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**Building Works**

It will continue to be a challenging time for students and staff through Term 1 as building works continue. Students will have more room changes than usual and will have further to walk. Ironically the students will have to walk further because we have fewer rooms following demolition. However they will also have to walk further because the upper level demolition site will be closed to allow works in this area to be completed. These works include re-connecting Student Administration and Learning Support to the stairs from the P&F Courtyard, as well as laying pathways and turf. While pathways and access to the upper level will be established for the start of Term 2, the turfed area will not be available until very well established later in Term 2.

Block 7 is being revealed gradually each day as painting and finishing allow the external scaffolding to be taken down one level at a time. Internally much work has been completed and more is to be done before we have access to the classrooms. The builder is optimistically suggesting this will happen in mid-March, however we will be patient and manage the handover so that it is smooth for the students and staff and we are satisfied with the finish. Our recent site inspection revealed a generous internal design and quality of the workmanship by the many trades involved in the rush to completion. This building includes 13 classrooms, 4 music practice rooms, a Junior Hub for the Year 7 to 9 Pastoral Coordinators, three staff areas, student amenities on the second and third level and an outdoor amphitheatre. It will be used by Year 8 and other classes this year.

Block 10 is the building adjacent to block 7 on the upper level. It will be replaced with a three storey building which will include 11 classrooms on the upper levels linked by bridges to Block 7 for the start of 2015. Demolition of L Block will take place during the Easter break. Construction of the new building will commence in June. Block 7 and the new Block 10 will cater for 600 students and be used predominantly by students in Years 7 to 9 from the start of 2015. Concept drawings have been prepared by the College Architect for the re-development of the upper level demolition site. These plans will be considered by the College P&F at our first meeting for the year 6:00pm Tuesday 11 February.

**Minor Works**

Refurbishment of the Doyle Centre female toilets began in January and will conclude early March. Following these works the repair of the Doyle Centre floor will be possible and this will be done over the Easter break and the first two weeks of term 2.

The colourbond ceiling was fitted to the covered area at the back of Block E2 in the first weeks of the holidays and this area is now completed and the lockers are in place for Senior students. See photograph on following page.
Principals continued

Lockers under shade are in place for Senior students.

Staffing

As we begin the year we welcome back from leave Mr Michael Fren, Mrs Leanne Ward and Mrs Tracey Sewell. We also welcome new teachers to the College: Mr Scott Cummerford, Ms Ebony Horn and Ms Mallory Lowe.

Enrolment

Enrolments are up on last year, and we welcomed 236 Year 8s to match a very similar intake last year and which sees the Year 9 enrolment at 234. In Year 12 we have 200 students who are completing the Queensland Certificate of Education.

Appreciation

Our appreciation to all who made the start to the year possible for students. It was very challenging as we dealt with the issues that followed demolition on top of the usual preparations of grounds, facilities, enrolments, timetables, textbooks, uniforms etc. Telephone, electrical and internet services also disrupted because of the demolition works, making it difficult for secretarial staff and parents to communicate well into the week just before school began. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. We thank our grounds, secretarial, finance and administration staff for their work to ensure school was open for Year 8s on the 29th January and for all students on the 30th January.

We Remember and Pray For

Annette Carlish, wife of Bernie and mother of Rachelle, Aaron and Brigette, who worked at the College for over 10 years, retiring in 2011, who passed away on January 5th. Bernie’s eulogy told the beautiful story of her life, their love and their family. We remember Annette’s generosity, humility and friendship. Ruben Duffin, infant brother to Sam Sullivan (Yr 11) passed away on New Year’s Day. Family and friends came from near and far to support parents, Leigh and Grant, who spoke of the greater love they, and we, must have for one another in the days and years ahead.

Chris Noonan - Principal

These plans will be considered by the College P&F at our first meeting for the year 6:00pm Tuesday 11 February.
Welcome back to a new school year and a special welcome to our new families. I would like to commend all parents on the way students have returned to school, very much “looking the part” and thank you for your support in ensuring our students remain worthy ambassadors of the College in the public domain. I look forward to working with all members of the College community throughout the course of 2014 as we work together to really make a difference in the lives of our students.

