Dear Community of Marymount College

Thank you to Chris Noonan for offering me this opportunity to be in contact through the school newsletter. I want to keep the whole school community up to date with the significant developments that are taking place within the Burleigh Heads Parish at this time.

New Church

It is now just over twelve months since I returned to Burleigh Parish as Parish Priest. I have had large shoes to fill following on from the fine pastoral ministry of Fr Pat Molony. In that time, we have continued with his vision of establishing a central Parish church on the Marymount site. I am very happy to advise that plans for this Church are now with the Gold Coast City Council. It is our hope that construction will begin in the middle of this year.

The site for this church is on the top of the hill behind the Primary assembly hall. The church will seat 550 people, which can be increased with larger crowds. Within the church building, our Parish offices will be located as well as facilities for meetings and faith development. A special chapel (called a columbarium) will be housed under the altar area for the placement of cremated ashes.

The development will also have a purpose built hospitality and meeting facility in close proximity to the church. The opportunity now exists for us to build a presbytery on the site, enabling the priests of the Parish to be housed in a single dwelling which is different from our current arrangements. Added to this will be a major car parking facility which will not only allow suitable parking for services in the church, but provide excellent facilities for the safe drop-off of children for the schools.

Pope Francis and Charity

Each year our students achieve wonderful results fundraising for Caritas during Lent. To assist we allow our students to wear ‘green dress’ on St Patrick’s Day. Later in Term 2 we have ‘red dress’ on Have a Heart Day and top up Caritas funds if necessary from funds raised on that day. Each year Marymount student donations to Caritas have been between $6000 and $10,000.

Pope Francis

Jesus ‘worked with human hands, thought with a human mind, acted by human choice and loved with human heart….that by his poverty you might become rich’.

Dear brothers and sisters, may this Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ. We can do this to the extent that we imitate Christ who became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that
real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.

May the Holy Spirit, through whom we are “as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything” (2 Cor 6:10), sustain us in our resolutions and increase our concern and responsibility for human destitution, so that we can become merciful and act with mercy. In expressing this hope, I likewise pray that each individual member of the faithful and every Church community will undertake a fruitful Lenten journey. I ask all of you to pray for me.

May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you safe.

St Patrick's Day

A day of casual dress excites the students and consequently challenges teaching throughout the day. However, it adds to the colour of school life and our sense of community. It is important that the challenge to teaching of the day is balanced with generous giving. It reminds us that our hands, hearts and minds are God’s hands, heart and mind when we are charitable. Pope Francis Lenton message reminds us to be charitable.

CAMPUS MINISTER

St Patrick's Day

Monday 17th is St Patrick’s Day! Get ready to have some fun and raise funds for Project Compassion! It is a Free Dress Day, but just not any free dress day it is a GREEN FREE DRESS DAY! So look green and make sure you bring a Gold Coin Donation!

At lunch the P&F courtyard will come alive with an Irish Vibe! There will be some treats and activities to enjoy and entertain, with all proceeds going to Project Compassion!

There will be:

- $3 Cupcakes, brought to us again by Karma Cupcakes. They will be Chocolate Mud, with Green Vanilla Icing and a Shamrock on top!
- Jelly Cups for 50c or have a Freddo in it for $1!
- Chocolate coin toss – 50c for One or Three for $1
- Shamrock Prize Board - $2 for a Shamrock, and you could win a Gift Voucher for Robina or iTunes, or a Free Cupcake or even with a prize where you get to make a year 12 leader do an Irish Jig for you, or pushups!! Only 100 Shamrocks on the board so don’t miss out on the fun!
- There will be Face Painting – 50c

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Date Claimer

Guardian Angels School Wynnum (est. 1914) is celebrating its Centenary year with a Mass and Open Day on Saturday 3 May. We invite all past students, staff and friends of the school to come along. The day will commence with Mass at 10am celebrated by the Archbishop then displays, music, unveiling of the current students' centenary art project, launch of our centenary cookbook and a free sausage sizzle from 11am to 2pm, with a special presentation at 12pm. Check our Facebook page at Guardian Angels Centenary 2014 for info and to register.

If you have any photos or other memorabilia you can share for the day please contact Kylie Vinen on 0408476026 as we would really appreciate whatever you have.

Be a Parent not a Pal

It's challenging being a parent.

More so when the teenager is a challenge. Even more so when as a parent we're struggling for time and support.

- How do we find out how to parent?
- How do we evaluate what we currently do as parents?
- Is it possible to do parenting more effectively?

If these questions have been yours then consider attending Dr Jeff Kemp's Parenting Skills Evenings at St Michael's College Carrara 7pm Wednesdays 12, 19 & 26 March.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Transport

There have been a couple of issues in recent times regarding transport and parking.

Due to safety concerns the main gates of the college that allow access to the Doyle Centre and the college playing fields will be closed between 2.45pm and 3.15pm each afternoon from Monday to Friday.

This will allow a safe corridor for both primary and secondary students when leaving the college grounds or catching their bus. As well as lessen the traffic congestion at the intersection of the service road and the traffic lights.

There are markings placed on the streets leading into the school carpark which clearly indicate the designated lanes for bus entry as well as set down and pick up. We ask parents to adhere to these markings to ensure the safety of our students and for less traffic congestion.

