COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 25 March
AFL Gala Day

Thursday 27 March
Year 12 Tourism Excursion

Friday 28 March
Year 11 Hospitality Excursion
Year 12 Hospitality & Tourism Guest Speaker
Year 12 Drama Excursion

Monday 31 March
Year 8 & 10 Immunisations

Tuesday 1 April
Shake & Stir Incursion Years 8, 9 & 10

Thursday 3 April
Year 12 Marine Studies Camp 3-4 April
Year 12 Cert III Childcare First Aid Training

Friday 4 April
Last Day Term 1
Easter Liturgy

Friday 18 April
Good Friday

Saturday 19 April
Easter Saturday

Sunday 20 April
Easter Sunday

Monday 21 April
Easter Monday

Tuesday 22 April
First Day Term 2
Parent Teacher online Bookings open

Wednesday 23 April
Year 12 Geography

TERM 1 WEEK 8
Friday 21 March 2014

Enrolments 2015 & 2016
The strong interest in the College for Year 7 and 8 2015 continued with enrolment interviews early this week. Limited places are available. It is important that parents complete application for enrolment for 2015 now. Mrs Crick, enrolment secretary, will be scheduling what is likely to be final enrolment interviews for Year 7 & 8 for May 19 & 20 from the start of Term 2.

Enrolment interviews for 2016 were also conducted this week and we invite prospective families to attend our Marymount Tours and to enrol now for 2016. The remaining Marymount Tour dates this year are:
5:30pm Monday 28th April
5:30pm Monday 21st July
5:30pm Monday 13th October

School Tours are with Senior students. The Principal and Senior Administrative Staff are available to answer questions at the end of the tour if needed. Tours conclude within the hour, with the last tour commencing at 5:45pm.

Art Show Committee Open to Volunteers
6:00pm Wednesday 26 March College Meeting Room
New volunteers are most welcome to join the well organised Art Show Committee. With the Art Show Gala Opening Night on 7:00pm Friday 25th July the committee meetings will be held quite regularly throughout this period. Details are available at www.marymount.qld.edu.au/News and Events/Marymount Art Show

Senior Classes Resume Thursday 27th March
Parents and staff share frustration with the need for block exams, the loss of teaching time and the disruption to routine these cause. Classes resume for seniors on Thursday 23rd. There is much course work to get through and the final seven school days of the term are not to be missed.

Block 7 Nears Completion
The builder, Fardoulys Constructions P/L, has moved attention to landscaping around Block 7 as that building is being cleared ready for hand over. Other work on Block 15, adjacent to the P&F Courtyard and in the S Block demolition zone will continue beyond the end of term. Block 7 will be ready for use from the start of Term 2. Every effort will be made to ensure Block 15 is completed and ready as well.

Gold Coast University Showcase
Our appreciation to staff of Southern Cross University, Australian Catholic University, Bond University, Christian Heritage College, Gold Coast Institute of TAFE, Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology, Southern Cross University and University of Southern Queensland for the Showcase at Marymount this week.

Each year we tell the Seniors that their final year will seem to be over in no time at all. The Showcase brings home how soon choices will need to be made for next year. Queensland Tertiary Admission Centre applications will be open on 1st August with information available online from 14th June. All the more reason to be at school working hard every day, laying the foundation for solid senior results in December.

Lions Youth of the Year Achievement
Congratulations to our Lions Youth of the Year Quest entrants Maddie Dick and Nikara Rangesh for their success in this prestigious competition. Maddie represented the Carrara Lions Club in a Zone finals and Nikara the Burleigh Heads Lion Club in both Zone and Regional finals. Both girls put in remarkable public speaking performances, have excellent curriculum vitaeas and were highly regarded in the judging as their quest for 2014 came to an end. We congratulate them on their achievement.

Chris Noonan - Principal
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Mobile Phones

A reminder of College Policy regarding Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones are not to be used for telecommunications (i.e., phone calls, texting, and social networking) during school hours.

Mobile phones are not to be used in class unless directed by the teacher.

