M-FEST AND MUSIC CAMP

Our appreciation to the Music Department for again staging M-Fest – a week of performances by individuals, duets, ensembles and rock bands during recess and lunch. These musicians and vocalists have practised over many years, supported by parents’ payment of the instrumental music fees and by the College’s contribution to ensemble practise each week. Public performances at school change the atmosphere of the day while providing motivation and reward for the performers. They also added to the celebrations for Have a Heart Day today. Well done all, and thank you Ms Pearse for your exceptional work building and promoting the College Music Programs, including the annual Music Camp at QCCC Tamborine.

END SEMESTER EXAM TIMETABLES OUT SOON

Drafts of end semester exam timetables for Years 11 and 12 will be finalised for publication in the coming week. That’s right – the exams will begin within 2 weeks. How quickly the year is passing. The block exam period is a time for senior students to complete and submit assignments and to study for exams. Full school uniform is required when seniors attend school for exams, to submit assignments, complete oral tasks, or seek assistance with study.

YEARS 10 – 12 STUDENT SOCIAL
6.00PM TO 9.30PM, FRIDAY 15 JUNE

The seniors have given assurances that this Dance will not disrupt their preparations for exams and we urge parents to hold them to their word. The social dance is a fundraiser for our QISSN and Confraternity Shield campaigns of the Open Netball and Open Rugby League Teams. These competitions are held in the first week of the winter recess and our teams are highly regarded in these premier Queensland Independent School Competitions.

A valid student ID will be required to gain entrance to the Doyle Centre on the night of the social dance; to ensure that this is adhered to a professional security company will be on hand. Food will be available for purchase via a sausage sizzle. We request that parents are on hand to collect their children at the end of the dance, especially the parents of Year 10 students.

ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS

All members of the Administration are fully booked from 1.00pm on Monday and Tuesday with final enrolment interviews for 2013. With over 100 interviews for enrolment for 2014, the strong demand for places in 2014 reflects growing interest in the College. Early enrolment is important. We advise all to ensure applications are made by early February in the year prior to commencement.

PERFORMANCE REVIEW FOR MIDDLE MANAGEMENT

This year, Academic and Pastoral Coordinators complete their 3 year appointments. Consequently they are required to seek feedback from staff within their area of responsibility. This feedback, and their personal reflection/review of their work, is provided to the Principal for consideration. Each role holder is subsequently interviewed by the Principal and members of the College Administration Team. A letter of commendations and recommendations to the role holder completes the review and appointments or re-appointments negotiated and finalised for the following period.

PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR TEACHERS

Each year teachers are required to complete a Performance Development Plan. Their plan may include professional goals particular to their teaching roles, and goals related to the College Action Plan for the year. High on our priorities this year are teaching and learning to support the 1:1 Laptop Program and projects to enhance the quality of teaching and learning. Literacy, numeracy, deep learning, high level thinking and problem solving are consistently targeting in prioritising teaching and learning. Each teacher is formally interviewed by a member of the College Administration. Their Performance Development Plan, contribution to the College and personal context and perspectives are covered. The purpose is to increase our collective effectiveness as a College community by recognising individual contributions while reinforcing our shared priorities and promoting intentional efforts to achieve them across the teaching staff.

Chris Noonan
PRINCIPAL

The all female choir with Reka Csernyik at the 2012 Music Camp. She is an international choral specialist and conductor who workshoped with the girls.
Griffith University have announced the new Griffith OP 1-6 Guarantee for high achieving students. OP 1-6 ranked students will have guaranteed entry into a very wide range of degrees at Griffith from Semester 1, 2013. There are some exceptions to this scheme, including medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy, midwifery, nutrition and Queensland Conservatorium degrees.

They also announced a new Dean’s Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarship of $60,000 over 5 years based on academic merit. This is in addition to the current Sir Samuel Griffith Scholarships of $24,000 each over 4 years. For more details – futurestudents@griffith.edu.au

There’s a sea of red and pink around the College today as we celebrate Have a Heart Day in Mfest. Red and pink are, of course, the Rosies colours and all funds raised will go to this most worthy cause. Marymount has had a long and strong connection with Rosies and our annual fundraising for them is one of our social justice priorities. Look out for a call for Cuppa Soups for them in the next week or so.