Parents should not use the bus lane to pick up or drop off their child.

Please note: The industrial complex across the road from the College is not a designated school carpark. Cars that use that area to drop off or pick up students can be fined for doing so.

Students who ride a bike to school are required to have a chain and lock for security. No bike should be left outside the bike cage and should be secured at all times.

The College rules regarding travel and conduct

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION - SENIOR CURRICULUM

The Exam Block schedule has been published. All Year 11 & 12 students were able to collect a hard copy. It has also been published on the College website. Privileges are extended to students to only attend during exam sessions; however this can be revoked if there are outstanding assessment items, or other major concerns. The rules do not change regarding dress code, equipment such as bags and the like. Attendance at Sport on Thursday is compulsory still. Following the last day of Exam Block, Wednesday 26th March, normal classes resume for the rest of Week 9 & 10. Most classes will commence the Term II work for that subject at this time – so serious and necessary curriculum activity will be taking place.

I briefly remind parents and students about the strict protocols around handing in assessment, meeting deadlines, submitting required drafts, applying for extensions, etc. These are detailed on the College website and in the Student Planner. Formal processes must be followed for the fairness and equity of all students; such that no student is either advantaged or disadvantaged as a result of their special, individual circumstances.

All of these formal systems require consultation and recorded outcomes, usually in the form of paperwork and proformas to ensure the transparency of the system. A final reminder that there are 3 ways in which to submit assignments: to the teacher in class time, to the SAO office outside class time and electronically via the College website – Submit Assignments Link. All 3 record the submission with SAO and Website giving a reply to the students with a 'receipt' of some sort. No other process can be verified automatically and is therefore not acceptable.

Reporting for Term I is interim only; meaning that only a limited amount of academic progress can be reported on. Teachers make a professional judgement on how each student has settled into the subject and course and use this opportunity to flag concerns or give encouragement on progress to date. All parents are encouraged to attend the Parent / Teacher interviews set for Tuesday 29th April.

Peter Shaw - APA Senior
Mass Times
Saturday
8.00am  Burleigh Heads
5.00pm  Miami
6.00pm  Palm Beach
6.15pm  Burleigh Heads
Sunday
7.00am  Palm Beach
7.00am  Burleigh Heads
8.30am  Miami
8.30am  Mudgeeraba
10.00am  Doyle Centre
5.30pm  Doyle Centre

Project Compassion
Featured Stories
Read the inspiring stories of our Project Compassion 2014 feature people, and learn about how their lives have changed through your support of Caritas Australia’s development programs.

Assistant Principal - Religious Education

Year 11 students enjoyed a lively and engaging presentation from Adam Burns of the Archdiocesan Vocations Unit on Thursday. His colourful inclusion of references to the latest Batman movie and paralleling him with Jesus caught the imagination of a large number of students. They were given some food for thought regarding discerning their own vocation in life and how they might begin considering those matters. The presentation was well received and has generated some interesting discussion amongst students.

Year 12 Retreat
Congratulations to all Year 12s on the completion of their Retreat last week. From the earliest reports the Pastoral Care groups arrangement worked very well. All have told of a refreshing, restful, fun time which allowed the spiritual goals of the Retreat to be explored as fully as possible. Given the intensity of their study programme presently it is hoped that the new energy derived from Retreat will carry them forward with deeper resolve.

Thanks once again to our priests and all staff who made this possible.

Project Compassion
This is the second week of Lent and our Project Compassion fundraising endeavours are in full swing. As we celebrate St Patrick’s Day on Monday and students are permitted to wear free dress (preferably something green) they are asked to donate $4.00 to Project Compassion for the privilege. A number of lunchtime activities are planned and lots of small change will come in handy for some of them. Some very swish shamrock decorated chocolate mud cupcakes will also be on sale as well as face painting, a chocolate toss and much more fun stuff. All proceeds will go to Project Compassion.

Each Pastoral group has its own Project Compassion box which is collected daily. Every effort is being made to reach and exceed our annual target as we have done in previous years. Consider this timely thought for Easter and chocolate!

Be a Good Egg This Easter
Presently children as young as 12 years old are picking cocoa in West Africa to make the chocolate we eat. Some of these children are trafficked. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age for minimal or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions, without any possibility of attending school. Most of these children have never tasted chocolate.

Five years ago Australian supermarkets did not have any Easter chocolate certified as slavery-free, but in 2013 there were at least six slavery-free Easter eggs and rabbits available. Products available in 2013 were:

- Divine eggs (milk & dark)
- Green & Black eggs (milk & dark)
- Chocolatier eggs (milk & dark)
- Chocolatier (3 rabbits boxed with 3 tiny eggs)
- Cadbury dairy milk eggs
- Oxfam chocolates – a large range of chocolate bars

It is hoped that in 2014 Haighs will have a slavery-free product. If you know of other slave-free products available for Easter 2014, please email us at campaigns@acrath.org.au.

St Patrick’s Day
May I wish everyone a very happy St Patrick’s Day for Monday. Some thoughts from John O Donohue on the subject.

