**SMS TEXT FOR UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE OR LATENESS**

The introduction of SMS texting for students who are absent or late without explanation began this week. While we have made mistakes with some messages, for the most part they have been correct. We are committed to this approach because other efforts to improve student attendance and punctuality have failed. This was not acceptable.

Thank you to parents/guardians for understanding the essential importance of school attendance and punctuality. To teachers in the classroom our appreciation for accepting the additional requirements for roll marking to increase student compliance and accuracy of data. Finally, to staff in Student Administration, our appreciation for the attention to detail, mastering the roll marking software and reports, and ensuring SMS texting close to our target of 10:30am each day. Student absences are reported on End Semester Reports. The information is relevant to assessing a student’s performance at school. Certainly when enrolling students we want to know their record of school absences. Employers also appreciate this information. We believe students should strive to achieve an attendance rate of 97%-98%. That is, they should only miss 2-3 days per semester at most.

Further, that during a person’s time at high school, absence for family holidays should be exceptional (perhaps only once in the five years) and not at all during Year 11 and 12. The competing demands of subjects create pressure on senior students as the assessment loads peak, when excursions require absence and when co-curricular commitments impact. Consequently parent/guardians and students must give priority to school attendance and plan around the commitment to full school attendance. Where a decision is made that will impact on school attendance, early advice to the Principal is best so that we might provide some support. We want all our students to succeed.

**COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY**

On Tuesday this week we enjoyed a glorious afternoon for Cross Country. Congratulations to our champions and top runners in each age division who go on to represent the College at the district Cross Country. Full details will appear in next week’s newsletter.

Ms Cherie Andersen set the course and to the officials and course supervisors.

**P&F DONATION**

As the College strives to provide quality amenities for students the contributions of parents through the P&F levy is essential. Following consideration of capital requirements for the year at this week’s meeting, the P&F have made a donation of $64,000 to assist with the purchase of new lockers for Years 8 and 11. The total cost of the lockers was $89,000. These arrived several weeks after school resumed in Term 1 and were installed by volunteer staff, parents and members of the 1st XIII Rugby League Team.

**JUNIOR AND SENIOR DEBATING**

The College was host to Round 3 of the Junior Debating this week. Our appreciation to Mrs Annette McMahon for her organisational work and for coordinating teams and coaches. Next week is Round 4 of Senior Debating. The quarter finals are set for Term 3 (week 2 Junior and week 3 Senior).

We congratulate the debaters for their commitment to preparation and competition and wish them continual success in the rounds ahead.

**YEAR 8 CAMP AT MAPLETON**

With Year 8 students settled into their first year of high school the Camp at Mapleton is well placed. The preparation and anticipation over, they no doubt will return with positive stories to tell, numerous photos and a clearer stronger sense of identity as a Year group. For many this will also be a personal achievement as they assert themselves within the group. Thank you to Mrs Cathy Cooper, Mr Aaron Turner, Mr Geoffrey Browne, Year 8 Pastoral Teachers and other teachers and Campus Minister Kaylene for making this Camp possible.

**CATHOLIC SURVEY DRAW WINNERS**

Congratulations to the winners of the Catholic Schools Identity survey draw. The winner of the parent draw, and recipient of a dinner for 2 at the Little Truffle Restaurant is Mrs Zaklina Dimkovski. The winner of the student draw, and recipient of $150 Apple Store Voucher is Ashley Cameron (Yr 11), and the winner of the staff draw, and recipient of a dinner for 2 at the Little Truffle Restaurant is Mrs Zaklina Dimkovski. The winner of the student draw, and recipient of a dinner for 2 at the Little Truffle Restaurant is Ashley Cameron (Yr 11), and the winner of the staff draw, and recipient of a dinner for 2 at the Little Truffle Restaurant is Mrs Zaklina Dimkovski. Many thanks to all participants in the survey.

**MOTHER’S DAY**

As we look ahead to Mother’s Day on Sunday we may become emotional.

*We are a product of our mother’s love. We celebrate their gift to us and recommit to honouring them in our love for one another.*

*Chris Noonan*

**PRINCIPAL**

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I would like to remind both students and parents the college rules regarding travel and conduct when travelling to and from school.