As 25 May is Sorry Day our morning prayer today was on this theme of healing the past and looking to the future with a new hope for all Australians. The Mfest music has provided a fun community atmosphere down in the P&F Courtyard and allowed those amazingly talented musicians and singers to entertain us every day. Thank you everyone for the joy of it all.

On Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. Our Archbishop, Mark Coleridge, in his first pastoral letter describes Pentecost as being the climax of the events of Easter, and that they “overturn all human imaginings of God”, that God is “far stranger and more wonderful than we had ever thought”. The complete text of the pastoral letter will be given at the weekend in all parishes.

The Year of Grace is launched on Pentecost Sunday. Bishop Michael Putney describes this year as being like a retreat year, one “of allowing the grace of God to stir within us”. This special year will continue until Advent 2013. Over the next eighteen months we will endeavour to enter into the spirit of the Year of Grace and hopefully allow ourselves to be transformed through this.

As assessment tasks are due and exams are on the horizon I encourage everyone to have a look at the work your son /daughter is/has been doing in their Religious Education class. Have conversations about the topic, show your interest; it’s the best way to inspire the work to greater heights.

### JUNIOR ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES

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Sports News

Oceanic District Cross Country Championships

On Wednesday our College Cross Country Team competed at the Oceanic District Cross Country Championships at Pizzey Park. Overall our school performed exceptionally well in the Champion School points race placing second! Our 18 Years Girls’ Team consisting of Hayley Thomson and Kathleen Houston were awarded medallions for being the highest placed school team in their age group. Well done to all students on their fabulous result!!!

Some of our best efforts of the day included:

14 Yrs Girls’ 4km Race - Ruby Green – 6th place
14 Yrs Boys’ 4km Race - Jack Adams – 6th place
14 Yrs Boys’ 4km Race - Liam O’Donnell – 9th place
15 Yrs Girls’ 4km Race - Maddie Dick – 1st place
15 Yrs Girls’ 4km Race - Tahlia Cruice – 9th place
15 Yrs Boys’ 4km Race - Thomas Marais – 2nd place
15 Yrs Boys’ 4km Race - Mikael Bisby – 8th place
16 Yrs Boys’ 6km Race - Kane Dove – 1st place
16 Yrs Boys’ 6km Race - James O’Connor – 5th place
16 Yrs Boys’ 6km Race - Josh McCormick – 9th place
16 Yrs Boys’ 6km Race - Dylan Murphy – 10th place
17 Yrs Girls’ 4km Race - Kate Walker – 3rd place
17 Yrs Boys’ 6km Race - Daniel Homer – 3rd place
17 Yrs Boys’ 6km Race - Joe Franzé – 8th place
18 Yrs Girls’ 6km Race - Hayley Thomas – 2nd place
18 Yrs Girls’ 6km Race - Kathleen Houston – 3rd place

Students who finished in the top 10 places for their race have qualified to compete at the South Coast Region Cross Country Championships at Runaway Bay on Tuesday, 5th June. We wish all of them the very best luck at these championships.

Rugby League

A much better start to this week. The 1st XIII, whom is nearing full strength - with the return of injured players, had a dominant win over their Monday night opponents, Woodridge SHS. This was the final round of pool games in the Titans Cup.

While Woodridge regularly fields a much larger squad than Marymount it was our ATTITUDE that got us across the line. The little things, the 1%ers, that we have been putting hours into at training are now starting to come together and are matched by the physicality our boys bring to the challenge given all of their work in the weights room.

Marymount started the game well and went very close to scoring from the kick-off. After completing their sets and punishing Woodridge in defence the boys in blue managed to cross the try line four times in the first-half and head into half-time at 22-4 ahead. Tries to lock Brandon Mahon-Arena (2), centre and Captain Lucas Goodin and interchange Lane Muir. Dummy-half Josh Berkers and interchange Riley Glover (2) registered conversions.