“St. Patrick’s Day should be a celebration, one that surpasses the kind of ecstasy reached with one too many green beers. This year, may it be an occasion to bless and be blessed, a moment to remember the Anam Cara (soul friend) that draws us to one another in celebration and in sorrow.”

Dolores Maitland - APRE
Malcolm Liddell - Brass

Malcolm Liddell (M.Mus. QCM) is the former Head of Instrumental Studies (Brass & Percussion) and Director of Jazz Ensembles at Anglican Church Grammar School. He is a graduate of the Queensland Conservatorium of Music - Griffith University, and holds a Master's Degree in Music Performance and Pedagogy, majoring in Trumpet. He is currently engaged as a Brass Tutor at West Moreton Anglican College, Somerset College, Marymount College and is Principal Trumpet with The Sinfonia of St Andrew’s.

His experience in the professional music and music education business is extensive, having performed for over thirty five years across a wide range of classical and commercial music genres, in addition to teaching in primary, secondary and tertiary institutions. Malcolm’s association as a freelance musician with The Queensland Symphony Orchestra began in 1977 and includes recent concerts with artists such as Diana Krall and performances with the Paris Opera Ballet’s *La Bayadare*, the Ballet Nacional de Cuba’s *Don Quixote* and Graeme Murphy’s production of *Aida* for Opera Queensland.

Malcolm is a former member of the International Association of Jazz Educators (IAJE) and was honoured to represent ACGS Music Department at the IAJE Conference in Manhattan, New York in January 1998. He is a member of the International Trumpet Guild and attended the 35th ITG Annual conference in Sydney, Australia in 2010.

2014 brings exciting changes to the Marymount College Music Department. Music students have already been abuzz with the Music Department moving to the new “Block 7” building. This fantastic new facility will provide larger Music classrooms with the ability to hold and store more equipment, as well as the adjacent four music practice rooms and Music Coordinator’s office. With the music facilities all in close proximity, music students will begin to feel a sense of ‘home’ in their department.

Another exciting change within the department is the appointment of three new instrumental teachers. Marymount College is excited to have the skills and talents of three new professionals to impart their teaching to our students: Mr Paul Kopetz, Woodwind and Concert Band; Mr Malcolm Liddell, Brass and Jazz Ensemble; and Ms Heidi Enchelmaier, Voice and Glee club.

Paul Kopetz – Woodwind and Concert Band Conductor

Paul Kopetz completed studies in clarinet/bass clarinet and composition at the University of Melbourne (Bachelor of Music), the Victorian College of the Arts (Postgraduate Diploma in Music Performance) and the Rotterdam Conservatorium, gaining his Uitvoerend Musicus honours.

The highlights of 2014 include playing 2nd Clarinet with Queensland Ballet, a season of 12 chamber music concerts with Artico Ensemble and four world premieres of Paul’s new compositions.

Since 1995 Paul has developed a reputation as an active instrumentalist (clarinets and saxophones), composer/arranger, conductor and educator. His engagements have included appearances as the Principal Bass Clarinetist with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, performances with The Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, The Queensland Symphony Orchestra, Camerata of St John’s as well as recording sessions for radio and film such as “Babe”, “In a Savage Land”, “My Brother Jack” and “Tempted”. He has recorded for IMAX and the Naxos label. Over the last three years Paul has been devoting much of his free time to composition working towards the release of a CD featuring his original chamber music. In 2011 his wind quintet “Viracocha” received 2nd Prize at an international competition in Italy and in 2012 his “Australian Backyard Suite” won 2nd Prize at the Franz Schubert Composition Competition in Vienna. In 2013 Paul’s “Mythical Creatures” for voices, wind quintet and piano was premiered at the Tylgum Festival of Classical Music. Also in 2013 Paul’s Artico Ensemble released its debut CD featuring some of his music. The highlights of 2014 include playing 2nd Clarinet with Queensland Ballet, a season of 12 chamber music concerts with Artico Ensemble and 4 world premieres of Paul’s new compositions.

After seven years as Head of Winds and Bands at Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie) in Brisbane helping students achieve their best and leading the school’s instrumental program Paul is very much looking forward to making a valuable contribution to the growth of music at Marymount College.

Heidi Enchelmaier – Voice and Small Vocal Group

Heidi is an experienced performer, singer, musician and instructor with a broad background in performing arts, spanning theatre, television, film, choral performance, and formal music qualifications.

Her diverse credits include performances in the QPAC Concert Hall, Playhouse, Spiegeltent, QE2 Stadium, Brisbane Riverstage, Ekka, and many others. With over 30 major productions to her credit, including Penny Pingleton in the Queensland premiere of HAIRSPRAY alongside Simon Gallaher, Heidi is an established and respected theatre performer.

Growing up in a musical household, and having been trained in French Horn, Violin and Piano, she also has a strong passion for music and teaching. Heidi recently graduated from QUT, and holds a double degree in Music (Voice) and Arts, and is currently employed as a singing, drama, and theatre teacher throughout many schools and companies between Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

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Heidi looks forward to the opportunity to develop the Instrumental Vocal program through private lessons, small group tuition, and small performance ensembles in the style of the theatrical and musical influence of ‘Glee’.
Year 11 Creative Arts class recently installed a series of ceramic totem poles in the gardens outside the Art & Technology Building.