TRANSPORT
No skateboards are allowed
Students riding bikes will obey all traffic laws which include wearing a helmet
Students should not ride their bikes in the school premises and bikes to be locked in school bike racks upon arrival
There is no eating on buses, no littering on buses and no throwing of rubbish from buses
Students must follow the Department of Transport guidelines for bus travel including the payment of fares
Students are to cross roads at designated crossings or at traffic lights particularly at Treetops Shopping Centre

*PLEASE NOTE* - The industrial complex across the road from the college and in particular SuperCheap Auto is not a designated school carpark. Cars which use that area to drop off or pick up students can be fined for doing so.

On Monday 14th May all teaching staff will be involved in our next professional development twilight session. Part of this will be a ‘full dress rehearsal’, so to speak, of the new report card system we have taken on. We are confident parents will be impressed with the accuracy and detail of the report cards. The new web-based system is certainly an improvement for teachers but we will need some time to get used to the inputting, etc. For this reason alone, all data on students and their subject choices has now been finalised for the Semester. It is no now longer possible to request or to alter any subject choices for the remainder of the semester. Students may choose to request subject changes at the end of the term for the start of the new Semester. They should collect a form from SAO in the coming weeks.

I encourage you to discuss these matters with your child. For further information please consult the Student Record Book.

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - JUNIOR CURRICULUM

NAPLAN 2012 - MAY 15 TO 17
Please remind your son/daughter to be on time on the three allocated days and if absent on these days, the College must be notified on 07 5586 1000. Students must bring a WORKING calculator, HB or 2B pencil, pen for writing task, sharpener and eraser in a clear plastic sleeve or clear zip lock bag.

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

I encourage the students on each of these days to have a hearty and nutritious breakfast and an early night.

Ms Marie Hansen
APRJUNIOR

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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"Mary accredited her mother for many things. Above all, she revealed that it was her mother’s trust in the providence of God which she had most learned as she watched her mother during those difficult times of childhood."

Mary’s mother famously came to her defence when she was excommunicated writing to Bishop Sheil that “Only notorious sinners could be so dealt with.” (Lesley O’ Brien Mary MacKillop Unveiled 2088:100).

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More news on this exciting day next week. They will certainly be inspired to reach for great things from Monday forward!

Mrs Dolores Maitland
APRE
AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

Yes, it is here again! Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea will again be hosted at Marymount College on Wednesday, 23rd May from 10:30am in the Home Economics Room.

ABMT is one of the simplest, yet most effective campaigns in raising funds for cancer research. As part of the Marymount College Community, I am hoping that we may come together to share a ‘cuppa for cancer research’ on this day.

Please drop by and meet the College Captains, the students and teachers whilst sharing a ‘cuppa’ and many a tasteful morsel which will be catered for by the amazing staff and students of our College. There will be many lucky door prizes and a wonderful Raffle to further this worthwhile cause. All donations will go towards cancer research and I will look forward to seeing you there.

‘Strange how a teapot can represent at the same time the comforts of solitude and the pleasures of company.’ ~Author Unknown

We look forward to having the pleasure of your company.

RSVP: Friday 18th May on 5586 1000

Ms Norette Mitchell
HOME SCHOOL LIAISON

PROPOSED NZ TRIP 2013

Any students who are interested in our proposed 2013 September trip to NZ are to please attend an important meeting with parents/guardians on 14th May at 6.30pm in the College library. Details of the trip plan can be found on http://www.kanes.co.nz/zMar.

We require 35 students for this trip to proceed. Interest is currently high so we need to meet in order to develop our payment plan and secure a place for interested students. If you have any queries about the trip, please contact either Mrs Kim Parker or Mrs Cathy Cooper at the College.

Mrs Kim Parker
SOCIAL SCIENCE COORDINATOR
INTERSCHOOL NETBALL COMPETITION

At the completion of Round 8 both Open teams remain in the running for finals play offs to be played on the 31st May. This week’s round of games brought wins to both teams with Team B winning their match on a forfeit against St Andrews. To their credit they remain undefeated this year. Consistent performances by Moni Esmond and Em Dornan in centrecourt and Samantha Wilson in defense places the B’s sharing the top of the ladder with Assisi.

