AGGCC GRAND FINAL WINNERS

Congratulations to our successful teams who won their Association of Gold Coast Colleges Grand Finals last Thursday afternoon.

WINNING GIRLS’ TEAMS:
Senior B AFL – Coach: T Balyon, K Smith
14A Basketball – Coach: K Mathers, B Gair
15A Basketball – Coach: K Aki, S Barlow
13 Yrs Futsal – Coach: J Nairn, A Anderson
13B Touch – Coach: T Carroll, C Cooper
14B Touch – Coach: A Leighton, L Vine
15A Touch – Coach: M Carroll, C Miro

WINNING BOYS’ TEAMS:
Junior League A – Coach: G Browne
Junior League C – Coach: A Turner
Senior B Tennis – Coach: H Klouzal
15A Volleyball – Coach: P Carroll, K Parker, T Mullins

Though an impressive result we came away from the afternoon’s grand finals somewhat chastened after fielding teams in thirty finals. 33% success rate where 50% seemed realistic. There’s nowhere to hide. We missed opportunities that should have been taken. We congratulate the victors from each of the schools: Marymount, Assisi, St Andrews, Aquinas, Livingstone, and St Michael’s.

SENIOR LEADERSHIP 2013 ELECTION PROCESS

On Tuesday thirty three Year 11 students addressed their Year Level Assembly. These candidates’ nominations were accepted following an application and approval process where the students provided details of their efforts and achievements at the College and their reasons for nominating.

The candidates were asked to make a short campaign address to their peers, teachers and Senior College Administration.

As they spoke I made notes:

Beautiful young people; talented, articulate, thoughtful, earnest; inspired and charged by their Marymount experiences; who love their school; who reflect the diversity of personalities and abilities in the College enrolment and the tremendous depth of the Year level; bursting into colour/life/leadership.

I also noted ‘we are in the presence of greatness’ and a speaker’s humble statement that captured their collective intention; ‘I want to make a valued contribution to the rich history of this school.’ We certainly were privileged to be there.

The Year 11 students voted following the speeches. Staff also voted and the result was the announcement of the Senior Leadership Team for 2013. Among this team are eight candidates for the positions of Captain (2) and Vice Captain (2) for 2013.

These candidates for Captain will be invited to address the College Assembly on 16 October. They will be interviewed by the College Assembly on 17 October and the Captains and Vice Captains will be announced on Friday 19 October. Roles of members of the Leadership Team will be determined in the early weeks of Term 4 with the Team introduced to the College Community at the Awards Night on Wednesday 31 October.

Our appreciation to all candidates.

Candidates for Captain 2013
Ayla Beaufils - Sam Burbury - Bethany Pinchin
Dylan Durie - Hollie Cosgrove - Daniel Homer
Monnie Esmond - Dominic Richards

Candidates for Counsellors and House Captains
Emily Kelly - Bray Muir - Geogia Norfolk
Dylan Mathers - Grace Bedward - Mackenzie Wale
Kate Thomas - Scott Casselle - Rochelle Johnson
Tom Beggs - Sabrina Heggie - Zac Angel

NAPLAN RESULT 2012

Individual student NAPLAN results were mailed home this week. A most agreeable change for all where parents can confirm their son’s/daughter’s results close to when the College’s results are published. We thank the QSA for this change. While pleased with College results for 2012 there is room for improvement. A close analysis of student results and our approach across the curriculum will follow. Our Reading, Writing and Numeracy results have been consistently stronger, supported by a broad curriculum. We intend to improve these results as we improve performance in Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation. (Only 2 of our 201 Year 9 students did not sit the test.)

