This week, because it is Child Protection Week, talk about the issue. Talk about appropriate behaviour and how we feel when things don’t seem right. Blue cards from the Commissioner for Children, mandatory reporting law, and vigilance by parents and school authorities provide protection for children. However, young people who act on their feelings by telling you, their teacher or a student protection officer when they don’t feel right, send clear signals that increase their level of protection. This week, talk to your son/daughter and increase their ability to protect themselves.

**QCS TEST, TERM 3 EXAMS & FINALS**

With the QCS Test this week it’s easy for the Seniors not to see how important the assignments, end of term 3 exams, and term 4 assessments are. Make no mistake, while the QCS Test is important, school assignments and school exam work also needs to be the best work our Seniors can do.

Our Seniors will sit the Queensland Core Skills Test (QCST) on Tuesday and Wednesday. All Seniors across Queensland who have studied at least 5 authority subjects and want to receive an OP (Overall Position) will be sitting this test. It has 4 parts: 600 word writing task (2hrs); short response test (2hrs); 2 multiple choice tests (50 questions and 1.5hrs each). The students get so worried because the group results (mean and mean difference) are used to rescale school results. This is done so that all Seniors across Queensland who are eligible for an OP can be fairly ranked against each other by their OP score, no matter where they attended school.

Our College results will be solid because our students have been well taught in the subjects they have studied. Their subjects have the (49) Common Curriculum Elements that are tested in the QCST, embedded in the course work. To help students become familiar with each part of the test, the type of questions and how to ‘attack’ them we have provided practice time and actual QCS Tests using past papers. Many students have taken every opportunity to develop their understanding and ability to ‘tackle’ the test.

The QCS Test is designed so that all students can get quite a few items right. Even the difficult items are designed that way so that students can get part marks and achieve a good result. Of course the more capable students will be able to do very well.

It is a fair test of what a Senior student who has undertaken Authority Subjects is able to do under the same test conditions as other seniors.

All those who choose to sit the test need to have good support from the College and home over the coming days. They need to be rested and ready; focussed and calm. When doing the test they need to think carefully/slowly while working at a good pace. Finally, the 4th paper on the Wednesday afternoon is just as important as the 1st paper on Tuesday morning and consistency over the 2 days is essential.

After the QCST the Seniors have College assignments and exams for the end of Term 3. This school assessment is critical to establishing the potential final levels of achievement, and for OP eligible students, their potential final place in the subject rank order. Seniors who want to do well must finish well. The last weeks of Term 3 and their final weeks of high school next term must see their best work to confirm both their final levels of achievement and rank order positions.

**AGCC FINALS COMING UP**

This week is the final round of the Association of Gold Coast Colleges Winter Competition. Teams have been competing in AFL, Basketball, Futsal & Touch (GIRLS) and Rugby League, Soccer, Tennis & Volleyball (BOYS) against Assisi College, Aquinas College, St Michaels College, St Andrews College and Livingstone College this semester. Semi-finals and finals will be completed in the final 2 weeks of Term 3. Marymount College teams have competed strongly and will be among the winning teams at the AGCC Awards Night for 2012
Summer and Winter Competitions, on Tuesday 16 October at Assisi College.

ENROLLMENT STRATEGY SUPPORTED BY PARENTS

Further strong enrolments at interviews this week for Year 8, 2014 confirmed parent interest and support for our enrolment strategy. The strategy is to allow for the enrolment of Year 7 2015.

Our strategy is:

YEAR  
2012  
2013  
2014  
2015

ENROLLING FOR  
Year 8 2013 / Year 8 2014  
Year 8 2014 / Year 7 2015 / Year 8 2015  
Year 7 2015 / Year 8 2015 / Year 7 2016  
Year 7 2016 / Year 8 2016

CLOSURE OF VEHICULAR ACCESS TO COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

Effective 3 September as follows:

8:15am to 9:00am / 2:40pm to 3:10pm

This is necessary because of the significant use of the road by parents to drop off students and concerns for the safety of pedestrian traffic in the area at these times.

Outside of these times visitor parking is available on the access road for bona fide visitors who register at College reception.

Staff parking has been reduced to provide these spaces for the public. Parking without permission may result in a reminder sticker being fixed to the vehicle glass.

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You become ill at school

Request permission from the teacher you are with to attend Sick Bay.