If a student is observed using a mobile phone then the phone will be confiscated. The student will be directed to the main office to hand in their phone where it will be clearly labelled and secured until the student is able to retrieve it at the end of the school day.

If there is a second offence, the same procedure will occur with the parent to be contacted regarding the matter.

On the third occasion a student is observed using a mobile phone, the same procedure as step one will occur with an additional interview with the student and parent to take place.

Kyle Connor - Deputy Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATION - SENIOR CURRICULUM

The Exam Block schedule has commenced. We have reminded students that 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 in the Senior Assessment Policy available on the College website and in the Student Planner.

A final reminder that there are three 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 three 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. At the College, we have a “10:30 Rule” practice of allowing students to submit work the next day – but only if they submitted a draft. They can deliver this in the three ways listed, but only by the Morning Tea break on the next day, and only by negotiating with the classroom teacher.

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 early in Term II.

Peter Shaw - APA Senior

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL PASTORAL

Bullying Policy

Each member of the Marymount Community, be it staff, student, or parent has the right to feel safe and free from any form of intimidation including physical, verbal, emotional or sexual.

The school community will take every opportunity to reinforce the school ethos which promotes and respects the rights of each individual. Each member will recognise that any behaviour which intimidates another person is unacceptable. Each member of the community has the responsibility to protect his/her own as well as others’ rights against intimidation. The school community will provide a safe, secure and supportive learning and social environment for all students. As a school community we will not allow cases of bullying to go unreported but will speak up, even at risk to ourselves. Our Bullying Policy is available on the College website under Our College>Policies and Procedures.

Geoff Browne - Assistant Principal Pastoral
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

Week 3 - Archie from the Phillipines

A place where I belong
For most of Archie’s life, he lived with his parents and nine siblings in a one-roomed house beside a flood-prone river in the Philippines. In 2012, a resettlement program supported by Caritas Australia helped Archie’s family move to a safer house and take part in skills training.

No words can describe how happy we were when we moved to this beautiful place. It was a dream come true.”

Archie’s family lived on a steep river bank in a one roomed home beside the Plaridel River in the province of Bulacan, the Philippines. Whenever strong rains or typhoons hit, the river rose and people were evacuated. Typhoons wreaked serious damage.

“Our roof had holes in it. So when it rained, it was like we were having a shower,” he said as he explained that whenever strong rains hit, the houses had to be evacuated for higher ground.

Now 19, Archie experienced severe flooding three times, including September 2009’s Super Typhoon Ondoy.

“After this typhoon, our house looked like it had been torn apart by a wild beast. Mud covered every wall and corner, the plywood walls were dismantled, the roof was gone and the posts were bent.”

In August 2012, an emergency resettlement program supported by Caritas Australia helped Archie and his family resettle into permanent and secure housing away from the flood prone river.

“We are now confident and secure in the knowledge that we will not be devastated again by natural disaster,” said Archie. “We are so much happier.”

Through the program, Archie’s mum learnt to make bags and he learnt to make candles which they sell to earn an income. But, as he left school halfway through his first year to assist his family, what he’s most excited about is studying under Caritas Australia’s Alternative Learning System and increasing his future prospects.
Today Friday, March 21st, is the National Action Day against Bullying. The Human Rights Commission provides some interesting information on bullying but has particularly prudent advice for bystanders. It would be terrific if parents could take some time to talk with their children about this important issue and how they may ‘help a stranger’.

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

In support of this day, students were allowed to wear an orange ribbon on their shirt. Year 9 will be selling orange ribbons for 50c cents on the day. It is our hope that this day raises awareness amongst our students of the power they have to overcome bullying.

When did it become ‘un-Australian’ to stand up for the Underdog?

One of the saddest changes to Australian culture over the past few decades is the declining willingness to stand-up for the underdog. Typically the average ‘aussie’ loves to passively back an underdog on the sporting field. We love to cheer, tell stories about great feats against the odds and have the occasional flutter. The World Giving Index is produced annually and compares nations across three categories, Helping a Stranger, Donating Money and Volunteering Time. Australia only rates in the top 10 countries for the category of Donating Money and even then there are only a few participants donating large sums of money. Comparatively, we rate poorly in the area of Helping a Stranger. Addressing this decline is critical if we are to tackle the cycle of bullying in our society.

