END OF TERM EXAMS AND ASSESSMENT

It can be easy to look ahead to Easter and the holiday break and forget the hard work and application required for success with exams and assignments. We talk about ‘cramming’ for exams because that’s what good students do. ‘Cramming’ involves: redoing class work, homework tasks and exercises; studying notes and handouts, including writing out the more important notes again; working with friends on revision sheets and tasks set by teachers. To ‘cram’ requires organisation so that we have all the classwork and notes, even for lessons missed due to absence from school. These won’t be in our notebooks or on a laptop unless we put them there during the term. However, the work-covered needs to be understood and available from our minds. We have to ‘upload’ this work from our notebooks and laptops, into our minds. Old fashioned studying or ‘cramming’ still has a place in the life of a 21st century student who expects to do well in end of term assessment.

JAPAN TOUR BEGINS 31ST MARCH

We wish Ms Aki, Mr Segal and the 15 students well as they make final preparations for their trip to Japan. This tour is possible because Ms Aki is committed to her students and the success of the College Japanese Program. The faithful support of parents and students, who were denied their trip to Japan in 2011 following the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear plant disaster, has also been important to this tour going ahead in 2012.

TERM 1 REPORTS

Term 1 reports will be mailed home on Friday 30 March. These reports will be formatted as previously. They are interim reports based on classroom work and some term 1 assessment. Results of assessment completed in the final week of term 1 will be available at the time of parent/teacher interviews on 24 April, 1.00pm - 6.00pm. Details for booking these interviews will be included with term 1 reports.

END SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

These reports are mailed home at the end of term 2. These reports will be in a changed format to previous end of semester reports as a result of software changes associated with eMinerva. We are currently negotiating our way through the changes necessary because of this software and staff are re-working the comment database. It has been an involved process in preparation for the new reporting format.

NO EKKA HOLIDAY FOR GOLD COAST SCHOOLS ON 15/08/12

We received confirmation this week that the changes to Easter holidays for school were made possible as a result of the end of the Ministerial Show Holiday for Education Queensland Schools. Marymount College has previously taken this holiday on the Ekka holiday. Our calendar records the Brisbane Show (Ekka) holiday as 15 August 2012. This day will NOT be a school holiday. Classes will be held and all students are required at school. The extra day to give all a two week Easter break appears to have come from this change. Certainly having the two week Easter break is worth forgoing this holiday, even though the communication about the connection between the two could have been clearer.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY SURVEY

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and then enter the draw for dinner for two at Little Truffle restaurant, by posting your entry into the box in SAO. Contact SAO on 55861006 if you require the password.

JUNIOR DEBATING AT THE COLLEGE

The College is hosting Junior Debating again this year. This week saw the first round of competition with debaters arriving at the College for the start of debates at 6.00pm. Our appreciation to Mrs Annette McMahon for her work coordinating the debates and attending to visitors each round. Congratulations to Jack McLintock and Kate Coombes who, after many years of experience as debaters, have taken on the role of adjudicators in this competition. Janie-Marie Burgess continues to assist Mrs McMahon as coach of one of our junior teams.

Mr Chris Noonan
Principal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - SENIOR CURRICULUM

Are you able to access educational websites for free? Here is a tip for getting on line tutoring and other education support without paying the usual download fees. Check with your local library. Councils regularly pay for site licences and download fees and these are then available to members of the library. You will need to join up if you are not currently a member. Contact them to see which ones are available to you.

Exam block for Year 11 and 12 students starts on Friday 23rd March and continues until the final day of the term. The exam block will commence with a University Expo and presentation on Friday 23rd March 9am. All senior students are expected to attend.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - JUNIOR CURRICULUM

Interim Term Reports: On Friday March 30th, interim reports will be posted home. These reports will indicate how well the students have settled into good study habits this year and I encourage parents to take the opportunity to meet with their teachers and discuss their son’s or daughter’s progress at the Parent Teacher evening on Tuesday 24 April from 1pm.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - PASTORAL

The Responsible Thinking Process (RTP) provides the framework for the behaviour management policy of Marymount College. The aim of the process is to achieve disruption free classrooms and safe school grounds.

RTP has one basic rule, which is: “No one has the right to violate the rights of others.”

At Marymount College, this means a teacher’s right to teach and a student’s right to learn cannot be disturbed by the actions of others. In the playground, this means that every student’s right to feel safe and free from harm or harassment cannot be threatened by others. In our school community, this means that all people, including students, who work in, or who support our school, have the right to be treated respectfully.

