RYAN GRANT - CFYC SUCCESS

Ryan’s achievements in the kitchen over recent weeks have been outstanding. National winner (in a draw) in the Cook for Your Career Competition, Ryan has taken every opportunity that has come his way. Our congratulations to Ryan and to Mrs Jane Greffe and Mr Daniel Ridgeway who have provided continued support on this exceptional achievement.

TOBIAS CANTONI
QUEENSLAND DELEGATE

It’s also very pleasing to see Tobias Cantoni’s ability recognised with his selection as a Queensland delegate to the National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra this week. Tobias is a very capable student, a sharp thinker and an articulate speaker. It is good to see him do so well.

OLYMPIC TRIALS INVOLVE PAST AND PRESENT STUDENTS

College staff have enjoyed the Olympic Swimming trials in Adelaide because past students, Ryan Napoleon, Matthew Levings and Amy Levings have been involved. Ryan has made the Olympic team but our staff are thrilled by young people who have been students at Marymount striving to achieve at the limits of their ability. They have achieved through their personal commitment and effort, and no doubt, the support of their families. As the term one closes we wish Brittany Broben well as she heads off to the Olympic Diving Trials 2nd – 4th April in Adelaide.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS NOW MONDAY 30TH APRIL

Note this change of date. It is the third Monday of Term 2. The Doyle Centre sound and lighting work begins during the holidays and won’t be finished by 20th April. Principal’s Awards are for Academic Excellence and for Academic Effort, and the criteria is demanding. It is important that all students achieving a Principal’s Award are honoured. Consequently, students who will be on excursion on 30th April will receive their awards at morning tea with the principal on Friday 27th April.

EASTER LITURGY
11.00AM THURSDAY 27TH MARCH

With Good Friday the 6th April, our College Easter Liturgy is necessarily early. Our planning for the liturgy will reflect this time as the season of Lent and preparation for Easter and our celebration of the resurrection. Year 11 and 12 students are required at school at 10.50am for the Liturgy. All students have commitments to AGCC sport after lunch on this day, as well.

LENT, LIFE AND LIGHT

There is darkness in each of us. There is goodness in us too. We are attracted to the light. Perhaps we settle for a kind of twilight existence? Who can teach us anything then? Some welcome the light, others reject it. Lent is a time to accept the light and to consider what it can help us to see. We need to let the light of Jesus shine into the darkness in our life, whatever form the darkness takes. Let the light in.

MARYMOUNT CATHOLIC IDENTITY SURVEY

If you are one of the great majority who are going to do the survey this piece is for you. Only 67/820 families have done the survey. There’s a long way to go. Please make sure you are not one of the majority who have not completed the survey by April 15. Yes, sadly, most just won’t get around to doing the survey. It takes real determination to overcome the many reasons why one can’t do the survey (today.) If you don’t do it (today) you might not do it (at all). Your thoughts are important for you…. And they are important to our community.

Do the survey..., then enter the draw for dinner for two at Little Truffle, Mermaid Beach.

Mr Chris Noonan
Principal
There still appears to be some confusion regarding our College procedures, particularly when students become ill at school.

There are students who are sending SMS to their parents to request they come and collect them from the College instead of following the correct procedures. When this occurs, it inconveniences both the parent and those who tend the office.

Please discuss the correct procedure as outlined below with your son/daughter so that the College runs smoothly and efficiently:

**YOU BECOME ILL AT SCHOOL**

Request permission from the teacher you are with to attend Sick Bay. The teacher will write a note in your diary. Report to SAO and show the diary. Do not ring your parents - if necessary, this will be done for you in SAO.

**YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND SPORT**

Bring a letter from your parent/guardian explaining the reason and show the letter to your Pastoral Coordinator who will sign the letter, during pastoral care. Keep this letter and show it to your sport teacher.

A large number of students, are signing out on Thursday afternoon for doctors appointments, etc. Please remember that sport is a COMPULSORY part of the curriculum and should be viewed as such.

**YOU WISH TO DRIVE TO SCHOOL**

Obtain a permission to drive form from your Year Level Pastoral Coordinator
When complete, present this form to the Year Coordinator for authorization
A copy of this form will be recorded on the database

**YOU WISH TO BE DRIVEN TO OR FROM SCHOOL BY ANOTHER STUDENT**

Bring a letter from your parent/guardian indicating the name of the driver.
Have the letter authorized by the Year Coordinator.

You will find an outline of this and other College Procedures in your child’s Student Record Book.

Mr Kyle Connor
Deputy Principal

Catholic Schools Identity Project

JUST DO IT !!!!!!!!!!