The single most important way of breaking the cycle of bullying is through the intervention of bystander. A bystander is someone who sees or knows about bullying or other forms of violence that is happening to someone else. We need to teach our children how to intervene responsibly and safely. It can’t be accepted in our school that a child has the right to turn their back and walk away or by their inaction, condone the behaviour of the perpetrators. When I have been called on to intervene in an ongoing incident, bystanders most often report that they had chosen or were advised by an adult not to get involved. So unfortunately, the bullying behaviour persists and sometimes even goes on to affect the passive bystanding child.

“Bystanders can be either part of the bullying problem or an important part of the solution to stop bullying.

Bystanders can act in different ways when they see or know about bullying:
1. Some bystanders take the side of the bully by laughing at the victim, encouraging the bully or by passing on text messages or messages on social media sites like Facebook and YouTube
2. Some bystanders will give silent approval or encourage the bully by looking on
3. Some bystanders may watch or know about the bullying but don’t do anything. They may not know what to do or are scared. This group of bystanders knows that bullying is not ok.
4. Some bystanders will be supportive and take safe action to stop the bully, find help or support the victim

Supportive bystanders

Just as we have human rights we also have responsibilities to respect and protect the rights of others. A supportive bystander will take action to protect the rights of others.

A supportive bystander will use words and/or actions that can help someone who is being bullied.

If bystanders are confident to take safe and effective action to support victims then there is a greater possibility that bullying can stop and the person who is bullied can recover.

People respect those that stand up for others who are bullied but being a supportive bystander can be tough. Sometimes it is not easy to work out how to help safely because bullying happens in different ways and places such as online, at work or school.

There is no one size fits all approach to being a supportive bystander. For supportive bystanders to take safe and effective action here are some suggestions:

- Make it clear to your friends that you won’t be involved in bullying behaviour
- Never stand by and watch or encourage bullying behaviour
- Do not harass, tease or spread gossip about others, this includes on social networking sites like Kick, Instagram and askFM.
- Never forward on or respond to messages or photos that may be offensive or upsetting.
- Support the person who is being bullied to ask for help e.g. go with them to a place they can get help or provide them with information about where to go for help.

Report it to someone in authority or someone you trust e.g. at school to a teacher, or a school counsellor; at work to a manager; if the bullying is serious, report it to the police; if the bullying occurs on Facebook or similar social network, report it to that network.”

Cathy Cooper - Year 8 Coordinator
Everyone donned the colour green as St Patrick’s Day rolled around again. This annual festival of Irish culture and history was as much of a huge success as it was any other year with green free dress, games and Irish-themed cupcakes being sold in the P&F courtyard with all proceeds going to Caritas. The day dedicated to celebrating the life of St Patrick was full of fun and laughs with many in high spirits. Though it was a joyous celebration, many students sorely missed the traditional Marymount teachers’ Irish jig. A little-known fact about St Patrick is that the colour originally associated with him is not green, but blue. It was later changed to green to represent the green Irish countryside. However, at Marymount, it was green, green, green all the way!

Bella Cantoni - Year 10 reporter

Students came to school wearing a variety of green outfits to celebrate St Patrick’s Day and to raise money for Project Compassion. This is a charity funded by Marymount where all the money goes to Caritas Australia for kids who are less fortunate than us.

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I enjoyed this day immensely and I can’t wait for the 17 March, 2015.

Madeline Hodson - Year 8 reporter

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ST PATRICK’S DAY

The day was full of excitement and involved a whole lot of Irish luck.

Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where 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.

Whole School News

Host Families for French and Italian Students Needed

Students of the World are looking for families to host French or Italian students.

- French students will arrive on either 6 July or 19 July, and depart on the 29 August 2014.
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- Student attends school and stays with Australian families.
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For more information, contact:
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Round 1 Results
This year we have entered eight teams from Years 8 to 12 in the Gold Coast Secondary Schools’ Debating Association competition including three Year 8 teams in the Junior competition, two Intermediate B teams, one Intermediate A team, one Senior B team and one Senior Open A team.