The Responsible Thinking Process emphasizes that we are each responsible for our own behaviour. When a disruptive incident occurs, students at Marymount College will firstly be reminded of the College rules and expectations and given a choice as to where they want to be; either in the classroom or playground following the accepted rules, or in the Responsible Thinking Classroom (RTC).

If, after this reminder, there is a further disruption or breach of rules, the student loses the right to be in the classroom or playground and has chosen, by his / her behaviour, to go to the RTC.

Students in the RTC are required to complete a plan of action, which will assist them in being successful within the classroom. Time spent in the RTC is reflective time and there can be no disruptions to this process. Therefore, any student who chooses to continue in a disruptive or disrespectful manner within the RTC will be sent home. A parent or caregiver will be contacted and asked to pick up the student and return to the College will be discussed at a return to school interview.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St Patrick’s Day is on once again at the College and the green is being paraded in all shades and patterns. It is associated with the shamrock which is one of the most revered symbols of Ireland. This tiny little plant has a very spiritual meaning for the Irish. According to the ancient stories it was the shamrock which Patrick used to teach the concept of the Blessed Trinity to the people who, at that time, were Druids and with that had quite a few gods on their list. He used the idea of “three in one” and since that time despite war, suffering, persecution and hardship the Irish have held on to their strong faith; the same faith which arrived in Australia with the First Fleet. As we celebrate St Patrick’s Day we may thank God for the gift of our own faith and may we be strong, when challenged, as Patrick was when he was kidnapped and taken into slavery and returned to his captors as a missionary to bring them the greatest gift of all. Proceeds from our free dress day and all the fun activities will go, of course, to Project Compassion.

As the end of term draws near all students have Religious Education assignments due. These are always interesting for students and parents and so I encourage you again to have a look at the work your son/daughter is doing. The use of technology in school brings a very different and novel dimension to all our work.

A steady stream of tickets has been deposited in the BIG COLOURED boxes at SAO. These have come from students and parents who have completed the Enhancing Catholic Schools Identity project survey. If you haven’t done so yet just do it and send in the ticket. Answering the questions has been a learning experience itself for the students.

Enjoy the abridged version of The Deer’s Cry on the front page.

Mr Geoff Browne
APA - Pastoral

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - APRE

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Appointments can be made online from Monday 16th April. It is expected that the student accompanies their parents to the meeting.

Ms Marie Hansen
APA - Junior

COMPASSION

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Mrs Dolores Maitland
APRE
MARYMOUNT ART SHOW 2012

Organisation for the 11th Biennial Art show is underway. This event is held to raise money to aid in the education of Marymount students from Prep to Year 12.

Please take note of the meeting dates. Meetings start at 6:00pm and are held in the College Meeting Room and we aim to finish by 7:00pm.

It is a great bunch of parents involved in organising the event and if you would like to join us we would love to see you!

2012 MEETING DATES:
28 March - 18 April - 2 May
6 June - 20 June - 11 July
18 July - 25 July - 1 August
CLAIRVAUX MCKILLOP 9-A-SIDE

On Saturday 10 March, 13 Year 9 boys made their way to Brisbane for the annual Clairvaux McKillop 9-a-side Rugby League tournament. The Marymount team was placed in a tough pool with Clairvaux McKillop and Chisholm College. After a good warm-up the crowd started to talk about the Marymount side as their ball skills during the warm-up were very impressive. The team went through the pool stage of the competition with two hard-fought victories with an 8 – 6 win over Clairvaux McKillop and a 14 – 10 win over a big, strong Chisholm side. By this stage other teams in the competition were eyeing off Marymount as they portrayed a well-drilled, exciting team, which could cause many headaches in the finals.

After the completion of the pool stage, Marymount were placed in the Bowl competition, on for and against percentage. This pitted them against Clairvaux McKillop in the semi-final and Marymount came out on top with an 18 – 0 score line. The Grand Final was played against St Thomas More and once again Marymount dazzled the large crowd and came out on top 20 – 4. This meant that Marymount College finished the day undefeated and the Bowl Champions. Keim Baxter was named player of the tournament, which was a well-deserved accolade.

Congratulations to the 13 boys who played and demonstrated every quality that is expected from a Marymount team. Behaviour, manners and fair play were never brought into question, which helped make the tournament extremely successful. Thank you to Mr Aaron Turner who worked with the team throughout the day as the boys could not have represented Marymount College without his support.