NAPLAN Results

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Excellence Awards Recognise Teachers Across Queensland

Inspiring teachers from across Queensland have been recognised today as the finalists for the annual Queensland College of Teachers Excellence in Teaching Awards are announced. Minister for Education, Training and Employment John-Paul Langbroek congratulated the 26 teachers who had been recognised as finalists in the QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards. “There are thousands of teachers working hard in Queensland classrooms every day to lift teaching standards and improve student learning outcomes,” Mr Langbroek said. “The QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards attracted more than 120 nominations, showcasing some of the most inspiring achievements of State, Catholic and Independent school teachers across the state. While there can only be four winners announced on World Teachers’ Day, Friday 26 October, you are all deserving of recognition for your hard work and dedication to the teaching profession.”

Included among the finalists in the category Dr Alan Drury OAM Excellence in Teaching Award - Fiona Altoft - Marymount College.
Mrs Altoft was nominated by her students and we are delighted by her success. Congratulations Fiona and best wishes for the announcement of the winner on 26 October.
As the term quickly draws to a close, another busy, challenging and exciting term is coming up.

The upcoming holidays will be an opportune time to rest, refresh and rejuvenate for all members of our community as we look towards our final term for the year.

Year 10 will have a variety of activities in Term 4 culminating with their Twilight Cruise in week 8. While Years 8 & 9 will have the opportunity to make a real difference in their final semester report by remaining committed and focused on their studies.

On their return, Year 12 students have their final weeks of study as well as events such as the Graduation Liturgy and Dinner to look forward to. Year 11 continue with both their senior studies and the important task of choosing the college leaders for 2013.

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September. This year’s Social Justice Statement is titled: ‘The Gift of Family in Difficult Times: The social and economic challenges facing families today’. The Statement celebrates the vital role of family in our society and examines the pressures that threaten its stability.

We want students to transition smoothly into senior schooling next year, and minimise the changing of subjects, due to poor choices now. We anticipate being able to publish individual offerings to students around week 2 of next term.

The last Friday of term 3 is typically the day we courier off many sets of Year 12 student folios, packed in with our Verification submissions. Verification is the process of external moderation within the Queensland Studies Authority districts, whereby schools submit samples of work, work programs and other syllabus documents, including the ranking results of all (OP) students in individual subjects. Schools form panels and share a process of quality assurance, to ensure that the internal marking process undertaken over the last two years is accurate, fair and equitable between classes, school and systems, state wide. These Panels traditionally meet on the 3rd Monday of Term IV; and this is one reason why that day is always a Pupil Free Day – with so many teacher off campus. Year 12 student will now have 1 piece of assessment remaining in each of their subjects. If they retain their current standings, as is usually expected, they can be confident of knowing their anticipated results to a certain degree. All OP students are encouraged to check with their individual teachers where they are sitting on the SAI ladder, and what they need to do to ensure they maintain or improve their position, so that ultimately, their QTAC preferences are accurate.

We are close to completing individual conversations with year 10 students on their senior subject selections. I am happy to report that approximately 99% of students received their complete, first preferences. We are looking at options for that 1% who got most, but not all, of their first preferences. However, a bigger task is to ensure there were no accidental errors and even more so, unreasonable selections; such as students choosing a more difficult Maths or Science course, when they may have been advised at the SET Plan interview not to do so.

We are confident that Year 12 OP students especially have been attending to the on line application for their QTAC preferences. This is the process all secondary students go through to apply for tertiary courses next year. The initial deadline is fast approaching; and with holidays ahead, this is our last chance to remind students to make this happen. See the Vocational Education coordinator’s column on page 8 for further details.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday and thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Kyle Connor
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The Gift of Family in Difficult Times
The social and economic challenges facing families today

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Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

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Wishing all senior students a relaxing and rewarding break.