The teacher will write a note in your diary.

Report to SAO and show the diary.

Do not ring or text your parents, if necessary this will be done for you in SAO.

You need to leave school early

Bring a letter from your parent/guardian explaining why you need to leave early. Do not ring or text your parents.

Have your Pastoral Teacher and Pastoral Coordinator sign the letter during Pastoral Care period.

Immediately prior to departure report to SAO. Hand in your note and complete the early departure slip in the book.

We ask for parental support in ensuring each student follows the correct procedures.

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Term Dates

TERM 3

Last day: 21 Sept

TERM 4

First day: 8 Oct

Last day: 7 Dec

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

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APSA - SEMI-ANNUAL

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

As a follow up to one of the items on the front page of last week’s college newsletter I draw your attention to the procedures for students who arrive late to school.

Students are required to be at school in time for Pastoral Care at 8.30am. However, if you are late for school:

Report to SAO and write your name on the pink sheet for late arrivals.

Collect a late pass and complete the top section

If you have a note for being late attach it to your late pass

If you do not have a note for being late you will need to have your parent/guardian sign your late pass

Have your late pass signed by the teacher of the first class you attend

The following day give the late pass to your Pastoral teacher

(You will find the College Procedures in your son/daughter’s Student Record Book)

While it is imperative that our data is always up to date and accurate on a daily basis, to maximise learning opportunities students need to arrive for school on time. Any student who is late to school or to class is adversely affecting their own learning and interrupting the learning of others. We need your assistance to avoid repeated lateness to school.

In regards to illness while at school or a request to leave early there are students who are texting their parents to come and pick them up instead of following the correct procedures. When this occurs, it inconveniences both the parent and those who tend the office.

Please discuss the correct procedure as outlined below with your son/daughter so that the college runs smoothly and efficiently:

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RUGBY LEAGUE PRESENTATION FUNCTION

4.30PM FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2012 IN THE DOYLE CENTRE

PLEASE RSVP ON 5586 1000 OR EMAIL
JHAMILTON@MARYMOUNT.QLD.EDU.AU BY FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER
This week was Round 2 of the STAC Cup. Round 1 had the mighty staff team pitted against a likely Year 11 squad in a game of Human Guess Who? This was great fun and the superior guessing skills of the staff members saw a smashing victory to take them into Round 2 with a 1 – 0 lead.

Round 2 had the staff team take on the Year 9 cohort in a battle of Handball. The choice of game was an excellent strategic move by the Year 9s as they have been practising for this challenge at recess and lunchtime for over six months. Although a close match-up, I am sorry to announce that the students did play the better game on the day and the STAC Cup standings are at one victory apiece.

Next round will be exciting as the Year 8 students are challenging the staff to a game of Dodge Ball. I encourage all students to come along on Tuesday at lunchtime and enjoy the friendly competition between students and teachers. With only three rounds to go, the STAC Cup for 2012 could go either way and support from the crowd could well be the deciding factor.

Geoff Browne
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - PASTORAL

Last Friday evening a small group of Year 11 and 12 students and 2 staff members participated in Marymount Sleepout for the Homeless from 8.00pm until 7.00am on Saturday. We reflected on homelessness locally and nationally and internationally. Our awareness was heightened by sharing personal observations and stories and discussing our College’s involvement with Rosies on the Street and St Vincent de Paul Society. A Liturgy of the Word was our night prayer. $640 was raised for the appeal through the students’ own donations. The group is to be commended for their generosity of spirit in participating and making the event happen.

Religious Education units are now at the assessment task stage for all junior classes. Year 8s are presenting speeches on Social Justice issues, Year 9s are working on the topic of the qualities of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, some of which will be used on Marymount Day and Year 10s exploration of ritual and symbol requires them to make a mosaic related to a ritual and complete a piece of extended writing. Seniors have a variety of tasks to complete. It’s always interesting and satisfying to have a conversation with your sons and daughters about their Religious Education work; they should be able to dazzle you with their knowledge. The home is still the single most important influence on a child’s religious education.

As we prepare for Marymount Day, we also fill the PC baskets with non-perishable foodstuffs for the St Vincent de Paul Society. Students are asked to bring this to PC class each morning. The food is then distributed to local families in need. Please remember to send in a donation or two for this collection. There’s only four days left to fill those baskets to overflowing!