Mr Geoff Browne

GOLD COAST UNITED

We desperately need a BIG crowd at our next (last?) two home matches. Both SUNDAYS - 18TH & 25TH MARCH. Both 5.30 pm KOs v Perth then the M1 Derby v Roar.

We need to demonstrate to FFA that there is a fan base here and they need a club on the Gold Coast - Australia’s 6th largest city, fastest growing region & tourist mecca.

Come on GC football people - get behind your team! See you there. GO GCU. YNWA!

MARYMOUNT SPORTS NEWS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:
Congratulations to Year 8 student, Jack Adams, for his selection in the Queensland Track and Field Team. Jack will compete in the 3000m running event at the National Track and Field Championships at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush, from the 14th – 18th March. We wish him all the very best!

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:
Congratulations to Year 8 students, Claudia-Rose Slaven and Luke Pearce, and Year 9 students Greta Petersen, Daniel Elliot-Serafin, Jordan Browne and Julien Roberts for their selection in the South Coast Swimming Team. These students will compete in numerous events at the Queensland State Secondary Schools Swimming Championships to be held at the Sleeman Sports Complex, Chandler from the 22nd – 24th March.

Best of luck to you all!

Miss Cherie Andersen
Head of Sport
1ST XIII RUGBY LEAGUE

Round 3 of the Gold Coast Titans Cup saw us return to the Parkwood Sharks grounds for a match against Coombabah SHS. With a number of injuries to some key players and a few others still unavailable due to other commitments the team knew they would need to be ‘on their game’ for this one. The work the boys have been doing at training has certainly started paying dividends across the field. While there are obvious improvements in the strength and size of the squad we are now starting to see the speed and skill of a number of individuals really lift. This gives each boy added confidence. The team in general is developing a ‘shape’ both in defence and attack that is pleasing. The test will be if that ‘shape’ can be maintained as the weeks progress and the opposition also improves. The goal of Confraternity Rugby League is still 13 weeks away!!!

On Monday night we started well with a converted try from the first set of six. Unfortunately this was followed by a period where we completed none of the following five sets in possession. Defence was sound with only one lapse to gift Coombabah with a try and conversion. That woke the Blue Boys up and they crossed three more times in the first half for tries, each of which was converted. At half-time the score was 24-6 (First –half points: Tries – Josh Berkers, Dylan Mathers, Max Reddy, Josh Langlands. Goals – Langlands 4/4).

After a relaxed half-time the boys went out and continued the job. Whilst not as many points were scored the opposition was kept scoreless. This was a goal achieved. While a number of regular 1st XIII players were given a well-earned rest their places were taken by reserves from the 2nds. These boys did well and show us some pleasing depth across both teams. (Second-half points: Tries – Taylor Davies, Quinn Faamausili. Goals – Langlands 0/1, Berkers 1/1).

In the end Marymount ran out winners, 34-6.

Next Monday nights games are again at Parkwood. The 2nd XIII play Varsity College at 6pm and the 1st XIII play Keebra Park SHS at 5pm. Spectators are most welcome to attend and their support is always appreciated.

Mr Jason Hamilton
1st XIII Coach

PLAYER PROFILE - RUGBY LEAGUE

Name: Brandon Garrick
Height: 184cm
Weight: 110kg
Position: Prop

Highest Achievement playing rugby league at Marymount?
Starting prop for the A’s and scoring the winning try.

Favourite Confraternity player from previous years?
Sam King.

What are your goals for this season?
To be the starting prop at Confrro.

What has Hammo’s hardest punishment been?
One of the first training sessions for Confrro. Heaps were late and we had to do a 400m sprint.

Why do you play Rugby League at Marymount?
It’s a great competition and heaps of fun. Hammo makes it into a good challenge.

Darcy Gunning
Rugby League Student Reporter

PALM BEACH JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL

Palm Beach Junior Touch Football Winter Competition commences Friday 20 April until 22 June.

Under 8,10,12,14,16 Boys & Girls. Sign on Fri 16 & Fri 23 March at 4.30 -6pm at Mallawa Drive, Palm Beach.

For more info call Jim on 0402 170 784.

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FROM THE EDITOR

In a wonderful little book entitled Walk Tall by Anthony Gunn, I came across this reflection.