Marymount A also remain undefeated with convincing wins against Assisi, Aquinas, and Livingstone. A draw against St Michaels in Round 7 has placed them also in top spot sharing 1st place with St Michaels. Credible performances by Georgia Norfolk, Elise Scott and Amelia Harris who consistently work hard on court.

Goal Shooter Amelia Harris (Year 10) is also to be congratulated on her selection in the South Coast U15’s Netball Team. We wish her all the best as she prepares for the State Championships next month on the Sunshine Coast.

Mrs Kim Smith
NETBALL COACH
Congratulations to our talented Chess players who competed against approximately 150 other Gold Coast High School students in Round 2 of the Gold Coast High Schools Interschool Teams Chess Competition which was held at All Saints Anglican College last Thursday. This round Marymount entered four teams in the competition. Marymount 1: Jacob Reeve, Koen Bray, Cooper Ladlow and Jeffrey Lau played very well to be placed Third in Open Division. Marymount 2: David Gawler, Oliver Thompson, Jordan Gentile and James Brimmer were placed 14th. Marymount 3: Mac Hogg, Grace Thompson, Jaxon Reihana, and Jeremiah Camino were placed 18th while Marymount 4: Trent Mazzarella, Phillip Oliver, and Sienna Upton were placed 24th with only 3 players.

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Students are reminded that the Marymount Chess Club meets every Tuesday at lunchtime in A2. New players are always welcome.

Mrs Diana King
CHESS CO-ORDINATOR

INTERMEDIATE ‘A’
DEBATING TEAM SUCCESS

The Intermediate A Debating Team was very excited to win their third round of the heats against Palm Beach Currumbin SHS on Wednesday night.

While the challenge of a ‘secret topic’ debate was met with some trepidation, 90 minutes of preparation time proved long enough for Aisling Waugh, Caitlin O’Connor, Nikara Rangesh and chairperson, Caitlin McNamara, to construct an in-depth and persuasive argument. Responding affirmatively to the topic “Too much emphasis is placed on winning”, our Year 10 debaters thoroughly convinced the adjudicator and the audience that we often learn more from our mistakes than from our successes and that the pressures to always succeed can be detrimental to the individual and also the community.

Congratulations to our talented Year 10 debaters and we wish them all the best for their final round of heats in a fortnight’s time.

Ms Shona Press
DEBATING COACH

IS YOUR “CHILD ON LOAN?”

It is concerning the number of parents who continually endanger the lives of their children and others despite repeated reminders of driver’s duty of care expressed by both the Primary and College Leadership teams in their many pleas through school newsletters.

On a daily basis I witness parents dropping off children in the bus lane only for these children to meander and dodge their way through traffic. Equally disturbing are those parents/grandparents who park on the yellow lines in the bus lanes and thereby encourage their children to run across three busy lanes of traffic.

With the recent tragic death of a 38 year old mother in Sydney who was hit by a school bus on her way to collect her child from school; the 6 year old child in Sydney currently on life support in an induced coma after being hit by a car near his school and the 16 year old Logan teenager who was killed by a truck on his way home from school, we do not want a Marymount child to be one of these statistics.

In my role as School Crossing Supervisor I am saddened to see parents putting their child’s lives at unnecessary risk here at Marymount. I would hope these parents will learn from the many other caring and wonderful parents who do the right thing for their children every morning and afternoon by taking the time and care to value these precious children.

Mrs Jo Dey
CROSSING SUPERVISOR

MAYRMOUNT CHESS

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CALLING ALL ARTIES!

I have organised painter and lecturer Emma Walker to come and do a workshop the long weekend in June Sat 9th and Sunday 10th of June. Then that gives us Monday to recover before the weeks starts. Emma has extensive painting knowledge and experience and I think we can easily get 10 people together to accommodate her here on the Gold Coast. The workshop would be at Marymount College Art Dept, so there are facilities and workspaces, easels and tables but you would need to bring your own art supplies and whatever you need to work on and with. I am sure Emma has plans for us but you could also bring what you are working on for guidance and help from Emma and to work on over the w.e. The cost is $115 for the whole weekend which is very reasonable. I need to get some nos. together pretty quickly to let Emma know so can you get back to me asap.