School Photographs

School photographs will take place on Wednesday 5th February 2014. Please ensure that your son/daughter returns their envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes. Students are to bring envelopes on Photo Day.

Advanced Life Photography has an automated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order. Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school. Please collect a “family order envelope” from the Student Administration Office (SAO).

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Kyle Connor - Deputy Principal

Again a welcome back to all students and their families. It has been a pleasure to personally welcome so many new students to the school and to get to meet many of the year 11 students commencing their journey in Senior schooling.

Some important information to start the year off well: subject changes can only occur up until the end of week 3 of each Semester (Friday 14th Feb). After that students are required to remain in the subject for the semester. It is difficult to get too far behind the other students in work commitments if students are changing; nor is it possible to credit a full semester’s work for the QSA’s calculations, when students swap much later in the year. A request form from SAO, signed by the parents is required before the alteration can be made. Usually this requires a conversation with me as well, to ascertain that the right choices are being made.

The Core Skills Test Program for Year 12 OP eligible students commenced in Week 1. Each fortnight the OP eligible students will be run through a series of knowledge, skills, practice, revision and feedback on this most important external testing regime – used to make it possible for the QSA to compare school and individual student data across the state. For the most part students have two lessons on the same day of each alternate week. Non OP eligible students who choose not to take part have a study lesson that period. They must return the letter mailed home (in the coming days) to absent themselves from the program.

Assessment Calendars for the Semester will be issued by Week 3. These are valuable planning documents and we encourage students and families to locate these in a prominent position. Best of luck to all Senior students. Work hard, learn well and make this the exciting and positive experience you are wishing it to be.

Peter Shaw - APA Senior
It is very pleasing to see students enthusiastic to be back at school. Thank you parents for ensuring that your sons and daughters have the correct shoes and uniforms to meet College requirements. Your assistance in this matter is always appreciated.

**Uniform Policy**
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**Geoff Browne - AP Pastoral**

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**Recently Separated / Divorced?**
Centacare is conducting a Divorce and Separation Recovery Workshop commencing on Monday Evening 3rd March. 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 Friday 31st.

**Roadworks on Reedy Creek Road**
Roadworks will be undertaken on westbound lanes between the Gold Coast Highway and Tabilban Street, and both directions between the Pacific Motorway and Bermuda Street.

Expect lane closures and reduced speed limits with traffic controllers directing traffic through the work zone during work hours. Pedestrians and cyclists are advised to follow the directions of traffic controllers.

Work should take about 12 weeks to complete. Gold Coast Highway to Tabilban Street works will start from early February 2014. Bermuda Street to Pacific Motorway will start from early March 2014. Times affected: Day works: Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm. Nightworks: Sunday to Friday from 8pm to 5am.

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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION JUNIOR CURRICULUM**
Welcome back and a special welcome to the new families who have joined the College community. I am sure 2014 will be a successful and rewarding year for the students, due to their hard work and dedication to their studies.

**Junior Assessment Schedules**
Schedules listing all assessment and excursions for Term 1 will be distributed in the coming weeks. Please take note of these dates and assist your son or daughter to be organised and prepared for assessments.

**Year 8 Testing**
Year 8 students will complete ACER Diagnostic Test - Reading & Vocabulary, and PAT (Progressive Achievement Tests) Maths. The ‘norm referenced’ results will provide a snap shot of the Year Eight cohort and will guide teachers so that appropriate support can be given to the students in all areas.

**Year 8 P&F BBQ and Laptop Information Evening**
Monday 10th February at 6:00pm is the P&F BBQ, which is a great opportunity to meet some of your child’s teachers, friends and their parents. This is followed at 7:00pm by a compulsory information session regarding the issue of lap tops to Year 8 students. Lap tops will be distributed to Year 8s on Thursday February 20 during Periods 1 - 4.

I am available to discuss any concerns you have regarding your son or daughter and their transition to College. Please phone the College or email info@marymount.qld.edu.au to make an appointment.