With a number of players coming off the bench in the second-half it was a much tighter affair. Woodridge managed to put together some good sets and scored two very quick converted tries but Marymount’s less experienced/newer players consolidated and finished the game strongly. Second-half tries were scored by fullback Patrick Nesdale and interchange Josh Langlands with Glover converting both. Final score: 34-14.

Possibly the most pleasing things to come out of this game were the discipline displayed by our boys and the clear positive communication. These attributes, along with punishing defence, are what we will require in four weeks at Confraternity.

Next Monday night’s semi final is against Keebra SHS at 5pm at Nerang. Spectators are encouraged to attend.

AGCCC Open A Girls Volleyball

Victory is sweet for the Open A Volleyball girls Team One and Team Two. Both teams had convincing wins against their respective opposition, Saint Andrews and Saint Michaels at the Association of Gold Coast Catholic Colleges semi-final rounds today.

Congratulations must go to Astar Brunton, Rochelle Johnson, Ana Regalado-Saravia, Loretta Serong, Jessica Hughes, Anna Allison, Alice Stenhouse, Kenna Cassar, Phoebe Jeffery, Siobhan Howard, Kate Percy, Laura Mallett, Ayla Purdon and Emma Kelly for your excellent teamwork.

Open A Girls’ Volleyball Coach

Mr Jason Hamilton
1st XIII Coach

Mrs K Parker
Open A Girl’s Volleyball Coach
The annual Queensland Catholic Cup Carnival once again got our Open and U15 teams out of bed early for an 8am start at Downey Park Netball Association, Windsor. A slow start from the open team in the 1st round gave a very polished Carmel College their 1st victory narrowly by 2 goals. The team then went on to win their next 6 matches straight with outstanding performances from Grace Bedward and Maddi Sholl (centre court), Elise Scott and Georgia Norfolk (defense). Unfortunately fatigue contributed to a low goal percentage giving the competition winners Mt St Michaels a much-needed win leaving our open girls having to settle for 3rd place.

Once again I would like to acknowledge the support from our umpires Ms Sharon Arthur and Maddi Scott (Year 12) as well as our parent support group.

The team now continues their preparation with 5 weeks of fitness training for the Queensland Independent Schools Carnival to be held in Caloundra.

Mrs Kim Smith
NETBALL COACH
Year 8 Night of Living History

Week 6 To-do list

- Write 3 paragraphs at home, using rules taught in class this week.
- Write bibliography - all sources used, alphabetical by author’s surname.
- Continue collecting decorations and ‘artifacts’ I will put on my board and table, plus cheap giveaways and costume items.
- Remember: assignment due first lesson Week 7.

PROPOSED NZ TRIP 2013

Details of the proposed Marymount College September 2013 New Zealand trip can be found on http://www.kanes.co.nz/zMar

We require 30 students, so to secure a place and ensure that we have the numbers for the trip to proceed, deposits of $400 must be paid to the bookshop no later than June 15. It is essential that the sheet collected after assembly by students with contact information be provided to Mrs Parker or Mrs Cooper before the deposit is paid.

These deposits will be refunded if the trip does not proceed. If you have any queries, please contact either Mrs Kim Parker or Mrs Cathy Cooper at the College.

Mrs Kim Parker
SOCIAL SCIENCE COORDINATOR

YEAR 8 NIGHT OF LIVING HISTORY

Your Year 8 son or daughter should be spending History homework time writing their 3 paragraphs, using the rules for this learnt in class this week. The first paragraph is on early life or background issues; the second paragraph is on the key events or career moves of the time/person; the third paragraph is on the significance of the person or outcomes. The student will have notes on each of these aspects, to be used when writing the paragraphs.

Bibliography rules were also taught this week, so your son or daughter should be organizing a bibliography of all sources used, according to these rules.

Below is a week-by-week breakdown, to help keep the Year 8s on track in preparation for the big night and for the assessable components for History.

