The All Female Choir, All Male Vocal Ensemble and the Year 9 Music & Music Extension Choir performed with honour at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod last week. In what is an extremely hectic time for the students and Ms Meagan Pearse, our singers are extending themselves as they lead the development of a strong vocal program at the College. Although unplanned, the All Female Choir was considered to have had a very good first time performance that augers well for the Catholic Colleges Music Festival and then SingFest one week later. The All Male Vocal Ensemble performed confidently and entertained their audience and was awarded Highly Commended with Honours. The Year 9 Choir performed with energy and enthusiasm and was awarded Honours.

On Saturday all five rock bands performed at the EKKA at the Billy Hyde Schools Showcase competition. This is a long competition that runs all day, everyday, for the length of the EKKA. Sleepy Jean worked hard on stage for an encore. We will be notified at the end of the show if we were fortunate to win a prize. Appreciation to Ms Pearse for her leadership and attention to detail, and to Mr Segal for accompanying her with the students.

On Sunday our students participated in the Ormeau Lions Fair Rock Band Challenge. Last year we won first and third place. This year we again beat our rivals. Sleepy Jean won first place and $1000 and TBA won third place (against some rather large bands); results are from the QCMF: Concert Band Festival performances will follow. Early Eisteddfods and Queensland Catholic Music Coasts are the busy days again and results of student musicians.

This Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday are the busy days again and results of Eisteddfods and Queensland Catholic Music Festival performances will follow. Early results are from the QCMF: Concert Band third place (against some rather large bands); Gold for our Female Choir; Gold for our Male Choir. Thanks must go to Ms Pearse, Mr Segal and parents for the travel and support for the Rock Bands who performed at the EKKA on Saturday and the Ormeau Lions Fair Battle of the Bands on Sunday, and who will no doubt be there over the weekend.

YEAR 10 SET PLAN INTERVIEWS

Thanks to all involved in what appears to have been a very successful process to date. The sessions appeared to be smooth and professionally handled – and certainly very well supported by parents and students. A particular mention to the 24 staff who so willingly gave up their time, especially the first timers; to library staff and Ms Jan Crick and Mrs Catherine McCosker for the catering arrangements for staff, shut down, food, Mr Michael Hren for supervising Year Tens on Campus; Ms Sajn, Ms James and Mrs Murtagh for all the ‘behind-the-scenes’ planning and organisation as well as secretarial support on the day; and Mr Hamilton and his team for tracking down those missing the Information Night and ensuring commitment from parents. The interviews provided respectful support from parents and the teacher involved, to allow each student to think through the process designed by Mr Shaw and to arrive at a considered decision for subject choices in 2013. I was most impressed by the honesty of students I interviewed as they assessed their strengths and weaknesses. We will certainly follow this process in coming years. It is important that students (and parents) who missed this opportunity, contact Mr Shaw to make appropriate alternative arrangements.

MARYMOUNT SCIENCE STUDENTS TITRATION SUCCESS

In a remarkable achievement, and for the first time, Marymount has three teams qualified for the National finals of the Australian Schools Chemical Analysis (Titration) Competition. Finishing in the top five teams on the Gold Coast in the qualification round held at Griffith University last term the students ensured the proud and formidable record Marymount has in the reaching the Nationals. We have high expectations following their success in tough competition against the very best of Gold Coast chemistry students. The teams, expertly coached by Ms Jenny Webster and Mr Roger Huth performed admirably in the intense conditions of the competition. The teams advancing to the Nationals this year are (Year 11) Kaitlyn Cooper, Anna Allison and Drew Pavich; (Year 12 A) Brian Joseph (100%) Ben Bransgrove and Alistair Curtain and (Year 12 B) Kyle James, Wisam Dawood and Kathleen Houston. Following on from Science Night, another outstanding result for our exceptional Science faculty.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND SMS FOR ABSENCE

Parents will continue to receive an SMS message when their son/daughter is recorded as absent for any period and the absence has not been explained. We will continue to do our very best to ensure the accuracy of the absentee record before sending messages. Parents should call the College after receiving the message. Where the College has made an error we will identify the source of the error and endeavour to ensure it is not repeated. Students are one source of errors. They need to be on time for school, on time for class and take care to ensure they are not marked absent. When they are absent for any reason, they must ensure that the absence is explained and that SAO (Student Administration Office) know the reason and have recorded it.

Our goal is to have no errors each day. However, SAO are receiving attendance and absentee data from teachers and students, and errors come in the data. We ask parents who receive SMS messages to call and provide the reason for the absence. When there is an error we ask only that you assist SAO to correct the error. We understand that wrong messages may be upsetting and frustrating and ask that you communicate your feelings to the Principal and Senior Administration, and not our SAO staff.

