**YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE REPORTS VERY POSITIVE**

Reports coming back to the school regarding Year 11 students who have all been on Work Experience this week have been very positive. Parents, employers, and the students too, confirm the value of this week for the students. Our appreciation to the many employers across the Gold Coast who, because of a personal commitment to giving young people opportunities, have taken on our students. Thanks also to the many parents and students who found employers and thereby greatly assisting our dedicated Careers Office staff.

**SENIOR FORMAL SATURDAY 28 JULY**

Please note the revised date for the Senior formal. This is now on the third Saturday of Term 3 due to a change to our original booking by the Marriott. It follows the College Track and Field Carnival on the Friday, making it a busy time for the Seniors and Senior leaders.

**ART SHOW HELPERS Wanted**

Having asked parents to find sponsors and donate prizes we are now seeking helpers who will work with Colleen Kinging (ph 0408 883 896) to approach local businesses for sponsorship and donated prizes. Phone Colleen if you can make some time to do this work. We have letters of introduction for you if you can help with this. Your assistance would be appreciated.

Mrs Lisa Boyce will again manage the Art Show Café and would appreciate a capable volunteer to help her with the management. The Café will be open 10:00am-4:00pm Saturday 4 August and 10:00am -3:00pm Sunday 5 August. We are seeking someone who is capable of sharing the responsibility with Lisa. We are also seeking helpers for the serving roster for the Café. Please phone Colleen Kinging (ph 0408 883 896) if you can give some time.

**U14 AND U16 RUGBY LEAGUE SUCCESS.**

This week combined Catholic College Rugby League teams from Casino, NSW came to the Gold Coast and we accepted their challenge for games for our U14 and U16 teams. Both games started with some fairly dominant football by the visitors. It was pleasing to see our boys respond so determinedly right through their games. The U14s eventually achieved a clear win while the U16s prevailed by two points on the bell. A great effort by our boys.

**QISSN & CONFRATERNITY**

We wish our Open Netball and 1st XIII Rugby league teams well as they travel to Caloundra and Shorncliffe respectively for their annual State Independent Secondary Schools Carnivals. The College has a proud history of success at QISSN while at Confraternity our Rugby League team will contest in the top division following their success in second division last year. Both teams have exceptional coaches in Mrs Kim Smith and Mr Jason Hamilton. The players have prepared thoroughly, worked hard to raise funds and made very significant personal financial contributions for their campaigns. Their respective draws are below. They will appreciate your support if you are on the Sunshine Coast or in Brisbane through the first week of the holidays.

**QISSN**

**DAY ONE: MONDAY 25 JUNE**

8.00am - Marymount College Vs St Columban’s College
10.00am - Marymount College Vs St Mary’s College Ipswich
12.30pm - Marymount College Vs Matthew Flinders Anglican College
3.00pm - St Teresa’s Catholic College Vs Marymount College

**DAY TWO: TUESDAY 26 JUNE**

8.30am - St Patrick’s College Vs Marymount College
10.30am - The Rockhampton Grammar School Vs Marymount College
1.30pm - Emmaus College Vs Marymount College

**CONFRATERNITY 2012**

**DAY ONE: MONDAY 25 JUNE**

11.50am - Abergowrie Vs Marymount / 4.00pm - Padua Vs Marymount

**DAY TWO: TUESDAY 26 JUNE**

11.50am - St Patrick’s Mackay Vs Marymount

**SEMI-TERM ONE REPORTS MAILED 22 JUNE**

I pen these newsletter notes having just completed signing the final set of Semester One Reports. It has been a pleasure. I try to be positive when I address College Assemblies, though I do challenge all to be worthy of this great school. The efforts and achievements of the overwhelming majority of students are quite simply wonderful. While there are a number in each year level who have ‘A’s for effort and ‘A’s for achievement for every subject, over 80% of students have a majority of ‘B’s for effort. Our students are outstanding. It is clear from the Semester One reports and it is clear in the tone of the school each day. Congratulations and thank you to the students on their very good efforts and achievements in Semester One. Enjoy the winter recess, keep safe and look after your parents and note that classes resume on Monday 9 July.

Parent/Teacher Interviews are 3:00pm-6:30pm Tuesday 17 July. Note that online booking for these interviews open on 9 July. Passwords and details have been included with the reports. Book early to avoid missing out and limit your appointments to 3 teachers at most. Please be selective in your choices.

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**Chris Noonan**

**Principal**

**SCHOOL RESUMES ON MONDAY 9 JULY AND ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN ON THAT DAY READY FOR CLASSES.**

**NEXT TERM**

**MONDAY 9 JULY**

Parent Teacher Online Booking System Opens

**THURSDAY 12 JULY**

AGCC Interschool Sport Round 1
Year 11 SOR World Religions Symposium
Senior Music Excursion The Mikado

**FRIDAY 13 JULY**

Principal’s Awards
Year 10 Gold Coast Science & Engineering Challenge Griffith Uni
Year 11 BOM Excursion Yatala
**MASS TIMES**

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**TERM DATES**

**TERM 3**
- **First day:** 9 Jul
- **Last day:** 21 Sept

**TERM 4**
- **First day:** 8 Oct
- **Last day:** 7 Dec

Please be aware that dependant on what year your child is in, the last day of Term 4 may differ from above. Call 5586 1000 for details.

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**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

**WHAT A TERM AND SEMESTER IT HAS BEEN**! It has certainly been a very productive and busy term. I would like to congratulate all our students on their performance during Semester One. The feedback regarding their achievements and results from their reports have been very encouraging.