Our Marymount Day mass is very special as it is the only time in the year when we have a Mass and the two schools come together for this. Much thought goes into making this liturgy meaningful for the two thousand students from Prep to Year 12. It is sad, however, that so many of our students do not attend Mass in their parish on a regular basis and so their familiarity with it is quite poor. Again, whilst we revise and prepare for this Mass, parents’ support is essential in emphasizing the importance and the appropriate behaviour during it. Our Mass begins at 9.00am on Friday 7 September in the Doyle Centre.

Students visiting Families Back on Track again this week enjoyed the afternoon with the children and some parents. From there we have heard of a young single mother called Francine who came to Australia from Africa after spending ten years in a refugee camp and having seen her parents murdered at a young age. Until recently she lived in Logan with the father of her children but left because the relationship became abusive. She has a four year old child and is expecting twins. She has no home and owns nothing and is on what seems to be an endless waiting list to find permanent housing for her and her 4 year old little boy before her twins arrive. If you would like to help Francine she is in immediate need of a double pram and as many new born size nappies as she can get. Other infant needs of course would be very welcome. Let me know via the Main Office at the College on 5586 1000 if you can help this young woman.
A FIVE-YEAR GOAL ACHIEVED

They did it!! The Marymount Senior Open debating team achieved the goal they set in Year 8: they won the Year 12 Grand Final.

On Wednesday night, Janie-Marie Burgess, Kate Coombes, Tom Lock and Lauren Sposato shone in the Grand Final of the Gold Coast Secondary Schools Debating Association Competition. Kate was named “Speaker of the Night” and all our speakers delivered impressive arguments against tough opposition from All Saints Anglican School.

Our team argued the negative side of the topic “That fear is necessary for peace”. This was a secret topic, short preparation debate where students had to develop their arguments in one hour, drawing on their general knowledge, without access to Internet or books. They were able to put their Modern History studies to good use, coming up with evidence from various world conflicts to show that communication, negotiation and diplomatic solutions had better outcomes for peace that fearful tactics.

This is an exceptional team and it has been an absolute privilege to work with these debaters over the last five years. While we have had a number of great Marymount teams over the years, this team stands out because they have won three Grand Finals in their five years of high school debating (Year 9, Year 11 and now Year 12). Furthermore, they have supported debating in the school through adjudicating, assisting with coaching and mentoring younger students.

Thank you to their coach, Mrs. Sue Hurley and to their parents who have transported them to various venues around the coast over the years and been their greatest supporters.

Mrs Annette McMahon
DEBATING COORDINATOR

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2012
2 SEPTEMBER – 8 SEPTEMBER

Child Protection Week promotes the belief that it is everyone’s responsibility to make their community child friendly. “WHAT CAN I DO?” There are lots of things you can do to help protect children and adolescents. The following tips are not definitive or exhaustive, but are a good start.

PARENTS AND RELATIVES: LOOK OUT FOR CHILDREN!
1. Teach all the children in your family how to be safe with people. Learn about child abuse and neglect, and the warning signs.
2. Listen to, reassure and believe children. Children who have experienced abuse may try to tell an adult several times before somebody hears them.
3. Reach out to help parents of children in your extended family - parents need all the support they can get. Let them know that it is okay to ask for help. Parenting is hard and all parents will benefit from help at times.
4. Talk to your child about the following messages:
   - Everyone has the right to feel safe
   - If it feels strange it is - trust your feelings
   - Talk to someone about it
   - Take control to feel safe

NEIGHBOURS: TAKE THE TIME!
1. Inform yourself about child abuse and neglect and ways you can help protect children in your neighbourhood (e.g. notice the signs of stress in your neighbours and lend a hand if you can).
2. Take the time to get to know the families in your street so that families can give one another support to cope with the stresses of parenting.
3. If you’re worried about a child, don’t stay silent, do something. If you think a child has been abused or neglected, you must ring your local child protection authority (ph: 38848845) or the police.

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Young people across Australia play their part, leading community campaigns to end violence against women & children.
The Year 11 and 12 play performed their play “Romeo & Juliet” last Friday night in the Gold Coast Secondary Schools’ Drama Festival that was held at Somerset College. This classic Shakespearean love story was an absolutely beautiful production and all students involved should be extremely proud of their work. Congratulations also must go to Miss Anderson for her wonderful direction of this play. See the full cast list below for details of the students who performed in the play. Extra congratulations go to Pia Bimbi, Ayla Beauflis, Riley Fletcher, Brittany McMurray, Sam Pinches, Emily Kelly, and Fight Choreography/Costume design all awarded Highly Commended certificates for their performances, and particularly to Sam Pinches who was awarded one of five Best Actor Trophies for the entire Senior division. Congratulations to all involved.