NATIONAL FINALS – SECONDARY SCHOOLS CULINARY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Ryan Grant and Scott Casselle who have won their way through to the National Finals of the Secondary Schools’ Culinary Challenge. A wonderful result reflecting the commitment and attention to detail these young men have shown. Their success also reflects well on the support of Mrs Rachel Evans, Mrs Jane Greffe, Ms Diianne Madden, and Chef Daniel Ridgeway of the Little Truffle at Mermaid Beach. (See page 10 for more)

Chris Noonan
PRINCIPAL
Thank you to all those who attended the Year 10 Set Plan interviews (and of course all the staff who assisted). This appears to have been a most successful outcome – given the numbers who attended and given the follow-up and feedback. This includes many of those who could and the few who could not, but contacted us for alternate arrangements. The final date for entry into the on-line system is Tuesday 21st 3pm, but we note most have already attended to this. A reminded that the SET Plan (“About Me”) section is also to be completed by Tuesday, 3pm.

QCS days are Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th September. We have been returning the last of the completed practice tests and provided feedback on the results each week. This will continue for the next two Thursdays. It is vital that the students continue to support the QCS program and make final preparations – including collecting and delivering to us the necessary test materials to be included in their packs!

Year 11 & 12 Exam block commences in full on Monday 10 September (some earlier HPE prac exams will commence on Thursday 6th September following QCS). The Exam block schedule will be published on Monday 3rd September.

**Important Dates:**
- **Tuesday 4th Sept**  
  QCS Day #1
- **Wednesday 5th Sept**  
  QCS Day #2
- **Thursday 6th Sept**  
  Normal School Day, but with Yr 11 / 12 HPE Prac exams
- **Friday 7th Sept**  
  Marymount Day
- **Monday 10th – Monday 17th Sept**  
  Exam Block
- **Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st Sept**  
  Normal School
- **Sat 22nd Sept**  
  School holidays begin.

Congratulations to all students who have been involved in the many extra-curricular activities over the past few weeks. Our music students have done a wonderful job representing the College and through the efforts of the students, support of parents and the expertise of Miss Pearse and Ms Young, it is very clear that music is flourishing at Marymount College.

The OptiMinds teams are preparing for their presentations on Sunday 26 August at Mudgereeba State School. We wish these teams all the best as they go into the final days of preparation. The Year 8 students competed in a Maths Challenge at Varsity College last Thursday evening. I would like to congratulate: Nobie Csiki-Bege, Maggie Wasson, Sam Ryan and Shiralee Sweeny for representing the school.

A reminder that the subject selection forms for all Year 8 students must be handed into SAO and the choices submitted on the intranet no later than 3pm on Monday 20th August. The majority of the forms have been returned but the remaining forms must be returned so that the subject lines can be drawn up and finalised.
CHAMPIONS READ!
BOOK WEEK 18TH – 24TH AUGUST 2012

Book Week is an annual celebration of reading which this year takes its theme from the Olympics! A panel of judges has spent the last year reading and makes a final selection of the best books of the year each August.

To help celebrate Book Week in this National Year of Reading, we thought it would be a great idea to get involved with the Primary School.

Each lunchtime next week, a group of students will be performing a short dramatization of a children’s book for the Preppies and reading to them. Photos next week!!

Mrs Janet Cartlidge
TEACHER LIBRARIAN

SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS
CULINARY COMPETITION
STATIC DESSERT AND CAKE DISPLAY

This year Marymount College entered two Year 12 students into the Static sections of the S SCCC. Mrs Evans and I are extremely proud of the standard both girls were able to achieve with limited teacher guidance. Marymount College will always strive to ensure a level playing field for our students; we offer students workshops and guidance along the way, but in the end their final product must be their own. It is very rewarding to see students enter their own work into competitions and be awarded on their own merit.

Rhian Enright designed a dessert based around apples, that took a total of 16 hours to complete from start to finish. She combined elements from renowned Chef Heston Blumenthal to create a very modern dessert that was clever, clean and crisp. There were 10 intricate and time-consuming components to the dessert that Rhian named ‘Eve’s Garden’. Rhian achieved a Bronze Medal for her efforts and her dessert attracted a lot of attention during judging:

(Above) Apple Arlette with rosewater cream, crystalized fennel and vanilla salt; Apple crisp tower of sinful chocolate mousse and wicked vanilla bean serpent; Peppermint and pistachio soil, diamonds of apple gel and a sprinkle of delectable edible flowers.

Kelsey Orbenson-Thew designed a fruitcake that she covered with chocolate ganache and then fondant icing, known as ‘Blue and White Delight’. As a cake like this has to be constructed over several days, Kelsey learnt the value of time management, and had to juggle other commitments such as part-time work, the Formal and assignments with her cake making.

She was happy to receive a Certificate of Merit for her cake and gained a lot of skills for her future cake-making exploits!

Mrs Rachel Evans,
Mrs Jane Greffe &
Ms Dianne Madden
HOSPITALITY DEPARTMENT

See page 10 for details of the Winners of the Senior Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge 2012
The Year 8 play performed their play *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* on Saturday 11 August in the Gold Coast Secondary Schools’ Drama Festival, at Hillcrest Christian College.