An important part of receiving reports is that students should be able to evaluate their present learning strategies and plan for improvement. To evaluate their learning and examine their current study practices and think about what they need to improve on next semester. One quick decision to make would be to attend school on every day of term. To maximise learning opportunities students need to attend school on a regular basis. Academic progress and a settled environment can only occur when priority is given to continuity of attendance. A reminder that school resumes on **MONDAY 9TH JULY** and **ALL** students are expected to return on that day ready for classes.

Finally, I wish our staff, students and their families a safe, enjoyable and well deserved break. So that we all return revitalized, refreshed and rejuvenated for another busy term.

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**Mr Kyle Connor**
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

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**APA - SENIOR**

It was pleasing to see just how many students have received highly complimentary and successful reporting comments as we reviewed the system this semester. Congratulations to all students who can rightfully say they reached their potential. We have previously thanked and congratulated the teachers who have worked with the usual reporting process but within the new electronic version and have assisted in making the report the valued document that it is. Please keep in mind the follow-up processes noted for you at the time of the report delivery; namely Term III Parent / Teacher meetings (Week 3), Principal’s Awards (Week 1), QCS data accuracy checking (Year 12 students only - immediate form return), and for a number of year 11 students, subject changes. Subject changes may only be processed in the first week of the Term. We have been advising students of this regularly and most have already returned forms in readiness for the new Semester. Forms may be collected from SAO.

Year 10 into year 11 2013 subject selection evening is set for Monday 30 July; an important night for all year 10 students and their parents as they continue on the pathway towards post compulsory education.

Wishing all students and their families a relaxing and rewarding holiday break.

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**Mr Peter Shaw**
APA SENIOR

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**APA - JUNIOR**

Thanks to everyone who have tirelessly given so much to the many aspects of College life this semester. I wish all Marymount families a restful and safe holiday.

The deadline for finalisation of junior subject changes is Friday 13 July. Please hand the signed forms into SAO.

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**Ms Marie Hansen**
APA JUNIOR

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**PARENTS OF YEAR 8 STUDENTS 2013**

To all parents of Year 8 students 2013 who have been sent a confirmation of enrolment form and Text hire account. Can you please return this form to the main office as soon as possible to confirm your acceptance? There are a number of students on a waiting list for next year and we need to finalise our numbers by the end of this term.

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**MR GEOFF BROWNE**
APA PASTORAL

Today is the feast of St. Thomas More, “A Man for All Seasons” the Patron Saint of Lawyers, eminent lawyer, father of four children, best friend of the king, Chancellor of England. His loyalty to the church, protection of marriage and his willingness to die as God’s humble servant is an inspiration to us all. He died to preserve the church from those who sought to pick and choose the teachings which suited them best. Thomas spoke eloquently in his silence and when he used words it was those which others feared to utter lest they are unpopular but which his faith demanded. We pray that St Thomas More will inspire us to remain steadfast in our own faith and commitment to the values and virtues which so many have given their lives to serving and defending.

Congratulations and thank you to the nine students who came out in the cold last night to be ushers for the Parish meeting about the new church. They welcomed parishioners to the College and ushered them to the library for the meeting as this was new territory for many of them.

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**MRS DOLORES MAITLAND**
APRE

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**Ms Marie Hansen**
APA JUNIOR

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**APA - PASTORAL**

As the semester nears completion, it is a good time to reflect on the many positive experiences that have taken place. I feel that the students at Marymount College have a good sense of social justice issues and they can be quite passionate when it comes to addressing some of these issues. Marymount College prides itself on having high expectations of our staff and students, and performances within the classroom, on the sporting field, on the stage and in the yard are due to strong partnerships being forged between the school and the wider school community.

One of the most positive and influential experiences of my year happened this term as I was asked to accompany Ms Kaylene Langford and a group of Marymount College students to the St Vincent de Paul’s Families Back on Track Program. On this afternoon, I found a great sense of Marymount College students giving their own time, for the benefit of others. The afternoon was very simple with a sausage sizzle, some games, jewellery making and hoola hoops. There were also moments where the students just simply sat with either the children or the parents involved in this program and shared stories. The spirit of Marymount College was evident as the students involved, spent the bus ride home discussing different ways in which they could continue to have some type of involvement in this program. Students need to continue to adhere to Marymount College uniform requirements from day 1 of Term 3. If students do turn up to school out of uniform; including piercings, hair colour or jewellery, which is not within College Uniform Requirements, they will be asked to rectify the issue. This could require students being taken away from school by parents until the matter is sorted out. Please refer to the Student Record Book for the Uniform Requirements.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Marymount College Community a happy break. I hope that our students can relax a little and recharge the batteries to prepare for what will be a busy Term 3.
Business week is off with a great start this year. The Year 10 Business students are all frantically producing their business proposals, websites, logos and slogans and advertisements.

The teams this year are:

**TEAM 1 RED**

**Holiday Angels**

*Product:* Teen Holiday Care

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**TEAM 2 BLUE**

**TekkonnecT**

*Product:* Bluetooth charger

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**TEAM 3 BLUE**

**Alleva**

*Product:* Butter stick

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**TEAM 4 GREEN**

**Health Scope**

*Product:* App detecting skin cancer

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The students have been extremely creative with their business ideas. Who wouldn’t like some wireless headphones, some butter that spreads from a glue stick, a Bluetooth laptop/phone charger or a mobile phone app that scans your skin to detect skin cancer?