Thank you to the 67 families who have already completed the survey to date. I’m sure you have found answering the questions an interesting experience. As I have said previously, for this project to be of any real value for our purposes it has to be representative of our whole community so I urge all you readers who intend to complete it to “JUST DO IT”.

Over the next few days we will be preparing for our Lenten/Holy Week liturgy. This will take place at 11am on Thursday, 29th March. Our liturgy will focus on the Passion of the Lord as Sunday 1st April is Passion Sunday.

The St Patrick’s Day celebrations were great fun as always and our Project Compassion collection grew considerably as a result.

The feast of the Annunciation will fall on Monday of next week as the 25th March is the fifth Sunday of Lent.

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. We are all 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

....the ARTicle

LIBRARY

THE HUNGER GAMES

The movie is out! Lots of students will want to see it. ‘The Hunger Games’, a book by Suzanne Collins, has been well-received all over the world. It’s an exciting, dystopian, well-written adventure tying in reality TV with a fight to the death. Just right for a movie. If your child hasn’t read it, buy it!

....the ARTicle

MARCH IS ‘THINK’ MONTH

Trent Mazzarella in Year 8 and Caitlin McGann and Hayley Thomson in Year 12 won themselves vouchers for thinking their way through the quiz, and finding out about the platypus, the invention of Duplo, Lady Gaga and whether or not books have passwords!!

The results for Round 1 ARE:

Juniors (Year 8)
Marymount Team 1 lost to Palm Beach Currumbin SHS;
Marymount Team 2 won against Merrimac SHS

Intermediate (Years 9 and 10)
Division A: Marymount won against All Saints;
Division B: Marymount won against Nerang SHS

Senior (Years 11 and 12)
Division A: Marymount won against Somerset College
Division B: Marymount 1 lost against AB Paterson;
Marymount 2 lost against Assisi; Marymount 3 won against AB Paterson

The debating season is now underway with the first round completed. The Gold Coast Secondary Schools Debating Competition has been restructured this year and is now divided into three sections: Junior, Intermediate and Senior rather than year levels. Each section, except the juniors has two divisions, allowing new debaters to enter the competition without coming up against experienced and polished teams.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of three of our Year 12 debaters who are generously giving up their time to assist with debating. Janie-Marie Burgess is co-coaching the Year 8 teams while Kate Coombes and Jack McLintock have completed adjudication courses and are now adjudicating in the junior competition. Two past students, Michael de Salvo and Cassie Lee are adjudicating in the senior divisions and are helping the college meet our adjudication commitments.

Good luck to all debaters who compete in Round 2 over the next week.

Mrs Annette McMahon
Debating Coordinator
RYAN WINS ARIA RESTAURANT APPRENTICESHIP

Marymount College student, Ryan Grant has been declared Cook For Your Career National Winner in a draw with Victorian competitor, Michael Frenkel. He wins an apprenticeship at Brisbane’s ARIA restaurant, with head chef, Ben Russell, as his mentor.

Aria Brisbane’s Ben Russell said Grant showed talent beyond his years. “Despite his young age, Ryan is a mature individual who has shown a serious commitment and drive to becoming a chef,” he said. “He’s eager to learn and possesses the right qualities to excel in this industry.”

“Cooking has been my passion for as long as I can remember, and winning Cook For Your Career will mean I can start my career at an awesome restaurant like ARIA. It was really tough being put to the test in front of an audience and judges, but now I can look forward to working with Ben and giving it 150 per cent,” said Ryan.

Cook For Your Career was established as a way to address the skills shortage in the restaurant industry, develop new talent and meet the growing demand for skilled committed apprentices.

Throughout the competition entrants had the opportunity to network with some of the country’s best chefs and also had the option to go on a national employment database for the restaurant industry, linking employers with potential employees.

WELL DONE RYAN

Ryan is a young man who epitomises the Aussie Term “Have a Go”. He is willing to grab opportunities as they arise, and thoroughly enjoys solving each new challenge he faces.

Last year, he was playing club football and training for the Kokoda Trail, when he began the journey of the Junior Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge with his peers. He took on all three challenges simultaneously, and gained skill, camaraderie and huge personal growth. He is much loved by his peers who are very supportive of his achievements and also quick to keep him grounded. He happily shares his knowledge and time in the Hospitality kitchen, and is often found washing up for his peers because he has finished early. His mother is his biggest supporter, and she is to be congratulated on raising a young man who is not afraid to embrace life.

