COMING EVENTS
Monday 10 February
Opening Liturgy
P&F Welcome BBQ
6:00pm
Year 8 Laptop Compulsory Information Session
7:00pm
Tuesday 11 February
P&F Meeting 6:00pm
College Boardroom
All Welcome
Friday 14 February
Year 10 Geography Excursion
Monday 17 February
Senior Information Evening

Student – Family Details Update to be Returned by 14 February
Families will receive the Student Family Details print out in the mail for checking and verification. It must be signed by a parent after it is checked and updated with corrections, changes and additional information where this is now available. SMS notifications and reminders will be sent to all parents because we will only be able to reconcile who has returned the forms as we process these forms over the following weeks.

Swimming Carnival
While the swimming carnival in the first week of school may catch some by surprise, the students appear to appreciate it. Strong attendance, keen participation and the determination of so many students to get into the spirit of the day ensured a very successful swimming carnival. Events continued throughout lunch time this week and the winning House and Age Champions will be announced on Monday after our Opening Liturgy and results published in next week’s newsletter. Congratulations to Claudia-Rose Slaven (15yr Backstroke and 15yr Freestyle) and Megan Kreuter (16yr Backstroke) on breaking records on the day. Our appreciation to the staff, house captains, senior leaders and students for a great day.

Invitation to P&F Meeting
The College Parents and Friends provide support and guidance to the Principal throughout the year. The Association also provides a forum for raising issues and concerns, allows for parents to examine these matters and for the Principal to be aware of, and give consideration to, the considered thinking of the parent community. These monthly meetings also provide oversight of the administration and use of the College P&F Levy of $40 per Term. At Tuesday’s meeting we will consider concept drawings prepared by the Architect of possible development for the now open upper level where S Block and the Convent were. The meetings depend on a committed number of parents to attend the meetings for the year while welcoming parents who attend from time to time.

2013 Senior Results

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We were pleased with senior results for last year with over 80% of students successful in receiving first round offers from QTAC. We take pride in offering students the option to complete academic courses and consequently enjoy a higher OP participation rate than neighbouring schools. Consequently we pleased that again this year over 70% of our students achieved and OP between 1 and 15. The results reflect the continued effort of students, particularly at the middle of the cohort, and the reward for their efforts.

Reflection by Fr Michael Whelan SM
Live to the music and the drummer.
What a difference it would make if we were more attuned to the music and the drummer and allowed ourselves a second look. A second thought in the general static of our frenetic lifestyle. To stop and reflect on the story of what happened, ‘Did it happen like that?’ To listen with the heart, and to remember God’s promise ‘I am with you.’
Live consciously.
Live deliberately. Aware of our longing, our yearning which is evident in our best, and our worst.

22 January 2014
Marymount
Indigenous Student Leaders and Peer Mentors

There is some very strong leadership among our indigenous students group. Tyson Wilson and Amy Weatherall have been elected from the indigenous students in Year 10, 11 and 12 as leaders of the group.

Further, peer mentors from Year 10 through to Year 12 are: Saryna Adamson, Ciara Grehan, Grace McDonald, Sara Sorrensen, Amy Weatherall, Tyson Wilson, Nicholas Muir, Sarah Riseley, Mitchell Weatherall. These students will try to ensure a smooth transition for our younger and new indigenous students, providing welcome, inclusion and example so that each student does their best at school and enjoys their time at the College.

Year Eight Settling In

As Mrs Cooper pointed out on Monday, Year Eights have been welcomed to high school with interruptions nearly every day of their first week. At one level it has some struggling to understand a ten day timetable as the routine starts out quite non-routine. Teachers are lending assistance and the Year Eights are settling in as we finish week 2.

Marymount MacBook Program

Year 9 students received their MacBook Pro laptop today thanks to the preparatory work of the IT Support Team of Mr Ferdorczyk, Mrs McDonald, Mrs Angel and Mrs Sajn. Today’s roll out was led by Mr Browne, Mr O’Shea, Mrs Baker, Mr Klouzal, Mr Raward, Mrs Vine, Mr Connor, Mrs Evans and Mr Fren. The Year 8 students will receive their laptops in coming weeks following the compulsory Parent Night where the contractual obligations including payment of College Bond, conditions of use, consequences and charges for damage and expectations for return are outlined.