The venture pitch judges were amazed by the standard of the entries. They could not believe that the students had prepared their business plan in a day and had such confidence with their presentation. Ben-Hayden Smith from the School of Business at Bond University, quoted “my second year students cannot come up with such creative ideas and it would take them two weeks to write a business plan”. Mr Stephen O’Keefe, Art Coordinator at Marymount College commented that the standard of logos and slogans was much better than previous years.

Well done Year 10 Business classes. The mentors and I are very proud of your achievements so far and look forward to the culmination of the week with the best teams awarded for their amazing entries.

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**TEAM 5 BLACK**

**Freedom Ears**

*Product:* Wireless headphones

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QUEENSLAND SCHOOL SPORT CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Madeline Dick (Year 10), Thomas Marais (Year 10), Kathleen Houston (Year 12), Hayley Thomson (Year 12) and Kate Walker (Year 12) for their selection in the South Coast Region Cross Country Team to compete at the Queensland School Sport Cross Country Championships in Maroochydore on the 22nd and 23rd July. We wish them all the best with their training and preparation in the lead-up to the state titles.

Miss Cherie Andersen
HEAD OF SPORT

U16 RUGBY LEAGUE V NORTHERN NSW CATHOLIC REP TEAM

On Wednesday afternoon Marymount hosted a touring Representative side from Northern NSW Catholic Colleges. This was a perfect opportunity for our boys to prove themselves with team selections on their minds.

The game was fiercely contested between the larger visitors and the relentless hosts. Marymount scored first through Nick Bond, and then through Riley Glover, but errors allowed the opposition to score a number of good tries taking the lead and going into half time ahead 12-22.

The second half was a different story with more focussed defence and tighter ball control. The visitors were held to only the one try while Marymount scored three through Glover, Kieran Kennedy and Luke Foley.

The Marymount boys were relentless in their efforts and with three minutes left on the clock drew level through the Foley try. It was now up to Glover to convert and give us the lead. He did and finished with 4 from 5 attempts.

In the end both teams scored five tries and we kicked one extra goal to take the win 28-26 in a very exciting and promising performance.

Mr Jason Hamilton
COACH

UNDER 14 RUGBY LEAGUE V NORTHERN NSW CATHOLIC REP TEAM

Wednesday afternoon saw the Under 14 1st XIII take on the Northern Rivers Combined Catholic Colleges Representative team from Northern NSW. This was a very tough game that had a number of lead changes throughout. Jaime Sallows dived over in the corner to put first points on the board, which seemed to spark the visitors into action. The Marymount team demonstrated a gutsy determination in defense to keep the opposition to two tries as they were defending for the majority of the first half. An early second half individual try to Lachlan Smith had the game evenly poised. Another try to Lachlan five minutes from time sealed the win for Marymount College 16 points to 10.

There were too many notable performances on Wednesday afternoon to mention them all as the boys demonstrated the ability to work as a team and complete set plays to win the game. The Gold Coast Titans officials named Lachlan Smith Man of the Match and Captain Keim Baxter, was singled out by the opposition Coach, as the most influential player on the field.

A very big thank you to the large crowd who supported the Marymount team. They are an exciting team to watch and they thoroughly enjoy demonstrating their talent in front of such healthy support.

Mr Geoff Browne
COACH

If you have any details of your child’s sporting achievements, please email newsletter@marymount.qld.edu.au with information, and we will include it on this page.
QUEENSLAND INDEPENDENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS NETBALL CARNIVAL 2012

On Sunday our Open Netball team will be travelling to Caloundra for the start of the Queensland Independent Schools Netball Carnival. This carnival runs over 5 days of competition concluding with finals play offs on the Friday 29th June. It is an open age competition involving 48 teams from schools across Queensland with some travelling from as far as Rockhampton and Yeppoon.

We wish to congratulate the following team members who made selection for this carnival:

Grace Bedward (Year 11)
Tara Byrne (Year 11) - Captain
Amelia Harris (Year 10)
Claire Jackson (Year 12)
Rachel Janes (Year 10)
Georgia Norfolk (Year 11)
Elise Scott (Year 12) – Vice Captain
Hannah Scott (Year 12)
Maddy Sholl (Year 12)
Kate Walker (Year 12)

Last Friday evening was the final fundraising event for the year. The school social with the “Disney” theme gave our Year 10, 11 and 12 students the opportunity to dress as their favourite childhood character. Funds raised will support both the Netball and Rugby League teams assisting with their expenses next week. The night was a major success with over $800 raised.

Thank you to our senior students who organised the evening and staff who assisted with the BBQ and supervision. The effort that these students went to with their costumes was commendable and really emphasised the spirit of our students.

For those wishing to come to Caloundra and see our ladies in action please refer to the following website as a draw will be available Thursday afternoon.

http://www.qissn.com.au

We wish the Rugby League team all the best for their week of competition in Brisbane next week!

Mrs Kim Smith
COACH
HARD ROCK CAFÉ- ROCK WITH MARYMOUNT!

Marymount’s very own junior rock band, IstanaView, will be playing at the Hard Rock Café in Surfers Paradise on Sunday 8 July from 2.00pm as part of a music development initiative sponsored by the Gold Coast City Council’s arts program. IstanaView’s Year 10 performers- Luke Foley, Sam McLintock, Liam Larkin and Lachlan Bond, will perform an exciting set list including original and cover songs. The boys have been rehearsing at the Crown and Glory recording studio for two months as part of a mentoring program with professional musicians. It would be great to have a huge crowd to cheer them on so come on down to the Hard Rock Café on the last day of the holidays to rock out with IstanaView.