**Marie Hansen - APA Junior**

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**Geoff Browne - AP Pastoral**
Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
when there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand,
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Year 12 Retreat
The annual retreats for Year 12 students have been scheduled for Wednesday 5th – Friday 7th March.
Costs are included with levies. As the retreat program is given high priority by the College, this retreat will be subsidised by the College. This year, five venues have been booked:
- The Outlook – Boonah
- Bornhoffen
- QCCC- Mount Tamborine
- Marsden-Petrie
- Kindilan – near Cleveland
The College’s retreat program is a highlight of the student’s year and is an integral part of the Religion Program.
All students are expected to attend. In the event of previous family commitments, an appointment will need to be made with me to discuss.
Dolores Maitland - APRE

Before the return of students this week, staff from the College and Primary joined together to celebrate mass in the Multi Purpose Centre at the Primary. It was a lovely way to begin the new school year.

YEAR 12 UPDATE

Students were welcomed back this week and had to absorb a great deal of information, from understanding their timetables to knowing how to move around the school (following the demolition of S Block during the holidays).
We ask parents and guardians to assist their sons and daughters to organise themselves for next week. This means being ready for the business of learning with correct uniform and equipment.
The College’s Student Leadership team participated in a Refresher day preparing to lead the school community with enthusiasm and dedication. Planning strategies for upcoming events were developed, with a number of teaching staff acting as mentors.
Please do not hesitate to be in touch should you have any ‘back to school’ queries concerning Year 12 students.
Kevin Cornor and Irene Scott - Year 12 Coordinators
Auditions for the Extension Dance Group begin next week. The Extension Dance Group is intended for highly experienced dancers who wish to further their skills by participating in intensive workshops and challenging routines, predominantly in contemporary and also jazz styles. It will be run during the sport time on a Thursday for Terms 1-3.

Students interested in auditioning must attend the attached workshops and audition sessions in E17. Girls are to wear ¾ tights, bike pants or shorts with tights and boys can bring shorts to dance in. As the audition will be contemporary, students can wear bare feet or other dance footwear, if desired.

**Extension Dance Group 2014 AUDITIONS  E17**

- **Tuesday 4 February 12.45-1.10pm Years 10-12**
  - A short audition routine (contemporary) taught.

- **Wednesday 5 February 12.45-1.10pm Years 10-12**
  - Audition based on set contemporary routine.

Students selected for the Extension Dance Team will be notified by the end of Week 3 and until then all students must select, and trial for if necessary, a competitive sport that is listed on the intranet. Students should collect a yellow form with the above information from SAO. Any queries, please contact Ms Press.

Shona Press - Dance Coordinator

**SAND SAFARI**

Over three weeks, the Surfers Paradise Foreshore and various locations across the Gold Coast will feature magnificent sand sculptures. The event will begin with the new edition of a Sand Trail across the Gold Coast, followed by the Australian Sand Sculpting Championships, and two weeks of activities and viewing at the Surfers Paradise Foreshore.

Price: Free
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Phone: (07) 5584 3700
Website: www.surfersparadise.com
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & CAREERS

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR CAREERS OFFICE CASUAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

With the new-year upon us, many of our students will be moving towards securing casual employment. Our Careers Office team can assist in the process by offering one-on-one resume writing assistance, interview preparation, and job seeking guidance.

Those keen to gain the financial benefits, as well as the workplace experience a casual position brings are encouraged to drop by and register with the Careers Office. We frequently have employers approaching us looking to offer positions to our fabulous Marymount students. These are advertised via the weekly newsletter, the daily notices and on our office window.

It’s never too soon to start looking! Don’t be caught out over the next holidays bored and with no cash! Our senior students in particular should be looking at options for between schoolies and uni/ TAFE commencing next year. Experience has shown that many students get caught out during this time penniless with too much time on their hands. Working towards securing a job that you love, and the beginning of financial independence, are important steps. Please take advantage of our services…we are very happy to assist.