Mrs Cheryl Fraser
HEAD OF SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

FIRST LESSON OF -

WEek 7: ALL DUE (research booklet, notes, paragraphs, bibliography, reflection)
WEek 7: Write 6 questions in class
WEek 8: Monday 4 June Night of Living History (arrive 6.30 for 7pm start)
WEek 9: Orals in class 3 – 4 minutes

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CHILDREN AND ADULT TREATMENT
Year 11 Environmental Art

Marymount College was recently awarded the title of Sunflower Growing Champion 2012 by gaining the top 3 places in the Senior Division of an interschool competition sponsored by Pacific Seeds. On Tuesday, the senior Agricultural Science students travelled to the University of Queensland, Gatton Campus where their plants were weighed and compared to entries from over 50 schools in southeast Queensland.

Our heaviest plant was 3 kg, which was considerably bigger than last year’s entries. When asked how he achieved such success, winning student Dale Akehurst said, “...the secret is in the potting mix we use. We fed them lots of manure and gave them plenty of extra nitrogen. This makes them very happy growing big dark green leaves and large flowers!”

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**VIA THE YEARBOOK DESK**

**FROM THE EDITOR**

A reminder to all our passionate writers to check out the web sites for these competitions. Information is detailed. There are great prizes for the students and the school!

**WRITING COMPETITIONS:** A reminder to all our writers at Marymount College, please have a look at the website www.australiancatholics.com.au for the Catholic Journalist Award. Entries close on the 15 June. 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. The 1 Minute Journalist is a competition for year 11 and 12 students who are interested in news and journalism. Participating students will get access to top-level advice from journalism experts at Griffith University and in the media, plus the chance to attend journalism workshops at the Gold Coast campus. Up for grabs are some fantastic prizes like iTunes vouchers, a Sony BloggieTM, a HD video camera and CASH! The winner of the competition will also score a 1 week internship at Channel 9 or the Gold Coast Bulletin and have their video shown on Channel 9 and the Bulletin’s website! For more competition details, information on how to enter, and to register your interest, please visit the 1 Minute Journalist competition page.

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.

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**DEBATING NEWS**

Round 4 of Year 9 debating commenced at Nerang State High School on Wednesday evening. Marymount, up against St Michaels was unfortunately defeated. The team consisted of Emeline Flecknoe, Brooke Fraser and myself.

The topic of this debate was ‘It Pays To Conform’. Participants of the Marymount team were confused by this topic and were under pressure to present clear arguments in front of the opposing team as well as an adjudicator and audience. Each speaker had to speak for seven minutes and were to rebut and give our team’s opinion on the opposing team’s arguments. Personally, I believe both teams were fantastic tonight and it truly was a great debate. The tension lingered in the air whilst the adjudicator was adding up the scores.

Whilst we did lose this round however Marymount is still through to the next round, which is a knock out round. It is a round of 16 teams, all competing to win. We hope to progress through the competition and get as far as we can.

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**The Year Ten Ten Times**

*News from Year 10 at Marymount College as reported by Student Reporters*

**GC CAREERS EXPO**

Choosing a career path can be a difficult thing, at least at this current stage that Grade 10s find themselves.

We still have a couple of years to make our final decisions, but in just a few months (which are going very quickly) we will be choosing our subjects for Years 11 and 12.

This is quite daunting, or was, until we went to the Careers Expo. It was such a relief to see so many opportunities out there, so many paths to suit each of us. Not only did the Careers Expo give us a path to follow and guidelines for how to snatch up our dream careers, but also pens, drink bottles, bags and bags full of brochures, bracelets and lollies to cart home that afternoon.

Not only were we given enough pens to last the rest of our high school education, but some of us were also given a free makeover, whether it be from a beauty school showing off how lovely they can make you look, or from a group of makeup artists whose intentions were to make you look as gruesome as possible! This last may have given anyone unaware, the impression that the wearer had fallen off a cliff or been attacked by a tiger.

The makeup was particularly uncomfortable to wear, but the second-glance looks of shock and horror made it well worth the discomfort.

I must also thank Mr Murtagh for organising the day for us and making sure nobody was left behind.

The day was beneficial to all, and made the next two years before we are kicked out into the real world seem far less daunting, now that we have a strategy.

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**UMPIRING FOR THE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

I am heavily involved with my netball and I play and umpire on Saturdays and Monday nights. I also play for school, but recently I have also been helping out the Primary school by umpiring for them.

