Sometimes life seems too hard. We face pressure from competing priorities. The tension becomes unhealthy. We feel stressed. A hockey coach I had taught the team about pleasant tension – being relaxed but ready. The idea is to focus on priorities and make decisions. Stress came when we’ve failed to commit through lack of focus or failure to decide. Maintaining pleasant tension was effective in hockey games and works in most areas of life. To ease pressure and reduce stress, focus on priorities and make decisions. It’s not easy because it requires practice and discipline, but it is effective.

STATE ELECTION & CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Enclosed in our newsletter over coming weeks will be position papers about Closing the Funding Gap, Capital Funding, and Year 7 to Secondary. Catholic schools provide high quality education, challenge other schools to be better schools and produce outstanding Queensland and Australian Citizens. Our Christian world view contributes very significantly to our wonderful democracy. Parents already make a very substantial contribution to funding Catholic Schools, and the State Government should do more. The position papers provide details of our case and you are encouraged to raise this with candidates.

YEAR 12 RETREATS

I had cause to reflect a little differently about the retreats this time. So often my thoughts are about the opportunity they offer the students to: reflect on their life’s journey with people their own age; pause before the rush of assessment, formal, more assessment, QTAC decisions, graduation, and life after school; feel ok about themselves and give thanks to God. I caught a glimpse of uncertainty in the days before they left. A boy reluctant to go. A girl anxious about peer pressure.

Pressure, stress and decisions – what should a student do?

It struck me again, that often the hardest thing in life is to ‘turn up’. As I visited the Retreats it was very clear to see that the seniors were very pleased they did. They were enjoying their time away with their classmates. We are most grateful to the twenty teachers who volunteered to lead the Retreats and who gave so much to ensure a high quality personal spiritual experience for all who attended.

LENTEN FUNDRAISING

In addition to the invitation to personal prayer, reflection and ‘going without’ during Lent, we invite all to contribute to Project Compassion. This is a major fundraising effort to support Caritas Australia, the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia. Caritas works in over thirty countries including Timor Leste, Kenya, Peru, Australia and the Solomon Islands. By supporting Caritas we are supporting peace, justice and reconciliation. Caritas projects help people to help themselves. Learn more about Caritas at www.caritas.org.au. The efforts of Marymount students over many years have been extraordinary.

CHAMPIONS

Ian Thorpe, the Australian Swimming legend with five Olympic Gold Medals (three gold and two silver from Sydney 2000) will struggle to qualify for the London Olympics (27 Jul–12 August). Less than three weeks out from the eight day Olympic trials his performances in Zurich were disconcerting. Thorpe is just one of over a thousand Australian sports persons giving their all to qualify. More will miss out than will make the team but their effort, application and discipline over the years have shaped who they are.

We have individuals at Marymount, past and present, who are world class sports persons, who are a part of this story too. The message for all students is what we do, the choices we make, our effort and application, shape who we become. We will celebrate the Olympic champions in August, but if we look more closely at what students are doing every day, in sport, the Arts, and academically, we are surrounded by champions who take their inspiration from the Olympic Champions, Nobel Laureates, and yes, the Oscars.

ENHANCING OUR CATHOLIC IDENTITY SURVEY

A letter with instructions for parents will be sent home with the youngest child in the family. If you don’t receive this by Monday evening please phone reception.

A fridge magnet reminder will accompany the letter. It is a reminder only. Once you have done the survey send in your ticket for the draw for dinner for two at Little Truffle.

Thank you in anticipation of your survey response.

Mr Chris Noonan
Principal
**You are absent on the day of an exam**

Go to SAO at the start of your day back at school and make a time to complete your exam.

**If you want an appointment with the Counsellor/ Pastoral Coordinator/Learning Support Teacher etc.**

1. Approach the person concerned to make an appointment out of class time.
2. If your appointment is during class time you will be given a slip for your subject teacher requesting permission for you to leave.
3. Hand slip to your teacher prior to the appointment.
4. Appointments to see the Counsellor can also be made through SAO.

**You choose to go to RTC for misbehaviour**

If you choose to disrupt a class and therefore violate the rights of other students to learn:
1. You report to the Responsible Thinking Classroom
2. You develop a plan which will be negotiated with your teacher in order to return to class.