Chris Noonan - Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Procedure for when you are 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:

1. Report to SAO and write your name on the pink sheet for late arrivals.
2. 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 you will need to have your parent/guardian sign your late pass.
3. Have your late pass signed by the teacher of the first class you attend.
4. The following day give the late pass to your Pastoral teacher.

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

We need your assistance to avoid repeated lateness to school. If this process is not followed a SMS will be sent advising your child is not at school.

Kyle Connor - Deputy Principal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION SENIOR CURRICULUM

I repeat this week a reminder of some important information to start the year off well.

Subject Changes

Subject changes can only occur up until the end of week 3 of each Semester (Friday 14th Feb this term). After that students are required to remain in the subject for the duration of the semester. It is difficult if students 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, and usually signed by the parents is required before the alteration can be made. In the interests of expediency at the start of the year I do not always wait for a parent signature to be returned. Usually this requires a conversation with me as well, to ascertain that the right choices are being made.

Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test

The Core Skills Test Program for Year 12 OP eligible students continues in Week 3. 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. The must return the letter mailed home this week to absent themselves from the program.

Student Assessment Calendars

Assessment Calendars for the Semester will be issued by the end of Week 3. These are valuable planning documents and we encourage students and families to locate these in a prominent position. The Week 3 Assessment Calendar will note which assessment tasks are due in the Exam Block – so students have plenty of preparation time. Exam block for Term I commences in the middle of Week 8, with students returning to school in the Middle of week 9. New Term II work commences in Week 10.

College Calendar

The school calendar is also a good source of information on matters relating to curriculum: dates for parent / teacher interviews; exam block dates and the like.

Senior Information Evening

Parents of Senior School students, especially in Year 11 are invited to attend a Senior School Information Evening on Monday 17 February, 7:00pm. An explanation of the system of Senior Schooling and assessment, including QCS Test, QTAC application and QSA systems will be presented.

I will be addressing Year 11 and Year 12 parents directly with a letter of introduction and providing some further details of the year ahead early next week.

Peter Shaw - APA Senior
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION JUNIOR CURRICULUM**

We are very pleased that there has been a settled approach to the rigours of high school. The Year 10 students are in a transition year to the senior years and they are encouraged to take a mature and responsible approach to setting the foundation for their final three years of study.

Application for changes to the student’s timetable should now be finalised.

This year we continue to promote the achievement of excellence and motivate our students to gain an appreciation of the lifelong learning as well as being active members of our College Community. Get involved in as many ways as possible.

**Things students should remember:**
- Use your school diary - write things down
- Have a study timetable - at least two hours a night
- To be successful you must set goals
- The library is open till 4:30pm on Thursdays (Period 7) and teachers are available to assist you
- Be actively involved in your learning - get feedback
- Maintain respect and positive learning environment in the classroom
- Success breeds success

**Assessment Schedules**

The assessment schedules will be printed in next weeks newsletter and be available on the website. Copies will also be issued to the students.

**Marie Hansen** - APA Junior

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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL PASTORAL CARE**

**Year 9 Laptops**

This week saw the roll out of MacBook Pro laptops to our Year 9 students. The students ran through a program that assisted them in the setup of the computers to ensure that drives and folders are ready for use.

A big thank you to Tim O’Shea, Kathiy McDonald, Maryann Angel, Dawn Sajn and Patrick Fedorczyk for setting up PowerPoints, passwords and everything else needed to successfully prepare the student Laptops.

And for the implementation of the rollout I must thank Kristina Baker, Harry Klouzal, Peter Raward, Lorena Vine, Kyle Connor, Rachel Evans and Michael Fren.

It is a timely reminder for the families of the Year 9 students to revisit your personal rules and guidelines that should be adhered to when using the laptops at home. It is strongly recommended that laptops are not used in bedrooms or areas where parental supervision is not possible.

Students who do not adhere to the College guidelines in regards to the use of laptops will run the risk of losing the privilege of their use. The use of these machines will strongly supplement the classroom teachings but they do not replace the need for bookwork and collaboration within the classroom. Please remember that the laptops will only play a role in a percentage of class work and this should be reflected in their use for homework and assignment work.