The play was also performed for the entire cohort of Year 9 at Marymount College as all students study the play.

Ms Melanie Howe
DRAMA COORDINATOR

FULL CAST OF ROMEO & JULIET
Sam Pinches
Brittany McMurray
Hollie Cosgrove
Dominic Richards
Aleksija Mirkovic
Tom Grogan
Harrison Ellsmore
Riley Fletcher
Pia Bimbi
Madison Haley
Sarah Millington
Ayla Beauflis
Rhys McCane
Bray Muir
Ruby Hunter
Sarah Millington
Emily Kelly
Brodie Smith
Christie Spellacy
Desiree Hughes
Elsa Howell
Olivia Morffew
Jordan Macarounas
Jayde Grove
Simon Lance
Samantha Wilson

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Emily Kelly
Fight Choreography
Costume design

OUTSTANDING ACTOR AWARDED TO:
Sam Pinches
Maymount College’s dance troupes have finished another exciting and successful year at various eisteddfods on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane.

Last week at the Beenleigh Eisteddfod, the Extension Dance Team placed second for both of their performances. With dancers from Years 8-12, ‘Ballroom Blitz’ was awarded runner-up in the Senior Jazz division and ‘Down to the River to Pray’ beat many other schools to win second place in the Senior Contemporary section. Additionally, the Year 12 Dance Group and Year 11 Hip Hop Team received Highly Commended and the Year 9 Funk Group an Honours for their dances at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. Our Year 10 Contemporary Group was awarded Highly Commended at both the Beenleigh and Gold Coast Eisteddfods. All students were thoroughly excited (and somewhat exhausted) after dancing over the 3 full days.

Well done, also, to the many dancers who competed in solo items at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod. Several of these students achieved impressive results in a variety of genres and also won some of Gold Coast’s major awards.

Congratulations to all of the dancers for their wonderful performances.

Ms Shona Press
DANCE COORDINATOR
FROM THE EDITOR

The busyness of the school community echoes through the feedback about results from sporting fixtures (grand finals), cultural exploits (numerous eisteddfod successes), science competitions as well as spiritual and personal growth programs from Year 8s Reflection day to Year 11s Leadership process.

We congratulate all our students who have achieved success and extend to them our thanks for being such positive ambassadors for Marymount College.

A relaxing activity for everyone with an interest in photography is to consider the photographic competition detailed below. We know pictures tell a great story so we invite students to have go and enjoy the experience.

Mrs Irene Scott
YEARBOOK EDITOR / YEAR 12 ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

C A P T U R E

COMPETITION

This year the Gold Coast Bulletin’s TXT4U in conjunction with Ted’s Cameras, are pleased to be giving TXT4U registered schools the opportunity to participate in the Capture Competition 2012. Here is your opportunity to showcase your photographic flair by entering one or more photos into this year’s competition.

The Categories for 2012

1. **Photожournalism**
   - Capture a piece of history and share it.
   - Capture everyday life, making the ordinary in an extraordinary way.

2. **Degree/Carbon Footprint**
   - Capture an environmental issue.
   - Capture an event or defining moment to depict an issue or efficiency.
   - Capture a moment showing concern or care.

3. **Local people and faces**
   - Capture a character to define who they are.
   - Capture a person to tell their story.
   - Capture an expression that says it all.

4. **Citius, Altius, Fortius**
   - Olympic Motto meaning Faster, Higher, Stronger.
   - A single image representing an element of the Olympic Motto.
   - A single image or single sequence showing action.

5. **Play on Pictures**
   - Create a design, illusion or deception with photography.
   - Reproduce the past with traditional black and white or a mixture of both.

Capture is now open for entries.