Who’s controlling your dreams? Other people will often be quick to crush your ideas, telling you why they won’t work. To agree and succumb to others’ negativity is giving them permission to control your dreams. Remember, no one can take away ownership of your dreams unless you allow it. Who is in control of yours?

“People too weak to follow their own dreams will always find a way to discourage yours.” ANONYMOUS

Our student reporters this week have not only covered, but also immersed themselves in the various activities and opportunities open to them. Their stories make inspirational reading!

Irene Scott
Yearbook Editor / Year 12 Assistant Coordinator

The Year Ten Times
News from Year 10 at Marymount College as reported by the Year 10 Student Reporters

REFLECTION DAY
Saying goodbye is a hard thing to do. We have all had to do it at some point in our lives though, and for the Grade 10s at Marymount College, 2012 was the year to say goodbye to our beloved Reflection Day. Yes, that’s right, last Wednesday was our last time. Last time to spend the day in free dress, going to Bond University, having to pick a partner of the opposite sex whom we did not know, getting up to sing even though you know you are terrible (okay, no one will miss that), talking about ourselves as a grade; the struggles we face and what we wish to change. We will miss our facilitator, Michael Fitzpatrick who has been, for some, like a guidance counsellor, and for others just some really good entertainment over the years. However, this year was our last, our time to really get our feelings out or do something brave and many, many of us did that. Whether it was getting up to sing a quirky rendition of an Avril Lavigne song, or just getting up to speak in front of the grade, so many people used this Reflection Day as a time to face their fears, cross boundaries and step outside their comfort zone. So, I am sad to say that, even though I enjoyed the day tremendously, we have been to our last Reflection Day. However, on the bright side, we still have two more years of incredible Retreats. Thank goodness.

Maddie Dick
Year 10 reporter

GIRLS AFL
If you had gone to Broadbeach Cats AFL Club, last Thursday, I can almost guarantee you would have been shocked with the sight that greeted you. More than 7 different schools, some with a number of teams, were participating in the long awaited, annual, very competitive Girls 9-a-side AFL competition. This year there were two age groups Junior (years 8 and 9) and Senior (years 10, 11 and 12) and within those age groups, a number of different pools. Marymount was fortunate enough to have 4 teams enter the competition this year, however we were unable to achieve any progress through to the next round. What we did achieve was a lot of fun, had by all the girls and our 4 fantastic coaches, Mr Spilsted, Mr Carroll, Kaylene and Mr Larkin. We played 4 games, each with 12 minute halves, and yes, it was with full contact. So lots of tackling, pushing, shoving, as well as kicking and passing could be seen. I think a highlighted moment was when 2 of the Senior Marymount teams had to play each other; we may be friends off the field, but on field... Well this is AFL after all!

Maddie Dick
Year 10 reporter

STUDENT COUNCIL
Six students, all wearing the College blazers and one teacher left Marymount College last Friday, early in the morning about to visit the official Council Chambers to attend the very first meeting of the year for the Gold Coast’s Junior Council. Ayla Beaufils, Tara Byrne and Scott Casselle from Grade 11 and Tom Marais, Nikara Rangesh and I from Grade 10, accompanied by Mr Kelleher, took part in the Junior Council conference, where we met a number of different students from many different schools all over the coast taking part in this incredible group, passionate about making a change in our youth. We were led by a team of executives including a Junior Mayor, and were fortunate enough to see the friendly faces of our Vice Captain, Kate Coombes, and Tom Lock who were part of last year’s team of executives. However, as part of the meeting, we listened and voted for new members for the team, and our very own Ayla Beaufils now joins students from a few other schools, as an Executive of the Junior Council. It was both an inspiring and fun day; I definitely learnt a lot, and am thrilled to be part of a group so willing and keen to help our community change for the better and make our difference in our world today.

Maddie Dick
Year 10 reporter

JUNIOR COUNCIL
Last Friday, I travelled to the Gold Coast City Council chambers with Mr Kelleher, 2 other students from my grade, and 3 students from the grade above, to participate in my first Junior Council meeting.

Junior Council is run by the Gold Coast City Council and is all about getting youth all over the Gold Coast to come together and voice their opinions about how to make the Gold Coast a better place. I believe that it is important to get youth involved and to keep up their interests in local affairs. After all, the youth of today are the future of tomorrow.

Friday’s meeting showed that I’m not the only one who feels this way, with 96 students present from over 20 different schools. We were told that it was one of the biggest meetings ever held.