**You are out of uniform**

1. Bring a letter of explanation from your parent/guardian.
2. Have the letter signed by your Year Level Pastoral Coordinator before school and receive a variation slip.
3. Carry the variation slip with you until the uniform problem is resolved.

**You need money**

1. Speak with your Year Level Pastoral Coordinator.
2. If your Year Level Pastoral Coordinator is not available, go to the Main Office (money will only be lent for important situations e.g. bus fare and it must be returned the following day).

Mr Kyle Connor
Deputy Principal

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## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - SENIOR CURRICULUM

While the Year 12s are having a reprieve from academic work away on Retreat this week, it is business as usual for the rest of the school. Already we are past the half-way mark in the term. Assessment tasks are becoming more prevalent towards the end of the term, as units of work and unit programs draw to a close. Now is a timely reminder of our expectations regarding the completion of assessment tasks. As Year 11 and 12 is post-compulsory education, the level of seriousness to the completion of course work rises. Work in year 11 and 12 leads to certificates and assessment in particular. Please read carefully the Policy and Procedure statements in the Student Record book, pages (viii) and (ix).

In summary: (i) all assessment instruments must be completed by the student. (ii) All assessment tasks must be collated in student folios for the purposes of later moderation. (iii) If a student has a valid reason for missing assessment on the notified deadline / day advanced notice of a request must be made. A formal approval / response is given. (iv) Assignments must be presented via other means (electronically otherwise) if the student is not present on the day. (v) Exams and Tests cannot be taken in advance, for security and integrity of the process of testing other students. Students must sit the test as soon as practical on their return. (vi) Even with advanced notice, the College will reserve the right to include or not this piece of work’s result as part of the student’s overall academic achievement. (vii) If the reason for the absence is medical we expect a medical certificate will be presented. This too will remain on file with the piece of assessment. (viii) Unfortunately, extra holiday / vacation breaks taken during the school term are not considered valid reasons for being absent on formal assessment days. Such tasks will still need to be completed, in order to meet the QSA requirements; but will not be graded and included in the student’s overall results.

We must remain fair and equitable to all students and not advantage individuals who are unable to meet assessment deadline. It is for this reason we are consistent on the above requirements.

Exam Block commences on Friday 23rd March and concludes on Friday 30th March. A timetable will be distributed in two weeks.

Mr Peter Shaw
APA - Senior

The last two weeks saw the roll out of Macbooks to our Year 8 and 9 students. This is an exciting time for these students and the College has held a number of information sessions with them to ensure that they are used appropriately as an educational tool. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and guardians of the Year 8 and 9 cohorts who attended information evenings on successive Monday nights.

Marymount College appreciates your support and recognizes the importance of working in tandem with you to ensure educational success for our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and guardians of the procedures in place for students who are not wearing the College uniform correctly. When this occurs, a staff member will give the student a uniform detention slip. This alerts the student to the necessity to attend a lunchtime detention where they answer pertinent questions regarding the wearing of the College uniform. If the student chooses not to attend this detention, they are referred to the Responsible Thinking Classroom for not following correct procedures. Students who continually choose not to adhere to uniform standards will have their parents or guardians contacted and meetings will be required. I encourage all parents and guardians to discuss this process with their children.

I felt honoured to present badges to the elected members of the 2012 Student Teacher Advisory Council (STAC) at the full school assembly and am very excited by the plans that are being put in place for the Marymount College community. The 2012 STAC members are:

- Kate Coombes and Tommy Sheehan
  College Vice-Captains
- Tobias Cantoni and Monica Esmond
  Year 11 Representatives
- Liam Larkin and Sierra Sweeny
  Year 10 Representatives
- Chantelle Sia and Mitchell Cavanagh
  Year 9 Representatives

These students have been elected by their peers to this position and have pledged their commitment to serving the College in 2012. I wish them every success in their endeavours this year.

Mr Geoff Browne
APA - Pastoral

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - PASTORAL**

Mr Geoff Brown

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - JUNIOR CURRICULUM

On Tuesday all Year 8 students received their MacBooks and I was pleased to be part of the team of teachers who assisted the students to set up their computers so that they become an effective learning tool. All students now have access to the school email account (username@mybce.edu.au) and “student drives”. If your son or daughter does not have access to either of these they should seek assistance from the IT staff in the library or from their classroom teacher.