Entries close midday Monday, October 1, 2012

For more information
contact handy Phone: txt4u@goldcoastbulletin.com.au

MAJOR PRIZE:
NIKON D3000 with 18-55 VR lens
Year 8 Reflection Day took place on Wednesday 22 August 2012 at Bond University. At Reflection Day we took a break from our lives and did ‘little things’. We paired up with someone of the opposite gender whom we didn’t know; person one answered questions about themselves, and person two had to remember all the answers in case they were randomly picked to repeat all the answers in front of anyone. After break, we had a dance battle, and sang well-known songs. Then we had to close our eyes and honestly answer questions about things like ‘how many hours spent on the internet each day?’

After lunch, we were asked ‘what is the skill the teachers have been trying to teach you today?’ Many people had guesses such as honesty, but finally it was revealed that the skill that was being taught to us was the skill of being able to reflect on the little things in life, for most of the memories we have are of the little things that we see every day.

Year 8s since then have said that they had a fantastic time at Bond university and that Reflection Day really opened their eyes to the little things in life. I have noticed that since then, many Year 8s have taken time out of their day to reflect on the little things that happened and enjoy simple things such as beautiful sunlight.

Bella Cantoni
REPORTER

On Wednesday, August 22, Year 8 had our Reflection Day at Bond Uni. Michael Fitzpatrick came to talk to us and he paired us up with a partner of the opposite gender. He motivated us to do it quickly by saying that the last people to pair up would have to slow dance in front of everyone! We did lots of fun activities like Knights, Mounts and Cavaliers. The major challenge we faced with that game was that no one wanted to make ‘bottom contact’! He also played the guitar and encouraged people to volunteer to sing. It was amazing. We even had a special visit from Justin Beiber and One Direction, the new Marymount Year 8 versions! Michael talked to us about confidence, courage, not caring what people think, honesty and much more. It was an amazing experience and I loved it.

Brigid McElroy
REPORTER
GOLD COAST JUNIOR COUNCIL

The Gold Coast Junior Council is a successful community endeavour made up of over 90 enthusiastic students from over 20 high schools across the Gold Coast. The Junior Council program engages the participation of schools and students through a two-year program enlisting Year 11 and Year 10 students committing to 6 school days a year. Students develop skills in communication and leadership, learn about local government and the community, and are provided with an opportunity to be involved in decision-making processes. The program is in its 19th year of operation and coincided with the Mayoral election year. This gave us the opportunity to have the new Gold Coast Mayor, Tom Tate and his team involved in our day.

With the Council Chambers being the venue for our meetings, the official order of the day was to swear in the 2012 Junior Mayor and the Executive Committee and to bid farewell to the 2011 Executive Committee, which had two Marymount representatives, Kate Coombes and Tom Lock. This year, I had the privilege to be among the nominees for Junior Mayor and the Executive Team for 2012. Whilst I missed out on the Junior Mayor position, I was pleased to take out a position on the Executive Committee. As a door closes and a window opens, the new Junior Council Executives welcomed the many new grade 10 students including Marymount’s representatives, Maddie Dick, Nikara Rangesh and Tom Marais.

The annual badge ceremony was led by Mayor Tom Tate and we were all extremely delighted and thankful that he was able to take time out of his busy schedule to share his wisdom and experience with us. The Executive Team had the opportunity to peruse the “Working Together Agreement” which is a document the Executive Team agrees to abide by in the swearing-in process. The principles of that document govern our participation in the Junior Council Program and are drafted by previous Junior Executives around Respect for Law and the System of Government, Respect for Persons and the Environment, Respect for Economy and Efficiency, Diligence and Integrity.

We all found this so motivating and we are excited to begin planning for this upcoming year and set the best example for our fellow council members. To us, teamwork is the pivotal asset that we possess and we will utilize that to work towards our common goal, to make the youth of the Gold Coast more active in our safe, welcoming community.

It was a completely uplifting experience to listen to the successful Senior Gold Coast Council members and even more inspiring to listen to the past junior leaders. After much laughter, a few tears, hundreds of photos and yummy cake, the meeting drew to a close. I encourage all Year 9 and Year 8 students to think about volunteering to represent Marymount in the Council when their time comes, as it truly is an amazing opportunity to learn and make lifelong friends. The Marymount members of the Junior Council would like to extend their sincerest thanks to Mr Kelleher for without his organisation and his patience, whilst we sing ‘Friday’ in the taxi, it wouldn’t be possible to take part. Thanks JK!