*I Never Saw Another Butterfly* is a poignant play that deals with the lost children of the concentration camp Tereszin in WW11 and also deals with the issue of incarceration of children. Whilst we really only had 8 rehearsals (at least half of all other schools) our students performed extremely well and were awarded the runners up trophy. Over 18 Gold Coast schools were involved in this festival so we should be very proud of this result. To be awarded such an honour was wonderful and our Year 8 students were extremely excited.

The students who performed were Ebony Sievers, Sabrina Minford, Max Miskell, Bethany Powell, Cameron Horrocks, Ashley Pade, Samantha Mauder, Dominic Larkin, Maddison Griffith, Abigail Joseph, Isabella Hamilton, Andie Sattler, Riley Williams, Louise Williams, Arisa Atanyakul and Joshua Muir. Extra congratulations go to Ebony, Max, Dominic, Cameron and Arisa who were also awarded HIGHLY COMMENDED certificates for their performances.

There will be a gala night on Tuesday 21 August, where the 3 plays our students have been working on will be performed. We welcome all family members and friends to attend. The venue is Marymount College and the night begins at 6pm and should conclude approximately 8pm. Hope to see you there.

Ms Melanie Howe
DRAMA COORDINATOR
On Wednesday 18th and 19th of July two groups of our year 12 music students attended the Griffith University experience day for the Popular Music Course. We have had many students enter and graduate from this course over the years. One such graduate and ex-Marymount student, Leah Martin-Brown was recently nominated as a finalist in the Oz Music Awards for her band Lilly Rouge. On the day, students were fortunate to work with lecturers and current students in the course. They also experienced the facilities and recorded their own work in the music studios on campus. The following are some photos of the experiences shared by our students; Lorcan Waugh, Tommy Sheehan, Lane Muir, Luke Poidevin-Martin, Danyon Weatherall, Ruby Hunter and Christie Spellacy.

Marymount College prides itself on its un-auditioned choirs. Last Tuesday, our all female un-auditioned choir performed well in the A Grade section of the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. Whilst the choir was unlucky this time, the adjudicator said it all "Your performance was one of the most creative and unique experiences I have had in a very long time." And to Kathleen Houston our piano player he said, "awesome piano work."

On Thursday our All Male Vocal ensemble and Year 9 Classroom Music Choir performed in the B Section with great success. Once again the All Male Vocal Ensemble is un-auditioned whilst the Year 9 classroom choir participated as part of their classroom assessment. I thoroughly enjoyed conducting the All Male Ensemble in their piece "We’re the Men" and was excited when they received a standing ovation! From this performance they received a highly commended!

On Saturday and Sunday the 11th and 12th August our 5 Rock Bands performed at the Billy Hyde Schools Showcase Concert at the Brisbane Ekka and then the Ormeau Lions Fair Rock Band Challenge. Whilst we do not know of the outcome of our performance at the Ekka, I was proud that Marymount be acknowledged as a great supporter of the Showcase. I should also note that one of our senior rock bands “Sleepy Jean” was rewarded with an encore!

Sunday topped off a great weekend with more successful performances from all five rock bands! Again in 2012 we took out first and third place with outstanding performances by Sleepy Jean and TBA.

Look to next week’s newsletter to read about our ensembles at the Catholic Colleges Music Festival as well as how our Concert Band and Jazz Band performed at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod.

Until then,

TAKING A MUSIC BATH ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK FOR A FEW SEASONS, AND YOU WILL FIND THAT IT IS TO THE SOUL WHAT THE WATER BATH IS TO THE BODY.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES

Miss Meagan Pearse
MUSIC/INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC COORDINATOR
Calling all business mentors

The Year 12 Business Organisation Management students are preparing their business plans this term, their major piece of assessment. They will need several business mentors to provide advice for them along the way. People from small and large business, retired or currently working in the field would be appreciated. The students may run their ideas past you, asking for your opinions or seek your knowledge and use your information as a source within their business plan.

If you are brave enough to be a guest speaker for the class, or willing to make yourself available as a mentor for a student’s business plan proposal, please call Mrs Organ or Mrs Mathers on 5586 1000, or email kmathers@marymount.qld.edu.au.
FROM THE EDITOR

In preparation for next week’s Book Week, a number of reporters together with members of the College leadership team and STAC representatives came together to work out some fun activities to share with Marymount Primary.

Each lunchtime next week, will be dedicated to presenting a wonderful children’s book to the Prep grades. The characters will come alive through imaginative readings and interpretations of the characters. Our Teacher-Librarian Mrs Cartlidge is thrilled to have our enthusiastic students on board for what I am certain will contribute to life changing attitudes towards reading and appreciating literature in the long term.

We look forward to sharing the full coverage in next week’s Newsletter.