We spent the first half of the day getting to know each other and learning more about what Junior Council was all about. I talked to many different students from other schools and it was great to get to know so many different people. Everyone was really friendly and that made the day even better; being a part of such an interested and passionate group of students.

The second half of the day was spent listening to speeches that were presented by different students running for Junior Mayor or executive positions. We got to vote on whom we thought most deserved the position and it was hard to decide between so many capable individuals. One of Marymount’s own students, Ayla Beaufils, was voted in as one of the Executive team members.

Overall, it was a great day and I am definitely looking forward to participating more in Junior Council. Hopefully I will be able to meet some more new people and be a part of giving the Gold Coast a better future.

Nikara Rangesh
Year 10 reporter
**STUDENT CHEF WHIPS UP STORM**

The knives were out and the ingredients were flying everywhere as the *Host Plus Cook For Your Career* competition entered its final round last weekend. After battling through many stages of tough competition, 2 finalists from across the country battled it out for the ultimate prize.

Representing Queensland in the competition is local high-school student and apprentice chef, Ryan Grant. Ryan has been involved in the culinary scene for some time. Having earned a traineeship under Daniel Ridgeway of Little Truffle Restaurant, he has demonstrated extreme dedication to his profession and represented himself in a highly professional manner. Throughout the challenge Ryan has had the encouragement of many industry professionals, leaving no doubt in his mind that a career as a chef is definitely a path worth pursuing.

When asked about why he should win the apprenticeship, Ryan said “I believe that I have the passion, commitment, strong work ethic and dedication required to win an apprenticeship with ARIA. My goal is to excel in anything that I attempt to do, giving 150%. Winning an apprenticeship would allow me the opportunity to then pursue my chosen career.”

With Ryan making it to the Grand Final, he and his family will fly down to Melbourne over the weekend, to compete in the Grand Final. At the Grand Final, a live cooking event at the prestigious Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, Ryan will present his food to a panel of leading chefs and industry leaders who make up the judging panel. The prize on offer being an apprenticeship at one of Australia’s leading restaurants. We wish Ryan every success.

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**YEAR 11 IKEA BUSINESS VISIT**

The deep blue and vibrant gold exterior of the massive building literally shone as the bus pulled into the car park of IKEA Logan. Off campus to take a look at the unique entrepreneurial style in which IKEA is operated, the year 11 BOM and BCT students relished the opportunity to get out of the constraints of the classroom. On this rare occasion students were able to get out into the real world and see how the principles being studied in class can be applied in the real world.

Supervised by the Business Department Staff, students split into small groups and completed a set of activities spanning across all 29,000 square metres of the incredibly large retail store. Throughout the course of the day, many also became quite hungry and got a chance to field test the legendary IKEA restaurant. As students completed the activity they came to realize the many important strategies the minds behind IKEA use, to enhance the customer experience as well as maximizing effectiveness and efficiency.

After completing the 1.6km hike through the winding maze that is the market hall, students were very pleased with themselves and the hard day’s work they had put in. Very special thanks to Ms. Colleen Organ and Ms. Chris Normile who facilitated the trip. All involved greatly appreciated the chance to get out and about in a subject, which is traditionally classroom only.

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**CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION 2012**

Four students (including myself) went to Griffith University to participate in the Gold Coast region’s Constitutional Convention. Our team, which consisted of our speaker Tobias Cantoni, Monnie Esmond, Fiona Kath and I, debated the topic of whether Australia should be a republic or stick to the status quo by keeping the monarchy. We decided to side with keeping the monarchy in our arguments.
UNIVERSITY SHOWCASE 2012
Coming to the Doyle Centre
FRIDAY 23 MARCH - 9AM TO 10.30AM

Year 12s: Although preparation for University/TAFE courses started back in Year 10 when you received your QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre) Prerequisites 2013 book, the annual University Showcase is the first opportunity this year to have many of your questions about the years ahead answered in person.

Representatives from Australian Catholic University, Bond, Central Queensland, Gold Coast Institute of TAFE, Griffith, James Cook, Southern Cross and University of the Sunshine Coast will be there. This is a very important opportunity to listen to all sorts of practical advise about life after Marymount College and then to circulate around the mini-expo and pick up guides and ask your own questions.

Although this year’s event is on the first day of block exams all Year 12s should attend and the importance of this visit is underlined by the fact that it has been given priority at this time.