Also, business owners/operators within our Marymount community are encouraged to register any junior roles available with our office. Please phone 55 861 063 or email details to Ms Lutze at llutze@marymount.qld.edu.au or Ms James at pjames@marymount.qld.edu.au.

2014 DEFENCE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Defence Work Experience Program opportunities are posted on their website now! Please note that applications are now to be posted “on-line”. No paper applications will be accepted. Current Year 11 students interested are encouraged to select the week 23-27 June where possible as their first choice, as this date coincides with our Year 11 Work Experience Program dates. Visit www.defence.gov.au/workexperience.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

A number of new positions are currently being made available including:

- Cert III Business Administration (Aurora Training Institute – Robina)
- Cert III Business Administration (Tallship Island Adventures – Main Beach)
- Cert III Business Administration (Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary – Currumbin)
- Cert III Business Administration (Barringtons Group Recruitment & Training – Robina)
- Cert III Business (Baskin Robbins – Mermaid Beach)
- Cert III Business (Kirra Beach Newsagency – Kirra Beach)
- Cert III Business (NewsXpress Pacific Fair – Broadbeach)
- Cert III Business (NewsXpress The Pines – Elanora)
- Cert III Business (Parkwood International – Arundel)
- Cert III Hospitality (Crema Espresso – Helensvale)
- Cert III Hospitality (Gourmet Espresso – Broadbeach)
- Cert III Hospitality (Hard Rock Café – Surfers Paradise)
- Cert III Hospitality (Seafresh4u – Pacific Pines)
- Cert III Hospitality (Subway – Gold Coast various locations)
- Cert III Hospitality (Sunset Bar and Grill – Marina Mirage)
- Cert III Hospitality (Tallship Island Adventures – Main Beach)
- Cert III Hospitality (The Surfers Paradise Beach Café – Surfers Paradise)
- Cert III Hospitality (Freshly Stacked – Broadbeach)
- Cert III Hospitality (Kafiend – Robina)
- Cert III Hospitality (Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary – Currumbin)
- Cert III Hospitality (Gloria Jeans – Robina)

Please contact the Marymount College Careers Office for further details and to apply.
Swimming Carnival

Our College Swimming Carnival was held at Pizzey Park today. A full run down of results will be in next week’s newsletter.

Sports Carnival

Next Thursday we have our first of 4 trials for the AGCC semester one interschool sport competition.

All students in Years 8 – 12 will be involved in interschool sport in Semester 1. Students will be playing in the age group they turn in 2014. The following interschool sports are available:

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Instructions for Sport Selection

All students need to please follow these instructions to select their sport of choice for semester 1 2014:

Log into the College intranet using your school network username and password:

- From within the school – http://sbrunet/intranet
- From outside the school – Marymount website www.marymount.qld.edu.au and choose School Portals under Quick Links on the right hand side, then click on College Intranet.

- Click the icon.
- Choose a sport and click Add.
- If you are happy with the displayed Existing Selections, click Quit.

Oceanic District Trials

The first round of Oceanic District Sport trials will be held on Thursday’s usually from 1 – 3pm. Any student who wishes to trial for these or any other sports throughout the year will need to register with Mr Ballym, fill out the Details Booklet and make their own way to the trials.

Dates for these trials will be in the morning notices for students in the weeks leading up to the trials – so keep your ears open.

The following sports have trials this coming week:
- Tennis
- Volleyball
- Girls AFL
- Water Polo
- Cricket (19yrs)

Those wishing to trial in those need to see Mr Ballym for details.

Trent Ballym
Head of Sport

Pizzey Park Netball Club Registration 2014

Fun, Play, Catch, Pass, Learn Netball
Age: 5-10 years - registration fee $180
Age: 11 - 17 years - registration fee $200
Contact: Belinda Webb
Phone: 0422 634 627
pizzeyparknetball@hotmail.com

Robina City 2014 Soccer Club Sign On

Club Sign On Weekend:
1st & 2nd February
8:30am - 12:00pm
Tiral Dates 5th - 17th February
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Robina Common
Ron Penhaligon Way
Robina QLD 4226
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