Mrs Irene Scott
YEARBOOK EDITOR / YEAR 12 ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

TITRATION COMPETITION

On Saturday 19 May, two teams from both Year 11 and 12 competed in the annual titration competition held at Griffith Uni. Unfortunately due to an error with one of the solutions on the day, we are still awaiting our results. The two year 12 teams consisted of myself, Alister Curtain, Ben Bransgrove, Kath Houston, Wisam Dawood and Kyle James.

The students who composed the three Year 11 teams was Rochelle Johnson, Dom Richards, Anna Allison, Astar Brunton, Kaitlyn Cooper, David Gawler, Sam Kiely, Drew Pavich and Dylan Durie.

Now I’m assuming you’re wondering what exactly is titration... well in the most simplest terms it is a form of chemical analysis where you attempt to find the concentration of an unknown solution. In a nutshell you ‘drop the base’ into an acidic solution. Titration is considered to be more of an art rather than a science by some because it involves being patient and accurate. There are many techniques and skills required when using the equipment due to being such a precise art. Fortunately enough we were assisted by both Ms Webster and Mr Huth who gave up their own time and organized weekly sessions where we could practice. Learning these skills acquired from the titration competition could of not come at a better time for us Year 12 chemistry students who competed, since it gave us an upper hand on our experimental investigations on acid base theory which we are currently studying this term.

Anxiously awaiting for our results to arrive, we hope to continue the legacy Marymount holds in the regional Titration competition.

Brian Joseph
SCIENCE REPORTER

SCIENCE NIGHT TRIVIA

Who invented the first battery? Some answered "Usain Bolt", although the real answer is Alessandro Volta. This was one of the various questions asked at the Griffith University Science Trivia Night.

Out of a whopping 58 teams from a variety of schools, our Marymount teams ranked 8th, 10th, 28th, 31st, 42nd and 56th. No matter how tough the questions were, all of us strived on, ready to at least win a few prizes in the activities between each round. It was a buzzing atmosphere with hundreds of brains working rapidly as each team of four wrote down the answers to a variety of Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Agriculture, Marine and general Science knowledge facts.

A big thank you to Mr Murphy for organising all the teams, as well as Mr Waite, Mr Crowley and Mr Segal for being part of the teachers’ team who took out 6th place. Although none of us won and may think birds f**t eggs, but we know our stuff!

Samantha Wilson
SCHOOL CAPTAIN AND PARTICIPANT
**The Year Ten Times**

**SCIENCE ON THE GO – GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY TRIVIA NIGHT**

**TRIVIA (plural) petty details, niceties, technicalities, trifles, trumpery, nonessentials...**

I can assure you that trivia was far from nonessential at Griffith University’s Science On The Go Trivia Night.

58 tables of teams of four students in grades 10-12 from schools around the Coast all took part in the event, along with eight tables of teachers. I was fortunate enough to take part in the event, along with around 20 other Marymount students from grades 10 to 12. Mr Murphy and the Science squad, the “Marymount Brainosaurs”, consisting of Mr Waite, Mr Segal and Mr Crowley, shared a table and took part in the night with us.

The questions tested us and, more frequently for my team, confused us, with questions thrown in such as “Do birds f**t?” and “How many kilometers upwards would you have to travel from Earth’s surface to reach space?”...... Well they were difficult for me, anyway. Many Marymount teams had very successful nights, and one girls’ team of Year 11 students made it to 5th position overall.

An area my team excelled in was one of chance, where we all had to stand up and guess whether a head or tail would be flipped. This elimination game was played a couple of times throughout the evening, as well as one with a slightly higher difficulty that involved naming elements. You may not believe it, but even I received a prize during the night, but not for answering a question correctly. I was given some awesome Science magazines for “making up an element” (I was so sure it existed)! You just can’t help but giggle at that awkward moment that prompts extreme embarrassment after shouting the wrong answer out with confidence. Despite that, the night was very informative and certainly made me want to run home and memorize all of the facts I had heard for my own knowledge.

I will never again forget that the Americans were the inventors of kitty litter, or who, now so famously, shouted “Eureka, I have found it!” after making a breakthrough discovery. We all had a laugh, and it was a great night, so thank you to Mr Murphy for giving us the opportunity to be a part of it, and to the parents who made sure we got there on time! I look forward to taking part again next year!

**Jasmine Hodson**
REPORTER

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**ORMEAU FAIR**

Many of Marymount’s dancers, singers and musicians performed at Ormeau Fair on Sunday 12th August. Competing against other schools, students displayed their talents throughout several outstanding performances. The Sport Dance group showcased three of their items; one jazz, one contemporary and one hip hop. The girls danced extremely well, but sadly did not place.

Marymount’s bands also performed exceptionally on Sunday. Special congratulations to the members of the bands ‘Sleepy Jean’ who placed 1st and ‘TBA’ who placed 3rd. Many thanks to Dance Choreographer/ Coordinator, Ms Press and Music Coordinator, Miss Pearce, for their countless hours of hard work in preparation.