Mr Michael Murtagh
Vocational Education and Careers Coordinator

FROM THE COORDINATORS

READ/STUDY WITH ACTION: Many people read without applying what they have learnt. Students need to pay careful attention to the required tasks in each of their assessment pieces. Making a submission that contains irrelevant material is almost as bad as not handing in the assignment! It is not about handing in something – it is about making the effort and submitting the best possible work for each subject. When given an opportunity to select topics, choose areas that are of interest, that make you want to know more. These are precious opportunities to expand knowledge with interest and passion. Act upon it.

As Confucius put it: ‘I hear and forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.’

JERSEYS: We remind students that these jerseys are to be worn only on sports days (Thursday). They are not part of the day uniform for Marymount College.

UNIFORM: Adherence to the school policy on uniforms appears to have its own individual interpretation! Once again, students are reminded that make-up, unnaturally coloured hair, multiple earrings and other accessories are not part of the College uniform. Boys, who choose to wear ties this term, are expected to wear them correctly – fitting neatly under the collar. Shirts must be tucked in. We ask parents to please assist us in conveying the message that students are ambassadors for the school and are expected to wear their uniform with pride, whether it be inside the school grounds or out in the general community.

FUTURE PATHWAYS: Students are encouraged to embrace the learning process provided through the various exercises for QCS preparation. Assisting students to better understand information and apply effective methods of answering questions and responding to given data is very important. Further practice sessions will be organized for next term. Parents, please assist your students to recognize the immense value of this preparation time.

QCS: Students not sitting the QCS exam must have a note from their parents/guardians given to either Mr Cornor or Mrs Scott. These details will then be verified by Mr Shaw – APA Senior Curriculum.

DRAFTS AND FINAL SUBMISSIONS: At senior level, students are expected to follow procedures relating to the submission of work. Please read this carefully in the student diary. Students who do not follow the correct procedure may jeopardise their results.

APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL TIME: This Thursday, at least eight Senior students were signed out because of doctors’ appointments. Please try to avoid appointments during school hours, including sport times. Students must appreciate and understand the importance of attending every lesson. When students are absent, they are seriously disadvantaging themselves and disrupting their own learning process. Parents, your assistance in ensuring your children do not have appointments during school time would be welcome.

DRIVING TO SCHOOL: Students are reminded to fill out Permission Forms if driving to school. These can be obtained from the Year 12 Coordinators’ office.

PEER MENTORING: If you are interested in receiving some free tutoring by one of your senior peers, please contact Kate Coombes at kcoombes@mybce.catholic.edu.au to discuss which areas you would like support in. She will partner you up with one of our senior students who specialise in your area of concern. Times are completely flexible between you and your tutor.

Mr Michael Murtagh
Vocational Education and Careers Coordinator

Mr Kevin Cornor and Mrs Irene Scott
Year 12 Coordinators
YEAR 11 VOCATIONAL PLACEMENT
Don’t get left behind! Excellent placements have already been secured. Year 11 students who have yet to submit their YELLOW “Vocational Placement” form should visit the Marymount College Careers Office urgently or phone Petrina on: 5586 1073.

2012 MARYMOUNT COLLEGE CAREERS EXPO
Tuesday, 24th July (6pm-8pm)
“LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP”
Being well informed and having access to specialist advice is an important part of a student’s journey!

Marymount students are provided with an opportunity to gain real world exposure by attending our very own Careers Expo. Institutions, professionals, community groups, local business and organisations make themselves available to chat one-on-one with students and their families throughout the evening. Many of our parents also play a role by providing insight into their area of expertise. Specialists within trades, small/large business operators, and professionals are encouraged to come along.

Parents and carers interested in gaining further information (NO PUBLIC SPEAKING REQUIRED) and possibly being part of this inspiring event, can email: llutze@marymount.qld.edu.au or phone Leesa on 5586 1063.

ACU - AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
2013 EARLY ACHIEVERS’ PROGRAM
Students who demonstrate a commitment to their communities as well as their studies can gain early acceptance into ACU through the Early Achievers’ Program (EAP). This program recognises the achievements and contributions made by prospective students to their communities through school, church, sport or cultural organisations. Information about the 2013 program can be found at www.acu.edu.au/acu_national/why_choose_acu/choosing_the_right_university_to_attend/early_entry/

STUDENT EXCHANGE
AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND LTD
Student Exchange Scholarship Applications closing date for all semester and year programs departing between October 2012 – March 2013 is Saturday, 31st March 2012. Scholarships are open to students between 15-18 years of age and offer the unique opportunity to live and study overseas for a semester or year. More information on scholarships and early bird discounts can be downloaded from the website www.studentexchange.org.au or by phoning 1300 135 331.