I hope you can attend and if you know others that might like to attend can you pass this on please. Once people have responded I will give you more information. I would suggest that for this workshop you do have a little bit of knowledge about painting. Our Art Dept will be offering different workshops and courses for various artistic abilities (yes even for the those who tell us they have no artistic ability) now we have wonderful new Art Building and facilities. I will be conducting drawing and painting classes for beginners, intermediate and confident arties later in the year if you are interested you could also contact me. I will put more info in the newsletter later in the term.

Ms Fiona Altoft
ART TEACHER

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:

6 June  20 June  11 July
18 July  25 July  1 August

MARYMOUNT 2012

You're Invited to the Grade 12's International Food Buffet!

When: Friday June 1st
Where: Marymount Hospitality Dining Room
Time: 6pm - 9pm
Price: $20 per person
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Show your support to the year 12 hospitality students and enjoy a beautiful buffet with food from around the world!

RSVP to: Rachel Evans at revans@bne.catholic.edu.au
FROM THE EDITOR

Celebrating the wonderful occasion of Mother’s Day is a feature this week. Our reporters have expressed their thoughts and feelings from the heart. I am thankful to have student writers with this enormous capacity to acknowledge the goodness and love shared in the relationships with their Mums. To each and every Mum, Step-Mum, Grand-Mum and those taking on the role of Mum, enjoy your special day on Sunday knowing how much you are loved!

WRITING COMPETITIONS: A reminder to all our writers at Marymount College, please have a look at the website

We also have the ‘1 Minute Journalist,’ a new and exciting journalism competition. Proudly supported by Channel 9 and the Gold Coast Bulletin the competition offers Year 11 and 12 students the chance to discover their inner journalist. For more competition details, information on how to enter, and to register your interest, please visit http://www.griffith.edu.au/humanities-languages/journalism-mass-communication/one-minute-journalist-competition

If you would like to have a chat about either of these exciting activities, please email me or catch at the Year 12 Coordinators’ Office in the senior courtyard.

Mrs Irene Scott
YEARBOOK EDITOR / YEAR 12 ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

MOOTING AT BOND UNIVERSITY

Bond University’s High Schools Mooting Competition offers Year 11 and 12 students the chance to act as barristers and solicitors in a very realistic court room. Each school is only permitted to enter one team, and this year Marymount College was represented by Jack McLintock as Senior Counsel, Janie-Marie Burgess as Junior Counsel, and Blake Nicolson as Acting Solicitor. The three Year 12 students made their submissions before the moot court on Tuesday 8th May, acting as the appellants in the matter of the Mudflats Shire Council v Dirk (2012). The team had to prove why the council was not negligent for damages endured by Dirk who injured himself on a council BMX bike track. In the absence of their beloved coach Mrs Cheryl Fraser, the team struggled with the interpretation of some aspects of the law, but performed well under the circumstances.

At the time of publication, the team are anxiously awaiting results. If successful, they will proceed to the National Finals in July. Many thanks goes to Ms Juliane Moore for stepping in to assist in Mrs Fraser’s absence.

Janie-Marie Burgess
YEAR 12 REPORTER, PARTICIPANT & SCHOOL COUNCILLOR

THE LEADER’S DIARY

What an amazing and crazy term it has been already! Anzac Day, Principal’s Award Night, various excursions and class camps, meetings as well as getting right into the swing of things with school work! Rugby League boys and Netball girls have been hectically fundraising for their Carnivals, which has been a great success with weekly Friday sausage sizzles. We’re looking forward to an upcoming social, which will definitely be a hit!

This week’s whole school Assembly showcased a variety of prizes awarded to MUNA participants, trivia night participants and the announcement of competition winners. It was an opportunity for the whole school to gather as a community and witness how talented our peers are.

Massive congratulations to Maddy Sholl, a Year 12 student who was awarded the Spirit Award, for embracing and living each day with true Marymount spirit. Cross Country was held on Tuesday afternoon which was a fun, lively race with many students participating and enjoying the fresh air. Congratulations to those who made it to Districts, and I wish you all good luck! Even though our legs and runners were drenched in mud by the end of the race, it all contributed to the overall fun.