Round 1 debates have been completed except for our Senior Open A team who had to postpone their debate because of a clash with the Year 12 retreat.

It is pleasing to see a significant number of students from Years 8 -11 taking up the debating challenge for the first time. Now that they have the experience of first debate under their belt, their confidence and skill will undoubtedly grow. Round 2 debates are now underway and will be completed before the Easter holidays.

Annette McMahon - Debating Coordinator

The results for Round 1 are:

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DEBATING - STUDENT REPORT

On Wednesday March 12, Marymount’s three junior teams faced off in a great debate. Students interested in debating from a range of Gold Coast schools all participated in the first debate of the season. The topic of their first prepared debate was “Cats Make Better Pets than Dogs.”

Marymount 1 (affirmative) and Marymount 2 (negative) teams both unfortunately lost their first debate, but Marymount 3 (affirmative) won their first round. Everyone did a great job, considering it was their first time!

“It was nerve-racking at first, but once you were up in front of everyone it was a great feeling!” says Amy Thompson, first speaker of Marymount 3. “It really builds up confidence and is a great opportunity.”

Amy Thompson and Hannah Van den Broek - participants

PERIOD 7

Period 7 is an initiative of the Learning Support teachers at the College to assist students with homework or assignment work and provide an opportunity for students to access the library facilities after school hours.

This is a very flexible and casual environment where bookings are not required and students can attend as they feel the need.

When: Thursday afternoons from 3.10- 4.30pm
Where: The College library
Who: All students are welcome

Parents: Join the Art Show Committee
Next Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm Wednesday 26 March - College Boardroom
Marymount College Indigenous students and Aboriginal dance troupe D’juki Mala

Seeking Interested Families to Billet Students from the Top End

Marymount College is excited to be hosting 15 children and 4 staff from Nganmarriyanga community in the Northern Territory for five nights from 25th - 30th August.

Nganmarriyanga has a population of 400 people and is about 400km south-west of Darwin. The first language of these students is Murrinh-Patha. English is their second language. Some of these students have never been out of the community. For about seven months of the year, Nganmarriyanga is isolated by flood water.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the students from Nganmarriyanga, and a valuable learning experience for our students also. We are seeking families who would like to billet one or two students in their home over this period, whilst they attend Marymount College.

If you are interested, please contact Kim Parker by email: kparker@marymount.qld.edu.au, or by telephone at the College 07 5586 1000

Write Into Art Launch and Djuki Mala Performance

On Tuesday 11th March, Mrs Parker took a group of Marymount Indigenous students to the ‘Write Into Art Launch’ and D’juki Mala’ performance at the Gold Coast Arts Centre. The Write Into Art program, run by the Yugambeh museum, promotes the use of the Yugambeh language, which is the Gold Coast’s traditional Aboriginal language.

The Launch showcased local Indigenous talent and culture, including didgeridoo playing, traditional singing and our own Tom Weatherall who presented a dance which told the Aboriginal story of how the Gold Coast was formed. Yugambeh Museum Director, Rory O’Connor, recited an Indigenous Creation Story during Tom’s performance, which was a blend of contemporary dance.

Following the Launch was a double-bill performance, featuring Indigenous singer/songwriter Dewayne Everett-Smith and the Djuki Mala (Chooky) Dancers. Dewayne’s beautiful voice and stories of his childhood kept the audience enthralled as he performed songs from his debut album.

D’juki Mala, an Aboriginal dance troupe from Arnhem Land, combined traditional dance with a mix of hip hop, pop, Bollywood and even the Greek Zorba in an unforgettable hilarious performance. Their renditions included My Girl, Can’t Touch This, Singing in the Rain and a medley of Michael Jackson hits that had the audience in stitches. The Chooky Dancers’ feel-good comedy and excellent dance and acrobatic skills make them ideal entertainment for all ages, and their story of perseverance in the face of adversity make them a real inspiration for us all.