Chef Daniel Ridgeway of Little Truffle, has provided invaluable mentoring and competition opportunities over the past year, that have dramatically increased Ryan’s skill level and confidence. Both Marymount College & King’s College Hospitality Departments, have benefited from the time Chef Daniel has invested in Ryan. Ryan is a switched on young man, who has many amazing doors opening for him and it will be exciting to see which ones he goes through....

Mrs Jane Greffe
Hospitality & Home Economics Teacher
**JUNIOR WORLDS KAYAKING TEAM AND OLYMPIC HOPES TEAM**

Our current Sportsman of the Year, Joel McKitterick, has once again proven why we may definitely see him represent his country at the Olympics in the not too distant future. Last week Joel travelled to Penrith to compete at the National Kayaking Championships. He raced incredibly well winning four gold medals in the K1 5000m, K2 1000m, K4 1000m, K1 500m events; two silver medals in the K4 500m and K4 200m events; and three bronze medals in the K2 500m, K2 200m and K1 1000m. What makes his achievements even more impressive is that Joel had to compete up an age group in the Under 18 category.

These awesome results have earned him a place on the Junior Worlds Kayaking Team to travel to Canada later this year, as well as a place on the Olympic Hopes Team, competing in Hungary also later this year. Congratulations Joel on your wonderful success. It is fantastic to see that you are reaping the rewards of your many, many hours of hard training and early mornings!

**NATIONAL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

From the 17th – 21st April Year 8 student, Briellyn Bond will compete, as a member of the Queensland Under 13 Girls Football Team, at the National Junior Football Championships in Canberra. This is an amazing opportunity for Briellyn to perform on a National stage, as there will be National Coaches in attendance. We wish her all the very best!!!

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Congratulations to Year 10 students, Ciara Grehan and Saryna Adamson for their selection in the South Coast 15 Years Girls Touch Football Team. The girls will compete at the Queensland State Secondary Schools Touch Football Championships at St Paul’s School, Strathpine from the 1st – 3rd June. Best of luck girls!!!

**OPEN RUGBY LEAGUE**

In the rain and mud that was last Monday night both Marymount College open rugby league teams suffered defeat. The 1st XIII at the hands of Keebra Park SHS and the 2nd XIII to Varsity College. Both games started with Marymount asleep and the opposition on fire. Before we knew it Keebra and Varsity had skipped away to unassailable leads and went into half time feeling comfortable. They had played well while Marymount’s attack and defence were both lacking.

The second-half in both games was a different story though. Both Marymount teams came out with renewed enthusiasm and a new approach. The character shown by all of the Boys in Blue in the face of defeat was outstanding. So, well done for very positive second stanza to both matches.

The lesson learnt is very simple. ATTITUDE is everything in this sport and without it you get punished. There could be any number of excuses thrown around for the losses but these don’t count. All players need to take the enthusiasm of this week’s second halves into the opening of every game.

We have a bye round now and restart the competition on Monday night, 16th April, the first day back at school for Term 2. Matches will be against Woodridge and Robina SHSs – two very tough opponents.

A match has also been organised for the Open Squad on Thursday of Week 2, 26 April, at 4pm at Marymount, against Clairvaux MacKillop College from Brisbane. This will be the first of two matches against this Darren Smith (Bronco/Maroon/Kangaroo representative) coached A Division team before our assault on Confraternity 2012.

All ‘Old Boy’ Rugby League players are invited to attend, as are spectators in general. We would like to make this an annual clash to which ex-players lend their support. Hopefully we’ll see you here for this big match.

Mr Jason Hamilton
1st XIII Coach

Miss Cherie Andersen
Head of Sport
Students from Year 11 and 12 Tourism classes enjoyed the opportunity to visit several locations locally.

As the Gold Coast is a recognized tourism destination, it is fortunate that Marymount College provides students with the means to complete a Certificate II course in Tourism.

**MOVIE WORLD**

Year 11 students explored the theme park noting how the company markets its product and welcomes its customers. We were given an overview of Warner Brothers’ Movie World, its history, operation and marketing tools. Students observed the different types of tourist present at such a venue – visitors from the UK spending three months travelling around Australia; a university student from Brazil studying in Melbourne, visiting the Gold Coast; groups of Korean and Chinese tourists staying on the Coast for a few days.

Whilst enjoying some of the rides and attractions, students were also focused on completing a Field Report associated with their competency units – Working with Colleagues and Customers, Selling Tourism Products and Updating Tourism Knowledge.

**PARADISE COUNTRY AND PALAZZO VERSACE**

Year 12 students viewed two very different environments. Paradise Country offered an authentic farm experience representing Australian farm life, the bush culture and its native wildlife. The activities witnessed, included damper making, whip cracking and boomerang throwing. Students noted that the most popular activity enjoyed by overseas tourists was the photo sessions with our native animals namely the koala and the kangaroo. We enjoyed it too!