Art Captains

This year the Art Department has decided to introduce the concept of Visual Art Captains to represent the College at any arts based events and to promote the visual arts within the school. The position offers students an opportunity to take on a cultural leadership role in an area in which they are interested. Our Captains will contribute articles to the newsletter, speak at assembly, run art activities and generally involve themselves in our visual arts life.

I am very pleased to announce our visual arts representatives for this year are Aisling Waugh, Loretta Serong and Courtenay McCue.

Year Ten Totems

The Year 11 Creative Arts class recently installed a series of ceramic totem poles in the gardens outside the Art & Technology Building. The totems were constructed using ceramic rings made as part of a Year 10 sculpture and identity unit completed in Term 4 last year. The individual rings incorporate elements of relief sculpture and coloured glazes representing aspects of the students’ interests and identity.

Art Show

The Marymount Art Show will be held from the 25th to 27th of July this year and will be the major community, cultural and fundraising event for the combined College and Primary school. All aspects of our two schools will be celebrated and it is a valuable social and community building event. A small group of past and present parents met this week to begin the organization and I will introduce you to these people through the newsletter over the next few weeks. We are looking for more people to come on board and to help in any way. You don’t have to be an art expert just be someone who is willing to get involved it is a great experience.

Next meeting is Wednesday 26 March at 6:00pm.

Steve O’Keefe - Visual Art Coordinator

Lost Property - Contact Student Administration

Lost Property
Also in lost property is:
- 4 drink bottles
- Glass case
- Rope chain

Green Sunglasses
Pearl Earring
Watch found in manual arts area
Silver bracelet found in L Block
Whole School News

Worldwide Marriage Encounter:
Weekend date: 13 – 15 June 2014
Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane’s bayside)
For bookings/details contact: Tamara and Scott Menteith, ph (07) 4634 3559
stjmen@aapt.net.au
www.wwme.org.au

The women who teach at our school who shape people’s lives everyday should be commended

International Women’s Day

International Women’s Day held on March 8 recognises the social, political and economic contributions of women.

Historically the day emerged as part of a campaign targeting rights and equality for women around the world. This year the theme was ‘Inspiring Change’. Events around the Gold Coast included fundraising breakfasts, ‘Black, Bold and Beautiful Indigenous Womens Luncheon’, and ‘Soubret Pink Zonta International Womens Day Charity Fashion Parade’ to name a few.

Reflecting on what women in the world have inspired change in my life, I realised that inspirational women are everywhere whether it be Angelina Jolie and her humanitarian aid work for children, Mary Mackillop for her governess, teaching skills, her religious congregation and her saintly hood. The women who teach at our school who shape people’s lives everyday should be commended and of course the female figures I have in my family from whom I draw inspiration day in day out.

Jazmin Scullion - Year 11 reporter

A group of Marymount students are attending an International Women’s Day breakfast this Friday. We will hear from them next week.

Chess News

Congratulations to our keen Chess players who competed against approximately 100 other Gold Coast High School students in Round 1 of the Gold Coast High Schools Interschool Teams Chess Competition which was held at Somerset College last Wednesday.

Due to the absence of our Year Twelves who were away on Retreat, and our Year Tens who had their Reflection day, only seven Marymount students competed in this Round.

Our Marymount 1 team: James Brimmer, Matthew Fineran, Leon Wu and Russel Massey were placed eighth in Open Division with 14.5 points.

Our Marymount 2 team with only three players: Ben Carolan, Juvantus and Tyrique Faamausili were placed eleventh in Open Division with 11.5 points

The boys enjoyed the day with all players winning at least 3 or 4 of their games.

We look forward to competing in Round 2 at St Stephens College, Coomera on Wednesday 21 May. Photos from the competitions can be seen at www.gardinerchess.com.au

Diana King - Chess Coordinator

Attention: World Travellers

Year 9 is collecting foreign currency to raise much needed funds for Caritas and Project Compassion.
Do you have any foreign currency at your home, cluttering up your drawers? We want it all!
You could turn this foreign money into a donation to Project Compassion simply by bringing it into

SAO; we will take care of the rest. That’s a WIN-WIN! Get rid of that unwanted currency mess and help people who are struggling today have a better tomorrow.

Eshwin Rangesh – Year 9 Reporter

Year 12 Diary Dates
March 17
St Patrick’s Day
March 18
University Showcase
March 19-26
Exam Block
March 27
Classes resume
April 4
Easter Liturgy

YEAR TWELVE NEWS

YEAR 12 UPDATE

QCS
This week saw a practice of the Short Response paper. Students were encouraged to answer every question. Teachers will mark the paper over the holidays with feedback provided to students early in Term 2. These practices are mandatory for students sitting the QCS test later this year.

St Patrick’s Day
Students are invited to get into the spirit of St Patrick’s Day, wear green and give a gold coin donation towards Project Compassion. If choosing to wear green coloured clothing, students are reminded to wear appropriate clothing – no singlets, tops must have sleeves, no thongs, no short skirts or shorts, no inappropriate slogans on T-Shirts!

The Sports uniform is the alternative dress for those not dressing in green.