Peter Shaw
APA SENIOR CURRICULUM
SOUTH COAST REGION TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, twenty-one of our most talented athletes competed at the South Coast Region Track and Field Championships at the Gold Coast International Athletics Centre, Griffith University. The perfect conditions over the two days were ideal for our students and many personal best results were achieved. Congratulations to all students, particularly to those who gained selection in the South Coast Track and Field Team to compete at the Queensland Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships in Brisbane from the 25th – 28th October. The following students were selected:

- Jack Adams
  13 Years Boys 1500m and 3000m
- Caitlin Banner
  13 Years Girls 200m, 400m and 800m
- Georgia Freese
  13 Years Girls Discus
- Jack Pearce
  13 Years Boys 100m and 200m
- Tom Marais
  15 Years Boys 1500m and 2000m Steeplechase
- Matthew Popovic
  15 Years Boys Discus
- Thomas Popovic
  15 Years Boys Discus
- Jack Taylor
  15 Years Boys 100m Hurdles and Triple Jump
- Amy Smith
  16 Years Girls 400m and 400m Hurdles

Congratulations to these teams, and all of our interschool sport teams, on such wonderful results, and an outstanding first year in the AGCC Interschool Sport competition!!! Thank you to our dynamic interschool sports coaches for their enthusiasm, expertise and commitment to their teams throughout the year.

Miss Cherie Andersen
HEAD OF SPORT

BLADES RUBIES SUCCESS

Many congratulations to Maddison Capie (Year 8), Letisha Duveck-Smith (Year 8) and Amber Row (Year 9) who played in the Gold Coast Regional U15 Girls Division 2 Basketball Final on Friday 14 September.

Their team BLADES RUBIES won the final and were awarded the Premier’s title for 2012.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Many exciting activities were covered during the term. I thank all our student reporters who have consistently made our Newsletter pages informative and provided personal perspectives on various subject matters. Nikara Rangesh (Year 10) epitomizes these characteristics in her latest article, namely

**A Day in the Life of a Student Reporter:** "Since grade 8, I have been a Marymount student reporter – a group girls and boys from all grades and all walks of life, holding a pen, paper, and sometimes a camera in hand at all, and I mean all, Marymount events. Student reporters take a little time out of their busy school schedules every week to put pen to paper, or in the case of the modern age, fingertips to keyboards, and write about their experiences in many of the different Marymount happenings. If Marymount is involved, you can be sure to read about it in the Newsletter.

My experiences as a student reporter have been great so far. I can say that it has definitely helped me to improve on my writing and creativity skills. It has also given me a view of the real world, and I now have a slight idea of what it would be like to work in journalism, one of my career choices (I have a few).

The thing I enjoy most about being a student reporter is the people I work with. They are constantly supportive of each other, and always working together. I would encourage anyone who has an interest in writing to consider becoming a student reporter if they are not one already!

We will continue to bring our readers inspiring news stories next term. Meantime, I wish all our writers a relaxing break and stay safe!

Mrs Irene Scott
YEARBOOK EDITOR / YEAR 12 ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP ADDRESS

Mid-September, a very nervous bunch of the successful leadership applicants, me included, had to present a 1-2 minute speech to all of the Year 11 students and teachers.

Our speeches were to include a bit about ourselves, why we would be a good leader, how Marymount has influenced us and how we can give back to Marymount. The speeches were all wonderful and each unique to the speaker. Though, the underlying theme to them all seemed to be that hard work and commitment were something that everyone felt was important for being a leader. All the applicants spoke about the importance of being approachable and involving themselves in as many aspects of college life as possible.

The main message I wished to portray in my speech was the idea of getting involved in what the school has to offer. To me this is what makes my school experience great and what I would love to see more of, participation and school spirit. Everyone did an excellent job in writing their speeches and presenting them, to quite a daunting audience.

I would like to congratulate all the successful applicants who made it this far, and the best of luck in making it further into the leadership process as you all deserve it!

Emily Kelly
REPORTER

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BALLETT WORKSHOP

Last Thursday during sport time, Marymount’s dancers, both primary and secondary students, were honoured to have a ballet workshop with Bronte Kelly. Bronte is an ex-Marymount student and older sister of Tristan Kelly in Year Eight. She is a professional ballerina at the New Zealand Ballet Company. Bronte was excited to be back at Marymount, stating, “I have fond memories of Marymount and feel this is a way I can ‘give back’ to my old school.”