Miss Meagan Pearse
MUSIC/INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC COORDINATOR

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

On Thursday 14th June, 3 of our College Rock Bands performed splendidly at the Coomera Anglican College Battle of the Bands.

Instana View (Year 10 with Liam Larkin, Sam McLintock, Luke Foley and Lachlan Bond) were first up and performed two original songs exceptionally well! Even under the pressure of missing one of the lead guitarists the entire week leading up to this competition.

TBA were second before the interval and wowed the audiences again. Rochelle Johnson, Alice Stenhouse, Bridget Thomas, Jacob Morrison-Gardiner, Kai Bodna

Sleepy Jean were the lucky last band of the night and wowed us with an excellent QUEEN performance. Freddy Mercury would have been proud. Lorcan Waugh, Tommy Sheehan, Danyon Weatherall, Luke Poidevin-Martin and Jacob Morrison-Gardiner.

MC for the night was a past Marymount Student Terry ‘Tappy’ Teece some of you might remember. He recounted many memories about Marymount along the way, which was quite humorous for those of us in the Coomera Anglican College Auditorium...

RESULTS:

3rd place overall - TBA
(TBA won 4th place the encouragement award last year)

Most Outstanding Vocalist – Rochelle Johnson
(you may remember Jessica Robel won this award in 2010)

People’s Choice Award (a new award this year)
SLEEPY JEAN!

BATTLE OF THE BANDS
This Tuesday was the time for the yr 10 boys and girls to face off in the first leg of our annual Battle of the Sexes - a hotly contested series of events bigger than the Olympics.

The four challenges included: tug-a-war, three legged race, egg and spoon race and, an old favorite, the sack race. The year 10 tutors had the events planned down to the finest detail and put the students through their paces.

Thanks to the many students who got involved in this spirit building activity and to the STAC and Pastoral Reps for their ideas. The results were very tight across all events but in the end it was the girls, led by Sierra Sweeney, who were victorious and took away the cup.

With two rounds to go though they’d want to be careful as this group of boys won’t want to be the ones to loose it after the boys have won the last two years.

Mr Jason Hamilton & Mrs Kim Smith
YEAR 10 COORDINATORS

BATTLE OF THE SEXES

Two sides, 4 contests, 1 trophy of eternal glory. No, it is not the opening line of a new action-packed blockbuster, I am simply describing the 2012 Year 10 Battle of the Sexes. This annual competition was run this year by our Coordinaters Mr Hamilton and Ms Smith, along with Sierra Sweeney and Liam Larkin (our Year 10 STAC reps). Imagine the sight of a bunch of 15-year olds on the Marymount Ovals, intensely competing in the Sack Race, the Egg and Spoon Race, the Three-legged Race or, brace yourself, the dreaded Tug-O-War. These grueling challenges were faced by some of the grade’s top athletes, competing to maintain the honour of their gender. After some hard fought competition and quite a few stacks at the Three-legged Race, the verdict was final. I can proudly announce the winners of the 2012 Battle of the Sexes competition were (drumroll please)...the GIRLS!!! So taking a triumphant hold of the trophy, some photos of glory, we ladies, could smugly announce our win over the boys for the rest of the day. It was a close round, but in the end the males were simply unable to hold onto their trophy or their end of the tug of war rope for that matter, oh well, maybe next year fellas!

Maddie Dick
YEAR 10 REPORTER

LAPTOP PROGRAM

Over the past two terms the IT department has conducted individual laptop checks for all students in Years 10 and 11. All students have been made aware of the School Laptop Policy regarding the condition and maintenance of the laptops issued for individual student use.

In particular, students’ laptops are to have an undamaged protective shell on both the top and bottom casing. Additionally, students’ laptops have to be carried in a school laptop bag at all times. Laptop bags need to be undamaged and free of graffiti. Students can do their own checking and can replace either their laptop bags or their shells before any scheduled inspections.

Students have requested to have their laptops repaired through Apple. In these instances, follow up checks will be scheduled to occur during term 3.

New shells and laptop bags are now available at the college bookshop (Shells - $55 - Laptop bags - $45).

Mrs Kathy McDonald & Mrs Mary-Ann Angel
IT DEPARTMENT
FROM THE EDITOR

Together with Ms Schofield, our Publishing Secretary who turns each page into a jewel, we extend our sincerest thank you to all contributors over the past semester.

You have made our Newsletter exciting reading and provided valuable insight into what is possible, offering wonderful role modeling for peers and younger students. A reminder to us all that success, in every area, comes to those who keep working towards their goal instead of stopping at the first setback.

"Be not afraid of growing slowly, Be afraid of standing still" - Chinese Proverb

Enjoy the holiday break and stay safe. Looking forward to your inspirational thoughts next term!

Mrs Irene Scott
YEARBOOK EDITOR / YEAR 12 ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

1ST SEMESTER AT MARYMOUNT

My first semester at Marymount was awesome. I learnt so many things especially that you can’t be afraid to stand out (as long you’re standing out because of good things). I’m happy I go to Marymount College because everyone is so supportive and caring. I think everyone has their ups and downs, like people forgetting things, not knowing which room they’re in! Further into the semester we knew off by heart where the classes were, we set reminders in our diaries to remember things and we brought things in on time. We loved every second of it.

Shiralee Sweeny
REPORTER

YEAR 8 SUCCESS

Year 8 student Jaxon Reihana has been Go Karting for only about half a year but he is already excelling in the sport. He has competitive lap times only on P-plates and entered in one national event. We wish him all the best!