As we move into the busy second half of this term most learning areas will have assessment tasks set that are due over the next few weeks. Please be aware of the ‘assessment schedules’ that can be found on the school website and assessment policy that is on the website and in the student’s diary. Classroom teachers will pass on any changes to these schedules.


I am pleased to hear from Mrs Annette McMahon (Learning Support Coordinator) that the Year Eight debaters are preparing for their first debate on 14 March. I congratulate these students who have recognized their public speaking talents and are prepared to take this opportunity to develop them further.

Ms Marie Hansen
APA - Junior

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IDENTITY PROJECT:
The Enhancing Catholic Schools Identity Project is now open and we need everyone in the College community to respond. A true picture of who we are can only be identified if everyone participates. This is exciting for many reasons. Who are we as a Catholic school community at Marymount at this time in the 21st century?

YOUR RESPONSE IS NEEDED

The website for Enhancing Catholic Schools Identity Project is now open and all parents are asked to contribute their ideas and opinions on our religious values, our religious identity and the way in which this needs to be reflected in our learning and teaching.

The website will remain open until April 15. The school also has an opportunity for parents to contribute by accessing school facilities. All parents will notified by letter of the survey arrangements. The survey website address is www.schoolidentity.net/new.

At the time of writing this piece, 220 of us are on Retreat (Year 12 and teachers) and our theme is “Without You the Puzzle is Incomplete”. Ditto for this survey.

Our senior students have been exploring this theme for the past three days and it guided our Opening Liturgy preparation. I look forward to reading our results and sharing them.

Retreats have been very successful according to early reports. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Mrs Dolores Maitland
APRE

MASS TIMES

Infant Saviour
Burleigh Heads
Saturday 6.15pm
Sunday 7.00am

Calvary
Miami
Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 8.30am

Our Lady of the Way
Palm Beach
Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 7.00am

St Benedict’s
Mudgeeraba
Sunday 8.30am

Doyle Centre
Burleigh Waters
Sunday 10.00am
Sunday 5.30pm

PARENT/STUDENT/STAFF SURVEY

We will be sending home a fridge magnet to remind you to STOP and DO THE SURVEY. We want to emphasise how important it is to really know what each person thinks about the Catholic identity of Marymount College. It will help us to understand one another. It will tell us how differently individuals think. It will, if enough people JUST DO IT, give us a full picture.

There are a few parts to the survey and many items, and it will take 40 minutes to complete if a person gives their quick, first response. The idea is not to get “bogged down”, worrying about your responses. The survey is “taking a picture” and it will just capture each person’s thoughts at the moment in time they complete the survey. We need everyone to COMPLETE THE SURVEY if we are to get the FULL PICTURE. It is anonymous. Just do it and put your ticket of completion in the draw for the dinner for two. Thank you in anticipation.

MRS DOLORES MAITLAND
APRE

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we need you to
JUST DO IT
27/02/12 to 15/04/12

✅ Go to website www.schoolidentity.net/new/

✅ Do the survey (its anonymous)

✅ It’s challenging but don’t give up!

✅ Tell us what you really think!!

✅ Done the survey? Complete the ticket

✅ Drop the ticket into SAO

✅ Win dinner for two at Little Truffle ($150 gift voucher for students)

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SPORTS NEWS

RUGBY LEAGUE
The Open Rugby League teams have now started in the Gold Coast Titans Cup and Challenge Competitions. Their first games were this Monday night.

The 2nd XIII had their first hit-out of the season against Trinity College. While Mr Connor’s boys were defeated they showed plenty of promise for future matches. The team comprises boys from years 10-12 who with more time together will become a strong team equal to individual ability. It is good to see a number of these boys at morning Strength, Skills and Conditioning training.

The 1st XIII played a side from PBC SHS and defeated them 22-12. This was a good physical encounter where our defence was very solid and we had a few pieces of flair in attack. Jeremy Baker-Beaumont, Brandon Mahon-Arena and Josh Berkers, who registered a double, scored tries. Josh Langlands kicked well converting three from four attempts. The difference our work in the gym is doing is obvious in the way these boys are playing the game.

With a number of boys unavailable for selection at the moment both teams have had to ‘dig deep’ as reserves are limited. It will be interesting to see where those coming back try to fit into both line-ups.