University Showcase
Periods 3 and 4 on Tuesday are designed to bring university life to the students. Questions about courses, preferences, and eligibility will all be explored. A must for students intent on tertiary education.

Exam Timetable
We ask parents to help students check their Exam Timetable and ensure they are present at the right time, in the right location and on the right day.

Full school uniform must be worn when attending exams or school.

Jerseys
These have been distributed this week. If anyone has not collected their jersey, they may do so from the Coordinators’ office.

A reminder that the jerseys are to be worn only on sports days.

They are not part of the formal school uniform.

Accessories
Too many students are still wearing ear piercings. As Year 12 leaders of the school community, students should be role models for the younger grades.

Please observe the school policy regarding the wearing of the College uniform correctly. Should parents or guardians have any queries regarding Year 12 matters, please do not hesitate to be in touch with us.

Kevin Cornor and Irene Scott - Year 12 Coordinators

YEAR 12 RETREAT REPORTS

Reflections on Retreat
The Year 12 retreat from my perspective, provided the opportunity not only to strengthen the bonds of friendship between our senior year group, but the time to reflect on our own lives. Being able to take a step back and remove ourselves from ever looming deadlines and exam stress allowed time to recuperate and refresh ourselves for the rest of the year. Retreat for many people, including myself, highlighted just how important the quiet moments are in our life. The picturesque scenery, which accompanied our retreat experience, created vivid and unforgettable memories for the graduating class of 2014. Many others and I will see our final retreat as a defining point in both our senior year of school and the rest of our lives.

Thomas Burbury - Year 12 reporter and participant

Bornhoffen
After finally reaching Year 12 as my last Retreat approached, I couldn’t quite believe how much I had accomplished since walking through Marymount’s gate only five years ago.

This year I attended the Bornhoffen Retreat in Numibah Valley along with my fellow peers. Spiritually, Retreat gives us time to reflect on all of our schooling years and take a step back to appreciate everything we have accomplished. Retreat’s importance cannot be overstated, it’s about pausing and taking time out in our lives to think about who we are, where we are going and who we want to become.

I thoroughly enjoyed Retreat as it allowed me to identify the real purpose in life, to be there for others, to acknowledge my purpose in life, and to hold a positive attitude towards anything I may approach in life.

Whilst on Retreat, I participated in various activities, both group and individual including reflective sessions and meditation. We also
Year 12 Retreat was a time of reflection, sharing and bonding, interspersed throughout with liberal doses of laughter and tears, at times emotionally draining but at all times uplifting.

There were moments of quiet contemplation and others of spirited conversation, during which I learnt much about myself as well as about my fellow Mt Tamborine-ians!

Retreat was so much more than simply three days away from the stresses of school. It was a wonderful opportunity for soul-searching and shared confidences, a time for believing in ourselves and others, and a chance to renew old friendships and form new ones too.

The three days were crammed so full of magical moments, it is difficult to pinpoint a standout, but I know that Year 12 Retreat is a time I will never forget. Sincere thanks to my classmates, and to Miss D'Arcy, Mrs Hurley, Mr Cummerford and Mr Murtagh for making Retreat a special memory I will always treasure.

Amy Weatherall - Year 12 Reporter and Participant

Jumble Sale

St Benedict's at Mudgerraba will have a mighty jumble sale this Saturday and Sunday 15-16 March. Every item $2.00 and below. Everything must go! From 8 am until 2 pm

Mt Tamborine

Our year level was divided into five different groups and we were sent to a specific camp destination where we spent two nights and three days. Four teachers accompanied each group of about forty students. My group was lucky enough to spend the time at a camp in the picturesque landscape of Mount Tambourine. Being away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life was so calming.

The teachers organised a variety of sessions that focused on personal development and self-reflection. We discussed our thoughts in smaller groups, which allowed us to get to know each other better and, in some cases, recognise the struggle some students face everyday that we had absolutely no idea about. It is comforting, and at times eye-opening, to discuss the things in life that we all deal with but usually keep to ourselves.

Retreat is a time of bonding with our classmates and teachers. It is amazing how many new friendships I made on Retreat. I am now confident and friendly with people that I had never talked to. I have built a relationship with the teachers that will last throughout this year and hopefully beyond that. A major highlight for me was the 'Warm and Fuzzies'. These are affirmations that we had the opportunity to write for each other.

It was so beautiful putting into words the positive attributes I see in others and then reading what others value about me. I will treasure my warm and fuzzies forever, and they will always be a wonderful reminder of the priceless experience of Retreat.

On the second night, my group had a dress up theme of Western. The boys were assigned a female partner who they collected from their cabins and escorted to dinner. The boys were such gentlemen collecting our meals and drinks. After dinner, we participated in a concert where there were a variety of performances including guitar playing, dancing and poetry reading. It was a fun way to recognise and appreciate the range of talents with which we have all been blessed.

Another main focus of retreat was connecting with our spiritual beliefs. We all participated in various sessions, which related to our personal relationship with God and attended Mass conducted by Father Ken Howell. It was so consoling and reassuring to reflect on the unconditional love and forgiveness God has for us.

Thank you to everyone on my Retreat for making it such a special and memorable few days.