Ashley Pade
REPORTER

CONGRATULATIONS JANIE. YOU HAVE JUST BECOME A STATE FINALIST OF THE PLAIN ENGLISH SPEAKING COMPETITION.

WHAT WAS YOUR TOPIC? “Pawns in a Ruthless Game” - In relation to the effects which custody battles have on children.

WAS THIS GIVEN TO YOU OR DID YOU DECIDE TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS? I was given the open choice- the Plain English Speaking Award allows you to speak about whatever you wish for 8 minutes. I wanted to address something to do with The Law as this is an area of passion and interest for me. The criteria for the competition calls for a wide knowledge of national and global affairs, so the case of the four young Italian girls currently fighting to stay here in Australia with their mother seemed like a great balance between what I was passionate about, and a winning speech!

APART FROM BEING A COMPETITION FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS, HOW DOES THE ACTIVITY HELP PARTICIPANTS IN OTHER AREAS? Interestingly enough, part of the competition is also an interview in front of the audience, and I was asked this very question! It’s all about learning about other people. Any competition gives crucial hands-on experience with working with different personality types and seeing their strengths and weaknesses- this is so important for work later in life.

WHEN DID YOUR INTEREST IN PUBLIC SPEAKING FIRST ARISE? I grew up speaking on radio with my Dad, a breakfast presenter in Adelaide, so I guess I’ve never shied away from any sort of performing. I remember hearing the notice from Mr Bruce in Year 8, and it just sounded like something I’d love to be involved with.

HOW HAS THIS JOURNEY PROGRESS? Up until this year, I actually never had any public speaking success. The debating style comes more naturally to me, but this is not encouraged in public speaking. I think as I’ve grown older, I’ve found passion in a few topics and this is what has served me well.

WHAT WOULD YOU CONSIDER THE HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR PUBLIC SPEAKING EXPERIENCES? When Mr Bruce gives me a hug, whether I win or lose he always feels as though I’ve done him proud. And seeing my family smile at me from the audience- and my Mum throw a tantrum when I don’t win!

IS THERE A DOWNSIDE? Sometimes the competition can be quite subjective. It’s difficult to know what different adjudicators are looking for, and this can be disheartening after so much hard work. But it’s all a learning curve, and disappointment is something that we all must get used to- so its easy to turn this into a positive.

WHERE TO FROM HERE? The State Final for The Plain English Speaking Award is set for the 21st of July in Brisbane. I think they make a weekend of it, so I’m looking forward to meeting the other contestants and making some new friends. If I’m lucky enough to win, it’ll be off to the National Final in August, which is also to be held in Brisbane. I just can’t wait, the adrenaline is addictive, and the feeling of success after so much hard work is priceless.

Thank you so much to Mr Bruce- I couldn’t do it without his support, fabulous tips and tricks, and patience with my late speech submissions and late morning arrivals.

I hope to do you proud!

Special thanks also to Nikara Rangesh, Lauren Sposato and Mrs Sue Barlow, who all volunteered their time on Saturday morning to provide invaluable assistance with running the competition on the morning.

Shiralee Sweeny
REPORTER

ON THE COUCH

Janie-Marie Burgess

KEEP UP TO DATE

with Year Eight
from smaller shoes reporters.......

YEARBOOK DESK
END OF SEMESTER REPORT

With the Semester drawing to a close and the holidays just over the horizon, the students of Marymount are eager to ditch their uniforms and kick back after a hard term of work. Assessment for all of the grades is tougher then ever, with the standards set to push the students to their peak potential in both areas of academic and athletic performance. Whether it is oral presentations in English or film production tasks in Media, a variety of work that is of the highest quality is constantly being produced. Students are creative and are finding new and imaginative ways to approach their assessment pieces as each of them has a unique and imaginative factor to them, which puts them apart from the ordinary and into the extraordinary.

Students of all grades have faced many tough challenges throughout this first Semester of 2012, but have taken these challenges in their stride and conquered most of the problems they have faced along the way. The students of Year 8 alone have had the major task of integrating into the high school system while also having to contend with ‘The Night of Living History’, a social science task that required them to research a famous figure who has contributed in a specific way to our society and then attend a function playing the part of that figure, while they entertained the masses. Year 9 has just finished their first year of secondary school education and are rapidly moving through their second with a great deal of assessment to greet them. In the midst of all this, they also had to contend with the daunting prospect of Naplan testing, although some refuge could be taken in the fact that this would be the last year that they would have to deal with it.

In Year 10, the students have been bombarded with information and flyers about that big unknown, their future career. Many of these students, myself included have never truly given this topic the serious consideration it requires in the past years of school, but have now woken up to the knowledge that we need to have some basic information about what we would like to do for a career. Mr. Murtagh has been most helpful in providing a great wealth of facts and figures for our brains to digest, while his experience and knowledge has proved equally valuable in the process of sorting out our what we want to achieve during our school experience.

As for Year 11, I realize that they have had exam block on and I will not even try to describe the pressure there must have been feeling throughout this Semester. Coupled with the prospect of learning to drive a car for the first time, managing part time jobs and trying to settle in at school, they must have been feeling a lot of stress throughout this Semester.

THE NEW TERM

As the end of semester draws closer I reflect back on how brilliant the last term was. How my friends made me smile, and my teachers made me cringe at the sight of assessment. How we encountered many experiences: The Night of Living History, Anzac Day, public speaking, chess competitions and many, many camps. Remembering these occasions makes me wonder what the new term will bring. How will a fresh mind and new smile make a difference?

What opportunities will Marymount have to offer? How many more tests can I really be expected to sit through and endure?

