PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
1pm – 6pm Tuesday 24 April

With this time set for interviews there is no reason why students should not attend with their parents. We will supervise students where parents advise they expect their son/daughter to remain at school after 12.30pm. A reminder for all, parents and teachers, that interviews are 10 minutes. Please keep to the allotted time and the scheduled interviews. Admin staff at the front of the Doyle Centre can assist with problems. Where extra time is required a further interview will need to be arranged for another time.

MARYMOUNT CATHOLIC IDENTITY SURVEY
Deadline extended to 29 April

Following a slow initial response to our requests for parents to complete the survey we have asked for the close to be extended. We need a valid sample size and while enough parents (108) have started the survey, not enough (73) have finished it.

This is understandable. I found the first survey section fairly straight forward. As I moved through the second and third sections I found the conflicts in the questions increasingly difficult. By the time I was finished I had definitely had enough. The end result though is that all my conflicted responses are in. No one knows what my responses are. Finally, we have almost a full set of staff responses. Now we need to increase the parent response. We need you. Please commit to completing the survey.

1. Make the decision to do it
2. Log on to www.schoolidentity.net
3. Enter password: Oceania
4. If NEW USER then select this choice and record your user name and password

*If you have only partially completed the survey then enter your credentials you were given when you first logged on. If you have forgotten this information then select NEW USER.
5. Complete as much of the survey as you can. (Don’t lose your username and password)
6. Be committed to finishing the survey
7. Register for the draw for the Dinner for Two at the Little Truffle Restaurant

I am sure with your extra effort we can exceed the sample size. Just do the survey in the next day or so. Thank you in anticipation.

JAPANESE TRIP

They just slipped away to Japan for two weeks. There was no fuss or fanfare, and they’re back. Our appreciation to Ms Kanae Aki who had organised the trip for 2011, but because of the earthquake/tsunami the trip was postponed. Happily, the students were determined to go to Japan and their parents shared the spirit. Our appreciation also goes to Mr Warren Segal for accompanying Ms Aki to ensure necessary additional care and supervision of students. We are committed to the LOTE program at Marymount, and the biennial Japanese Trip is integral to the program. Congratulations to all the students for their determination for adventure and travel, their openness to other cultures, and their commitment to Japanese language study.

COLLEGE ANZAC DAY SERVICE
11.15am Tuesday 24 April

The College will commemorate ANZAC day with a service at the Statue of Mary in the College drive in period 4 on ANZAC eve. Parking in this area will not be permitted from the start of the school day until after the service.

Our Year 10 students will attend the Burleigh Heads RSL Dawn Service on ANZAC Day, meeting at 4am outside Brumby’s Bakery (opp. Bowls club).

Our Seniors and Leaders, with those students who can come along to join them, will participate in the Burleigh Heads ANZAC Parade and Service, meeting at 9.15am at the intersection of West and James Street.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Monday 30 April

Invitations to the Principal’s Awards were sent home with Term One reports. We look forward to presenting these awards starting at 9.30am for Years 10, 11 and 12, and 11.10am for Years 8 and 9.

Morning Tea for parents and award recipients (Years 8-12) will be held on the lawns of the Doyle Centre at 10.30am. We hope to see many parents at this time.

BLOCK GRANTS AND YEAR 7 TO SECONDARY BUILDING APPLICATION

As the first week of the term closed we hosted a visit to the College of members of the QCEC Block Grant Authority Sub-committee. The sub-commitTEE members share responsibility to travel throughout Queensland visiting schools to examine and develop clear understanding of each school’s application for funding for building works.

When all the sub-commitTEE members convene later in the year, those who came to Marymount will explain our application to them. The sub-commitTEE will come to understand all the current applications to be reviewed as members report on the applications of schools they visited. Projects are ranked by Educational and Financial Need. Those at the top of the list are funded first and so on down the list until the funds run out. While we applied unsuccessfully last year, the process is thorough and fair. We are hopeful of funding approval this year. An outcome is expected mid-way through Term 3.

Diamond Sponsors for Marymount Art Show 2012

Our appreciation to our major sponsors for getting our Art Show fundraising off to a wonderful start with their early commitment. Attached to this Newsletter is the Sponsorship Proposal for prospective sponsors. The advertising value and Art Show Dollars represent value when the circulation of the Marymount Schools Newsletters are considered. Join others to ensure the success of the Art Show both as entertainment and as a Marymount Schools fundraising event.

See the Art Show Sponsorship Form attached to the newsletter email and on the College website.

PARENTING AND TEENAGERS

A meeting early this week reminded me how hard parenting really is. We need to be clear with kids. Our expectations need to be informed by common sense and wisdom. We need to be firm and fair. We need to reject teenage behaviour that is inappropriate/wrong. This will mean that there will be times when we keep our teenagers close, at home, and when we must say no. Dr Jeff Kemp’s book, ‘Be a Parent not a Pal’ reminds me of my responsibility as a parent. Tough love can be what is needed.

It is not easy. It involves consequences such as saying no to sleepovers, insisting on the laptop on the charger in your room for most of the time, not giving in to tantrums or sulking, rejecting emotional blackmail. We must never use ridicule, sarcasm, emotional blackmail, violence, or spite, and we must always be ready to forgive.