Her ballet technique class consisted of a series of barre exercises followed by centre work and enchainments from the corner. After class, Bronte answered questions about her career in dance and the hard work she has put in to get where she is today. She told us of her experience in recent shows, including her lead role as Cinderella. Bronte has a new pair of pointe shoes each week! This is no wonder, considering her average day consists of a technique class each morning, followed by afternoon rehearsals and then a show at night. With this high physical demand, Bronte emphasized the importance of a healthy diet.

Marymount dancers are most grateful for Bronte’s time and generosity. Mrs Press, dance coordinator, said, “It was very kind of Bronte to offer her time to come and conduct a class.”

The workshop allowed primary and high school students to experience a taste of the sort of work professional dancers do almost everyday of the year. Bronte inspired us to believe in our dreams and that anything is possible with dedication and hard work.

Caitlin McNamara
YEAR 10 REPORTER
The Year 9 Personal Development day this year was a heartwarming, educational experience for everyone involved. Activities such as the ‘girl’s resilience’ workshop and ‘relationships’ seminar, (for the girls in our year), were great experiences. We learnt so many new things about ourselves personally and also how to deal with problems that we may be faced with in our lives. Throughout the day, we focused on resilience and teamwork, especially when it came to the afternoon sporting activities. Each pastoral class was separated and asked to organise within themselves team captains and managers to ensure your class arrived to the planned sport on time. Every event was a team sport and we were able to bond and create new relationships of friendship with people in our classes that we didn’t usually involve ourselves with. It was a great experience where we were able to learn and recognize so many ways in which we can choose better lifestyles for our futures.

Taya Oxenham
REPORTER

All Year 9s participated in Personal Development Day. The day started off nicely, with all the girls spending the morning together, talking about what it means to be a resilient person. As the Year 9 girls, we love getting together to have a bit of a break and talk to each other about ways we can become better people. In the afternoon we had a race to see which pastoral class was the strongest and which worked the best together. We had heaps of sports that we played in a round-robin way, versus different PC classes each time. That afternoon was a test of which pastoral class had the most support for each other and obviously who was the best at throwing a ball around. I’d hurt my back the day before and wasn’t allowed to participate, but it was great watching everybody support each other. 9AA took it out and won a pizza lunch which they enjoyed the following Monday. We’d all like to thank Kaylene, Ms Gair, Mr Fren and all our pastoral teachers for putting together such a memorable day.

Lucy Koschel
REPORTER

The Personal Development Day was very important for us as we begin to fit into adolescent life. The girls split from the boys and went off in our own ways, learning about resilience and how to use that in our day-to-day lives. After morning tea, we had a very important discussion with our guest speaker about what is good and bad for us and how we tell the difference between the two. The conversation was quite embarrassing for most, but was very important for young teenagers to learn and may help us in future. After lunch, we joined together again and had battle of the Pastorals. Each pastoral versed each other in a form of sport, which included volleyball, giant soccer, futsal, basketball and tug-of-war. Although good-natured, we were all very competitive and we will soon find out who is the best pastoral and that pastoral will receive a prize. On behalf of year nine, I’d like to thank Mr. Fren and Ms. Gair for organizing the whole thing, pastoral teachers, and the guests for coming and giving us a very necessary chat. We learnt that we are beautiful and strong women who can accomplish anything.

Brooke Fraser
REPORTER

In our final Year level assembly for Term 3, students were reminded to pay particular attention to their attendance and punctuality next term. For Year 12s it is the final term of their school lives and as such may create a sense of uncertainty and anxiety for some. The best approach is to work hard towards completing work successfully. Our teachers are here to assist in every way possible. Students need to communicate their needs for assistance to their teachers rather than stress and not complete tasks.