The wonderment on the faces of the students as they entered Palazzo Versace told the whole story. Here was a uniquely new experience for the majority of the students where they were able to see, marvel and appreciate the finest quality in décor and equipment and matched by superb cuisine as we enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Vie Restaurant. Our thanks to staff who took us on a familiarization of the property and provided helpful insights into the workings of such a fine establishment.

A Field Report was completed by the students relating to the competency units – Working with Colleagues and Customers, Updating Tourism Knowledge and Working in a Diverse Environment.

Mrs Irene Scott
Tourism Teacher
FROM THE EDITOR

I commend our young writers for their enthusiasm and passion in covering events at the Marymount community. American Scientist Edward B. Butler put it this way: *One man has enthusiasm for 30 minutes, another for 30 days, but it is the man who has it for 30 years who makes a success of his life.*

Irene Scott
Yearbook Editor / Year 12 Assistant Coordinator

HARMONY WEEK
SAYING NO TO BULLYING

When you think about how an entire week is dedicated to raising awareness on saying no to bullying and the problems it causes, it is a sad reminder that people obviously just aren’t getting the picture.

Bullying can have disastrous effects on people, not that week, not this year, but in the long term. Some people shake off offensive language, abuse or a few mean words, but they are affected more than they themselves even realise by bullying. This year, Harmony Week focused on raising awareness and opening people’s eyes to how wrong bullying is. Orange ribbons made by grade nine were sold to raise money for the cause, so thank you to those who gave their support and wore a ribbon last week.

Jasmine Hodson
Year 10 reporter

AN UPDATE ON NETBALL

For many years netball has been one of the main sports Marymount, as a school, excelled at. Each year, 2 Open teams are formed and compete at a number of different carnivals. This year it all changed, and along with one Open team, a 15’s team was formed. Two weeks of trials were held, and with 35 girls trialing, only 15 made the team. Trials were challenging and all girls were very deserving to make the team. Gabby Shaw, Hannah Sholl, Zena Saunders, Jordan Browne, Erin Humphreys, Maddie Dick, Courtenay McCue, Mairead Bell, Cody Langlands and I all have the honour to represent Marymount as the Junior Netball Squad. We also have the fantastic coach; Ms Ward and manager, Ms Callum. We are very lucky to have these two wonderful and experienced teachers to coach us. The skills and encouragement they pass on to us gives us confidence and we know we can play the best, thanks our coaches.

Along with the Opens team, we will be competing in Catholic Cup which is a fun day held in Brisbane to compete against other schools in a number of games. Marymount has been very successful in the past in Catholic Cup and we hope to do the same this year. Also, we are currently fundraising in order to compete in Catholic Cup. The teams have been selling chocolates and lollies as well as a bake sale, which was great, as a lot of money was raised.

Being a part of this, I can already see what a great and exciting experience I am going to have. Training hard of a morning is definitely worth the bad hair days at school as it helps us to become a better team and will get us used to working together. All the girls in the team are such talented players and they all make it such a fun time, I just know this year is going to be great for this team. We are all very thankful to have this opportunity thanks to Ms Ward, Ms Callum and especially Ms Smith who is the reason why we can go to Catholic Cup and be a part of this exciting experience and great opportunity.

Siobhan Waldie
Year 10 reporter

LEARN TO SURF REPORT

The Year 10 Marine Biology class was given a well-deserved break from classwork to hit Currumbin Beach for a lesson of learning to surf. For many born and raised on the Gold Coast, surfing was second nature but for others it was their first time on a proper surfboard. The lesson was set to accommodate all levels of skill and guaranteed that every participant would be able to stand up at the end of the session. For the experienced surfers of the class, they were allowed to head out the back of the beach to catch some bigger waves, while the beginners were taken out around waist deep for some easier rides.

As per usual, the beginners were given some lessons out on the sand learning the basics such as weight distribution, the centerline of the surfboard and popping up when catching a wave. When it was time to hit the waves we were well and truly ready to give it our best. With the weather slightly overcast and a little wind, the conditions were perfect with reasonable size waves that let us have a good ride without causing too many wipeouts for first timers. After some trial and error resulting in a few falls into the whitewash the group was finally able to put the skills they had acquired to use.

With the sets rolling in and getting bigger, more and more people were able to catch waves further to shore. Near the end of our time at the learn to surf program, the more experience surfers joined us and proceeded to show us how it’s really done. Overall the people in the year 10 marine class have come away with a new respect for the fantastic environment we live in and the great enjoyment that comes from surfing at our beautiful beaches.