There are 6 Marymount College students that umpire for the primary netball, they include; Caitlin McNamara, Emily Dornan, Rachel Janes, Siobhan Waldie, Mairead Bell and myself.

We are grateful for the experience of being able to interact with not only the students but also the teachers of Marymount Primary School. This gives all of the teachers the chance to actually coach their teams instead of umpiring and trying to watch them play at the same time.

This is a great experience and I am really enjoying continuing to strengthen the bond between the Primary School and the High School.
LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST

On Monday morning, a group of Year 11 students were fortunate to be given the opportunity to attend a Leadership Breakfast along with other Year 11 students from a range of schools across the Gold Coast. Bright and early, Daniel Homer, Emily Kelly, Dominic Richards, Ayla Beaufils, Tobias Cantoni and myself, accompanied by Mr Kelleher, headed off to St Andrews College where the event was to be held.

The morning offered us a forum to discuss our views on leadership and what it means to be a leader in our school environment as well as in the wider community. We worked together in our school group, communicating our aspirations for the next year when we will be part of the senior year group as well as considering the challenges leadership presents. We also mingled with students from the other schools, comparing our different experiences of student leadership within our own schools. It was a thought provoking discussion, learning about the similarities and differences between the number of schools and contemplating how we, as seniors next year, can strive to serve our school to the best of our ability.

All six of us returned to school feeling motivated and inspired to have a positive impact on the school lives of our peers, our teachers and all members of the Marymount community. An aspect that we discussed as a group was the desire to share our excitement for school life with our peers; to make an effort to break down the social barriers amongst our grade and become more open-minded, tolerant and altogether closer as a group. On behalf of the students who attended the breakfast, I would like to say a big thank you to the reporter & Filmmaker, Interact members who helped me organize our venture within less than two hours out of our day, had in fact made what we achieved for our community. Just one hour out of our day, had in fact made the day for many others.

I would like to extend my appreciation to Leona, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Scott, Mr. Murphy our fabulous driver, Kate Coombes our Interact President and all the other devoted Interact members who helped me organize the event and made it such a success. We will definitely continue going to Oznam Villa as often as we can!

MARYMOUNT STUDENT ROTARY INTERACT CLUB: OZNAM VILLA

In my eleven years at Marymount, I have accrued many experiences of pride for my school and this one would have to be one of the best. On the Friday before Mother’s Day, sixteen passionate College Rotary Interact members travelled to Oznam Villa Aged Care facility to share an afternoon with the ladies that reside there. The forthcoming celebration of Mother’s Day urged us to make an idea become reality and we organized our venture within less than two weeks. For many of these ladies, Mother’s Day can actually be quite a lonely day as often their children and grandchildren only visit them for a very short time, if at all. So, we began to fundraise to assist in purchasing a beautiful bunch of Chrysanthemums and some classic films for the ladies to add to their movie library. Elvis, Marilyn Monroe and Andre Rieu proved to be a big hit. All together, we raised a remarkable $126 in donations and were able to acquire our Mother’s Day gifts.

When we arrived at the residence, all the ladies and one very daring man greeted us with warm, hopeful smiles, and we quickly returned that gesture. They shared with us many of their incredible life stories and wisdom and amused us with their funny remarks. We sang for them and told them about our own lives, which they certainly enjoyed hearing about. We also gave them hand massages, which for some women, to feel human touch was quite an emotional experience. In the end, we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and Leona, the Facility Manager, asked us if we would like to make our visit to Oznam Villa a regular event on Friday afternoons each month. As Local Director of the Interact group, it was such an honour to be asked this and I felt so proud of what we achieved for our community. Just one hour out of our day, had in fact made the day for many others.

DRAMA EXCISION: VIKRAM AND THE VAMPIRE

On Thursday, the 10th of May, senior drama students travelled to Brisbane to see Zen Zen Zo’s production of Vikram and the Vampire, a play that was based around Indian mythology. Zen Zen Zo Theatre Company is known exclusively for physical theatre, incorporating physically demanding results. Finally students are reminded that submissions for BUFTA (The Bond University Film & Television Awards) are now open. All Year 11 & 12 students are encouraged to submit productions created this year to the competition.