Caitlin McNamara - Year 12 reporter and participant

Mount Tamborine

took the time to explore Bornhoffen’s rainforest and swim in the majestic waterfalls. I found this cleansing and peaceful, as it was beautiful to be in an area filled with harmony. It was like nothing I had ever done before.

Another activity I found spiritually moving was clay sculpting, where we were each given a slab of clay to create our image of ‘God’. I felt in touch with nature sculpting a dove out in the scenic rainforest as it opened my eyes to how beautiful and lucky we are in this life.

On behalf of all students at Bornhoffen, I would like to thank Mrs Scott, Mr O’Keefe, Ms Anderson and Mr Ward for sharing and enriching our unforgettable experience on retreat.

Madison Harding - Year 12 reporter and participant

Year 12 students on retreat last week - more retreat photos

There are great opportunities to compete all over the country.

A CHAT WITH KELSEY TAYLOR

Kelsey Taylor has just represented Marymount in the Equestrian Queensland Interschool event. Her local club in Mudgeeraba held the event. In Kelsey’s latest competition she received first place in the Novice 2.1, second in the Preliminary 1.2 with the winning score 0.2% in front, and fourth in the Novice 2.2. She has been competing in equestrian sport for years and is a solid competitor.

Why did you decide to do equestrian? How did you get involved with it?
Kelsey: My mother and father grew up with horses and my mum has always had a passion for equestrian, so when my sister was born mum got her into riding and of cause being a little sister I wanted to join in all the fun.

Tell us a little about the horse you ride
Kelsey: My horse is formally known as Bella Equus Ana Capri, but we refer to her as Waffle and the name suits her to the T. She is roughly 15.3 hh (hands high) and is known as a black buckskin. Waffle is known for her off centre white star on her head, which makes her very quirky. Waffle and I have been together since she was born in 2008 but I only started riding her in 2011 when she was broken in. I’ve been her only rider which has not only made us unbelievably close but has improved my riding ability and my confidence.

How often do you train to be ready to compete in equestrian competitions?
Kelsey: I try to train three times a week. I am able to train every Thursday afternoon during sport which has been very helpful; it usually takes about two hours to do everything that needs to be done so I am usually running out of daylight if I decide to train after school. I compete almost every weekend in Interschool, EA (Equestrian Australia) and Pony Club, and club training days every so often.

What events have you competed in?
Kelsey: As I compete almost every weekend it gets a bit hard to keep track but I am able to do quite successfully wherever I go thanks to the help of my coach Kirsty Ewens, but I’m always able to have a reason to be happy with my performance no matter the outcome.

What achievements have you won in equestrian?
Kelsey: I have gone to inter school Equestrian States twice now and have done very well. I have competed at the Young Riders’ Championships in 2013, and have represented Queensland in the NSW Pony Club States at Wagga Wagga in 2013. All of my competing was in Dressage.

What is the Equestrian Queensland Inter school event?
Kelsey: Well like any other inter-school sport you are able to represent Marymount and compete in your sport against other schools. Interschool is good to compete in as it gives you the opportunity to vie against people your own age instead of much more experienced riders.

Where do you go after your performances at the Equestrian Queensland Inter school event? Do you compete somewhere else? Are you achieving any goals in the future?
Kelsey: In my latest Dressage event I was very successful. Coming first in the Novice 2.1 with a score of 64.259%, placing second in the Preliminary 1.2 with a score of 70.129% coming second by 0.2% but achieving my best score yet, I came fourth in the Novice 2.2 with a score of 61.714%.

Usually when you compete at Interschool Queensland State the top four go on to inter school Nationals where you can compete all over Australia. Last year it was held in Toowoomba and this year’s competition is held in Melbourne. As I received scores over 60% I have qualified to go to state with hope of being able to continue onto Melbourne for nationals. There are great opportunities to compete all over the country.

Thank you Kelsey. We wish you good luck at the Equestrian Inter-school Queensland State and further on into your future!

Carlie Rached - Year 10 Reporter
From dancing the chicken dance, the Macarena and the time warp, to telling your partner your very first crush. Like always, Michael Fitzpatrick delivered a memorable Reflection Day filled with laughter, bad jokes and an experience that brings our whole Year level closer together.

Reflection Day has been a main highlight of the year for me ever since Year 8. All the activities that we take part in, and the discussions we have as a year level always seem to bring us closer together. One of the discussions we had was regarding how we feel about how close we are to our final year of high school, and our main worries and concerns leading up to it. Most of the people in Year 10, myself included, agreed that we are slightly scared of Year 11 and 12, and the workload it will bring. It was great to see that if any of us do have a slight freak out when it comes to the workload in the senior years, we are not alone. That is the great thing about Reflection Days; they remind us that while we are at school, we have a great support team in our peers who will always help us out.

**Ashley Pade - Year 10 Reporter**

We learned about ourselves, and our year group as a whole. We learnt that we must bridge the gaps between groups. We got to hear some of our peers’ perspectives and points of view on topics such as what makes our year group good and what we can change to make it better. During the Ash Wednesday Liturgy, we were able to privately say sorry or give support to one or two peers in the form of a handshake or a hug. It was a great experience and I learned a great deal about our year group.