Thomas Burbury
Year 10 reporter
The excitement rose as we got out of the car and entered the school grounds, everywhere we looked there were lots of green crazy costumes. The morning went quite fast and when the bell rang for morning tea everyone got up and went to the P&F courtyard. There were huge lines everywhere as students wanted to get green-flavoured snow cones, a clover painted on faces or wanted to buy green cupcakes. The students were having a great time. Everyone was disappointed when the bell rang and the fun had to end. As we walked back to our classrooms we didn’t worry too much as everyone was looking forward to the teachers’ Irish dance at lunch. The wait seemed endless as we listened to teachers trying to hold our attention prior to lunch. The bell finally rang and we rushed out to the P&F courtyard excitedly waiting for the dances. Suddenly Irish music came on. Teachers ran out in a line and started dancing their hearts away. They did all types of Irish moves and little dances and when they had finished everyone gave them a round of applause. It had been a great St Patrick’s Day for all Marymount College students.

For Marymount’s celebrations of St Patrick’s Day to be a success, the soundtrack of the day had to accomplish two things. Firstly, it needed to reflect the Irish culture and the significant history behind the event; and secondly to entertain both students and teachers and foster a sense of community and involvement.

This was achieved by selecting popular modern songs with an Irish influence such as ‘Shipping Up to Boston’ by the Dropkick Murphys and ‘Roll Away Your Stone’ by Mumford & Sons that would engage the student audience. Music from Michael Flatley’s highly successful Irish dance show ‘Lord of the Dance’ was used as the teachers and students took their dancing skills to the next level during the traditional St Patrick’s Day dance-off. Overall, the day was a great success and the choice of music certainly enhanced the experience.

Tommy Sheehan
College Vice Captain

STAC ON ST PATRICK’S DAY

It was fantastic to see the STAC members getting well and truly involved with the festive celebrations of St Patrick’s Day last Friday. One of the main aims of the Student Teacher Advisory Council is to promote inter-grade relationships between the students. STAC encourages younger students to get their year level involved with the life of the College in co-ordination with the senior students and teachers. The STAC members worked hard and organised a bake sale which featured a range of creative and festive green baked goods. On behalf of Tommy and I, we would like to thank all of our fellow STAC members for their enthusiasm and hard work on Friday. We look forward to an exciting and successful year!

Kate Coombes
Vice Captain

Paije Hockings
Year 8 reporter

Jasmine Hodson
Year 10 reporter

St Patrick’s Day – a day where the patron Saint of Ireland is celebrated through prayer, dance and song and dressing up as a leprechaun.

Ok, so maybe Marymount goes a bit above and beyond the expectations for St Patrick’s Day celebrations, but who doesn’t? It was a wonderful day at Marymount College, with Irish folk songs playing for all to hear during the lunch breaks, delicious cupcakes on sale courtesy of Monni and Spam, snow cones to cool everybody off and a fantastic performance put on by the teachers at lunch time. Not only did Ms Press and the gang get their Irish groove on, but some grade 12 students showed their skills as well, including a jigging leprechaun with green sideburns and a tin whistle.

Thank you to everyone who got into the spirit and wore green on Friday. It was indeed a Happy St Patrick’s Day!
This term has been a busy one to say the least. Assessments due, exciting excursions taking place and Exam Block a rapidly approaching reality. All of this is happening as we progress further into the Lenten period towards Easter and our goal of raising $10000 for Caritas. This eventful week also marked the first official STAC meeting of the year, an occurrence that was particularly exciting for me, as I am one of the Year 11 representatives for STAC this year, a position that I am humbled by and very, very enthusiastic to have.

For those who might be unsure as to what STAC is, or what the committee’s purpose is, I’ll give you a rundown. STAC is an abbreviation for the Student Teacher Advisory Council. Each year, a male and female from each year level is elected to represent their grade. These students are responsible for communicating any questions or concerns from their peers to the teachers in the school and vice versa. This way, the STAC members can act as the voice of their grade level, as well as conveying back to the students any important information, news and upcoming events from the teachers. It’s a great and effective way to keep everyone in the College community up to date with what’s going on so that they can actively contribute and participate.

As with all aspects of Marymount life, we continuously strive to improve upon ourselves and maximise the benefit of what we do. This year as STAC members, we plan on embodying this belief and aiming become involved in all school events to ensure that everyone gets the most out of the experience.

Personally, I hope to use my enthusiasm to have a positive influence on my peers so that we can achieve our best possible academic results whilst sharing what is sure to be a sensational year together. And claiming back the annual STAC Cup from the teachers, of course.