Years 11 and 12 have been intensely rehearsing for ‘Romeo and Juliet’ for the Interschool Drama Festival later this year; it is coming along quite nicely.

This week has included Drama excursions to Zen Zen Zo, Year 8 Camp, and the installation of Archbishop Mark Coleridge earlier today. It was a privilege and a pleasure to attend this significant event with Josh (Co-Captain) and our Principal, Mr Noonan. As you can see, the Marymount community is a buzzing and happening place with everyone extremely busy with both extra curricular events and schoolwork.

Samantha Wilson
SCHOOL CAPTAIN
Tuesday May 8th’s full school assembly was the debut for our newly installed projectors in the Doyle Centre, and the new technology has given rise to a slightly new format. PowerPoint presentations now provide students with visual aids throughout the assembly, which helps to maintain focus and attention on exactly what is being presented. Further, the whole proceedings can now be more structured and run more smoothly.

Among the cultural presentations on Tuesday was an honourable visit from Rotary District Chairman Graham Howie, who presented Marymount College with the 2012 MUNA Shield. The Model United Nations Assembly is a competition facilitated by Rotary, in which Year 11 and 12 students compete as delegates of the UN, by debating the world’s most prominent issues in a formal setting. It was a team consisting of Kate Coombes, Monnie Esmond and Janie-Marie Burgess who won the Shield for the College for the first time since 2001, when Marymount took out the inaugural trophy.

Also doing the College proud was a team of 6 Year 12 students who placed second in Bond University’s Best on the Coast Trivia Night last week. Jack McLintock, Samantha Wilson, Rhys McCane, Kate Coombes, Brian Joseph and Alistair Curtain showed off their extensive knowledge on topics ranging from hypothetical fruit trade-off’s to the members of One Direction. The team were awarded an Apple iPad for their fantastic efforts.

Taking on the issue of road safety, the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program held a competition to design a bumper sticker promoting the regulatory ‘three-second gap’. The competition was held Australia-wide and on Tuesday Year 12s Joshua Fitzpatrick was also presented with an Apple iPad as prize for the best design across the nation. We’ll have more on this next week.

The current Leadership team is aiming to widen the scope of the ‘Houses’ within the College. All sporting, academic, cultural and performing arts achievements will now be contributing points towards a House Spirit award at the end of the year. Students are encouraged to speak to their House Captains about their talented friends’ achievements, which will be displayed on the notice boards outside SAO, to be painted in the House colours. The Houses of Allambee, Bullimah, Katandra and Patanga are no-longer purely for sporting purposes, but to encourage achievements in all areas.

Finally, the Marymount Spirit Award went to a very deserving Madeline Sholl. Maddie is an outstanding student in that her contributions to the College are made with dedication, reliability, positivity and hard work, all of which often goes unnoticed. She always has a smile on her face, and the entire student body was excited to see the award go to someone so deserving.

Our assembly all-in-all was the beginning of what will evolve into something great- more professional, engaging and structured assemblies run by the students, for the students.
MOTHER’S DAY - SUNDAY 13 MAY 2012

Being a single parent, bringing up an active, curious, dramatic little girl must not have been a walk in the park for my mother. But I am sure, that it was a walk that was worth it. Now as a young woman, I can fully appreciate every sacrifice and opportunity my mother has given me. From teaching me how to ride my bike without training wheels to helping me understand my most perplexing assignments, my mum has had every career under the sun! Teacher, carer, psychologist, drama coach, stylist, doctor, chef and taxi driver, but most notably, she has been my most trusted friend. Everything she has provided for me she has attained on her own, with much help from my beautiful grandmother, who is also a beloved mother figure to me. Both of them have molded and fashioned me into the person I am today, and for that I am eternally grateful. They are my role models and my inspirations, my everything. As said by Abraham Lincoln, “All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.” I love you Mum!

AYLA BEAUFILS - YEAR 11

My Mum is the best because she cares and has given up so much for me. She cares when I am upset, she comforts me in a way my Dad cannot as he would not understand.