For the next 3 weeks both teams will play on Monday nights at the Parkwood Sharks, Southport. The 1st XIII play at 5pm followed at 6pm by the 2nd XIII. Supporters are more than welcome – we hope to see you there.

AGCC INTERSCHOOL SPORT HAS BEGUN!
Yesterday saw the exciting commencement of Round 1 of our new interschool sport competition within the Association of Gold Coast Colleges sporting district. Other schools in the AGCC group include Aquinas College, Assisi Catholic College, Livingstone Christian College, St Andrews Lutheran College and St Michael’s College. This year all teams compete at designated central venues so travel to the same venue each week. Games commence at 1.00pm and conclude at around 2.20pm. All students have by now been told what uniform and safety equipment they require for their sport. A reminder to all girls’ soccer and boys’ futsal players that shin pads must be worn. Semester 1 interschool sport continues for ten rounds, followed by two weeks of finals. Best of luck to all of our teams!

Miss Cherie Andersen
Head of Sport

NETBALL NEWS
Trials for the U15 years team continue on Monday 5 March at 7.00am in the Doyle Centre. This will be the final trial for selection. Training for the Open Girls continues on Wednesdays at 6.45am.

Ms Kim Smith
Coach

AUSTRALIAN OPEN WATER SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
Two weekends ago, from the 17th – 19th February, Year 9 student, Greta Petersen, competed at the National Open Water Swimming Championships at the Champion Lakes Regatta Centre, Perth. In the 5km race Greta swam extremely well finishing 4th in her age group out of around 80 girls! Her time of 1.06.22 was only a couple of minutes behind the race winner’s time. CONGRATULATIONS Greta ON A MARVELLOUS RESULT!!!

Mr Jason Hamilton
1st XIII Coach

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LEARN AN INSTRUMENT

Marymount College has outstanding teachers available to teach instrumental lessons for students looking to learn and instrument. Currently the school has the following instruments available for loan:

1 x Trumpet  2 x Trombone
1 x Euphonium
1 x Baritone  1 x Alto Saxophone
1 x Flute  1 x Clarinet

If your child is interested in committing to learning one of these instruments for at least one whole year, please see Ms Meagan Pearse (Music/Instrumental Coordinator) to arrange lessons.

Instrumental lessons at the College cost $30 per half hour for an individual lesson. Marymount College follows the guidelines set by the Music Teachers Association of Queensland.

Students who learn an instrument may join the College Concert Band and Stage Band. They participate in eisteddfods and live performances throughout the year as well as attend the annual Music Camp. There is a performance levy to accompany this. Students in this program for 2 years are eligible for a music scholarship.

Instrumental Teacher Contact Details: If you want to learn an instrument, you can contact these teachers on the following numbers:

**Flute, Clarinet or Saxophone Lessons**
Jesse Green - 0425 123 161

**Guitar or Bass Guitar**
Andrew Mitchelson - 0431 741 489

**Drum Kit**
Cvitan Barac - 0408 722 539

**Singing/Vocal lessons**
Jamie Lee Wilson - 0425 143 395

Note: Currently our Piano/keyboard teacher Leisa Kirstein is on maternity leave. Whilst a supply teacher is teaching current students, Leisa will start new students in term 2. I will confirm a Brass Teacher in next week’s newsletter.

SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPIALIDOCIOUS

On 22 February the Year 11 and 12 Music Students travelled to Brisbane to see Mary Poppins the Musical. It is the biggest Musical production to hit Brisbane’s QPAC since WICKED in 2011 and the fantastic score, dancing and illusion contributed to an amazing production. We look forward to studying Music theatre later in term 2. In addition, this experience has inspired the staff and year 11 students ready for the next college Musical!

DONATIONS REQUESTED OF UNUSED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

During this season of Lent, the Marymount College Music Department is asking that you please donate any woodwind or brass instruments that are no longer being used.

The instruments will help provide opportunities for students to learn an instrument and participate in Concert Band and Stage Band. We can promise a safe and loving home where they will be regularly used and serviced. We thank you in advance for any donations received!

Ms Meagan Pearse
Music/Instrumental Music Coordinator

Homework Club will resume for 2012 in week 3 (Thursday, February 9) and continue each Thursday from 3.10 pm till 4.30 pm in the library.