Monnie Esmond
Year 11 STAC representative
Year 11 reporter

Marymount Parents & Carers Group
Meet other Parent & carers from Marymount College. All are very welcome to attend and if you would like to bring a friend, please do.

WHERE: Marymount College Home Economics Department
WHEN: Wednesday 23 May 2012 at 10.30am
COST: Donation
RSVP: Leesa – heggiesmail@gmail.com - 0418 799945 or Tracy – tracyfitz04@yahoo.com.au
EMBRACING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

Friday the 8th of March marked the 101st celebration of International Women’s Day. In recognition of the achievements and accomplishments of women in our society, a group of Year 11 and Year 12 students, accompanied by Ms Anderson and Mrs Cooper attended a breakfast and forum event held at the Gold Coast Arts Centre. Arriving bright and early at 6:45am, we joined a multitude of other women from schools across the Coast, and had the entirety of the morning to meet, listen to and seek advice from inspirational women from all walks of life, as well as celebrate the talent and leadership displayed by young women in our schools.

From the Marymount College representation, Katherine Coombes, Samantha Wilson, Ayla Beaufils and I were presented as finalists for the Youth Leadership Award. Ayla also received an Outstanding Award in the Performing Arts category for her exemplary contribution to the Arts. For me, one of the morning’s highlights was listening to Karen Phillip’s entertaining presentation. Karen, an author, told us all to follow our dreams and aspirations, expressing the theme of the day, which was that everything is possible and to never let others persuade you that you cannot achieve what you want. I learnt a great deal about leadership from the experience and hope to be able to reflect this knowledge through my positive actions and behaviour.

Monnie Esmond
Year 11 Reporter

LEGAL EXCURSION

On Thursday, the Year 11 Legal Studies class travelled to the Southport Magistrates and District Courts and got a taste of how the system really works. We were all excited for the excursion and were biting at the bit to get off the bus and into the building. However, before we even set foot inside, the atmosphere and tension made us all take a step back and consider the circumstances from a different perspective.

Although we were already aware, it suddenly hit home that the decisions made in this building determined the futures of the people present. The realisation of this knowledge, and the opportunity to witness the process first hand, helped us to better understand the legal system, which we have been learning about, and see how all the rules and regulations were put into practice. A handful of students were fortunate to have the chance to speak with one of the magistrates after watching a criminal hearing, an opportunity that gave us a rare insight into the thoughts and ideals behind a court decision from a personal level.

The excursion was a thought provoking and eye opening experience and we are all grateful to Mrs Fraser and Ms Kennedy for the opportunity to attend and for accompanying the class on the day. Their thorough knowledge and experience in the workings of the courts was appreciated by those of us who, at first, found ourselves too nervous to even enter a courtroom. By the end of the day, we had all gained more confidence and an enhanced understanding of the courts and the legal process.

Monnie Esmond
Year 11 Reporter
GENDER DAY

On Gender Day all the Year 8 students were split into boy and girl groups. We worked in a specially designed area in L-Block. As we walked in and there were drapes around the whole room and there was music playing.

Then the music stopped and Mrs Cooper said welcome to Gender Day and our Campus Minister Kaylene gave us a talk; we played games like bunch up and jokey up to make us feel comfortable. We also got journals in which we gave our responses. We saw Mrs Cooper doing a head stand! We then went to lunch and saw the boys had soft drink, oh well! We also watched a slide show helping us to appreciate how beautiful we are and God made us all perfectly and He knew it!

Gender Day was great and I learnt that we are all great and important and that so many things influence us to change the way we are.

Maddy MacPherson
Year 8 reporter

SKULDUGGERY PLEASANT

Derek Landy creates the world we’ve all imagined in Skulduggery Pleasant, a thrilling, action-packed novel about young, innocent Stephanie Edgley. Well, innocent, at least, until she is plunged into a world of vampires and supernatural power beyond what she had ever imagined possible.

When her Uncle Gordon dies suddenly and Stephanie is left with his estate, all sorts of trouble pops up at her doorstep. Coming to her aid is the mysterious Skulduggery Pleasant, and after a warning swiftly brushed away by Stephanie of the dangers of this new and exciting realm, the two are forced to venture deep into the heart of the danger to prevent what could be a horrible end to this new-found world.

This novel will have your mind working overtime as the plot unravels and the mystery is solved, with twists and turns around every corner to keep you on the edge of your seat. If you love this book, then there is a whole series to keep you reading, so check them out too!