Ayla Beaufils
REPORTER

LEADERSHIP

With an abundance of application forms suddenly flying around Grade 11, it dawns on us that the Leadership process has truly begun for 2013. After our grade meeting on Thursday afternoon, many Grade
11s and teachers buzzed with excitement about what our new year of leadership will bring. This process marks the beginning of our Year 12 transition that has always seemed so far away. It is thrilling and nerve-racking in the same breath. Everyone in Grade 11 is enthusiastic and looking forward to the many new experiences.

Applying for a leadership position, I join many students eager to start the submission process. With so many capable students vying for a spot on the Leadership Team, we don’t envy the decisions the Administration Team has to make! Nevertheless, 20 positions have to be filled. Every single Year 11 student will become a school role model and leader of Marymount College in 2013.

Applicants will also need to actively demonstrate that they have a vision for the future of the school. Being able to get things done and work in a team environment are also key attributes needed to take on this daunting, yet exciting and rewarding challenge. A number of students are currently involved in the first stage of the application process. Most will then have a chance to plead their case in front of the year eleven student body, at a forthcoming assembly. The shortlist of candidates for the positions of captain and vice captain, will then address the college at a full school assembly, to be held in the first weeks of term four.

All candidates are wished the very best of luck as they begin down the long and winding path to leadership. It is the belief of both staff and students, that each and every applicant has the ability, and therefore the responsibility, to serve the College community in 2013.

As the term draws to a close, Year 11 has been swept up in a leadership buzz. Students have been racing around collecting validations and supporting material from across the community, as they build their leadership applications. Seeking leadership positions for 2013, a group of devoted students have been looking to show they have the skill, passion and dedication needed, to be a part of the future college leadership team.

Throughout the application process, these students will need to meet the criteria set down by their year eleven peers. These criteria include being a positive role model for younger students, being able to represent the school in a professional manner and stand up for what’s right regardless of the consequences.

On the evening of Friday 24 August, a compassionate group of around twenty Year 11 and 12 students, eager to make a difference, sacrificed the warmth and comfort of their beds and slept out in the Doyle centre. The occasion was inspired by the St Vincent de Paul organisation and strived to raise awareness as well as gather monetary donations for those less fortunate who find themselves in the desperate circumstance of homelessness.

We decided to limit our use of technology, putting away phones and iPods, and choosing to create our own entertainment through the means of simply shooting hoops with the basketball and banding together to create a harmonious sing-a-long that lasted well into the night. The focus of the evening was the liturgy, put together by Mrs Maitland, Mr Connor, Ms Anderson and all the students present. It was an opportunity to take the time to reflect on the reality of the issue of homelessness, in the global and national community, as well as importantly, in our own neighbourhoods.

Personally, the message that was conveyed to me was that everyone has a different story, and reasons for being left in a desolated state of homelessness, and
that we cannot judge or shun them because of their situation, which is more than often through no fault of their own. It is important that we realize that we are all capable of making a difference, and that although it may not feel significant to us, the impact of our actions can inspire real change in the lives of others. We proved this possibility by raising over six hundred dollars to donate to the cause on the one night. The sleep out was a truly enlightening experience and I am hopeful and excited for the continuation of the event in the future, and the possibility of encouraging more individuals to get involved to inspire a greater impact in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Monnie Esmond
REPORTER

VINNIES SLEEP OUT FUNDRAISER

By living in such a privileged community, we can sometimes forget what those around us are dealing with, in terms of where and the conditions in which they live. In order to raise awareness for homelessness, last Friday night a sleep out in the Doyle Centre was held. Every one of us who attended weren’t expecting anything, all arriving with our donations, sleeping bag, cup a soup and open minds.

The sleep out was open to Year 11 and 12 students who were keen to not only raise their awareness, but to convey a message that young people experiencing homelessness are homeless, but not helpless! Although we weren’t experiencing what it was truly like to be homeless, we were still able to share experiences, stories and information. Harmonicas and a guitar were brought along, with a traditional jam sesh throughout the liturgy and before hitting the sheets. Everyone who attended had their own special moment from the night, and I truly believe it was a successful and inspirational night. Hopefully, as the years go on, the sleep out will continue to expand and grow, with more and more people aware of the realities of homelessness.

A huge thank you to Mrs Maitland, Mr Connor, Ms Anderson and Kaylene, as well as the sponsors who donated towards the final raised amount of approximately $640.

