23rd February.

5) Round 1 Interschool Sport commences - Thursday 1st March

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**ARE YOU RECENTLY SEPARATED OR DIVORCED?**

Centacare – Clear Island Waters is conducting a “Divorce and Separation Recovery Workshop”, commencing Monday 6 February from 5.30pm to 7.30pm and continuing each Monday for 7 weeks.

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J-Day (Journalism)
7th, 14th and 21st February 2012

PR Day
17th February 2012

Criminology Day
2nd March 2012

Psych Day (Psychology)
9th March 2012

Always popular events, students are asked to register early to avoid disappointment. See the Marymount Careers Office for further details.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP

Many excellent opportunities currently exist for senior students interested in pursuing a School Based Traineeship. Many benefits apply, and friendly support is available to interested students and parents by contacting the Marymount College Careers Office today.

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TAFE QUEENSLAND

The 2012 TAFE Queensland Guide is now available from the Careers Office. Note: A “QR Code” (Quick Response) located on the hardcopy guide allows you to automatically load up the TAFE website using a mobile phone. Feel free to come and try this new technology out!

Palm Beach Netball sign on Saturday 28 January at 9am to 11am at Palm Beach Parklands (Pirate Ship park), Palm Beach in the meeting room next to the dune Cafe. New players welcome. Ages from 6 to seniors. See www.palmbeachnetball.org.au

Dear Parents,

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SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY - 11:00AM

Invite the whole family to come along if 2012 is a significant mile-stone anniversary for you. Father Peter Gablonski, Associate Pastor at Burleigh Heads Parish, will conclude the Liturgy with a renewal of your Marriage Vows.

We invite couples to bring a plate and stay awhile, to chat with other like-minded couples, over a BYO lunch on the verandah, Tea and coffee provided.

CONTACT & RSVP: Sue and Bren on 55224880

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**Term 2**
16 April
First day of term
22 June
Last day of term

**Term 3**
9 July
First day of term
21 September
Last day of term

**Term 4**
8 October
First day of term
7 December
Last day of term

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**Student-led tours of the College**

- Monday 13 February 5.30pm
- Monday 23 April 5.30pm
- Monday 16 July 5.30pm
- Monday 15 October 5.30pm

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**FINALLY ALL TOGETHER AT MARYMOUNT**

Mrs Grace McLintock is happy to announce that the day has finally arrived as all her children now attend Marymount. This is the only year when this event will occur. Jack heads into Year 12, Sam moves to Year 10, Jennaye begins Year 4, and Holly starts her schooling in Prep at Marymount Primary. See the picture on the left for their "last" first day ever!

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