Jasmine Hodson
Year 9 Reporter
BOND UNIVERSITY 2013 SCHOLARSHIPS

Bond University offers a number of full-fee and part-fee scholarships to Australia’s best and brightest students. Bond’s scholarship program aims to award students who excel in the areas of academic, leadership and community achievements. Online scholarship applications open April 1 and close July 31. Contact scholarships@bond.edu.au for more information. Visit www.bond.edu.au/scholarships.

BOND UNIVERSITY YEAR 11 HEADSTART DAY

Bond University’s Year 11 Headstart Day is just around the corner and is the perfect chance for ambitious Year 11’s to experience university life. During this free event, students uncover a range of possible careers, take part in interactive activities, meet Bond’s professors and current students, and get to know their way around the campus.

DATE: Wednesday, 11th April, 2012 (during the Easter Holidays)
TIME: 9am-3pm
COST: Free (Morning Tea and Lunch provided)

Registration via school will close Friday, 30th March. For more information and to register, visit the Marymount College Careers Office or www.bond.edu.au/experience.

MED-ENTRY UMAT PREPARATION

MedEntry

Students interested in pursuing medicine and other health courses may need to sit the UMAT on 25th July 2012. MedEntry is a government accredited Registered Training Organisation specialising in UMAT preparation. Delivered via two-day workshops are simulated practice exams with fully worked solutions and percentile rankings, thousands of practice questions, UMAT and interview skill development guides, one-on-one tutoring services, personalised interview training sessions, and university admissions. For more information, please visit www.medentry.edu.au.

WATERMARK HOTEL & SPA

CERT III HOSPITALITY OPERATIONS SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Are you interested in being paid to work in an International Hotel environment that gives you a Nationally Recognised Qualification, onsite training and the potential to establish a career with Watermark Hotel & Spa? You will also have the opportunity to earn extra money during busy periods such as school holidays and special events. To apply, forward your resume and cover letter to cta@ctia.edu.au. Applications close, Monday, 26th March. Phone Sharon on 0438765325 for further details.

YFU AUSTRALIA STUDENT EXCHANGE

Learn how you can study overseas. Attend the YFU Information Sessions being held in the Southport Community Centre on the 28th March or 9th May from 7pm-8.30pm. 14-18 year olds welcome with their parents. Phone: 5591 1395 or www.yfu.com.au.

CATCHING UP WITH MITCH RAWLINGS

As you would have read on Facebook, I am off to Oxford for an intellectual property moot. It is an annual competition that is by invitation only. Seventy-seven universities applied to St Catherine’s College, Oxford University. The application was a 6,000-word submission on the area of law, in this case Privacy law in the European Convention. The problem itself really addresses the implications on marriages and workplace relationships in a time where the information can be freely posted on the internet at a moment’s notice; borderline ironic considering I told the world about qualifying on Facebook.

Anyway, we leave on 12 March 2012 and we will moot (like debating but in a fake courtroom setting) on 16-18 March in Oxford. We will then go for a small nine-day trip of Eastern Europe for relaxation.

I was caught in a thought the other day, sometime after Christmas, where I wanted to get in touch with you. My thought was more appropriately a reflection. In your penultimate year when you are studying law you make a number of applications and basically ramp up your graduate job search. After exams at the end of the year you receive your offerings. At Christmas last year I received the offer I was hoping for, a position in the Royal Australian Navy Advocate-General’s Corp. The position involves investigation and prosecution of internationally wrongful acts like piracy, treason or terrorism. Thinking back to the days of the schoolyard, I was shocked and dumbfounded how a distracted and misbehaving kid could end up with these opportunities.

I don’t want to sound self-serving, but my point really rests on it to some degree. I achieved an OP22 when I graduated in 2003. I might have taken 8 years to come to this point, but my teachers were right, specifically you. In 2002, I can vividly recall a conversation where you were telling me that it doesn’t matter about my OP. I honestly thought that was something that teachers said to lower the suicide rate. But, I went to TAFE and did two diplomas, I was then accepted to a Bachelor of Justice in Criminology and with my marks, got into law. I was not the best law student and I am four years older than my classmates, but I think that I wanted to be there more than those 20-year-olds. This is to say that I now say that I have honoured my mother and father by doing something I am proud of.

Let me say this, if you ever have a student who acts like an underprivileged turkey, thinks they will never amount to more than a street cleaner and is on the verge of throwing in the towel like I was, call me. It is because of the support of you and the Marymount street cleaner and is on the verge of throwing in the towel like I was. This is to say that I now say that I have honoured my mother and father by doing something I am proud of.