Use these holidays to have a good break and in some cases if you have been asked to research or prepare material during the break, take the opportunity to do so. It is vital that students submit all their work by the required dates. Please note all-important dates in your diaries and be prepared.

Important letters regarding the Term 4 events have been sent home. Please take the time to read them carefully. We invite parents and guardians to work with us to enable a successful conclusion to the year’s programme.

Responses regarding attendance to the Graduation Dinner are required as soon as possible so that seating arrangements and any special needs may be addressed.

Wishing all our Year 12 students a relaxing break. Take care on the roads.

Mr Kevin Cornor and Mrs Irene Scott
YEAR 12 COORDINATORS
Its official, it’s The Wedding Singer. With months of auditions and a lot of excited students waiting on the announcement of not only what musical we are doing in 2013, but also on the cast list, which was posted this week. Adam Sandler’s hilarious 1998 film was made into an award winning musical in 2006. With a large male and female lead cast, it is sure to be a success with our very talented performers from all grades making up an impressive ensemble.

Set in the 80’s with fashions and hairstyles reminiscent of Madonna’s material girl and Boy George meets Warwick Capper, the musical largely follows the same storyline as the film with a few more twists and turns and around 18 musical numbers.

Our rehearsals are due to start next term and will be well underway in the first term of 2013 with the production due to grace the stages of the Arts Centre mid term two. Judging by the talent enrolled in the cast, musicians and crew, I can predict The Wedding Singer will be a hit with audiences and definitely with the parents prompting a trip down memory lane with the flamboyant big fashions of the 1980’s.

Its going to be a whole lot of fun at rehearsals with this one and I think the boys are just as excited as the girls are to get into spirit of the show. Congratulations to the chosen cast and big thanks to Mrs Melanie Howe, Ms Amy Anderson, Miss Megan Pearse and Ms Jodie Young for a lot of work already and an excellent choice of musicals.

Ayla Beaufils
YEAR 11 REPORTER
ON-TIME QTAC APPLICATION – FEE INCREASE

Year 12 students planning to apply via QTAC for 2013 tertiary studies should note that the on-time application fee of $34 increases to $84 from October 2012. Note: Students are granted three FREE changes to their preferences once application is submitted.

GRiffith connect Guaranteed admission

The Griffith Connect Guaranteed Admission Scheme recognizes the effort of students to attain and maintain grades through Year 11 and Semester 1 Year 12, and rewards these efforts with an early offer into a range of selected programs (a full list of programs included is available at www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-connect).

Application forms and further information are also available from the Marymount College Careers Office. NOTE: Application closing date has been extended to 15th October 2012. Should you be interested, please see the Marymount College Careers Office urgently upon your return to school next term.

Projects aboard - it’s time for a change

For those who haven’t booked their schoolies week or for those who don’t want to end their very long schooling education in one week long party, picture this: you go to a developing country, you contribute to a community, you make a positive impact in the lives of others and you make friends from all over the world. Sound pretty great?

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2013 schools program – king’s unitech

Keen to complete a Certificate III qualification while still at school? One year courses are being offered by King’s Unitech (Burleigh Heads) on Fridays from 9-4pm. Course costs $1000.

For further information and to download an application form visit www.education.kings.net.au or see the Marymount College Careers Office.

Certificate III Business

A position currently exists for a year 11 student interested in a Certificate III Business qualification with duties to include in store retail, pool maintenance, cleaning, testing, and observing quotes.

For further information, call Kristel Warchola on 0404 029 196 or see the Marymount College Careers Office.

Bond University – Headstart Day

Bond University’s Year 10 Headstart Day is coming up and is the perfect chance for ambitious year 10’s to experience university life.

During this free event, students will be exposed to a range of possible careers, take part in a variety of activities, and meet Bond’s professors and current students.

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Mrs Anne Barrett
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Genesis 1:1; John 1:3;
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