If it is true that our relationship with our spouse must be nourished by five positives for one negative, our relationship with our teenager needs fifteen positives for one negative. Ultimately no relationship needs even one negative and that’s why parenting teenagers can be so hard. We need to be clear, wise and fair all the time, especially when we have to say no.

Being right all the time is impossible but we still have a responsibility to continue to exercise parental judgement, striving to get it right and acknowledging our mistakes. We are parents, we have life experience, we love our kids and we have an obligation to parent our children. Help is available through the school and we are happy to work with parents and students. We don’t believe there are easy solutions or quick fixes and we know parenting can be very, very demanding.

Mr Chris Noonan
Principal
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: As a school community we need to keep striving to make improvements in student attendance. It was particularly disappointing to note the high absenteeism of our senior students at our College Easter Liturgy and Sport on the Thursday before the conclusion of Term 1 as well as the high number of absent days some students have already recorded after just one term.

Academic progress and a settled environment can only occur when priority is given to continuity of attendance. It is essential for this to occur if your child is to achieve and prosper. We seek parent support in minimising absence from school. Students should be at school unless they are too sick to be there. It is disappointing that some parents cover for absences by failing to make their child accountable for days off. This is giving your child mixed messages and ultimately will only harm their progress.

Please read your child’s Record Book, specifically the College procedures for when your child is absent or requests for leave.

Mr Kyle Connor
Deputy Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - SENIOR CURRICULUM

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2012 tests for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 15 May, Wednesday 16 May and Thursday 17 May 2012. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 18 May 2012. Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year. If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, please contact the Learning Support Centre. Students may be withdrawn from the NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the College. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal Form. These forms are available from Ms Marie Hansen and must be finalised by Friday May 11.

Later in the year you will receive your child’s personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

Ms Marie Hansen
APA - Junior

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - JUNIOR CURRICULUM

The year 8s will be enjoying a unit on spirituality in the Christian tradition which culminates on research into one of the religious orders. Year 9s have begun a unit on the Holy Spirit and Year 10s will consider Moral Integrity. The content of these units is varied and interesting. In the course of the term it would be of great value were you to engage your sons and daughters in conversations around their current topic, the relevance of their religious education is enhanced in incalculable ways when these things happen.

Our ANZAC service will take place on Tuesday 24 April around the Mary statue on the main driveway, from 11.45am weather permitting. Ten students who are in the cadets will take on the job of Honour Guards and Colour Party.

Mr Kyle Connor
Deputy Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Compassion fundraising will continue for a couple more weeks as meeting our target sum is a priority and, with some extra effort, we hope to reach it.

More than a thousand Palm crosses, made by our Year 10 cadets and with a little extra effort, we hope to reach our target sum is a priority and, with some extra effort, we hope to reach it.

Our prayer is inspired by the magnificant sunflower in the Year 12 Courtyard which exploded itself into our consciousness earlier this week!

Mrs Dolores Maitland
APRE
The Most Revd Mark Benedict Coleridge, DD, UNTIL NOW ARCHBISHOP OF CANBEER AND GOULBURN

The Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese, Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett, has warmly welcomed the announcement of the appointment by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI of the Most Reverend Mark Coleridge as Metropolitan Archbishop of Brisbane.

Archbishop Coleridge already is a distinguished leader in the Church in Australia, and his appointment to Brisbane will be of great significance for the Archdiocese and the Catholic Church and community in Queensland.

As well as his experience as a priest for 38 years and a bishop for ten, Archbishop Coleridge is a theologian and teacher especially qualified in the fields of Sacred Scripture and the Church’s liturgical worship, in both of which he has taught extensively in Australia and overseas.

In the five years before appointment as a bishop he served in the Vatican as an official in the Secretariat of State, receiving the appointment of Chaplain to His Holiness.

The Archbishop has also served as Chairman of the international editorial Committee responsible for the new English translation of the Roman Missal, which came into use throughout the parishes of Australia last December. He continues an international rôle as the Chairman of the Commission for the preparation of the forthcoming new Lectionary of scripture readings for the Mass.

Born and educated in Victoria, and ordained as a priest in Melbourne in 1974, Archbishop-elect Coleridge has led the Church in the Australian Capital and a wide area of country NSW since 2006, giving him also experience in public advocacy for human values and the common good with the federal government. The Archbishop-elect will be the first non-Queensland born Archbishop appointed in almost 50 years, since former Archbishop Patrick O’Donnell (1965-1973) who was born in Ireland.

The Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Jarrett of Lismore, continues in office as arrangements are made to welcome the Archbishop-elect and the plans are completed for Archbishop Coleridge’s installation in St Stephen’s Cathedral.

An Installation Mass will be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Friday 11 May.

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Brisbane and the province of Queensland our new Archbishop can be assured of a warm and happy welcome and a ready anticipation of his pastoral leadership in the Church and wider community.

MEET OTHER PARENT & CARERS FROM MARYMOUNT COLLEGE.

All are very welcome to attend and if you would like to bring a friend, please do.