It is great to see students of Marymount presenting their talents, supporting each other and enjoying themselves whilst doing so.

**Caitlin McNamara**
REPORTER

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CHILDREN AND ADULT TREATMENT

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For the past 3 months the Intermediate Inter-school Drama team has been rehearsing for the Gold Coast Drama Festival. The play for this year’s team is called “Looking For the Moon.” The play is about a poet named Li-Bai living in China in the 1500s. He faces many tough challenges in life at court and in the end after the government has been overthrown, he commits suicide.

With a cast of 34, we have the bruises to show how hard we have worked in our rehearsals after school and on Sundays. But of course with 34 hypo teenagers, there were many laughs that we will remember forever.

We are performing our play on Friday night at TSS at 6pm. Let’s hope all the hard work paid off, wish us luck!

Lucy Koschel
YEAR 9 REPORTER

Year 11 and 12 Drama students were delighted to attend a Dead Puppet Society production called The Harbinger in Brisbane as part of our studies in drama this term. The night commenced as we boarded the bus to Brisbane where we ate dinner then ventured to the La Boite RoundHouse Theatre to watch the play. As we sat down in our seats to watch the performance, the stage captured us with great enchantment as it revealed an old but magical bookstore and a colossal puppet played by three people in the corner. The Harbinger follows the story of an orphaned child running from the death and decay of the streets, who discovers the safety of a quiet bookshop. It is here she finds the giant old man and learns of the stories that linger between the pages and bounce to life around her. The meaningful performance intertwined elements of puppetry, live performance and stage trickery and brought to life a powerful story that was thoroughly enjoyed by all teachers and students.

Desiree Hughes
YEAR 11 REPORTER

CASHING IN & ROCKING OUT

History repeated itself last Sunday for the second consecutive year of participating in the Ormeau Lions ‘Battle of the Bands’ competition, as Marymount left on a high with the senior rock bands triumphing and receiving a commendable combined cash prize of $1250. Our Year 12 rock band, Sleepy Jean, took out the title of “Rock band of the day”, coming first and winning $1000 in prize money. Our other senior rock band TBA, in which I am proud to be the lead singer and rhythm guitarist, stole 3rd place also winning a $250 prize for the second successive year.

Both senior bands, along with the other three junior rock bands that participated from Marymount, demonstrated a wide range of musical ability and talent, performing some of the original songs that our bands have written since collaborating as groups. Performing is a nice and refreshing way to both express our feelings and emotions in a form of art and share it with other people, whilst simultaneously reaping the benefits of practising for classroom music assessment, which is always a positive. The Ormeau Lions Fair is one of the many opportunities throughout the year where our school’s rock bands have the privilege of sharing the gift of music in front of a live audience. It is always a wonderful experience to represent the College and exhibit our musical flair to a crowd of strangers, and to be able to connect with them through song is such a rewarding and gratifying feeling. It’s always wonderful to perform in front of other young, talented artists and also watch them during performances to gain an understanding of their styles and aesthetics.

Music is in so many ways such a diverse and uniting element, which can be explored and experimented with in so many innovative and creative ways. It’s such a fun experience to share my love of music with those who also share a similar appreciation for this unique kind of art. I would just like to shout out to my TBA band members: Bridget Thomas (rhythm/lead guitar), Jacob Morrison-Gardiner (lead guitarist/bass), Alice Stenhouse (bass/synthesizer) and Kai Bodna (drums) for being such a supportive and amazing band. Working with you guys is always a pleasure! Big congratulations to all of the rock bands and individual artists who performed on Sunday; you all did a wonderful job and made our school proud. Thank you to our Music Coordinator Ms Pearse, for organizing our gigs for us and also a massive thank you to our guitar teacher Andy who has mentored and helped us develop our skills as young musicians; we couldn’t have done it without you. We had a lovely time performing at the Ormeau show and look forward to participating in it again next year.

Rochelle Johnson
REPORTER

YEAR 11 REPORTER

Update From Year 11

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OUR WINNING TEAM

EVENT: The Senior Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge 2012
STUDENTS INVOLVED: Ryan Grant & Scott Casselle
STAFF INVOLVED: Mrs Greffe, Mrs Evans and Ms Madden
MENTOR CHEF: Daniel Ridgeway of The Little Truffle, Mermaid Beach
NAME OF DISH: Chicken two ways - Mustard crumbed Maryland with Chicken Mousse, Herb crusted Ballottine with Chicken & Truffle Mousse on Pomme Puree, Zucchini, Date Puree & Veal Niscoise

LEAD UP

How were the students selected to participate in this event? Scott and Ryan were the winners of the Junior Secondary Schools Culinary Challenge last year. They have been talking about nothing else since that amazing experience!

What were their expectations at this point? To Win!