Well as for the tests only time will tell... although Marymount does have some very exciting things holding up for the new term. Marymount has planned a few very exciting activities in which students can participate. There will be debating finals, opt-minds, inter-school drama, and chess competitions for all grades. In Year 8 and 9 there will be Science Night, where much fun will be had. There will music and dance eisteddfods, sporting finals, musical auditions will continue, and much, much more. Science Trivia Night, Athletics Carnival, Careers Night and also what seems to be dreaded but Year 9 and 11 subject selections for 2013. List such as these go on and on, there isn’t enough space in the newsletter, but it is lists such as these that will make the new term even more exciting. Even though the tests and assignments and class speeches will still be there, sitting, and staring at us in the eyes, laughing in our faces, we know as a community it won’t be so bad, as term 3 is filled with fun, motivating, and enjoyable experiences, that may even make the tests worth it.

So we depart from our classes, teachers, fellow students, and friends this Friday, let us think of the new term and fun to be had. Let’s go away and have a brilliant unforgettable holiday; so that by the time school comes again we will be ready with our fresh minds and smiling faces to start the new term with a bang, so that it can only get better.

Caitlin O’Connor
REPORTER

DISNEY SOCIAL

No matter how old you are everyone loves dressing up. Inside every one of us is that childish desire to be a princess, superhero or pirate, so what better excuse to fulfill our secret dreams than a Disney themed school social.

On Friday 15 June, the Marymount Doyle Centre came alive as Snow Whites, Alices from Wonderland, and various other Disney characters came ready for some fun. It may have been a strange sight to see Donkey from Shrek bursting out some moves on the dance floor, but I guess that’s just what happens at our school socials. You are only in high school once in your life, so why not get involved, be a part of what goes on. Whether it’s school socials, sports team or music groups, in fact whatever you think you may enjoy, you may as well make the most of every opportunity whilst it’s there and you might just have fun while your at it.

The school social was a great night, thank you to everyone who was involved in the planning and organizing of it, and whatever the theme is next year, come along, you won’t regret being a part of it.

Maddie Dick
REPORTER

MATHEMATICS TEAM CHALLENGE DAY

This year, I was lucky enough to be picked to take part in the Mathematics Team Challenge Day. All the Marymount students involved donned school blazers and drove by bus to Canterbury College where the event was to be held. The day was a huge success with over 50 teams, from 17 different schools taking part. There were 2 parts to the day.

The first part of the day consisted of a team challenge. Each team was given a sheet with 20 problem-solving questions, and had to work together to solve all the problems in 45 minutes. The questions were extremely challenging, and many of them required math skills that many students had not yet been taught. As a result, students had to think outside the box in order to try and figure out the different problems.

The second part of the day consisted of a ‘relay challenge’. This involved teams breaking themselves up into pairs, and working in pairs to solve different problem sums. Again, the sums were quite challenging, and teams had to learn to work together, and to make use of everyone’s individual skills to work through all the questions.

Even though Marymount College did not win any of the two divisions entered (Year 8 and Junior), we did place well, with one of our teams coming 6th. This day definitely has inspired me to work harder in class, and hopefully be able to do sums such as these more easily in the future. It was also fun to work in teams, and definitely helped my teammates and I to learn valuable skills such as co-operation, and of course, thinking outside the box. Besides this, it was also great to see lots of different schools all come together for this event, and to see all the students show school spirit and they proudly represented their school.

I hope to be given the chance to participate in this event again next year.

Nikara Rangesh
REPORTER & PARTICIPANT

Thomas Burbury
REPORTER

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Music and Marymount

Bridget Thomas resonates on Battle of the Sounds

The night, which included schools from all over the Gold Coast and even Brisbane, was a night for high school bands to showcase two songs: an original and a cover.

My band, T.B.A, performed our own song “I.O.K.” which was entered in Triple J Unearthed High competition last year. It was a great experience to perform this song, as the writing process was very much a team effort. The standard and calibre of the performances on the night was incredible and it was amazing to see so many other like-minded people with a passion for music. It was amazing to hear the applause and support from not just the Marymount community but also people who were there just to hear some great music.

It was a fulfilling experience to have a crowd to perform to and to hear their support. As we heard the audience cheering us on we had a feeling that we were unstoppable! The energy from the bands was palpable, as it’s quite a magical experience to see a band live. Our band was awarded third place at the end of the night with our vocalist Rochelle Johnson winning best vocalist overall. Sleepy Jean won People’s Choice award and whilst sitting in the audience, I could even see the people in front of me singing along to the songs that the band performed; it was amazing to see how much people were affected by the power of music.

From a lead guitarist’s perspective, there is so much young talent out there that I saw, particularly in guitar playing; the way some guitarists just had an “effortless” playing style, which is an admirable quality and technique as too much precision lacks in personality sometimes. Many of the guitarists had personality too, and entertained the audience. It was a privilege to be judged by former Australia’s Got Talent finalist David DeVito, now a successful recording artist, as he had the perspective of someone from the recording industry, whose indispensable advice was to “enjoy what you do and seize the moment.” This is an attitude that I see necessary to have! On behalf of the three bands entered I’d like to thank music coordinator Ms Meagan Pearse and guitar teacher Andy Mitchelson for their support and guidance throughout this year so far.

Rocking for Success

By Rochelle Johnson

The annually anticipated and prestigious competition Battle of the Bands (BOTB) that took place last Thursday evening has proven to bring great success to the Marymount College rock bands and Music Department for a third consecutive year. Three of our school’s rock bands of varying age and music genres competed for the ultimate title of 1st place going head-to-head with 10 exceptional other bands from the coast.