**Year 8 Laptop Information Evening**

Year 8 students will receive their laptops on Thursday 20 February. It is very important that students and families attend the Information Evening this Monday night following the P&F Welcoming BBQ. The Information Evening will start at 7:00pm and forms and information needed to receive a laptop will be disseminated and explained on the night. Students who do not attend the Information Evening may not receive their laptop on the scheduled day.

**Geoff Browne** - AP Pastoral

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**Invitation to Parents**

**Opening Liturgy** - Monday 10 February - 10:30am Doyle Centre
Welcome P&F BBQ for Year 8 Parents & Students - 6:00pm P&F Courtyard
Compulsory Year 8 Parent/Student MacBook Briefing - 7:00pm Doyle Centre
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Greetings everyone for the 2014 school year. Marymount College is abuzz with activity as the building work continues and the students settle into new school, new timetables, new teachers, new expectations and new shoes to say the least.

One aspect of the preparation of teaching staff in the lead up to the new year is the Religious Education Inservice Day which was presented by Fr Michael Whelan SM. Some may remember Fr Michael was one of the Parish Mission presenters in 2011. As we have now begun using the new Religious Education Curriculum, Fr Michael's message imparted much timely advice about what we ourselves bring to the encounter with others and to remember the promise of Jesus “I am with you.”

To mark the beginning of our new school year, our Parish Priest, Fr Ken Howell and Fr Michael concelebrated Mass for the staffs of both schools.

Parents and carers of Year 12 students should have received a letter in the post about the upcoming retreat which will be held from 5th-7th March. Please return permission slips as soon as possible. Contact me at the College if you have any queries regarding retreat matters. If you haven’t received a letter, they are available on the website, under Community > Information for Parents/Guardians.

Years 8, 9 and 10 have begun units based on the new curriculum. You are encouraged to interact with your son/daughter about the content and activities they are exploring in Religious Education this term. The Year 8 unit is titled “Covenant”, Year 9 is “Making Sense of Jesus” and Year 10 “The Mystery of God”.

The 2014 Student Leaders have been very involved in preparation for the Opening Liturgy, which will take place in the Doyle Centre on Monday 10 February at 11:00 am. You are cordially invited to attend. New students and staff to the College will be welcomed and Senior badges presented.

**Dolores Maitland - APRE**

**CAMPUS MINISTER**

**Friday 14 February is Valentines Day!**

Ordering a cupcake or rose for someone and having it delivered to them on Valentines Day is a lovely way to tell someone that you think they are special. It could also be a great way to welcome someone who is new to the College. Have correct money available for your order and the pastoral class of the person you would like your gift delivered to.

**Cupcakes and Roses**

We will have amazing cupcakes from ‘Karma Cakes’ available for order during pastoral class on Tuesday and Wednesday for $3.50 each. The cupcakes are designed especially for Marymount College and will be vanilla, with strawberry jam in the centre, strawberry icing piped with a rose effect and a red heart on top. Also available to order during pastoral class will be long stemmed roses. PS. Parents wanting to order cupcakes or roses for their son or daughter can send an envelope with correct money and students name to SAO on Tuesday or Wednesday.

**Eliza Kerklaan - Campus Minister**

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**Celtic Blessing**

May the light of your soul guide you.
May the light of your soul bless the work you do with the secret love and warmth of your heart.
May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul.
May the sacredness of your work bring healing, light and renewal to those who work with you and to those who see and receive your work.
May your work never weary you. May it release within you wellsprings of refreshment, inspiration and excitement.
May you be present in what you do.
May you never become lost in the bland absences.
May the day never burden you.
May dawn find you awake and alert, approaching your new day with dreams, Possibilities and promises.
May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.
May you go into the night blessed, sheltered and protected.
May your soul calm, console and renew you.
John O’Donoghue
AUDITIONS- Extension Dance Group

Auditions for the Extension Dance Group are progressing well this week with many interested dancers turning up for their round. 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.

The audition for Years 10, 11 and 12 was on Wednesday and students performed the set routine in small groups. Any student who missed that audition can come to the catch-up time on Tuesday 11 February at 12.45pm.