RSVP:
Leesa – heggiesmail@gmail.com - 0418 799945 or Tracy – tracyfitz04@yahoo.com.au

WHERE:
Marymount College Home Economics Department

WHEN:
Wednesday 23 May 2012 at 10.30am

COST:
Donation

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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.
Over the last two weeks of Term 1, our junior and senior debating teams competed in Round 2 of the Gold Coast Secondary Schools Debating Competition. Congratulations to all debaters on the detailed preparation of their arguments and their impressive performances on competition night.

THE RESULTS:

JUNIOR: Marymount Team 1 won against Merrimac SHS / Marymount Team 2 lost against All Saints

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION A: Marymount lost against All Saints

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION B: Marymount won by forfeit from Hillcrest

SENIOR DIVISION A: Marymount won against AB Paterson

SENIOR DIVISION B: Marymount Team 1 lost against Nerang SHS / Marymount Team 2 - BYE / Marymount Team 3 won by forfeit from Coombabah SHS

Mrs Annette McMahon
Debating Coordinator

Round 2 of the Gold Coast Secondary Interschool Chess Teams Competition will be held at All Saints Anglican College on Thursday, 3 May, 8.45am-2.30pm. Entry cost is $15.

Students who are interested in competing should see Mrs. King in LSC or come to the next Chess Club meeting that is held each Tuesday at lunchtime in A2.

Mrs Diana King
Chess Co-ordinator

Beastman is an artist based in Sydney. Influenced by the beauty and symbolism behind nature’s repetitive geometric patterns and organic lines, Beastman’s tightly detailed, often symmetrical paintings depict a parallel world of hope and survival inhabited by his beastlike yet beautiful and emotive characters. These instantly recognisable and loveable deities have spawned from the elements of the earth, as if nature has come to life in a way we could never have imagined. See below for the amazing wall he painted at the College.

One of the most distinctive and prolific emerging artists in Australia and founder and editor of the online art publication [weAREtheIMAGEmakers], Beastman has exhibited extensively throughout Australia, as well as London, Berlin and New Zealand. He has curated and organised numerous art exhibitions and events, has designed skateboards and graphics for various brands including Element, Folklore, Mingo Lamberti, The Art Park and Lowlife of London and has also been commissioned to create artwork for Hyundai, Smirnoff, Red Bull, Stone & Wood Brewery, Tiger Beer and Huawei.

Beastman was recently named Best Artist at the 2010 Sydney Music, Arts & Culture (SMAC) Awards and also spoke at the 2010 Semi-Permanent conferences in Melbourne and Perth.

His large public mural aerosol works can be found all over Australia and in London, Berlin, Hong Kong and New York, he has also been featured in publications such as Empty, Amateur, Kingbrown, Tees, Deadbeat, Oyster, Australian Creative and more.

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: 2 May - 6 June - 20 June - 11 July
18 July - 25 July - 1 August
MARYMOUNT COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

This year’s college cross country carnival will be held on FRIDAY 4TH MAY. There will be a race briefing at 10.45am on the main oval. First race commences at 11.00am. All girls, and the 13 years, 14 years and 15 years boys will complete a 3km course, whilst the 16 years boys and open boys will complete a 6 km course, (2 laps of the 3km course).

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All Year 8 students will be required to participate. Nominations for the other year levels will take place during pastoral periods next week. Students are to wear appropriate footwear, and are to be dressed in the college sports uniform or suitable house colours. Wearing a hat, some sunscreen and bringing a water bottle are also encouraged.

Refreshments in the form of icy’s will be available trackside from the Aloha Hawaiian Shave Ice Van. Cost: $5.00 – Large, $3.50 – Regular. A percentage of the proceeds from the afternoon will be donated back to the College.

Students finishing in the top 8 places in each age group will qualify for the Oceanic District Cross Country Championships on Wednesday 23rd May at Pizzey Park, Miami.

All spectators are most welcome on the day of the carnival.

Marymount College, Lane Muir and Brandon Cittadini-Smith. This was a good physical encounter for our 2nds who are improving each week. It is tough having to front up each week against the A teams, or only teams, from the other schools. As players return our strength will become greater.

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The skills and attitude displayed in this game were very pleasing.

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Mr Jason Hamilton
1st XIII Coach

RUGBY LEAGUE

This Monday night the results from both teams were a major improvement. Due to students returning from both injury and other commitments we are getting closer to full strength.

The 2nd XIII played a full strength Robina SHS team and after a slow start where they were down by two tries at half time managed to claw their way back into the game with a very determined and courageous effort. In the end the match finished with Robina on top. Marymount recorded tries to Zac Hamilton, Lane Muir and Brandon Cittadini-Smith. This was a good physical encounter for our 2nds who are improving each week. It is tough having to front up each week against the A teams, or only teams, from the other schools. As players return our strength will become greater.

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**Why do students do NAPLAN tests?** NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

**What will be tested, and how?** NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the National Statements of Learning for English and mathematics which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a persuasive text.

**Who will run the tests?** NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or the principal. Each state and territory is responsible for marking the tests in accordance with strict guidelines and processes.

**Can I help my child prepare for the tests?** NAPLAN assessments are undertaken by students as a normal part of their education program. Teachers will ensure students are prepared for the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended. The most effective way to prepare for the tests is to ensure that literacy and numeracy skills embedded in the normal curriculum are taught. Sample questions and a sample writing task can be accessed on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au.