The venue was at the Old Museum in Brisbane, which envisioned the perfect eerie feeling that was part of the performance. Vikram and the Vampire is a play about a megalomaniac leader, King Vikram, and his journey with a Vampire named Vetal. Vikram is ordered by a sorcerer to retrieve Vetal from a hellish place in order to gain his one true desire: to have power. Vetal, however, distracts Vikram from his quest and, being the perfect raconteur, tells riddles and tales that soon become reality. This play had beautiful imagery and chorus work, with the actors taking on different roles within each story. To compliment with its Indian heritage, the side stage band had amazing instruments that created a traditional sound. This play was hilarious and entertaining and had an interesting storyline that showed some parts of the play from the perspective of different characters. The use of sound and lighting enhanced the vision of the play paying homage to Indian folklore. I enjoyed this performance and found it a great experience to see a production from Zen Zen Zo as they are one of Australia’s most prestigious theatre companies! It was hilarious and thought provoking, and I guarantee that if you went and saw it, the stories of Vetal will leave a great impact.

STUDENTS SHOOTING FOR THE STARS IN FILM & TV

Recently, Year 11 Film & TV students submitted their first production assessment piece for this year. After having almost 15 weeks to produce an industry level production, some amazing results were seen on screen. This week’s lunchtime viewing saw the Film & TV students come together to see each other’s work and congratulate fellow students on the high calibre of material submitted.

Students were first able to capture their vision on film. Weeks of intense editing then followed as they fashioned their footage into a 3 – 5 minute video clip. Week commencing 21st May, students were able to show their clips to an audience for the first time and receive the recognition they rightfully deserve. Many were left amazed by the technical skill and level of creativity amongst the group. Work now moves onto the second unit of study for this year, with students analyzing the history of Australian film. For this task, students will be required to make a short film.

I would like to extend my appreciation to Leona, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Scott, Mr. Murphy our fabulous driver, Kate Coombes our Interact President and all the other devoted Interact members who helped me organize the event and made it such a success. We will definitely continue going to Oznam Villa as often as we can!
Gathering in the early morning, our breath forming icy white puffs in the crisp air, adorned in coats and scarfs, eagerly waiting for the doors to Parliament House to open.

This was the way I started my day, everyday for one week when I was in Canberra participating in the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship program. I was joined by thirty-nine other delegates, all Year 11 students hailing from every corner of Australia. We were all uncertain of what the week ahead would hold for us, many struggling to control nerves, surrounded by unfamiliar people in a new environment.

Some of the delegates even felt homesick and hoped the week would pass quickly. By the last day, each and every one of us wanted it to never end. The program was packed full of exciting activities and events, with everyday finding us somewhere of interest and important in the nation’s capital. We toured Parliament House (casually running into the Prime Minister in the corridor and pausing for a brief chat), visited places of historical and national significance, such as Old Parliament House and the High Court of Australia, experienced the reverence of the War Memorial, were graced with various guest speakers, walked around the Royal Australian Military College of Duntroon at night (the highlight of which was the army’s soft serve machine) and even shared a smorgasbord dinner at the Australian Institute of Sport with the elite athletes.

By the end of the week, even the delegates who were initially unconcerned with politics would begin to hyperventilate when a Minister strolled past in Parliament House, and when the House recognised our Rotary group during Question Time, causing all of the members to simultaneously wave in our direction, we had to fight to control our squeals of elation.

I found myself considering things that had not previously been brought to my attention. I gained an invaluable insight into the political processes that are conducted on a daily basis and developed a respect for our governmental system, particularly for those politicians who achieved and what they strive to achieve. I even shared a smorgasbord dinner at the Australian Institute of Sport with the elite athletes.

I can say without hesitation that the Rotary Adventure in Citizenship program was one of the best experiences I have had. I gained substantial knowledge, made lifelong friends and developed as an individual to become a better citizen in society.