PREPARATION

What was involved in preparing for this competition? We started by learning how to break down a chicken as cleanly and quickly as possible, as this was the foundation component of the dish. Past Hospitality student & Senior Culinary Competitor, Matt MacKenzie came in and mentored several students who were keen to enter the competition. Then the boys worked with their mentor chef Daniel Ridgeway of Little Truffle, to come up with a dish that met all the competition's strict criteria.

How did Marymount College support the students? Next, the boys practised the components of the dish to improve their skill and preparation time. The competition is a live cook-off and the boys have 1 hour to complete 4 serves of their dish. They are judged very critically, so Mrs. Evans and I acted like judges and gave the boys feedback on their hygiene, technique, timing, and plating. The boys practised an average of 3-4 times a week, and it was very rewarding to see them improve their dish each week. This training schedule really put them at an advantage in the competition, and the boys stood out amongst the other competitors.

THE EVENT

What time factors had to be considered on the day? Describe what actually happened on the day. We arrived at 7am on Saturday morning; the boys were briefed by the judges at 8am. Once in the kitchen, the boys had 10 minutes to set up their station. Then, the action began. The boys followed a carefully timed workflow plan to ensure they were both on track at all times. Communication was extremely important, as they were marked on being able to work as a team. At every step, the boys were observed and questioned by the judges, and they had to be able to explain what they were doing and continued cooking. You really have to be prepared and know your stuff – which can be pretty intimidating when you’re under pressure. Windows surround the kitchen and the public watches your every move, which rattled many competitors.

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THE RESULT

At what point did you feel that Marymount might win? We tried to observe the other teams and their final dish, and felt the boys were in the top three when you factored in their technique, timing and complexity of components on the plate. The judges were extremely critical this year and we were very worried when our boys and the other outstanding team from Runcorn High School, were awarded Silver Medals. Then the chefs announced there would be no Gold Medals issued this year, and it was between the two silver teams. After a very tense wait, it was announced that Marymount College would be the Queensland representatives.

What does this result mean to the students? They will now represent Queensland in the International Senior Schools Culinary Competition to be held in Canberra during the September holidays. This is the first time in Marymount history for such culinary success. The boys have to learn a new dish based on Lamb Rump over the next 5 weeks. They will be guided by Chef Daniel, an expert in competitions and will resume their practices at school with Mrs Evans and me.

How do you as teachers involved feel about this success? If you’ve been lucky enough to eat something these boys have cooked, you’d agree they are well on their way to being fabulous young chefs. But it hasn’t just happened; the boys have put in long hours at school and in their traineeship at Little Truffle to develop their skills and knowledge of commercial cooking. They have been a pleasure to work with and their commitment and competitive spirit are quite admirable. We are extremely proud of their achievements that began last year with the Junior Secondary Schools Culinary Competition and is sure to continue into next year, when they compete for this coveted position again. Both boys have expressed an interest in coming back to mentor future students who may want to compete.

If you had the opportunity again, what changes would you make if any? We had other students that were very keen to compete, but we were unable to enter due to extra curricular commitments, sickness and competition deadlines. They began the process with the boys and were being mentored by Chef Billy Harmelin of Glass restaurant, Marina Mirage and lecturer at Ashmore TAFE. Hopefully some of these students will try out next year, as we would like to offer the opportunity to two teams.

THE FUTURE

Are the boys prepared to have another go next year? Next year the competition is earmarked for Japan, which is really exciting. The boys are locked in, and keen to win again for Marymount College.

What will they do differently? They’re a winning combination and their natural camaraderie would be hard to match. We are keen to ensure they handle their schoolwork with their traineeship commitments. In a year’s time, the skills these boys will have developed will be hard to match and they’ll definitely be the team to watch.

Apart from Ryan and Scott being excellent role models in their field, what other positive outcomes are there for Hospitality at Marymount College? Ryan and Scott are keen to share their skill and knowledge with their peers in the Hospitality Kitchen. They add a new dimension to my class, as they have firsthand industry experience, which is difficult at times to simulate.

I enjoy learning things from them and I am looking forward to the dishes we will be able to create with our combined passion for food. Strong Industry ties are being made in the Hospitality Department and they are essential for students to be aware of current trends and future career opportunities.
Year 11 Tourism students experienced the “green behind the gold” and were suitably impressed to discover the meaning of this phrase. In Tourism terms, the gold refers to our golden beaches whilst the green is the hinterland behind suburbia. Whenever students have made the journey, they always come back with an appreciation of nature and new respect for the environment.

For most students the excursion to the Numinbah Educational Centre and its surrounds was the first time they had ventured into this territory. Our guide Dr Jim Rebgetz provided us with valuable insight into the changing environment of the hinterland region. Specifically, we explored the Natural Bridge, the Quad bikes issue and revegetation. Planting some trees to help in the Nerang River revegetation program was a hands-on project, and contributed to the competency Participate in Environmentally Sustainable Work Practices.