To Be Advised (aka, TBA), Sleepy Jean and Instana View performed outstandingly for a panel of well renowned judges including Australia’s Got Talent finalist David De Vito, Ross Williams a Queensland Conservatorium lecturer and musician, Rory Swane and Mark Watson both musicians and producers; the bands should be very proud and commended for their efforts and participation in the competition. However, the spotlight deserves to be shone on my band, TBA particularly who placed 3rd overall, winning a $100 voucher to Ellaways music. We were astounded to have followed up last year’s win of the Encouragement award, for which our band was awarded $100 also. In addition to our well-deserved win, I was also fortunate enough to be presented with the night’s Best Individual Vocalist title, being awarded with studio and recording time of up to 5 hours furnished by Studio Proof.

It was an honour to perform in front of such a great panel of judges as well as the very enthusiastic and encouraging crowd as the performance gelled together very smoothly; we had such an enjoyable time and couldn’t believe how quickly things went. “Everyone put their all into their performances and did the school proud,” commented a member of the audience. Thanks to our supporters in the audience who sang along with us [TBA] during our original performance I.O.K, which made it much more of a better and relaxing experience. Sleepy Jean must be acknowledged as well for being presented with the People’s Choice award for the Crowd favourite prize, which was determined by interaction with the audience and they received nice gifts as well.

All in all, the experience was very humbling and everyone involved had a great time. TBA will be looking forward to performing in Battle of the Bands one last time next year for the 4th time as well as any other bands willing to participate.
At the beginning of term 2, Year 9 Business students, Steven Racki and Zac Dickens, were amongst Australia’s best in the ASX Share Market Game. They were given many options of Australian companies to invest their given amount of ‘money’ in an online game. Not only did Steven and Zac top their class in making the biggest profit, by choosing the best shares and companies to invest in, they were among the top percentage nation-wide out of hundreds of entries. A big congratulation to the boys, you’ve made Marymount proud and Ms Mathers question if you will be Australia’s next great investors of the future!

Taya Oxenham
REPORTER

Earlier in Term 2, as many of you would know, the College dance troupe bussed to Logan to compete in the Brisbane Performing Arts Challenge Eisteddfod, formerly known as BPAC. I was lucky enough to be a part of two of these groups and know firsthand how hard every girl and guy worked to bring the ten dances together for BPAC. Styles included, hip-hop, contemporary, musical theatre, jazz and even a pointe ballet.

This was our amazing Year 12s last BPAC Eisteddfod representing Marymount and I hope you all had a wonderful time. We competed against some of the best dance schools in Brisbane and still managed to take home, three Highly Commended awards and a Third Place trophy. These teams were the Year 9 girls, who competed with a hip hop dance, a small group of Year 10 girls, who competed also with a hip hop routine, which they had choreographed themselves and the 2012 Junior Extension dancers, who placed with a contemporary routine.

A big thank you to Ms Press from all of us, for working so hard for our success, and putting in all the time and effort to bring such amazing routines together for our eisteddfods. It was such an amazing experience and everyone enjoyed this long night so much.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DANCERS

YEAR 10 HIP HOP TEAM, Highly Commended, Mia Arthana, Gaby Barns, Talina Cauchi, Tahlia Cruice, Caitlin McNamara

YEAR 9 HIP HOP TEAM, Highly Commended, Elizabeth Carter, Brydie Frankham, Keely Houghton, Courtney Jones, Maddy Kelly, Danielle Melfi, Jade Murphy, Jayme Neumann, Taya Oxenham, Lily Popovic, Yasmeen Prasad, Jazmin Scullion, Lilyana Shewell, Amber Sloane, Meg Sproule, Courtney Wales, Sarah Wharton

YEAR 10 CONTEMPORARY TEAM, Highly Commended, Mia Arthana, Gaby Barns, Ashlee Black, Talina Cauchi, Tahlia Cruice, Claudia Evangelista, Amber Faraone, Olivia Fishburn, Katrina Mallett, Sinead McCarthy, Caitlin McNamara, Nicola Moyle, Bianca Sheehan, Brooke Sposato, Georgia Wheatley, Anne-Marie Williams

JUNIOR EXTENSION DANCE TEAM, Third Place, Taya Oxenham, Yasmeen Prasad, Mia Arthana, Gaby Barns, Talina Cauchi, Tahlia Cruice, Caitlin McNamara, Anne-Marie Williams

Taya Oxenham
DANCE REPORTER & PARTICIPANT
We thank the Year 12 cohort for their contribution to our Marymount College community over the past semester. Together with reports, families will receive a letter from the Principal, Mr Noonan outlining important aspects for the following term. Please look out for this correspondence and take note of important dates and related information mentioned.

We wish our students a relaxing break coming back in term 3 invigorated, enthused and motivated to do well in the final semester of their school year.

Best wishes those students involved with Confraternity and QSSN during the first week of the holidays!

Ponder this thought from Paul Isgro;

*If you are scared about trying something new,*

*You can learn from other people*

*who have been doing it longer than you.*

Mr Kevin Cornor and Mrs Irene Scott  
YEAR 12 COORDINATORS
My name is Joshua Keverell Fitzpatrick. I am proud to be a member of the Leadership team because I get to represent the school, help make what people want a reality, progress the school forward, and I hope I am paving the schools future [pathway]. My contribution to the Marymount Community can be measured in a lot of small things, ever since Grade 8. Being courteous and respectful are easy actions and are a brilliant legacy to leave behind. Keeping the school as clean as possible and always trekking to a bin has also always been a part of who I am. I have also contributed in extra curricular areas. Being a debater since Grade 8 has allowed me to represent the school competitively as well as improve my public speaking skills tremendously. Interschool sport has also been very exciting for me, and mainly competing in AFL; I know that we have managed to make a positive and somewhat feared reputation among other schools. I love to have contributed to our positive and respected reputation among the community.