Words cannot express how grateful I am to the Rotary Club of Burleigh Heads for sponsoring me to travel to Canberra and take part for the week. Without their support and sponsorship I would not have had this inspirational opportunity. Thanks are also in order for those former delegates who encouraged me to take part in the program, notably Kate Coombes.

On that note, I would encourage any current Year 10 students who think they might want to take part in the program next year to feel free to talk to me about it. Rotary Adventure in Citizenship truly was a week I will never forget.
BIOLOGY CAMP

Biology camp brought out the little scientists in us all. As we said goodbye to our mums and headed off on Mother’s Day, we knew we were in for a busy few days. We took a ferry to North Stradbroke Island and stayed at the University of Queensland Research Centre. After playing Tetris with our bags in the trailers, we piled into twelve-seaters driven by our Biology teachers. No time was wasted when it came to testing.

The first day was spent trekking across sand dunes, noting every single species of plant or animal life that we could detect, as well as testing various water samples from 18 Mile Swamp. We took advantage of the facilities available to us and examined water samples using microscopes from after dinner until bedtime. We saw so many different microorganisms from tiny water mites to what we described as the blue Pacman.

Day two was even busier, as we tested at another site called Myora Spings. This had natural spring water that a few of us even dared to taste. Point Lookout and the Gorge walk were also on our itinerary with a quick stop at the local bakery, a must!

The rest of the camp comprised of, yes you guessed it, more testing. We even braved a swim in Blue Lake. It was such a busy camp and everyone worked together really well. A huge thank you to Mr Murphy, Mrs Baker, Ms Callum, and the lab ladies, as well as all of the staff at the Centre. Despite how tired we all were, we made the most of it, and it turned out to be an amazingly memorable camp.

Bronte Mossop and Samantha Wilson

FORMAL

Students have been provided with a table plan to fill out and submit within the next week. This information assists us in the planning process for the big night of July 28, 2012. We ask that careful consideration be given to this plan, as late changes cannot be made. Please do not worry if your table is not completely filled. Further details about the Formal will be provided closer to the date.

INTERVIEWS

Mr Cornor is continuing to conduct interviews with all Year 12 students. The purpose of these meetings is to ascertain each student’s plan for the following year. Students are strongly advised to follow up with discussions at the Career Office.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarships are offered by a number of Universities, as well as invitations for students who may have a predicted OP of 1-6 to apply for Direct Entry (Griffith). Please don’t let this opportunity pass by!

Students are encouraged to seek out the information and application details. Students may make an appointment with Mr Shaw to discuss their OP prediction and specific details concerning their progress to date.

ASSESSMENTS/ASSIGNMENTS/EXAMS

The Exam Block timetable will be issued next week. We advise students to check the details carefully and be ready for the correct day and time. Students are invited to check assignment due dates over the next two weeks and thoroughly discuss issues and topics with their relevant teachers.

REPORTS

These will be issued at the end of Semester 1. For Year 12 students, this will be the final report with grades and teacher comments. At the end of the year students receive a certificate of attainment detailing the subjects studied and the grade awarded.
The Powerhouse of Leaders was a leadership conference held on Monday, the 14th of May at the Brisbane Powerhouse Arts Centre. The day provided an exciting insight into the spiritual and academic culture of over twenty schools under the guidance of Brisbane Catholic Education, whose leadership teams made up over 600 students.

To kick off the day, new Archbishop of the Brisbane Archdiocese Mark Coleridge made his first public appearance since his installation on the previous Friday. His homily, incorporating the Catholic youth’s transition into the digital age, was well received by all providing an excellent basis for the rest of the activities throughout the conference.

Two guest speakers featured on the day. Koah Do was the first; speaking of his immigration to Australia and his inspiring life story. Koah gave an insight into his career in the film industry, and his contribution to different communities in his creation of film workshops.

The second speaker was Robyn Moore. She is best known for her work as a voice actor in the “Blinky Bill” TV series. But this simply acted as a doorway into an incredibly moving and powerful presentation. Throughout her talk, she delved into her work with the “Make a Wish” foundation, and told us about her incredible life story, which has seen her overcome many hardships to become the successful person she is today.