Mrs Irene Scott
TOURISM TEACHER
We are now at a critical time of the year when assignments and exam preparation is in full swing. Please observe the requirements of each task and ensure details are relevant and adequate. We encourage all students to make a concerted effort in bringing appropriate equipment to class.

A reminder to those sitting the QCS tests to please check that you have brought in the appropriate equipment. Those who have missed sessions need to be particularly vigilant in this matter. The school will not be providing material on the day of the tests. It is the responsibility of each student to ensure they have given Mr Cornor all the correct equipment.

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DRIVING TO SCHOOL

A reminder to all students who drive a vehicle to school that you must fill out a Permission Form available from the Year 12 Coordinators’ Office. If the driver is taking other students to and from the College, those students must have written permission, which is also provided to the Year 12 Coordinators.

A special reminder to all drivers to please exercise care in the car park: if you do not comply with safety rules, you will not be permitted to park your car on school property.

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THE CAREERS OFFICE

Students are urged to check with the Careers office regarding their preparation for Direct Entry into TAFE as well as examining other pathways following completion of Year 12. Now is the time to make these preparations with personnel available to help you.

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CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Year 12 student Katie Lund who has qualified this year to represent Marymount and Queensland in the Australian National Interschool Equestrian Championships in September. Katie has dedicated much time and effort with her training. Katie is pictured on her horse Nekarbo Wilbur.

We wish Katie continued success with all her official competitions.

Mr Kevin Cornor and Mrs Irene Scott
YEAR 12 COORDINATORS
RAIN
VIRGINIA ANDREWS

This is the first book in a four book series that follows the life of Rain Arnold, a teenage girl growing up in the ghettos of Washington D.C. She has grown up with her younger sister Beni, older brother Roy, her father whom she refers to as Ken and her ‘Mama’. When Beni is murdered by gang members, Roy goes off to war and Ken walks out on them. Rain’s Mama confesses to her that she does not belong to the family she has always known. Instead she belongs to a wealthy family to whom she has been entrusted. She must adjust to her new school and un-welcoming family as she discovers who she really is and where she comes from.

Virginia Andrews’s novels are some of the best books I have ever read and once I start reading them I cannot stop. This was the first book I had ever read of hers, and the storyline and writing is so captivating and the characters are so great to connect with as they go on their journeys of self-discovery. I can’t recommend Rain enough!

Emily Kelly
YEAR 11 REPORTER

EVERNIGHT
CLAUDIA GRAY

Watch out all twilight fans! There is another saucy, romantic vampire series on the loose. Now I am not a person who really likes to read a novel, I am too impatient. But as soon as I bought the first book and read the first line of Evernight I was intrigued and thought to myself, this is going to be a great series. There are four books to the Evernight series as far as I know; Evernight, Stargazer, hourglass and afterlife! I am currently reading the third book Hourglass and am still enjoying it. So basically the storyline goes something like this, Olivia goes to a vampire school because she was born to 2 vampires, she meets Lucas and they fall in love, although Lucas doesn’t know that Olivia is a Vampire.

So the story unrolls and it is revealed that Lucas is actually a Vampire Hunter, part of the Black Cross. This obviously turned everything upside down. These books will certainly please Twilight fans and is actually a best seller from Claudia Gray.

I would highly recommend these amazing books to anyone who likes romance, action, secrets, vampires and heart attack moments. Great book and can’t wait to see what happens next!

Carly Burge
YEAR 10 REPORTER

MUD, SWEAT AND TEARS
BEAR GRYLLS

We all know him as Man Vs. Wild, a slightly crazy, completely wild adventurer who shows us the most effective and sometimes disgusting ways of survival. However, there is a lot more to this thrill-seeking adrenalin junkie than meets the eye. In his autobiography, Bear Grylls tells his life story, from his grandparent’s background to his gripping recount of his time on Everest. The book will inspire and draw you into Gryll’s mad, yet utterly fantastic life. He writes of his childhood, his schooling life at the prestigious Eton College, his gruelling course to become a qualified SAS soldier and of course his romantic and family life. The book will sweep you off and away to the top of Mount Everest or somewhere just as exciting. However, this is not a book just for the action seekers or tomboys alone. Bear Grylls’ Mud, Sweat and Tears takes you inside the person of Bear Grylls himself, his determination, respect and sheer willpower alone is enough to encourage even the faint-hearted. With each page you will become more and more fascinated and gripped by this wonderful story and truly inspiring man.

Madeline Dick
YEAR 10 REPORTER

THE HUNGER GAMES
SUZANNE COLLINS

Set in the post-apocalyptic capital of Panem, the annual Hunger Games takes place. The twelve poorer districts are forced to participate; making one girl and one boy aged from twelve to eighteen, from each district take part. Katniss Everdeen, a sixteen year old from District 12, nominates herself in place of her sister to compete in the malicious games. The games, however, are not to be taken lightly as it is a fight to the death and there can only be one winner. Suzanne Collins, the author of The Hunger Games, captures the reader’s attention and maintains it throughout the grueling plot. The captivating story of the underdog is highly intriguing and it is impossible to put down.