**Brigid McElroy - Year 10 Reporter**

Many inspirational peers got up and talked about their insecurities and outlooks on different things to help prove to other peers that no matter your situation, you are not alone.

Reflection day this year was great fun. We chose partners of the opposite sex and had to stay with them all day. We spoke together about many topics from personal things, school interests and even our favourite movies. It was great to see people, who usually wouldn’t, stand up in front of everyone, talk freely and confidently about personal things. Michael Fitzpatrick also put a smile on everyone’s face and made us laugh! The whole day made me feel more confident around my fellow peers. Everyone seemed to have a very happy and confident vibe about themselves afterwards.

**Brittany Stimson - Year 10 Reporter**

It was an amazing day, from the dancing, to the music, to the speeches and meeting new people; it was truly an unforgettable day that will be remembered.

Reflection day is a day where we reflect on our Year levels’ and personal strengths and weaknesses and talk about them as a year level. On this same day coincidentally it was Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent so we were also encouraged to think of others. Many inspirational peers got up and talked about their insecurities and outlooks on different things to help prove to other peers that no matter your situation, you are not alone. I think Reflection Day brought Year 10 together and now we are cooperating and getting along a lot better than we ever had before.

**Karla McPherson - Year 10 Reporter**

The theme of the day was self-confidence and being united as a year level. Everyone in the grade really bonded and discovered the self-confidence inside of them, some actually getting up and speaking. Many people got up and spoke their mind, when asked to speak about their feelings afterwards.

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**Arisa Atanyakul - Year 10 Reporter**

After lunch we had a short Ash Wednesday liturgy, which was a very serene and peaceful time. It helped us to really think about the mystery of God. It was an amazing day, from the dancing, to the music, to the speeches and meeting new people; it was truly an unforgettable day that will be remembered.
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & CAREERS

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POSITIONS VACANT

New to our vacancy list this week are:

**Hospitality**
- Ocean Grill x 5 (Worongary)
- Koffee Shack (Burleigh)
- Merrimac Tavern (Merrimac)
- Pickled Cactus Mexican Restaurant (Biggera Waters)
- Toast at Oasis (Broadbeach)
- Marigold (Broadbeach)
- Tandoori Place (Miami)
- Grilled Seafood Bar (Broadbeach)
- Oberois Taj Indian (Broadbeach)
- Wok in a Box (Broadbeach)
- Tandoori Place (Palm Beach)
- Baby Grand Coffee Lounge (Broadbeach)
- Zarraffas (Burleigh Heads)
- Nandos (Mermaid Waters)
- Belvedere Restaurant (Worongary)

**Business/Business Administration**
- PRA Consulting (Mermaid Beach)
- Subway (Stocklands)
- Baskins and Robbins (Mermaid Beach)
- IGA (Mudgeeraba)

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

Careers Office is located in the Library & Resource Centre and is open 8am-4pm daily

YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY SHOWCASE

A reminder that on Tuesday, 18th March, the University Showcase will be held in the Doyle Centre from 11am. Representatives from Gold Coast and Brisbane universities will be attending with a presentation given. Students will then be provided with the opportunity to speak with a representative from the institution of their choice. Don’t miss this great opportunity to ask questions, and gain clarification in terms of university life from those directly involved.

GCIT MIDYEAR INTAKE OF SCHOOLS PROGRAMS

Gold Coast Institute of TAFE are now offering midyear intakes for selected Schools Programs starting as soon as April 2014. GCIT Schools Programs allow you to fast track your career by completing a Certificate level qualification and gaining points towards your Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Certificate courses offered include:
- Engineering (Metal/Timber)
- Automotive
- Electro technology
- Construction
- Plumbing
- Early Childhood, Education & Care
- Hairdressing
- Hospitality
- Tourism
- Kitchen Operations
- Media
- Health Services (or Allied Health)
- Community Services
- Fitness

For all details (cost/duration/yr level offered) click here

PROJECTS ABROAD – SUMMER VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMES FOR YEAR 10/11 STUDENTS

Projects Abroad are offering a broad volunteer program suitling year 10/11 students. These programmes are tightly scheduled and chaperoned to ensure a well-structured, safe and supported short stay for younger students which packs a lot of experience and volunteer work into a short period of time. There are programs in:
- Cambodia (Childcare and renovations)
- Nepal (Childcare and renovations)
- Nepal (Medicine experience and observation)
- Sri Lanka (Childcare and renovations)
- Fiji (Childcare and renovations)

For further details, click here

QUT SUBJECT SELECTION EVENT – SCIENCE, HEALTH, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

Year 10 students wishing to study science, health, engineering and mathematics degrees are invited, along with their parents, to a QUT subject selection event. Information about careers, admissions, bonus points and degree-specific assumed knowledge will be presented, as well as subject selection information.

Date: Tuesday, 24th June 2014 (5.30pm start)
Where: Kelvin Grove campus
For further information, contact Simone Long on 3138 4488 or email stem.schools@qut.edu.au.

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE DAYS

Experience Griffith is a practical and engaging way for secondary school students to get a taste of life as a university student. This year, they are offering a day for Year 12 students at the following campuses:
- Gold Coast (2nd May)
- Nathan & Mt Gravatt (29th April)
- South Bank (28th April)

For further details and to register, visit the Marymount College Careers Office today.