**What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?** All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments which reflect the support normally provided in the classroom, and students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions, or who has recently arrived in Australia and is from a non-English speaking background. Your state testing authority and your school principal can provide you with more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

**How is NAPLAN performance measured?** NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has ten bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands will represent the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

**What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?** Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 18 May.

**Will I receive a report on my child’s performance?** A NAPLAN report will be issued by your school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. The school will notify you when the reports are being sent home. If you do not receive a report, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

**How are NAPLAN test results used?**
- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.
- The community can see average school NAPLAN results on the My School website.

**Where can I get more information?**
- For more information about NAPLAN: visit www.nap.edu.au
- contact your child’s school
- contact your state or territory’s education authority

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**NAPLAN TESTS 2012 TIMETABLE**

**YEAR 9 STUDENTS**

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‘Language conventions’ includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.

‘Numeracy’ includes number; space; algebra; function and pattern; measurement, chance and data.

In Year 9 there is on test where calculator use is permitted, and one where it is not.
FROM THE EDITOR

Our young writers have the opportunity to participate in an exceptional competition. I remind all our Marymount writers to read the details provided below as well as on a separate page printed for this newsletter. You may access the website www.australiancatholics.com.au for more details about this competition.

2012 YOUNG JOURNALIST AWARD: Write about NOW - EVERYDAY PEOPLE WITH EXTRAORDINARY STORIES TO SHARE.
Write a story about someone inspiring in your community for the 2012 Young Journalist Award. You could get published and win cash and great prizes for yourself and for Marymount College. Good Luck and Happy Writing!

Irene Scott
Yearbook Editor / Year 12 Assistant Coordinator

WRITE about NOW

Everyday people with extraordinary stories to share

Write a story on someone inspiring in your community for the 2012 Young Journalist Award. You could get published and win cash and great prizes for you and your school.

Do you know someone with a story to share?
By doing some research, conducting an interview, and writing a story you can help make a difference.

Learn more about the media and share your story with the world.

Junior, Intermediate and Senior sections
Cash and prizes for the winner and runner-up in three sections valued at:

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The three section winners will also win $300 for their school and membership to the Children’s Book Council of Australia.

Thanks to the staff, students and families of Marymount College for your co-operation and ongoing support in creating your children’s beautiful smiles!

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Early this year, 9 Marymount students entered in the 2012 Lions Youth of the Year Quest. It was by far the largest number of students who have entered in the competition and also some of the greatest. The entrants were Janie-Marie Burgess, Kate Coombes, Tom Lock, Ayla Beaufils, Tobias Cantoni, Monnie Esmond, Dominic Richards, Caitlin O'Connor, Aisling Waugh.

All of these students were phenomenally impressive, proving themselves to be excellent ambassadors for the College. Within our 9 competitors there were some outstanding achievements - Kate Coombes reached the Gold Coast Regional Final, after winning at club level and at zone final. She also received the Public Speaking award at her club judging. Janie-Marie Burgess reached a zone final after winning at club level. Tobias Cantoni and Monnie Esmond also won the Public Speaking award at their respected club judging.

Mr Bruce has stated, “Congratulations to all competitors including Caitlin O’Connor and Aisling Waugh who received special commendations from their adjudicators. Aged 15, they are the youngest-ever Marymount entrants in the Youth of the Year Quest. Both matched the other, older competitors in their performances at their club judging.”

Marymount College and Mr. Bruce are very proud of their students and their achievements within this completion. We would like to congratulate these students for their great accomplishments.

Additionally, we thank Mr Bruce for his continued guidance and encouragement. It means a lot to us all.

Caitlin O’Connor
Year 10 reporter

IT’S A NEW TERM

I left school at the end of term 1 itching for a holiday. I had a very eventful one, too. But I can honestly say that I came back to school on the first day ready and raring to start up work again. One week in and I feel as though it’s time for another holiday! I know for a fact that I would leave and immediately feel bored and have nothing to do, nothing to learn.

So, this term I have made a promise to myself to stay motivated all the way through to 3:00pm on the very last day. I have set myself goals for the term, and rewards (preferably catered for by my parents) if I succeed in reaching those goals. Goal setting is just one way to stay motivated. I suggest it for anyone struggling to stay awake in class or do their homework regularly. Constantly remind yourself why you have to listen and learn in class, why you have to study for that test. Reasons why NOT to study should be completely ignored at all times. Give it a go this term, and I guarantee that your end of semester report card will have marks on it that will make you (and more importantly, your parents) smile.

Good luck!

Jasmine Hodson
Year 10 reporter
I was honoured to be involved in and will be forever grateful for the incredible experience I had at the National Constitutional Convention in Canberra. Selected as one of the student delegates to represent the opinions, viewpoints and values of Queensland and its young citizens, the three days I spent in the national capital in the company of leading economists, political scientists, senators, government ministers and even the Young Lawyer of the Year for 2011, were 3 of the most informative and thought-provoking days of my life. I felt absolutely privileged to be not only in the presence of these high-profile dignitaries, but the 120 other delegates from around the country who spoke with poise, persuasion and incredible intelligence.