BOND UNIVERSITY
STUDENT FOR A SEMESTER
The Student for a Semester program is a great opportunity for high school students to kick-start their university careers. Through this program, ambitious Grade 11 and 12 students (top 30th of year level) can experience life as a university student and sample a subject area they may be interested in pursuing after high school. Applications for the May 2012 intake are now open online, and close on Friday, 13th April. For further details visit www.bond.edu.au/student-for-a-semester or see the Marymount College Career Office today.

CATCHING UP WITH ANGELINA KOPANAKIS
CLASS OF 2003
This time caught up with Angelina in Afghanistan via a Facebook chat! She subsequently emailed me the following brief outline of her career there: “Here is just a brief description on what I have done over in Afghanistan. I have been deployed for 8 and a half months, driving up Armored trucks and also driving for Maj Gen Smith. My tour of duty is nearly over. It has been a long trip. Can’t wait to get back home in Townsville. I have been posted to Townsville for the past 4 years now. Got promoted to lance corporal.”

Other Marymount news from MEO (Middle East Area of Operations):
Flight Lieutenant Andrew Kell (Class of 2003)
Current position Tactical Officer
Flight Sergeant Steve Price (Class of 1999)
Current position Operations Officer
And in a completely different setting: catching up with Lauren Buggy (Class of 2007): Visiting the Glades Golf Club on Sunday morning, I found Lauren organising a wedding and bridal expo as she is the Weddings and Functions Coordinator at this prestigious venue. Incidently, or coincidentally, Sarah Nash (2009) was one of a number of girls modelling wedding dresses. She became a bit of a “blushing bride” as Mr & Mrs Murtagh approached her!
Towards the State Election 2012

What will an LNP or ALP Government mean for Catholic schools in Queensland? On behalf of Queensland’s 292 Catholic school communities, the Queensland Catholic Education Commission and the Federation of Parents and Friends Associations have raised a number of issues with both the ALP and LNP. Both parties have now responded to these issues. Abbreviated versions of their responses are provided below.

Click here to read the full responses provided by Queensland Labor and Liberal National Party or visit www.qcec.catholic.edu.au (follow the State Election links)

1. Increased recurrent funding

Queensland Labor
Will not increase the recurrent funding rate at this stage. It should be recognised that Queensland has higher levels of government recurrent expenditure per non-government student than most other states and territories.

Liberal National Party
Will not increase recurrent funding rate at this stage. An increase in the funding rate for Catholic schools is under consideration. “Parents of children in Catholic schools may be assured we will deliver such additional support as we are able to.”

2. Capital funding for new schools

Queensland Labor
No additional capital funding has been committed for new Catholic schools.

Liberal National Party
Is committed to deliver an additional $12 million per year for the first three years, and rising further after that, through a Building our Future Schools Fund to assist with the development of new Catholic schools.

An LNP government would also establish a new body, The Queensland Schools Plan Commission, to provide for integrated planning of school infrastructure across systems.

3. Appropriate support to move Year 7 to secondary by 2015

Queensland Labor
Has already committed $105 million in capital funding for new and refurbished classrooms.

Liberal National Party
Will honour the agreement made with the Bligh Government to provide $105 million in capital funding for new and refurbished classrooms to accommodate Year 7.

Will support exemption from Local Government Infrastructure costs for Year 7 move (estimated at $24 million).

No additional funding for boarding school infrastructure at this stage. However, has highlighted flexibility to use Building Our Future Schools funding and committed to reconsider this and other cost issues associated with the move of Year 7 in a future budget context.
Other Issues

Appropriate support for the successful transition of Year 7 into secondary school

The transition of Year 7 into secondary school in Queensland will be a major undertaking for the Catholic sector both educationally and financially.

The State government has committed additional funding of $105m to the Catholic sector to provide general classroom and other flexible learning areas to accommodate this transition across 85 secondary colleges. In addition, the State government will take responsibility for Local Government infrastructure costs estimated at $24million.