All in all, the Powerhouse of Leaders provided a once in a lifetime opportunity for members of the leadership team. We left the conference feeling inspired, motivated and allowed us to go out and become better leaders.

Blake Nicolson
SCHOOL COUNCILLOR
YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

Please keep an eye out for Work Experience Information Packs which have been mailed home to all Year 11 students this week. In the case that we have not received signed agreements back, a hardcopy has been included. It is vital that this form be signed by both student and parent and returned to the Careers Office urgently. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms Petrina James on 55861073 or email pjames@marymount.qld.edu.au.

AUSSIE WILDLIFE WEEKEND CONDENSED COURSE

Enjoy and learn about Australia’s unique native wildlife, Birds, Mammals, Reptiles and how to care for them. Aussie Wildlife Weekend Condensed Course is conducted by experienced professionals in wildlife care at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

Course Details:

Dates: Saturday, 2nd & 3rd June
Time: 8.30am-5pm
Cost: $280

For further details, visit www.cws.org.au or call 55340846.

ACADEMY OF DESIGN OPEN DAY

Date: 29th May 2012
Time: 4pm-7pm
Location: 4/76 Robina Town Centre
Visit: www.academyofdesign.com.au

Fabulous Me and Monster Make-Up Workshops currently available.

BOND UNIVERSITY “BE AN ARCHITECT FOR A DAY”

The Soheil Abedian School of Architecture is inviting students in Years 10,11 and 12 who are interested in studying Architecture to come along to the “Be an Architect For A Day”:

Date: Wednesday, 13th June
Time: 9.30am-2.30pm
Location: Bond University Architecture Studio 3_1_06
RSVP: architecture@bond.edu.au by 6th June

For More Info: Lyn Hathaway ph: 55952176 or see the Marymount Careers Office.

CULTURAL CARE – AU PAIR

Cultural Care Au Pair will be sponsoring Au Pair Week 2012 and holding Free Information Meetings from 2nd June – 9th June. The aim being to attract young men and women who are looking for a once in a life time opportunity to spend their Gap Year in the USA as an au pair!

With Cultural Care, students have the chance to live and work abroad, all the while, building their skill set and expanding their horizons. As an au pair, students spend one year living as part of an American host family. In return for providing the family with childcare, they receive room and board. If you would like more information, ring 1800677373 or see the Marymount Careers Office.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP VACANCY – CERTIFICATE II HAIRDRESSING

Last Tangle Hairdressing Salon located in Mermaid Beach are still offering a Certificate II position. For further details call Tammi Matthews on 55727892 or see the Marymount Careers Office.
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YES, I WOULD LIKE TO HOST A JAPANESE STUDENT, BUT...

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

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

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

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

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

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

WEEKEND DATE: 10th – 12th August, 2012
VENUE: Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD

FOR DETAILS CONTACT: Terry and Rhonda Boyle tel. 07 3352 3328 or boyletj@powerup.com.au

Info website: www.wwme.org.au

Mater Little Miracles 5ks

Mater Little Miracles 5ks is a fantastic family fun run/walk at Southbank Parklands on Sunday 3 June.

Be a superhero for sick kids and join with Green Lantern and Wonder Women, as well as Dora the Explorer and Scooby-Doo, for this super event!

You’ll enjoy a great morning of family fun, food and entertainment, with all funds raised going to support sick babies and children in Mater Mothers’ and Children’s Hospitals.

This year we are challenging even more Queenslanders to get involved to help us raise over $200,000 for research that will help children and babies have a healthy start to life.

Register online for $25 per family at www.materlittlemiracles5ks.org.au or call 1800 440 155 for more information.

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

You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.

We thank you for the Year of grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.

You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationships be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice.

With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel, we make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

PARISH NOTICES

Scripture Study - Thursday 10.30am in Infant Saviour meeting room. Call Brian 5530 3337

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Services - Urgently wanted - Volunteer Workers to assist with the work of the local church on Aboriginal missions. Admin, building maintenance, gardening, cooking and cleaning. Placements preferred from 6 months to 2 years. Call Jo and Kevin Bell on 08 9192 1060 or 0427 433244 for information.

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