We deliberated the ideology of becoming a Federalist nation for the majority of the convention, as I met the contagiously vivacious personalities and was flooded with the strong social standings and mindsets of fellow students; stretching from suburban Sydney, to rural Northern Territory; from regional Victoria to Brisbane City - all from a variety of different multicultural backgrounds. I was taken on a personal tour of local Member Karen Andrews’s Parliamentary office, and was even able to have photos taken sitting in Tony Abbot’s seat in the Liberal Party Room!

The High Court visit was a highlight to a hopeful future law student like myself, as I and my fellow delegates, became part of a select few that have been granted access to walk across the hallowed floor of the High Court’s primary courtroom and take seats at the much respected bar table for the country’s leading barristers.

The knowledge I gained from the guest speakers and lectures we attended would be sufficient to analyse for a lifetime. Our referendum results concerning the federalism of the water and health systems and the 12-page communique with our arguments, discussions and ultimate rationale behind our proposed constitutional changes were presented to a leading Senator on the final afternoon and will be brought before parliament and archived in the coming weeks.

The experience and knowledge I gained from interacting with such an select group of highly intelligent and focused teenagers surprised me, opened my eyes. It and inspired me to do more for the world we live in; that at even such a young age, a group of ‘little’ people can make a significant difference. The 2012 National Constitutional Convention proved to the national capital that although our generation is portrayed in the media so negatively, that there are so many of us out there interested in working towards a greater good.

Tobias Cantoni
Year 11 reporter and participant

GRiffBus AMBAssADoRS daY

A group of Marymount’s best and brightest business student’s headed to Griffith University as part of the continuing tie with the Business faculty’s Business Ambassadors program. Most in the small party had previous experience with the program with a few first-timers amongst us as well.

This seminar, the first of three for the year, focused on Venture Pitches and Marketing.

Attendees enjoyed hearing three different proposals from groups of students to venture capitalists, followed by a quick lecture from our academic panel and a Q & A session.

After breaking for lunch (which was delicious) we settled back in for a quick chat about study options at Griffith. To wrap up the day we enjoyed a brief networking and teambuilding activity, which saw us make many new connections.

Following the day we were all delivered some exciting news. After some negotiation we have been chosen to give a presentation on entrepreneurship and business entry, the topic currently being studied in BOM, to the rest of the ambassadors at the next seminar.

Keep your eyes peeled, as the newsletter will be the first place to see details on how we went!

As with anything like this there are people to thank. We all once again express our sincere thanks to Ms. Colleen Organ for her tireless work in ensuring we make it to these days every term. Also thanks to Dr. Ruth McPhail, the program’s administrator, for accommodating us as well as our legend of a taxi driver Joe.

Sam Burbury
Year 11 reporter
Business Student Ambassador
BEGINNING TERM 2 IN YEAR 12

As the seniors return for Term 2, we’re beginning to realise why the senior year is notorious for its pressures. But outside the countless assignments and exams are other responsibilities which come with being a senior. Acting as a role model for younger people is a privilege denied to many, and as a grade we’re responsible for setting an example.

I am happy to report that the leadership team has a very positive morale with regards to this, and we’re now working on spreading this throughout the year level. Incorporating the areas of uniform, behaviour and attitude, the goal of the Leadership team for Term 2 is to lead the Year 12s of 2012 to be a grade to remember for the right reasons.

Rather than show the rest of the community what not to do, it’s time to pull our heads in, work hard, and leave Marymount, the place which has done so much for us all, a better place for having had us.

Janie-Marie Burgess
Year 12 reporter
Student Councillor

EARTH DAY

The 22nd of April this year will be the 42nd Anniversary of the first Earth Day. Earth Day is a day of observance to increase the appreciation of the Earth’s natural environment, and raise awareness of the issues that affect it. It is more than that, as we have come to fully realise our impacts; it has become more and more of a day of action rather than just education. Every single year it has become more meaningful, and now 42 years on, and with the other 175 countries recognising Earth Day, it has become a day in which we can all work together to create a better future.

There are many different things you can do to contribute towards a sustainable future and allow future generations to experience a better environment. Recycling, planting trees, and saving water are among the simple, well known ways to help the environment.

Joshua Fitzpatrick
School Captain
Environmental Committee member

YEaR 12 UPDAte

First week back began with a warm welcome followed by some hard-hitting points made to the Senior students. Parent and Guardians, we ask for your assistance in ensuring that the right message gets through and is understood by all Year 12 students.

FORMAL: The Formal is on July 28. Only Marymount Year 12 students will be able to walk the red carpet. Family and friends are welcome to have professional group photos taken upstairs, following the student’s red carpet entry.

QCS: All students have been provided with details concerning the QCS program. It is imperative that students attend. Those students not involved have an allocated room for other activities.

LATENESS – SIGNING IN/OUT: A reminder that students are expected to be on time to school. Should they be late, students MUST sign in at SAO. If a students needs to leave, it must be done through SAO also.

RUBBISH: There is a timely reminder from our School Captain Joshua Fitzpatrick. In his article, Joshua writes about the 42nd Anniversary of Earth Day. It is important to realise the impact we make on this earth. We direct the students’ attention to their own ‘doorstep’ and remind everyone to help keep the senior courtyard rubbish free! Surely rubbish is not found everywhere at home!