My goal for Marymount is to bring the school community closer. While the grades are literally separated, they need to be metaphorically more integrated. Grade 8s would rarely come up to Grade 12s, but this is because the Grade 12s need to come to them first; we have moved in this direction with Peer mentoring in Year 11 and the organized tutoring sessions lead by Year 12 students.

Among my congregation of interests is film making. I enjoy the film making process from start to end. I love coming up with crazy ideas for movies and writing a script, and then getting people together and filming it, and editing it all together, and of course putting in some special effects. It is more than just a hobby for me and I have put a lot of time and hard earned money into it, and I hope to make a future of filming, directing and/or editing films. I have invested in some professional software (After Effects) and recently bought a good camera for filming (Canon 550D) to allow me to experiment with and improve in making films of a high standard. I have only just bought myself the domain www.EnchantedFilms.com, and if you check back there in a couple of months you should find that I am even further on the track to achieving my personal goals. If you’re interested in anything to do with media, I highly suggest you take the Media course, or the Grade 11 and 12 Film and TV course, as it is a great blend of fun, practical projects as well as interesting and essential theory knowledge.

My email is open to students with any questions about anything to do with film making or what the school has to offer, or any technical stuff you want to ask. I would be thrilled to be able to help anyone. jfitzpatrick@mybce.catholic.edu.au

Joshua Fitzpatrick
SCHOOL CAPTAIN

My name is Samantha Wilson a.k.a. Spam. I am proud to be a member of the Leadership team because I love and always will love helping the community. As a leader, I will make sure I represent my peers in a positive manner, and do my best to enhance and promote the amazing opportunities Marymount College has to offer. My goal for Marymount is to never let it be a miserable place where one does not want to be - but instead, an enjoyable happy community where each member strives to do their best.

I can’t even begin to explain how important my family is to who I am. Every single attribute, decision, and experience of my life has flourished from my family, and without them I wouldn’t be the person I am today. I’m a born and bred chocoholic, am extremely proficient in Mariokart and love to embrace the sun, sand and surf. Even though I am very ordinary at dancing and singing, I always seem to be interpretive frolicking and breaking into song, e.g. R.E.S.P.E.C.T, which is a quality I truly admire, or a bit of burlesque here and there. I can recite the movie ‘The road to Eldorado’ in Spanish, and am constantly watching Disney, Pixar and Dream Works films. I am a book worm, always have, always will, and continue to broaden my horizons with strange writings, yet I have never found a particular book that is truly legendary-although Harry Potter is up there. When I wake up in the morning, I’ve always written the storyline of my dreams down on paper, and hopefully in the future, whatever goals and dreams I may have or aspire to do, I still continue to do the little things in life that create uter and true happiness.

Samantha Wilson
SCHOOL CAPTAIN
CAREERS AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

2012 CAREERS EXPO
LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

We are so thankful to those parents who have kindly contacted us regarding contributing to our annual Careers Expo and know this year’s event will benefit greatly from their expertise. We would like to again encourage anyone available to provide an insight into their profession, one-on-one to students and parents interested, at this one-off event, to please contact Ms Leesa Lutze on 55861063 or via email llutze@marymount.qld.edu.au. Support will be provided prior to the event as well as on the night.

NO PUBLIC SPEAKING OR KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT TERTIARY REQUIREMENTS IS NECESSARY.

DATE: Tuesday, 24th July (Term 3, Week 3)
TIME: 6pm-8pm
WHERE: Marymount College Doyle Centre

DESIGNWORKS OPEN NIGHT

Designworks (Burleigh) is a VET Graphic Design College in Burleigh which offers a one-year Graphic Design Diploma course. They are hosting an Information Night on Thursday, 5th July commencing at 6.30pm at their campus located at 19 Tallebudgera Creek Road, West Burleigh for creative-thinking senior high school students.

For further details, see the Marymount Careers Office or visit http://designworkds.edu.au/.

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Year 10 & 11 Laptop Shells Now Available at The Bookshop For $55

Marymount College Science Night
Doyle Centre
Thursday, August 9 at 6pm

We open the doors of the college to the community and invite you to attend a showcase of science excellence at the Annual Marymount College Science Night. Science projects on display consist of Year 8 and 9 entries in the following categories:

- Scientific Investigation
- Innovations & Invention
- Classified Collection
- Environment and Sustainability
- Science Communication

For more details contact the college on (07) 5586 1000.

NZ Trip 2013 Cancelled

Unfortunately the New Zealand trip will not go ahead for 2013 due to a lack of numbers. Thank you for your interest and consideration of the trip. For those of you who have paid the $400 deposit it will be reimbursed into your account by the finance department this week.

Mrs Cathy Cooper & Mrs Kim Parker

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Saved by Grace

One day it was a rough thing, which stormed at me like Simpson sand. The next it was the gentlest thing, like a bush orchid in my hand.

I tried to vase it for my pleasure, but overnight it grew immense, like an Uluru without measure, leaving me without defence.

In the hard times I really wonder whether it did exist at all. Then it roars again like Darwin thunder and soaks me where I fall.

Grace is a secret, open thing, from my Palestinian Friend. This grace is an eagle on the wing pursuing me to the world’s end.