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QUT EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Application forms for QUT’s Equity Scholarships Scheme will be available online from mid September. Any students with possible financial hardship should be sure to apply early. Guaranteed scholarships and benefits include:

- **$2500 Equity Scholarship for Q-Step students.**
- **$2500 and computer from Smith Family Learning for Life students.**
- **Minimum $1000 Equity Bursary for commencing Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students.**


SCHOOL BASED HOSPITALITY TRAINEESHIPS AVAILABLE

A variety of Certificate III Hospitality positions are currently available within close proximity to the school including:

- Gourmet Espresso – Pacific Fair x 2
- Maries Pizza – Mudgeeraba
- Zarraffas – Pacific Fair
- Coffee Club – Burleigh Stocklands
- O’Sushi – Broadbeach

Ignite Education is offering transport for students via bus pickup from school to employer. For further details on these and other opportunities, please see the Marymount College Careers Office today.

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RACE 2 SUNDAY 18 NOV (PATH RUN, SWIM)
RACE 3 SUNDAY 9 DEC (SWIM, BEACH RUN)
RACE 4 SUNDAY 6 JAN (2 X SWIM, PATH RUN)

400M SWIM + 3.84KM RUN
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Burleigh Beach, Qld Australia
SUNDAY RACES SIMPLY TURN UP,
SIGN UP, PAY $10 & RACE!
AGE CATEGORIES 12&U, 16&U, Open,
40+ & Teams (mixed gender for series points)
REGO 6am for 6.30am start (race prizes,
random draws and series trophies)

AUSTRALIA DAY CHALLENGE
MONDAY 28 JAN (SWIM, PATH RUN)
MIGHTY MIDGET FORMAT
(400M WADE + 400M PATH RUN)
$20 Midget, $35 solo, $50 team (mixed)

$1000 CASH 1ST OPEN MALE/FEMALE
$1000 CASH 1ST OPEN MIXED TEAM
CASH PRIZES FOR AGE CATEGORIES
(12&U, 16&U, 30-39, 40-49 & 50+)

Mobile 0413 148 470 Email burleighswimrun@gmail.com
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Centacare is conducting a Divorce and Separation Recovery Workshop commencing on Monday Evening 8th October 2012. The workshop will run for seven weeks from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Centacare 50 Fairway Drive Clear Island Waters, at a cost of $10 registration plus $5 each week. Coffee, tea and a light snack will be provided.

This gentle non-confrontational and supportive workshop provides a wonderful opportunity for people who are struggling to overcome one of life’s challenges. If you wish to register for this workshop please call Centacare on 07 55277211. Registrations close on Thursday 4th October.

FREE MIGRATION ADVICE

Migration Advice Service is a free visa advice service in the Gold Coast & Logan areas. This service commenced in February 2011. As its continuing commitment to the poor and needy, this advisory service is only offered to those who cannot afford the services of a migration agent/lawyer. This circumstance will need to be demonstrated before an appointment can be arranged.

The service will be offered on Tuesday evening (6pm-9pm) alternately, at 2 locations in the Gold Coast: the Infant Saviour Church in 4 Park Avenue, Burleigh Heads, and The Migrant Centre at Southport Community Centre, (Level 1, 6 Lawson Street), Southport (next to the RSL Club).

The service is also offered on the first Saturday of each month (10am-1pm) at St Paul’s Church in 3 St Paul’s Drive, Woodridge, Logan. The Facility is serviced by volunteers, and the advice is provided by qualified migration agents.

Consultation will strictly be by appointment on a first come first serve basis as we can only see 4 clients in one session. To make an appointment, please call 0487 347 858 between 6pm and 9pm, Monday to Friday (except public holidays).

MARYMOUNT PARENTS & CARERS GROUP ALL WELCOME

Thursday 13 September at 12.30pm
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Tel: 55350651
Most meals between $10 - $20

RSVP: by 6 September to either Leesa or Tracy
Leesa Heggie 0418 799945 heggiesmail@gmail.com
Tracy Fitzpatrick 0423 950058 tracyfitz04yahoo.com.au

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To: The St. Mary’s Centenary Mass on Monday 10th September at 9:30am
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Mother does to me?

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Did you ever try
Telling stories of the World?
O! And did He cry?

Do you really think He cares
If I tell Him things
Little things that happen? And
Do the Angels’ wings
Make a noise? And can He hear
Me if I speak low?
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