Students from Years 8 and 9 have spent time learning the set routine this week and the audition for Year 8 students is Tuesday 11 February at 12.45pm and Year 9 students can audition on Wednesday 12 February at 12.45pm. Girls are to wear 3/4 tights, bike pants or shorts with tights and boys can bring shorts to dance in. As the audition will be contemporary, dancers can wear bare feet or other dance footwear, if desired.

Successful students will be notified on Wednesday afternoon at 3.00pm as a list will be put up on the door in E17. Sadly, while there may only be a couple of students selected from each grade for the Extension Dance Group, there will be many other opportunities for students to perform later in the year, including auditions in Term 4 for 2015’s musical cast.

Congratulations to all of those students who I have met so far at the dance workshops and auditions. You have been a pleasure to work with.

Shona Press - Dance Coordinator

DEBATING NEWS

Debating sign on

Marymount has a proud debating history with some impressive achievements in the Gold Coast Secondary Schools’ Debating Association Competition. We are now looking for students from Years 8 to 12 interested in joining our interschool debating teams for the 2014 season.

Debating develops skill

Debating develops communication, teamwork and logical thinking skills that assist in all areas of the curriculum. Students who enjoy a challenge find debating an exciting and rewarding extra curricula activity that provides an opportunity to represent the college. Debating is also an impressive addition to resumes and university scholarship applications.

Schedule

Debates are conducted on Wednesday nights at 6.00pm at various high school locations around the Gold Coast. There are four preliminary debates in Semester 1 with the four knock finals in Semester 2. Coaching is usually on Tuesday afternoons after school.

Debating Summer School

The Gold Coast Secondary Schools Debating Association is conducting a free summer school for students on Saturday, February 15 at Bond University. Sessions run for two hours, with the introductory course running from 9.00am to 11.00am, while the advanced course runs from 11.30am to 1.30pm. This is a great opportunity to establish the principles of debating and meet debaters from other Gold Coast schools.

Students interested in participating in our debating program should see Mrs. McMahon in the Learning Support Centre to sign on. Registration of teams closes on Friday, February 14.

Annette McMahon - Debating Coordinator

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 .
On Tuesday, Mrs Kim Parker called a meeting of our Indigenous students to discuss important issues relating to the Marymount College Indigenous Program (MMCIP) for 2014. It was exciting to see almost a 100% attendance at the meeting, which is a reflection of the close bond this group forged in 2013. We welcome new students Sam Mulherin Year 8 and Casey Randall Year 10 to Marymount College and to our Indigenous Program.

Agenda items included discussing opportunities for cultural enrichment and ways to share and celebrate our Indigenous heritage with the rest of the school and wider community. These opportunities will promote cultural awareness and will support and encourage the students on their academic pathways this year and in the future.

An exciting new project for 2014 is the implementation of a Peer Mentor system where mentors from Years 10 to 12 will provide support and encouragement to new and younger students at the College. We hope to extend this mentoring program to include those Indigenous students from Marymount Primary School in a ‘buddy system’ throughout the year. Our 2014 Peer Mentors are: Nick Muir, Sarah Riseley, Mitchell Weatherall, Saryna Adamson, Ciara Grehan, Grace McDonald, Sara Sorrenson, Amy Weatherall and Tyson Wilson.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Marymount College for its continued support and encouragement, and for the opportunities it provides through its wonderful Indigenous Program. Thank you to all staff for their caring support, in particular Mrs Parker, whose enthusiasm, patience and faith in us are never ending. I urge all students to show their appreciation by participating fully in the Program and all areas of College life with an enthusiastic and positive attitude to make 2014 another unforgettable year.

Amy Weatherall Year 12 - Student reporter and participant

Congratulations

Congratulations to Amy Weatherall for her outstanding contributions to the Indigenous Mentoring Program. Amy is beyond her years in terms of her initiative, organisation and leadership strengths and must be acknowledged for her efforts in continuing to lead her peers into 2014. This confidence in Amy’s leadership was acknowledged on Tuesday 4th February when she was unanimously elected by 21 students from Years 8 to 12 as the girl leader of our Indigenous Students at the College.