I recommend this book for any high school student and guarantee it will be one of the most gripping books you have read.

Desiree Hughes
YEAR 10 REPORTER

Read a good book lately? I have! This year, although it was an in class activity, I read the classic and well – known book ‘The Hunger Games’, written by Suzanne Collins. The book was about Katniss, young girl who lived in a poor village with her depressed mother and younger sister, Primrose. When the annual Hunger Games approached, Katniss’ younger sister was chosen to represent their district in an event, which you had a 1/24 chance of surviving otherwise, you would be killed by fellow tributes! Katniss volunteered to step in for Primrose to compete against 11 other districts. Collins will take you through Katniss’ riveting and captivating journey to stardom and glory.

My favourite part of the story was when Katniss was still playing in the slaughter fest, running from danger and avoiding enemies! I liked it because the author used such descriptive language that it was easy to think that you were right there with her, dodging frightening creatures and avoiding attackers. This book was such an amazing novel to read and it was so imaginative and action-packed! I recommend any young readers, keen to be enticed with a magnificent book, to pick it up and have a read! I found this book so enchanting and it was so wonderful to read that I really did not want to put it down!

Shari Johnson
YEAR 9 REPORTER

I like to read.

So to say that The Hunger Games is up there as one of my all-time favourite stories is a big deal. It is without a doubt a book that will engage even the most easily distracted types who claim reading is boring.

Once you start, it is nigh on impossible to put The Hunger Games down – so it’s fortunate there are two more installments in the series to sate your appetite.

If you’ve seen the movie, that’s a good start. But nothing beats the real deal. It’s the kind of book with a gripping plot and intriguing characters, who don’t necessarily conform to your usual stereotypes. The Hunger Games takes you on an escapade that is equal parts deadly as it is alluring. With a healthy dose of adventure, conspiracy, love and rebellion, there really isn’t more you could ask for in an equation for the most sensational read. Even if books aren’t your thing,

I challenge you find a copy and see what you think. You won’t be disappointed.

Monnie Esmond
YEAR 11 REPORTER
A reminder for those Year 12 students wishing to apply to the GCIT Direct Entry/Scholarship Program to register with the Marymount Careers Office urgently. Applications close on 7th September, although the school forwards applications collectively the week prior, so do not delay!

Email Leesa Lutze at llutze@marymount.qld.edu.au or visit www.qcit.edu.au. The program offers placement into Diploma level courses commencing 2013 including:

- Engineering Design >>> Building Design & Technology
- Interior Technology >>> Management
- Justice Studies >>> Business & Commerce
- Children’s Services >>> Community Services
- Marketing >>> Screen & Media
- Interactive Digital Media >>> Music
- Graphic Design >>> Accounting
- Nursing >>> Beauty Therapy
- Information Technology >>> Fitness
- Tourism >>> Events >>> Hospitality

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LOCATION: 19 Tallebudgera Creek Road, West Burleigh
BOOKINGS: drew@designworks.edu.au
PHONE: 55350298
VISIT WWW.DESIGNWORKS.EDU.AU

Camp America is coming to the Gold Coast. Learn about the program, meet past participants, hear first-hand about their experiences and find out how to apply for Camp America 2013!

WEDNESDAY, 5TH SEPTEMBER 6.30PM-8PM
LOCATION: THE SURF CLUB KURRAWA, “BEACHSIDE”, OLD BURLEIGH ROAD, BROADBEACH

For further details, visit www.campamerica.com.au or phone 1300 889 067.

Talented students in Dancing, Acting and Singing who are completing Year 12 this year and are looking for a career in the entertainment industry may wish to consider studying Certificate IV in Music Theatre with GCTT.

In response to a demand from Gold Coast students not wanting to travel interstate, Merrimac High in association with Actor’s College of Theatre and TV in Sydney has established this course and a “bridge” into the performance industry.

For further details, see the Marymount Careers Office or visit www.gctt.edu.au.

First round auditions close 30 November.
**TUCKSHOP HELPERS NEEDED URGENTLY**

If you can help out in the Marymount College Tuckshop please contact Mrs Maher or Mrs Viney on 07 5586 1018 as soon as possible! We need you!

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Is Mary the Rose then? Mary the tree?
But the blossom there, who can it be?
Who can Her rose be?
It could be one: Christ Jesus,
Our Lord-Her God and Her Son.
In the gardens of God,
in the daylight divine
Shew me Thy son, Mother, Mother of mine.
Does it smell sweet too in the holy place?
Sweet unto God
and the sweetness is grace.
O breath of its bathes great Heaven above,
In grace that is charity, grace that is love.
To thy breast, to thy rest,
to thy glory divine
Draw me by charity, Mother of mine.

(Fr. Gerald Manley Hopkins, Rosa Mystica)