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Mr Murtagh, please know, regardless how disrespectful I was, and ignorant to the benefits I was given, I appreciate your help now. If there is ever a time I can return the favour, never hesitate to contact me.

Mitch Rawlings
Class of 2003

STOP PRESS... STOP PRESS... STOP PRESS...

"Through to semis at 10:30 local time (8:30 QLD). Scared is an understatement" - status updates 17 and 18 March (courtesy of Facebook)

OXFORD IP MOOT CHAMPIONS 2012... QUT!

Congratulations, Mitch and the QUT team. I am somewhat humbled by your words but as your Pastoral Coordinator in Years 9 & 11 I guess we did go through some tough times. Your classroom teachers of that time deserve the most thanks and recognition.

Mr Michael Murtagh
Vocational Education and Careers Coordinator
IF YOU ARE SIGNING OUT EARLY PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE A NOTE FROM YOUR PARENTS AND IT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY YOUR PASTORAL TEACHER AND COORDINATOR PRIOR TO SIGNING OUT AT THE STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE (SAO).

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.

Have you collected your 2011 Yearbook?

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!

Your voice must be heard.
1. An increase in recurrent funding to help close the gap between resourcing levels of State schools and Catholic schools.

A 1% increase in the basket-nexus recurrent funding rate each year for the next four years to bring State Government funding for Catholic schools to 25% of the cost of educating a child in a State school.

This would deliver an additional $14.5 million or $108 per student to the Catholic sector in the first year.

2. Ongoing Capital funding for new schools to meet demand for places.

An extension of the Tomorrow's Schools program for a further five years to provide approximately $12 million in additional capital assistance each year.

3. Meet Government commitments made to support the successful transition of Year 7 into secondary school and consider additional funding to assist with developing specialist facilities and meeting human resourcing costs.

The State Government has committed to provide an allocation of $105 million in additional funding to support the transition of Year 7 to secondary in the Catholic sector. In addition, the State Government will take responsibility for the Local Government infrastructure costs estimated at $24 million. Further, ongoing full discretion is to be maintained over existing State Government capital streams to the Catholic sector.

The State Government has also committed to establish a task force of Government, Catholic and Independent sectors to further research the needs of boarding schools and make a recommendation to Government in time for the budget mid-year review in November 2011. The Catholic sector expects that there will be a further allocation of funds from this process and has requested $10 million.

The Year 7 transition will be a major undertaking for the Catholic sector both educationally and financially in terms of staffing and facilities and will require ongoing commitment from government to be successful.

As well as general learning areas, additional staff facilities, toilets, the expansion of libraries, parking and set down spaces will be required. The availability of specialist teachers, along with the additional cost of running a secondary school model in Year 7 with more specialist subjects and facilities are further considerations. There are also many considerations about how primary schools will be affected by the transition, and in particular, the impact on staffing.

4. Additional assistance for school transport program.

An additional $1 million to be allocated under the school transport assistance program to allow for the eligibility threshold to be decreased from $30 to its previous level of $15-$20 per family/week as well as providing a buffer for a 2% annual growth in numbers accessing the program.

5. Increased assistance to support children in the care of the state.

The Catholic sector is committed to ensuring that children in the care of the state receive the best educational opportunities possible and is seeking additional funding equivalent to a minimal school fee contribution to recognise the significant costs involved with achieving this. Currently some 400 children in the care of the state attend Catholic schools. A base grant of $2,000 per child would be considered appropriate assistance in this respect.
Semester 1, 2012
Online applications for the Bus Fare Assistance Program and the Students with Disabilities Scheme will be accepted from 1st May 2012 until 31st May 2012

To lodge an online application to receive a rebate for either program, go to:
www.schooltransport.com.au

Further enquiries to:
1336 9192 or
schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au

Applications received after 31st May 2012 cannot be processed.
We have discovered an outbreak of head lice at this school. This is not a cause for serious concern as your child may not be affected. However, head lice are extremely contagious and in order to determine if your child has been infected with head lice, we are asking all parents to inspect their child’s hair. We suggest that you look for the following symptoms or signs that would indicated the presence of head lice:

General: Child scratching his/her head excessively

On pillows: Fine black powder on pale coloured material.

In the hair: Signs of lice eggs (“nits”) - cream or coffee coloured specks close to hair roots.

Lice: Small white or greyish parasites the approximate size of a pin-head.

If you notice any of these signs or if you require any further information, please contact your local pharmacy, as treatment is readily available and easy to apply. Additionally, we have some further information here at the school.

We encourage you to ensure that this problem is solved quickly by determining if your child is affected and seeking a recognized head lice treatment if necessary.