It is a great opportunity for students to seek assistance with homework and assignments or access the library facilities after school under the supervision of three Learning Support teachers.

For further information, contact the Learning Support Centre.

Annette McMahon
Learning Support Coordinator

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Ryan Grant, a Hospitality student in yr 11, has entered the National 'Cook for your Career' competition. He has passed through the first phase and is now our very own Queensland State Finalist. We are asking the whole school body of Marymount College and Primary to show our support for Ryan.

**VOTE 1 FOR RYAN GRANT**

...to get Ryan through to the final stage, where the two entrants with the most votes will move onto the Grand Final Cook-Off. His mum, Michaela has forwarded the unique URL below to send to friends and family to get them voting for **RYAN GRANT** – Queensland state finalist in the Cook For Your Career competition.


Everyone who ‘Likes’ their favourite entrant will go into a prize-draw to win the opportunity to participate as a guest judge at the Grand Finale Cook-Off at the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival. This is very exciting for our budding Chef Ryan. He has been a delight to teach this year in the kitchen, very respectful, positive and an excellent team member – very keen to assist his peers. In regards to his Industry experience, Ryan is currently a trainee at Little Truffle Restaurant, being mentored by Chef Daniel Ridgeway who is a true expert in the field of competitions and Ryan is extremely lucky to be learning under his watchful eye. Spread the word and let’s get our Queenslander to the Grand Final.

Mrs Jane Greffe
Hospitality & Home Economics Teacher

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When the National Year of Reading was launched on February 14th – Library Lovers Day! – we decided to celebrate in the Library with a Valentine’s display and competition.

**WE NEED YOUR VOTES ON FACEBOOK...**

Skylar Perkins from Year 9 was the winner of a $20 book voucher for being one of those brave readers who went on a Blind Date with a Book. The students chose a decorated envelope which held a novel – a lucky dip for readers.

Check out the National Year of Reading website http://www.love2read.org.au/ where you’ll also find details of the Read This competition.

March has the theme of THINK, so the students will be encouraged to answer questions on a display of books to make them think about their world!

Mrs Janet Cartlidge
Teacher Librarian

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Library
Welcome to Marymount College

I am the Home/School Liaison and my role is to make contact with all the families who are new to the College from Years Eight through to Twelve. I have just completed my contacts with the new parents from years 9 to 12 and have now commenced my contacts with the parents of year 8.

I enjoyed an initial contact with the 20 parents who stayed behind for a 'cup of tea' and chat on Tuesday 24th January as you waited anxiously for your child to have their first full taste of College life. It was lovely seeing many new faces and a few who had their last child coming in, one who now has all four through the levels!

The parents who stayed behind enjoyed speaking to Fr Pat, Mr Chris Noonan and our College counsellors. This was a great informal way of getting a glimpse into College life.

Another occasion was our P and F Welcome Barbecue on Friday 17th February. Here again, I got to speak to many of our new parents and it was a nice turn out. Due to our busy lives, it is difficult to attend many functions and that is why I appreciate the time that you give me when I contact you. My phone call is short and it is to ensure that you and your child are happy and that transition into College life is going well. This communication is confidential and invaluable in assisting us to understand more fully the needs of the student.

Our very supportive Parent Group will be meeting for an informal luncheon on Wednesday March 21st at 12:30 at the Lake Cafe and Bar in Varsity Lakes. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet like parents from all year levels and to form a very supportive parent base. We meet at various local venues once a term...please also keep free Wednesday May 23rd for our Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. Our Home Economics Department and students create an amazing Morning Tea in support of The Cancer Foundation. The ambience and fine food need to be seen to be appreciated!

Please feel free to contact the College and leave a message for me if you feel the need prior to my initial contact. I look forward to hearing from each of you either to help with queries or just for a supportive 'hello'.

Ms Norette Mitchell
Home School Liaison

Voice of Youth

Voice of Youth is a prestigious public speaking competition which is held in every state of Australia. It is the only national level competition in this country that is open to students at all year levels.

Any Marymount College student who is interested in public speaking would be well advised to enter the competition as it provides excellent experience in developing speaking and communication skills.

Students at all year levels have been informed about the competition through the daily notices, and already a pleasing number have indicated that they will be entrants this year.