Likewise, confidence in Tyson Wilson’s ability to lead and communicate was acknowledged unanimously by his peers and he has been elected as the boy leader of our Indigenous Students. Our Peer Mentors must also be congratulated on their initiative and leadership and I wish them every success this year.

Kim Parker - Mentor Teacher Indigenous Program
Senior Information Evening 7:00pm Monday 17 February Doyle Centre Theatrette
QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE – 2014 WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Students interested in applying to this program must do so prior to 5pm, Friday, 11th April. Please note that applications will only be accepted from YEAR 12 Students. Please be advised that three (3) weeks only are available for work placement:

23rd June–27th June / 30th June–4th July / 7th July–11th July

For further program information and application details, see the Marymount College Careers Office, or call the District Crime Prevention Unit on: 55812840.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND – HEAD START PROGRAM

The USQ Head Start Program allows motivated and dedicated students to experience early university study for FREE. Note: USQ offers this program online! After successfully completing the course, students will receive guaranteed entry into a related USQ program. Applications close on Monday, 10th February. For a full list of courses available and to apply, visit www.usq.edu.au/future-students/high-school-students/head-start. For further program details contact phone 1800 269 500, or email: headstart@usq.edu.au.

LATTITUDE GLOBAL VOLUNTEERING – APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2015 PLACEMENTS

Lattitude Global Volunteering is seeking volunteers for a wide range of placements in Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia/Pacific. Lattitude is the original gap year organisation, having supported thousands of young Australians on worthwhile and challenging placements for over 40 years. For further details see the Marymount College Careers Office or visit www.lattitude.org.au or email: lgibson@lattitude.org.au. Note that applications for 2015 close on Friday, 27th June.

UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE & HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSIONS TEST (UMAT) 2014 DATES

MEDICINE, DENTISTRY OR HEALTH SCIENCE?

UMAT 2014 Registration: Now Open
Registrations Close: 6 June 2014
Sit UMAT: 30 July 2014

A number of institutes offer preparatory courses and resources. Interested students are welcome to visit the Marymount College Careers Office for further details.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP GENERAL POSITIONS VACANT

New to our vacancy list this week are:

Hospitality
- Maries Pizza (Mermaid, Palm Beach, Tugun and Mudeeraba)
- The Coffee Club (Broadbeach, Burleigh)
- Gourmet Espresso (Pacific Fair)
- The Bluff (Burleigh Heads)
- Crema Espresso (Robina Town Centre and Pacific Fair)
- 2 B Kids (Burleigh Waters)
- Treetops Tavern (Burleigh Waters)
- Goldsteins (Mermaid Waters, Elanora, and Chevron Island)
- Baskin Robbins (Mermaid Beach)
- Tandoori Place (Miami)
- Pizza Hut (Elanora)
- Sumo Salad (Pacific Fair)

Commercial Cookery
- Marigold (Broadbeach)
- Tikka Bar (Mermaid Beach)
- Belvedere Restaurant (Worongary)
- 1two3 Mediterranean Dining & Lounge Bar (Broadbeach)

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

Last Friday we had our annual swimming carnival at Pizzey Park. It was great to see the efforts from our competitive swimmers as well as the participation of all students across the day. Congratulations to all students on making the day a success and thank you to all staff for their assistance on the day. We had three records broken on the day:

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As we haven’t had the chance to announce the Age Champions or Champion House at an assembly yet I won’t publish those results until next week’s newsletter.

AGCC Trials

Thursdays see us continue our trials for the AGCC semester one interschool sport competition. All students in Years 8 – 12 will be involved in interschool sport in Semester 1. Please make sure students are prepared for their sport with the correct equipment.

Oceanic District Trials

The Oceanic District Sport trials will be held on Thursdays usually from 1:00–3:00pm. Any student who wishes to trial for these or any other sports throughout the year will need to register with Mr Balym, 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 in the coming weeks: 19 & Under Rugby Union and Touch Football (boys and girls – all ages). Those wishing to trial in these sports need to see Mr Balym for details.

Billets Needed

Marymount is required to supply billets for five students (boys and girls) competing in the Queensland School Sport 15yrs & under Football Championships from the 14th to 17th of August 2014 at the Burleigh Bulldogs Football Club.