JERSEYS: A reminder they are to be worn on a Thursday only.

DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY: We note with disappointment, a lack of attendance for the Easter Liturgy by some senior students. It is pointed out because there will be other days during the year when attendance by all students is the expectation. Contribution to the school community should play a vital role in the life of a Marymount student. School References at the end of the year should reflect exemplary attendance and participation.

ANZAC PARADE: The Year 12 Leadership team will be participating in the ANZAC parade next Wednesday April 25th. Other students wishing to join them please meet on the corner of James and West Streets in Burleigh at 9.15am wearing the full school uniform.

APPOINTMENTS DURING SCHOOL TIME: Please keep these to the minimum. Students must attend classes to keep up with the schedule of work expected at Year 12 level.

SCARF AND STOCKINGS: These are now available from the Uniform Shop. Please note, if students need to wear scarves, only the school scarf is permitted. Girls wishing to wear stockings must ensure they are blue and not black. Observance of the school policy regarding the school uniform must be upheld. We ask parents and guardians to assist us with this matter.

Mr Kevin Cornor
Mrs Irene Scott
Year 12 Coordinators
GOLD COAST FRESH MEAT CENTRE CASUAL POSITION VACANT

Located directly across the road from the College, Gold Coast Fresh Meat Centre is looking for an outgoing and friendly junior to work alternate Saturday and Sunday shifts. Responsibilities will include customer service, cash handling and general retail duties. To apply, please email your resume to kylie@gcfmc.com.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP CERT III FITNESS POSITIONS VACANT

BlueFit Employment Services are currently offering positions at Miami Fitness for Year 10 and 11 students who are interested in completing their Certificate III in Fitness. Students will attend work during school hours one set day a week, which will be negotiated with the successful candidate and the school. The successful applicants will work in the gym and reception, learning most aspects of the Fitness industry on a rotating roster. For further details see the Marymount Careers Office or email apply@Bfes.com.au.

YOUNG ENDEavour YOUTH SCHEME

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is now accepting applications to join voyages between July and December 2012. The Young Endeavour is an exciting experience and a unique opportunity for youth to develop skills for life. The program aims to develop self-awareness and confidence, teamwork and leadership skills, and fosters a strong sense of community amongst participants. Applications are accepted through the website: www.youngendeavour.gov.au. Further information on voyage dates, ports of call, voyage fees, scholarship and eligibility, see the Marymount Careers Office or visit the mentioned website.

FUTURE FILMMAKERS SCHOOLS DAY AT GC FILM FESTIVAL

The Gold Coast Film Festival will be hosting a day of FREE secondary schools seminars for future filmmakers and those curious about the industry and all its possibilities on April, 23rd at the Robina Community Centre. The day will feature discussions with national and international industry experts. Also representatives from Bond University will be offering a presentation on the Bond Film and Television Awards and how students can win a full scholarship to Bond Uni. For further details, see the Marymount Careers Office. To reserve seating or for inquiries please email mail@gcfilmfestival.com.

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE DAYS

BECOME A UNIVERSITY STUDENT FOR A DAY

From 14th to 18th May, Griffith encourages students to attend and experience first-hand what their programs have to offer. The opportunity to sit in on first-year lectures and participate in tutorials and workshops is not to be missed. Students will also get the chance to meet lecturers and staff from their area of interest, as well as like-minded students from other schools. For further information and to register visit the Marymount Careers Office. Closing Date: Friday, 4th May. Places are limited so early registration is recommended.

2012 GOLD COAST CAREERS EXPO

RACV Royal Pines Resort THURSDAY 10TH MAY - www.gccareersexpo.com.au. NOTE: All Year 10 students will be attending this event on the morning this day.

BOND UNi INVESTING IN YOUR FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP INFO SEMINAR

This free seminar if free of charge and gives Year 12 students and their families the chance to learn more about scholarships, fees and costs and FEE-HELP loans.

Held on Tuesday, 8th May from 6.15pm in the Cerum Theatre. Register at www.bond.edu.au/experience.
THE BEGINNING: Originally from Melbourne, Andrew & his family arrived to The Gold Coast in 1985 where he started Grade 1 at Marymount Primary.

Based in Mudgeeraba, Andrew endured a 45-minute bus ride to and from school followed by a 5km walk to his family property in the hinterland each day, except of course when the floods submerged the local bridges and a day off was declared much to his elation. Somewhat of a class entertainer Andrew was regularly the centre of attention and stood out of the crowd with his curly hair and half attempt at growing a goatee beard which he was frequently reminded by teachers to shave.

Andrew played Rugby Union in year 11 as part of the infamous “Rusty Nails” open team who despite being a mix of year 11 and 12 students from various walks of life combined to be an undefeated champion team (even if it was only in the B grade division). In Year 12 Andrew was voted the Katandra House captain and competed in his true sport of choice, AFL, and was again successful with his team winning the Jason Dunstall Cup after defeating numerous teams from across South-East Qld and was even lucky enough to play a game under lights at the Gabba.

IN-BETWEEN: After twelve fun-filled years Andrew finally graduated in the class of 1996 and after winning a few Science & Mathematics awards during his time at Marymount he followed his interest in science (perhaps inspired by the zany teachings of Mr Chris Murphy) and enrolled in a Bachelor of Applied Science at Griffith University.