All students who are interested, but who have not yet received information sheets, still have the opportunity to enter the competition. They will be most welcome, but will need to act quickly as all entrants will be expected to start preparing speeches by the end of this week.

Drafts of speeches will be required by March 15th. For further information, students should enquire at SAO.

Mr Bill Bruce
Public Speaking Coordinator

Authority to Administer Paracetamol Form

Until the completed form is received, the College is unable to administer paracetamol of any type to students. The form is available from SAO or via the College website www.marymount.qld.edu.au.

Did you know that we offer a number of different advertisement options to meet your ongoing advertising needs?

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**QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE**

**YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE**

Applications are now open for Year 12 students interested in applying for Work Experience with the Queensland Police Service. Places are limited and intake is very competitive. Placements are only available throughout the following weeks:

- 25th June - 29th June
- 2nd July - 6th July
- 9th July - 13th July

For full application details, please see the Marymount College Careers Office. Note: Applications close 5pm, Friday, 27th April 2012.

**BOND UNIVERSITY BUSINESS EXPERIENCE WEEK**

The Faculty of Business is holding 3 student experience days in March for students looking to get a better understanding of the careers path they are interested in taking. Year 11 and 12 students are invited to attend a day of their choice and participate in interactive sessions and activities hosted by Bond Academics.

**COMMERCE DAY - TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH**

(Accounting, Finance, Economics & Info Security)

**MANAGEMENT DAY - WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH**

(Int’l Business, Management, Social Media & Mktg)

**EVENTS, HOTELS & TOURISM - THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH**

To register or for further details, email afujino@bond.edu.au or phone: 55 953569.

**2012 DEFENCE TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS) is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students, intending to pursue an ADF general entry technical trade career after completing Year 12. The DTS rewards technically-savvy students for staying on at school and enrolling in specific subjects.

Year 11 recipients will receive $2000, and Year 12 students will receive $3000. Although there is no obligation to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after finishing school, you will be required to tell us why you are interested in an ADF technical trade career as part of the selection process. A reminder that applications are currently being accepted with the deadline being 9th March. See the Marymount College Careers Office or visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/DTS for further details.

**CATCHING UP WITH KATE DELANEY**

The “wet” hasn’t been too wet this year, but it may be a late starter as the skies have just opened up and it looks like it’s set in. I’m really disappointed because I was supposed to go hunting for the Eungella honeyeater tomorrow but that won’t happen in this weather.

Here’s my story.... I left Marymount in 1999, and a few years later I graduated Uni with a Bachelor of Science majoring in Environmental Science and Wildlife Management. After Uni, I was hired as marine biologist on a cruise boat in the Whitsundays and spent 4 hours a day snorkelling for 8 months. While the lifestyle was fantastic it certainly wasn’t a “career move”. I thought it was time to grow up and get a real job so I applied, unsuccessfully, for a position in the lab of the Proserpine Sugar Mill. After that I ended up back on the Goldie, scratching my head and not too sure what to do.

I made a decision to go to the mines and “beat the beast” from the inside. I landed a cleaning job in Dysart, a mining town in the Bowen Basin. The Bowen Basin is a major source of high quality coking coal and I figured I’d get myself out there as I would be more employable if I was in the area. Shortly after I made this decision, I was offered a job with an environmental consulting firm on the Gold Coast. The position was similar to the jobs I would be applying for in the mines so I thought it would be wise to get the experience.

Six months later I decided sampling ground water and walking around landfill sites wasn’t something I wished to pursue, so I quit and went to volunteer with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service. And so begins my love affair with crocodiles and cassowaries. I worked with these beasts in captivity at David Fleay Wildlife Park, and this gave me a good understanding of the biology of the animals. I gradually worked my way north with Parks and landed the Senior Ranger role for Wildlife Operations in Mackay. It is a really diverse role and includes managing flying fox colonies, crocodile management, working with mining companies on new development applications, fauna management on mine sites and clearing native vegetation.

I was the youngest Senior Ranger in the state when I was first employed and definitely felt like I had bitten off more than I could chew. During my first week I was out at night by myself looking for a rather large croc from the banks of “Constant Creek”, which is in the middle of nowhere. Working with wild crocs gave me a new respect for them; they’re an animal that I will never get bored with.