The students will require four nights accommodation on the 13th to 16th August.

If you would like further information or can assist in hosting a student during this time, please contact Trent Balym on 55861000 or info@marymount.qld.edu.au

Trent Balym - Head of Sport
Swimming Carnival Student Reports

The second day back to school and Marymount students were excited to participate in the annual swimming carnival held at Pizzey Park Pool. Everyone was dressed up in their team House colour. Costumes varied from Sponge Bob Square Pants and Cookie Monster to Santa Claus and mermaids. Students spent the day swimming and cheering their teammates on. Some students swam competitively in every stroke and others just jumped in the water to cool off and paddle down the lane with their floaties.

The Swimming Carnival was the first major event of the year for the new graduating Year level. We all worked together as a grade to assist the teachers in organising the day and encouraging the younger students to participate in the Carnival. Towards the end of the day there was a senior swim where the grade 12s jumped in the pool together and swam as a whole year group. Following this was a teachers versus students relay race where the House Captains put up a good fight but unfortunately the teachers touched the wall first.

A special thank you to Mr Balym and the House Captains for organising the event. It was a great day and an excellent beginning to the 2014 school year.

Caitlin McNamara - Year 12 reporter and participant

The year began with a fresh new summer start as we were back in the pool for the very first or last Swimming carnival, for our College students. To get back into the house spirit and earn points for our House colours everybody got to rock up in outfits or costumes of their choice and have a laugh and some fun.

The Year 12s did a great job at convincing us all to participate and earn some points... they sure convinced me! During the Swimming Carnival we had 5 races for every age division. I earned points for my House: Allambee and it felt great stepping out of the pool and knowing that I had placed and earned points for my House.

This day was also a day that the new Year 8 students got to have a feel of what a great day it is to attend. For all the Year 12 students it was their final Swimming Carnival at Marymount College. Participants swimming for competition did very well to keep the House points up. The overall experience of the day was fantastic with support and cheers from our peers for those who swam and competed. I hope the next Swimming Carnival is just as exciting..... GO ALLAMBEE!

Bronte Scullion - Year 9 reporter and participant
Welcome
Welcome back to another exciting year of Rugby League. Our Open boys, who are keen to be selected in our Confraternity 1st XIII later in the season have recommenced training two mornings a week. A large number of these boys actually continued training over the holidays with Mr Sam Harreman where he put them through some particularly gruelling sessions under the summer sun.

First Game for 2014 Season
The first hit-out of the year is a trial against Woodridge SHS next Wednesday at Marymount. Kick-off is 3pm. SUPPORTERS WELCOME!!!

Rugby Leadership
Our Rugby League Community is very proud of the large number of senior Rugby League boys who have been elected to College Leadership positions. College Captain: Liam Larkin, College House Captains: Kieran Kennedy, Sam Kennedy, Matt Ash, Matt Popovic, College Councillors: Tom Popovic, Connor Faulkner.

Titans Competition
For those boys in the U16/Open age group we will soon begin playing in the 2014 Gold Coast Titans’ Monday night competition. The College hopes to once again enter 2 teams in this competition, so, if there are any boys who are not yet involved - now is the time to see Mr Hamilton for details.

Support MAKOS
On another note, if there are any parents who have business contacts who might be willing to offer some support to the Marymount MAKOS Rugby League Program could they please contact Jason Hamilton at the College to discuss. Incoming sponsorship goes directly towards offsetting the cost of player apparel.

UP – THE - MAKOS

Jason Hamilton - Rugby League Coach

MARYMOUNT MAKOS RUGBY LEAGUE 2014

1: Beginner Sports Strapping: Wednesday, 26 February 2014 - Sports House Varsity Lakes, 337 Christine Avenue, Varsity Lakes CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

2: Grant Writing: Wednesday, 19 March 2014 - Sports House Varsity Lakes, 337 Christine Avenue, Varsity Lakes CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

3: Financial Management: Wednesday, 21 May 2014 Sports House Varsity Lakes, 337 Christine Avenue, Varsity Lakes CLICK HERE TO REGISTER


FREE workshops (Sport and Recreation) in the Gold Coast.

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