NOTE: Registration is open now and places are limited. Be quick!

Registration for Griffith University Experience Days is open now
Catching-up with some of last year’s University Scholarship winners

Sam wrote:

This week it will have been two months since I started classes and I am loving every minute of it.

All my subjects are really interesting and a lot of fun, my classmates are awesome, my lecturers and tutors are all kind and supportive and I, unbelievably, even enjoy doing the assignments!

This semester I am taking Image & Photography, Reasoning Skills, Public Speaking and Writing For News Media.

Admittedly it’s been a bit of an adjustment. Only having to go in a couple of days a week and working a lot more independently on stuff in my own time has taken a little bit of getting used to. I love their ‘throw you in the deep end’ mentality though. Within the first two weeks of all of my subjects, obviously we had been over a fair bit of theory work, but we were expected to be up making speeches, out interviewing for news stories and taking amazing photos.

So far I’ve had two news stories published, given two speeches, sat my Reasoning Skills midterm, handed in my first essay and completed seven photo assignments; all this before my friends have even started their first week of lectures.

At times this is challenging. I enjoy it though, as it pushes me to grow my skills in a practical way, not just by reading a textbook.

I pickup new little hints and tips every day of course and there is plenty of assistance available from Bond if we should ever need it.

In terms of extra curricular activities, I have signed up to the Student Ambassador program, to assist with tours, events etc. Me and some friends in my Writing For News class are also going to be doing some work experience at a local community radio station (4CRB) in the next couple of weeks.

We hope to bring you news of Ayla’s studies in a future newsletter. Meanwhile she is also assisting part-time at Marymount Primary in speech and Drama lessons.

Monnie is commencing a Bachelor of Arts, taking French and Linguistics.

If there are other scholarship winners out there whom I have been unable to contact, please drop me an email with a brief outline of how you are going so far.

We hope all is working out well for all our past students in their many and various pathways.

Michael Murtagh - Vocational Education and Careers Coordinator
Thursday 20 March
- Regional Soccer – 19yrG – Mt Tamborine All Day
- Regional Rugby League – Pizzey Park All Day
- District AFL – 15yrB – PBC SHS 1 – 3pm

Thursday 27 March
- AGCC Round 4 Sport
- Regional AFL – 15yrB – Surfers AFL All Day
- Regional Hockey – Hunt Park All Day

Thursday 3 April
- AGCC Round 5 Sport

Thursday 24 April
- AGCC Round 6 Sport

Thursday 1 May
- AGCC Round 7 Sport
- District Rugby Union 15yr – Merrimac SHS 1 – 3pm

Wednesday 7 May
- Regional Rugby Union – 15yr – St Stephen’s All Day

Thursday 8 May
- AGCC Round 8 Sport
- District Basketball – 15yr – Varsity College 1 – 3pm
- District Soccer – 15yr – Mallawa Dr 1 – 3pm

Friday 9 May
- College Cross Country Carnival – on campus Period 3 & 4

Monday 12 May
- Regional Golf – Burleigh GC All Day

Thursday 15 May
- AGCC Semi-finals Sport

Sports Dates
South Coast Regional Swimming Trials
Last week on Monday and Wednesday evenings we had 15 students attend the South Coast Regional Swimming Trials in an attempt to qualify for the South Coast team to compete at the State Schools Championships. Of those competitors to race we had the following exceptional results:

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Congratulations to the above swimmers. Placing in events doesn’t automatically qualify the swimmers for the State Titles; they also have to beat the qualification times. Well done to Claudia-Rose Slaven, Tyler Beecher, Jemma Smith and Tyler Cook on their qualification for the South Coast team to compete at the State Titles.

Queensland Surf Life Saving Championships
Last weekend the SLSQ State Championships were held at North Kirra and Marymount had many students representing their surf clubs across many events. Congratulations to the following students who managed to medal in events over the weekend:

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These students, along with many others, are now focusing their training on the National Championships at Scarborough Beach in WA at the start of April.

Notify the College if your son/daughter will be absent due to competing in Sports Events
On Wednesday afternoon the 1st XIII travelled to Riverview to play a trial match against fellow Confraternity A Division college, St Peter Claver. Both teams were without a number of strike players due to other commitments so it was going to be interesting.

The Marymount side, captained by Matt ‘The Silent Assassin’ Ash (front-row) was well prepared and keen to inject themselves early. The defensive effort of our boys really set the two teams apart, not only was it physical it was also well organised.

As the game progressed the Marymount fitness and strength that has been gained through our Skills, Strength and Conditioning Program enabled some very good tries to be scored. This however was all on the back of strong defence.

At half-time Marymount led 12-0 and at full time the MAKOS had won 24-8.

Tries were scored by Sam ‘Crusher’ Clark (centre), Brandon ‘Biceps’ Cittadini-Smith (fullback), Cameron ‘Clinical’ Cooper (second row), Bryce ‘The Flash’ Jansen (wing) and Nick ‘Bowling Ball’ Bond (centre).

A really good team effort by all players but still a long way to go until the Confraternity Carnival.

Well done boys.

Jason Hamilton - Rugby League Coach