A benefit of working with the Government is that you can leave your permanent position, act in another position and return to your substantive. Last year I wanted a new challenge and moved to Innisfail to lead the Cassowary Response Program, a program that managed the Wet Tropics population of southern cassowaries following TC Yasi. It stripped the rainforest of flowers, fruits and seeds leaving the local cassowaries hungry and on the hunt for food in all the wrong places. Similarly as with crocs, working with these big black chooks in the wild gave me a new respect for their strength and their love of food. We set up a feeding program that covered 150 kilometres of the “Cassowary Coast” and had a peak of 107 feeding stations that were getting 7kgs of fruit every day… A whopping 4 ½ tonnes of fruit every week! It was a logistical nightmare at times but a great project to work on. I also increased my experience in media interviews, managing a multi-million dollar project, leading a team of ten staff members, volunteers and contractors and meeting government ministers to discuss the project.

I am getting “itchy feet” again and looking for another big challenge but I’ve made some life long mates and memories working with QPWS and it’s definitely an occupation animal lovers should have a crack at.
Key Issue: Closing the Funding Gap

Seeking increased State government recurrent funding to help close the gap between funding provided to State schools and that provided to Catholic schools

The Catholic schooling sector on average is the lowest resourced of the three schooling sectors in Queensland and Australia. When parent contributions are taken into account, total net average annual recurrent income per student in Australian schools is:

- Independent Sector: $13,711
- State Sector: $11,132
- Catholic Sector: $10,008
- Queensland Catholic Sector: $9,655

State government funding is currently provided to Queensland Catholic schools as a percentage of the cost of educating a student in a State school. This is called the basket/nexus funding rate and it is currently set at about 21%.

To help close the gap between the level of resourcing received by State schools and that received by Catholic schools, the Catholic sector is seeking a 1% increase in the basket/nexus funding rate each year for the next four years to bring it to 25% of the cost of educating a student in a State school by 2015.

A 1% increase in the basket/nexus rate for Catholic schools (based on 2010 figures) would deliver around $14.5 million or an additional $108 per student to the Catholic sector in the first year.

This increase would bring Queensland into line with other States that typically have the nexus rate set at least at 25%.
PARISH NOTICES

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP
Thursdays in the Infant Saviour meeting room.
Call Paul on 5593 3794.

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MARYMOUNT PARENT & CARERS GROUP

WHAT IS THE MARYMOUNT PARENT & CARERS GROUP?
The Marymount Parent Group is organised by parents and carers of students from Marymount College. As our children become more independent there are fewer opportunities for parents and carers to get together socially. The group is a great way to meet and catch up with other parents from the college in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

WHEN AND WHERE DOES THE GROUP MEET?
We generally meet for lunch once a term, and like to support local businesses by selecting a venue close to the school. All are welcome and if you would like to bring a friend by all means please do. Norette Mitchell, Marymount’s Home/School Liaison usually attends along with some of the College Counsellors.

HOW CAN I BE CONTACTED ABOUT THE GROUP?
All our lunch dates and details are published in the College newsletter. If you would like to be placed on our email list and be notified personally, please contact Leesa or Tracy.

Leesa – heggiesmail@gmail.com - 041879994
Tracy – tracyfitz04@yahoo.com.au

Listed below are the groups proposed dates and venues for 2012. Our 1st lunch is two weeks away on Wednesday March 21. All these details will be confirmed in the College newsletter closer to the date. Please check the newsletter incase of any changes.

TERM 1 - WEDNESDAY MARCH 21, 12.30PM
Where: Lake Cafe & Bar, Delfin House, 235 Varsity Parade, Varsity Lakes - RSVP: 19/3
Leesa – heggiesmail@gmail.com - 041879994
Tracy – tracyfitz04@yahoo.com.au

TERM 2 - WEDNESDAY MAY 23, 10.30AM (TBC)
Where: Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea, Marymount College Home Ec. Department - Cost: Donation - RSVP: 18/5
Leesa – heggiesmail@gmail.com - 041879994
Tracy – tracyfitz04@yahoo.com.au

TERM 3 - THURSDAY SEPT 13, 12.30PM
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Tracy – tracyfitz04@yahoo.com.au

TERM 4 - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 23, 12.30PM
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