However, there are a range of other costs associated with this transition. Further funding may be required for additional facilities such as:

- staff facilities
- expansion of libraries and specialist teaching areas
- toilets
- parking and set down spaces

Similarly the availability of specialist teachers, along with the additional cost of running a secondary school model in Year 7 with more subject options and facilities are significant considerations in making this transition successfully.

It is expected that some Catholic primary schools will be able to maintain overall enrolment numbers while others may experience reduced enrolments. Any potential impacts of the move on primary schools, and in particular our small schools, will be carefully monitored.

Projections indicate that around 300 Year 7 students attending Catholic primary schools in country areas where there is no local access to a Catholic secondary education will be affected in 2015.

The Catholic sector welcomes the establishment of a cross-sectoral task force to further research the needs of boarding schools and make recommendations to the State government in time for the budget mid-year review in November 2011. A further allocation of funds from this process in the order of $10m is expected to assist with the provision of additional places in Catholic boarding schools.

The Catholic sector believes the move of Year 7 into secondary will be educationally beneficial for Queensland children and needs to be made if Queensland is to maintain a world class education system.

However, like any major change in an education environment, it needs to be carefully planned, managed and resourced, with the interests of students, teachers, staff and their families paramount.
INFORMATION REQUIRED TO HELP DETERMINE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

PRIVACY NOTICE

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), to advise you that DEEWR has requested your child’s school to provide the following three pieces of information to DEEWR:

- Students’ residential addresses (not student names)
- Students’ level of education (primary or secondary)
- Students’ boarding school status (boarders or day students)

DEEWR is bound by the provisions of the Privacy Act 1988 (the Privacy Act). Section 14 of the Privacy Act contains the Information Privacy Principles, which prescribe the rules for handling personal information about individuals. DEEWR will not use or disclose the information provided by your child’s school other than in accordance with the Privacy Act.

Purpose of collection

DEEWR is collecting this personal information for the purpose of administering funding to non-government schools, and to determine payments of Australian Government assistance to non-government schools, including under relevant legislation such as the Schools Assistance Act 2008 (Cth). DEEWR will only use this information for this specific purpose.

Disclosure of information

The information provided by your child’s school may be disclosed by DEEWR to contractors working for DEEWR for the purposes of verifying the information. The contractors will not use the information for any other purpose.

DEEWR may also provide this information to the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). ACARA will use this information in developing and evaluating Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) formulas and school values.

In other instances the information will not be disclosed without your consent, unless where authorised or required by law.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding this Privacy Notice please phone the DEEWR SES Funding helpline on 1800 677 027 (free call) or send an e-mail to: SAAMailbox@deewr.gov.au.
YOUR VOICE MUST BE HEARD

Enhancing Catholic Schools Identity Project: Your voice is essential in this process.

It will help us to determine the real values and identity of our school population and the directions that our school can take in the future.

Post your entry into the box in SAO to go into the draw for a fabulous prize!

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

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

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Thursdays at 10.30am in the Infant Saviour meeting room. Call Brian on 5530 3337.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Mondays 6pm, Infant Saviour. New members welcome.

Running in the Gold Coast Marathon this year?

Wanna run for a local cause?

We are a Burleigh family who raise funds for the treatment of our daughter Jasmine, who has Autism. Join us this year and Jog 4 Jas.

We will be submitting teams in ALL events: Junior Dashes, 5.7km Challenge, 10km Run, Half Marathon and Marathon.

For more info contact Jo 0404 464 011

Find us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/Jog 4 Jas

GOLD COAST MARATHON 30 JUN – 1 JUL 2012

COST:
Event entry fee ($40-$120)
+$30 pp
(incl BBQ breakfast, team shirt, water bottle)
OneSight believe that everyone deserves to see life clearly, which is why they encourage people to donate their old or unwanted glasses to our global eye care charity OneSight. For over 20 years Onesight has been improving the vision of those less fortunate around the world by sending recycled glasses overseas. OneSight combines three regional programs - Give the Gift of Sight, Pearle Vision Foundation and Community I Care - into one, new, global organisation.

YOU can make a HUGE difference by recycling your pre-loved prescription eyewear. By doing this you’re giving the gift of sight to a person in need in a developing country. With your help, we can supply our international missions the 1.2 million pairs of glasses they need every year to make sure there’s enough eyewear to go around.

Please rummage through your drawers, gloveboxes and inform friends and family of our cause. We are collecting until the end of term as part of 9BD effort for Lent. Drop box in SAO. Many thanks!

Ms Fiona Altoft
9BD Pastoral Teacher