After finishing his degree it was Andrew’s social side that shone through as he was recruited by nightclub owner Billy Cross in the role of marketing manager of a Surfers Paradise nightclub. As marketing manager firstly for The Sugar Shack nightclub, then the Drink nightclub and finally at the Ruby Tramp Andrew did everything from hosting parties for university students through to celebrities such of Paris Hilton and also worked on Indy car racing parties and dance music festivals such as Summfieldazyze.

THE PRESENT: After eight years of nightclubs, including several research trips around the globe to famous party destinations such as Ibiza, Las Vegas, Los Angeles & London, Andrew's passion for science & the environment recently resurfaced.

Andrew saw a position in the Marketing & Events Department at the renowned Eco-resort, O’Reilly’s Rainforest Retreat. Having both hospitality experience and a science degree he decided this was a good way to transfer from nightclubs to hotels and so applied & got the job. Although O’Reilly’s 140 rooms are situated in the hinterland, an hour from the coast, Andrew is lucky enough to work from a marketing office on the coast and so lives close to the beach where he can often be seen riding waves at Burleigh Point, a spot he often visited during his time at Marymount (rumour has it sometimes during school hours... only when the surf was really good though).

Although still a passionate fan of AFL & his Collingwood Magpies Andrew has traded playing AFL & Rugby Union in place of competing in Triathlons which he does regularly during the summer months. Andrew also sporadically attends church at Mudgeeraba to surprise his mother Gabrielle and former teacher Michael Murtagh as well as catch up with Father Pat who was always cheering him on from the sidelines of the various football games Andrew played when he was at Marymount.

“I will always look back at my years at Marymount with great fondness and can’t help but smile as I remember the great times & good friendships I shared with both fellow students & teachers whilst studying at Marymount”

Andrew Hutchinson
Sales & Marketing
O’Reilly’s Rainforest Retreat
O’Reilly’s Mountain Villas
O’Reilly’s Canungra Valley Vineyards
O’Reilly’s Lost World Spa
UNITEN - IMPORTANT CHANGE
TENNIS NIGHT ON THE 20 APRIL HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SATURDAY
12 MAY 4PM - 7PM

We are conducting a tennis information and playing night on Saturday the 12 May from 4pm to 7pm. Come along and have a social hit with your family and friends, enjoy a sausage sizzle and discuss the following opportunities: Coaching Information - Meet and discuss our coaching programs; Practice tips and routines / Playing opportunities: Beginner Fixture Program: Teaching the basics of fixture play and available times.; Friday Night Social Teenage / Doubles Challenge: Term 2 could see the re-introduction of this once popular program; Court Hire: - casual or permanent:

WE NEED ADVICE ON NUMBERS TO HELP WITH CATERING ON THE 12TH. MAY. BOOK AT TENNIS COURTS OR PHONE THE NUMBERS BELOW.

REMEMBER: Mums, dads and the children. Bring your rackets and runners and join in this fun night. We are now taking bookings for Term 2 tennis programs. Class, squad and private lessons available.

Call John & Trish Greig 0417 634 524 / 0439 722 369

The Gold Coast Table Tennis Association would like to invite all juniors to come and try table tennis Thursday afternoons from 4pm. The coaches that will be involved in coordinating the session have a current Level 1 coach accreditation through Table Tennis Queensland. Table Tennis is a sport for life and this is a great opportunity to get involved and have fun. GCTTA has a purpose built table tennis centre situated at 1 Herbertson Drive, Molendinar. The club has many options available for table hire, fixtures, social games, handicap competitions and coaching. Hall Hire for functions, trade shows, markets etc is also available.

The club is a not-for-profit organisation and is open to membership for all ages. Come along for a great social atmosphere and experience the exciting sport of Table Tennis. Please contact centre manager, Lukas on 5597 1633 or email info@goldcoasttabletennis.org.au or visit www.goldcoasttabletennis.org.au for more information.

NOTICE FROM COLLEGE BOOKSHOP
We have a lot of College blazers which have been borrowed and not returned. The blazers are provided for ALL students who represent the College off-campus and so they need to be returned to the Bookshop immediately, when the function/event has finished.

For example, if a student participates in Debating or another of the extra curriculum activities, then the blazer still needs to be returned between rounds.

During the week, I have called students who have blazers outstanding to see me in the Bookshop. Unfortunately, most have not seen me as yet. Please check at home and if you find a blazer, please return to the school immediately.

Mrs Anne Barrett
Bookshop Convenor

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**Weekend date:** 27-29 April, 2012  
**Venue:** Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD  
**For bookings/details contact:**  
Terry and Rhonda Boyle tel. 07 3352 3328 or boyletj@powerup.com.au  
**Information website:** www.wwme.org.au

PARISH NOTICES

PARISH WOMEN’S DINNER  
Tuesday 24 April, 6pm, Burleigh Sports Club on Christine Avenue. Call Margaret 5520 0186 or Marcia 5576 2623.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
Religious instruction classes for Year 4 at Caningeraba State School. Call Beth on 5535 9085.