I can talk to Mum when I need to and she will listen to what the problem is and not just let it go in one ear and out the other. She holds onto it. I know that she would have gone through similar things when she was growing up.

My Mum is there for me when I need it and she will never leave me. I may not want to talk but she reminds me that she is not the enemy, she is here to help.

My Mum gave things up for me I could never give back except by loving her with my whole heart and respecting her for what she has done. She may not realize it but I love her and always will.

MADDY MACPHERSON - YEAR 8

I don't know how you do it, Or where you get the strength, I don't know how it's possible to be, A teacher, a doctor and a shrink.

If I looked across many oceans, hills and seas, I would never find a woman so powerful to me. No one can replace you, Nor even come close, Where would I be without you? Still alive I hope.

Mother oh dear Mother, you mean everything to me, Although I may not say it much, I really do hate tea, No Mother, what I mean to say is I love you just as you love me.

I'd like to thank-you for everything both the good and bad times, Apologise for my inconsistences and this really bad rhyme. But most of all I wish to say Happy Mother’s Day! Please don't make me do all the chores today. I LOVE YOU MUM!

CAITLIN O’CONNOR - YEAR 10
Mother’s Day is a truly beautiful time to remind us all of how fortunate we are for supportive and loving mothers, and indeed families, in our lives. I thank my Mum for her continual support, enthusiasm to life and always offering her help to those around her. Mum has always looked out for her family and friends and reminds us of how precious family truly is.

TOM LOCK - YEAR 12

Mother’s Day is coming soon, on this day let’s not forget the endless hours of attention from bad dreams, bloody knees, disgusting tasting medicine we have to taste when we feel ill, Mum’s kisses and hugs that make us feel special and the countless conversations of the heartache about Leonardo DeCaprio, Zac Efron and One Direction. The hours that pile up aren’t even including the clean house and the clean clothes, or the cooked meals we have put on our plates each night. Gift ideas are always hard and I have to say that I have always stuck with the easiest of gifts including a breakfast in bed, chores covered and a ride to the park, maybe even a block of chocolate? Whatever it is, treat your Mum to a great day, from the 365 days in a year, our Mums deserve that one-day as a way to say thank you.

MADISON HARDING - YEAR 10

I believe my Mum is the best in the world because she has not only been there for me, but she has been there for my three brothers. She is a caring and wonderful person who means a huge impact not be who I am today. My Mum is so supportive and encourages me to go further because she knows I can do better. If ever my brothers or I are sick, she is always be there. Through thick and thin my Mum is always there for me, her love is unconditional.

MONTANA MACAROUNAS - YEAR 10

Once a year we celebrate a day in the calendar, that in my opinion, should be celebrated everyday in our hearts and there is no doubt, we do. Mother’s Day is a time to say thank you for all the wonderful things our Mum does for us. So thank you Mum, for all of your love, encouragement, hard work and humour that you have shared as a mother over the years. No words can express the gratitude I have for you and the amazing qualities you have, not only as a mum but a person. The vivacious energy you radiate and the time and effort you put into ensuring that everything is done to one hundred and ten percent makes you one of my greatest role models. Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers in the world and may this day be an extra special day to show how much we love you!

DESIREE HUGHES - YEAR 11

There’s a strange irony in the fact that the older I get, the more I realise how much my mother means to me and my entire family. She really is the glue that holds us all together, and the foundation upon which we form our morals, values and beliefs. She taught my brother, my sister and myself, how to be positive forces in this world; never to hate and always to care. Even now that we’re young adults, with me being the youngest at 17, we still go to Mum for advice. Sometimes she doesn’t know the answer, but that in itself is what is comforting, and she can always point us in the right direction. I’m sure that Mum feels extremely lucky to have three happy, healthy children, and the two oldest with young ones of their own. What she perhaps doesn’t realise is that it is a testament to her.

Without her guidance, her advice, and even her mistakes from which we learned, we wouldn’t be where we are today. She means everything to us, and this Mother’s Day we will make sure she knows it, and that we don’t take her for granted.