ASHLEY LEWIS BAND  
Come and see them at “The Gospel Hour” at St Stephen’s Cathedral on Sunday 22 April at 4pm. Call 3876 6812 for details.

FAMILY GROUPS  
Goannas on 22 April for lunch at Tumbulgum Hotel. Pool cars at BCF Treetops, 11.15am. Call Margaret Merrotsy on 5534 2654

FAMILY GROUPS  
Have-a-chat on 29 April at 11am for a picnic lunch 4th Ave/Esplanade, Burleigh. Call Margaret on 5520 0186.

PARISH NOTICES

ST. JOSEPH MURGON CELEBRATES 75 YRS IN 2012
OVER MAY DAY LONG WEEKEND  
**Friday May 4** - Blessing and Opening of a new classroom block and the opening of the time capsule buried in 1987  
**Saturday May 5** - Dinner Dance  
**Sunday May 6** - Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a BBQ Lunch and the opportunity to visit classrooms and look through old records and photos. Memorabilia will also be on sale. At 3.00pm there will be a tree planting ceremony to bring the formalities to a conclusion. Contact Sheree for more information on 07 4168 1627

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO FREE 'PARENTING TODAYS TEENAGER' SESSIONS.

**Where:** St. Michael’s College  
**When:** 2 / 9 / 16 May 2012  
**Presenter:** Dr. Jeff Kemp. Author of 'Be A Parent Not A Pal'  
**Topics:** Teens and family, friends, self esteem, depression, anxiety, suicide, technology, challenging.

Register with Jodie David on 07 5530 7470

TUCKSHOP HELPERS NEEDED
If you can help out in the College Tuckshop please contact Mrs Maher or Mrs Viney on 07 5586 1018 as soon as possible!

50TH JUBILEE!

**Venue:** Kedron Wavell Services Club  
**Date:** Saturday 26 May 2012

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SAFER ROADS SOONER WORKS TO START AT REEDY CREEK ROAD AND KORTUM DRIVE

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This section of Reedy Creek Road is very busy, especially during school peak times. Vehicles are required to change several lanes of traffic within a short space to enter or exit the intersecting roads.

Some key features of the proposed works include:

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• Traffic turning left from Kortum Drive to Reedy Creek Road westbound will merge across two lanes of traffic instead of the current three lanes if turning right at Bermuda Street.

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• Extending the existing left turn lane to Marymount Catholic College
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In regards to this project, there are works required to the electricity power poles in Marymount College’s car park. This work will be carried out at night to minimise disruption to students and parents using the car park. It is important to note the contractor’s site office will be located on the vacant land at the northeast corner of the Bermuda Street and Reedy Creek Road intersection (between the school and Bermuda Street). As a result, parking along the eastbound grass verge in this section will be removed. The project is forecast to begin mid-April and end July 2012.

If you have any questions please contact the Community Consultation Officer, Larissa Burke, on 07 5596 9500.

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I see you there in glory shining bright, following the sun and its path of light. Standing tall above all others in the field, you grow, conquer, and do not yield. The little birds take great delight in playing round you, from day to night.

With your petals of yellow and leaves of green; how very easily you are seen. But there is more to you than first sight, more than beauty and grander to delight. Every beautiful aspect that appears, gives praise to the Father dear.

He made you a part of creation. And you praise him in glorious celebration! The beauty that within you is expressed, gives testimony to his greatness.

Sunflower, how I long to be like you! Glorifying God in all I do. Following the Son and His path of light, to worship Him in His glory shining bright.

I can learn from you, my friend, with every breath, praise to God, I might send. With all of his creation telling the story, might I, with you, proclaim His glory.

By Katherine R. Lane

HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED

for students of Edogawa Toride Gakuen Jr. and Sr. High School from Ibaragi, Japan

who will be attending Marymount Catholic College 22 July to 6 August, 2012

This is a worthwhile opportunity for your family to learn about Japanese culture, while sharing with your Japanese student the lifestyle of an Australian family. Families are asked to provide all meals and a friendly home for their student; they will travel to and from school each day the same way as arranged for your own children. Payment to host families will be $420 for the entire period of the stay to assist with some of the expenses involved when hosting your student.

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO HOST A JAPANESE STUDENT, BUT...

Will the student speak any English? Yes. However, as their English skills may be limited, we would ask that you speak clearly and slowly (but not in a patronising way) when communicating with them.

Will I have to cook Japanese food for the student? No. Your Japanese student is here to experience an Australian lifestyle. This includes spending mealtimes with your family, and eating what you and your family normally eat.

Is it OK if the parent/s work fulltime? Yes. During these times (e.g. after school), your Japanese student can spend time with your own children. Families who live near each other are encouraged to share transport, or other activities outside of school.

Do we need Blue Cards? Yes. If your family hosts an overseas student for 10 or more days, it is necessary for all family members over the age of 18 to have a current Blue Card. If you need a Blue Card, we will assist you in the application process.

If you would like to host a Japanese student this year, please contact:
Ms Kanae Aki
via email at kaki@bne.catholic.edu.au
to obtain a Host Family Application Form.

Please contact Yoko if you need assistance in applying for a Blue Card Yoko Sugimoto
(ISS – Study Tour Organiser)
on 3870-9114 or email operations@griffithiss.com.au

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