JANIE-MARIE BURGESS - YEAR 12
MOTHER’S DAY - SUNDAY 13 MAY 2012

My Mum is not the 'best', or the 'greatest', but is simply and truly an unbelievably kind-hearted and beautiful women. No matter how many homemade presents she receives over the years from her children, she will continue to be thankful for everything. Although she doesn't necessarily give me 'life lessons' and 'rules' to abide by, she simply has morals and ethics, which are commendable, and reflect back on the people around her.

I often refer to Mum as 'Iron Woman', 'Sam's taxi service', or 'Masterchef', and never will I not smile when 'Mumma bear' sends me emoticons on her iphone. She is quite the tech wiz lately. I try to treasure every moment we have together as I seriously do not know what I would do without my lovely Mother.

If you're reading this, sorry I have ventured off to Biology Camp, but I hope you have a wonderful day because you truly deserve the best. I love you, always have, always will. Happy Mother's Day!

SAMANTHA WILSON - YEAR 12

Mother’s Day is a special day for families to thank their mothers’ for their everlasting love and compassion. Personally, my Mum is always there for me. Her reassuring talks and gentle hugs are priceless. She seems to always understand me, when no one else does.

Mum knows how to soothe my disappointment by making me laugh. She helps me chase my wildest dreams, even if that means giving up her personal wants. She inspires me everyday. My Mum loves me unconditionally, and it’s comforting to know that will never change. My mum is like my angel sent from above. I love you mum.

CAITLIN MCNAMARA - YEAR 10

My Step-Mum takes such good care of me. She treats me like her own child. She is never disrespectful and she always looks out for me no matter what! She means a lot to me. She is so kind and caring and is always there for me when I’m in need of help. She is amazing and I couldn’t think of what my life could be without her in it. Happy Mother’s Day to all you mothers out there. You are doing a great job of it. Have a good day! You deserve it!

CLAIRE LEWER - YEAR 8

You’re the bestest mum ever! Whenever I need you you’re always there for me; whether it’s picking me up or dropping me off somewhere or even just talking to me at the end of the day. You always know the right thing to say to cheer me up when I’m upset and I know you are always there to support me whenever I need it. I couldn’t ask for anything more, thank you so much for all your love! I love you with all my heart. Have a fantastic Mother’s Day!

EMILY KELLY - YEAR 11

I think that it’s pretty obvious that our Mums go through a lot, especially at the moment, dealing with teenage children. I know that my Mum does. We are naturally a pain as teenagers, and the stereotype is not far wrong, but it’s not a deliberate thing. I love my Mum so much, and appreciate everything she does for me. Sometimes, I just forget to tell her that. So this is a great chance for me to tell my angel of a mother that she should not give up on her seemingly unappreciative daughter, because her daughter would be lost without her Mum there to support her, even if she doesn’t seem to appreciate her help and support. Mum puts up with my last minute, “I need to be at school early… today” and ”I need cardboard for my assignment… which is due tomorrow” comments. She does so much for me, and I don’t feel like I can ever possibly repay her. This Mother’s Day I hope that I can shower her in enough hugs, kisses and presents that I can at least begin to say thank you.

Truly, she is the most patient and loving person I know, and I’m extremely grateful to have her. Happy Mother’s Day, Mum!

JASMINE HODSON - YEAR 10
GCIT is offering a mid-year intake for the Certificate I Boating Schools Program. The course will run each Friday from 8.30am-2.30pm commencing on 13th July through to 30th November 2012. The course is hosted at the Coomera Marine Campus but is likely to be relocated to the Ashmore Campus part way through. For further information and application details, see the Marymount College Careers Office. Note that applications close on 1st June 2012.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP VACANCIES

An updated list is posted on the Careers Office window each week. This week, opportunities include:

- Cert IV in IT (Multimedia)
  - Broadbeach and Bundall
- Cert III Business Admin or Graphic Design
  - Nomadsurfers Kirra
- Cert III Floristry
  - Southport
- Cert III Hospitality
  - Neptunes Resort Café Broadbeach
- Cert III Retail
  - RY.Com.Au Burleigh Heads

For further details, see the Marymount College Careers Office today.

YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE

Unbelievably, our records show that around forty Year 11 students have yet to submit their yellow “Work Experience” forms. These are in excess of two months overdue! Work Experience week is a compulsory part of the Year 11 curriculum and a very important program for our young people. Students unsure of what to do are encouraged to please see the Marymount Careers Office urgently.

May we ask that parents and students refer to their email inboxes for Work Experience contracts requiring signature and their return as soon as possible. Without the completion of this paperwork, students will be uninsured and unable to attend.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP VACANCIES

CERTIFICATE III MEDIA & GAME DESIGN

A Surfers Paradise video game production company, Lightmare Studios is offering a unique opportunity to creative and techno savvy students.

This accelerated free program provides students with an introductory pathway into the Interactive Entertainment Industry whilst being paid.

For further details and to register your interest, visit the Marymount College Careers Office today.
Thanks to the staff, students and families of Marymount College for your co-operation and ongoing support in creating your children’s beautiful smiles!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
The new 2012/2013 Entertainment Books are here and we’re selling Books to fundraise for our College. The books are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best restaurants, cafes, hotel accommodation, attractions & activities.

Still selling for only $55, you’ll receive $15,000 worth of valuable offers that you can use right away, so you can choose what you want to do and when you want to do it, up until 1 June 2013!

The good news is that $11 of your Book purchase goes towards our fund-raising for the College -- so the more Books we sell, the more funds we’ll raise! Please purchase via the College Bookshop. Online payment options available - call for details 5586 1000.

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.

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

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.

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.
WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY

CATTLE INDUSTRY

St Mary’s Catholic College, Casino is offering two students from Marymount the opportunity to join their cattle husbandry class for a week of activities culminating with the cattle judging at the Brisbane RNA Show (early August).

The successful male and female students will be billeted in Casino in the lead up to the Show and then travel to the Ekka to take part in the preparation of cattle for the Led Steer and Carcase Competition.

This generous offer from St Mary’s will give two students great insight into the local cattle industry.

Any Year 11 or 12 student who is interested in this opportunity should contact Mr Larkin (G102) for further information.

GRAB THE BULL BY THE HORMS AND GIVE IT A GO!

YEAR 10 & 11 LAPTOP SHELLS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE BOOKSHOP FOR $55

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A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living.

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10th – 12th August, 2012

VENUE:
Santa Teresa, Ormiston
QLD

FOR DETAILS CONTACT:
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Information website:
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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!

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50th Jubilee!
Venue: Kedron Wavell Services Club
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MARYMOUNT COLLEGE SCHOOL REUNION

CALLING ALL OLD BOYS & GIRLS............... DID YOU OR WOULD YOU HAVE (FOR THOSE WHO LEFT IN YEAR 10 TO START WORK) GRADUATED IN 2002, 1992 & 1982? IT'S YOUR 10, 20 & 30 YEAR REUNION.

Sat 16th June 2012 in the P&F Courtyard at Marymount College.
Drinks & finger food will be provided - See You There!
Time: 3:30pm – 6:00pm
RSVP - by Tuesday 12th June 2012
Call 07 55861000 or email the committee to confirm attendance
jenny@kell.id.au - tjohnston@marymount.qld.edu.au

Preparing Your Child for School Sports Days

Sports carnivals are a fun and enjoyable event in every school, however, are a common time when students with asthma may be at a higher risk of an asthma attack. There are many things that parents and carers can do to prevent, or minimise the risk of, asthma exacerbations for their child on sports day.

- Teach your child to recognise early asthma symptoms, and help them feel confident to self-administer blue reliever medication (also using a spacer where possible) when they experience symptoms.
- Encourage your child to notify staff if they experience asthma symptoms, even if they self-administer blue reliever medication and feel comfortable in returning to activity.
- Be aware that if your child is unwell or has poorly managed asthma, they are more likely to experience symptoms during exercise.

For any other tips, or for more information about asthma, call Asthma Australia on 1800 645 130.

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.

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The motherly qualities of God can be found in Hosea 11:3-4

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I took them up by their arms,
but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with cords of kindness,
with the bands of love,
and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws,
and I bent down to them and fed them.

How rich to know that God is like a mother who lifts the infant to her cheeks.