Amy Weatherall - Year 12 reporter

Let’s Celebrate, It’s Harmony Day

Harmony Day 21 March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Belonging is what makes us want to be a part of something greater than ourselves. What does belonging mean to you?

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

There are many ways we can celebrate Harmony Day – through sport, dance, art, film, music, storytelling, cooking and sharing cultural meals. By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place. There is more to be found on http://www.harmony.gov.au/about/

Harmony Day is an Australian Government programme and coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

National Close the Gap Day 20 March 2014

Every year people are encouraged to hold their own event on National Close the Gap Day to raise awareness about the 17-year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Strengthen the movement to Close the Gap

The inadequacy in infrastructure and service delivery to Indigenous people is now extreme; but the strong and sustained public support for action has put Indigenous health equality on the agenda of State and Federal Governments. The movement to Close the Gap now needs to maintain, and grow, to ensure sustained and meaningful long-term change; and most importantly, an end to the Indigenous health crisis.
**Interact group raised over $350 for Erakor Village in Vanuatu**

On March 8 our Marymount College Rotary Interact Club packed up our BBQ and headed down the road to the Gold Coast Fresh Meat Centre, to have a potentially successful BBQ and raise money for our international project. What we weren’t prepared for was the level of success we would run into.

The day started off a bit slow, with people coming in dribs and drabs to buy the great meat at the Meat Centre and we were catching them on the way out to buy a sausage and a drink, for morning-tea/lunch.

On behalf of the Interact Club at Marymount I would like to thank the staff at the Gold Coast Fresh Meat Centre for their generosity in providing the sausages, (which were great) the bread and the onions. We could not have done it without their support for our club.

By the end of our day, we raised just over $350! We were very happy with our efforts and very excited with the start of our international project. This year the club has decided to base our International project around ‘Erakor Village’ in Vanuatu. Our club president Millie Clout, went on a missionary trip over to the village and came back declaring that we needed to take action, in the best way we could think of, sending much needed funds to the village so they can build better schools, and living spaces for the people of Erakor.

Once again we would like to thank the Gold Coast Fresh Meat Centre for their contribution, Mrs Barlow, Ms Press and Mrs Weatherall, who gave up their day to come down and help us with the BBQ, and the fabulous members of Interact who cooked the BBQ, serve and constantly showed their support for our club.

Lucy Koschel - Year 11 reporter

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**The Rotary Interact Meat Centre BBQ**

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**Student Protection**

For Marymount College, making the school a place of safety, a nurturing community of care, is an essential part of our ethos and underpins our commitment to the protection of students. We strive to ensure a culture where all acknowledge and understand that student protection is the responsibility of everyone.

For enquiries in relation to Brisbane Catholic Education’s student protection processes please contact any of the following:

- Chris Noonan - Principal
- Angela Jeffrey - Counsellor
- Heather Clark - Counsellor
- Jessica Joyce - Counsellor

To view the following documents click and follow link or access on our website www.marymount.qld.edu.au > Student Services > Student Protection

**Student Protection Processes document**

**Brochures - Student Protection: Information for Families**

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**WANTED**

Your Foreign Currency!

Do you have lots of foreign currency cluttering up your home? Let us take it off your hands!

Donate to Project compassion and help those less fortunate.

Collection Box at SAO

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**Public Lecture with Graham Bassett**

Members of the public are invited to a lecture on the law and individual accountability in relation to social media. The lecture will explore cyberbullying by looking at the legal implications in student use of social media as it relates to defamation and employment, how legal issues are created (such as posting without thinking), as well as the protocols for using social media.

Date: Wednesday 7 May, 2014
Time: 6pm – 7.30pm
Venue: SCU Gold Coast campus (Room: A2.20)
Southern Cross Drive, Bilinga
(Access via Terminal Drive, Gold Coast Airport)
Contact Jane Gilmour E: law.events@scu.edu.au
T: 02 6620 3800

Graham Bassett is a barrister who holds a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma of Education from Sydney University, a Masters of Information and Communication Technology from Wollongong University and an Honours Degree in Law from Southern Cross University. Prior to becoming a barrister, Graham was Director of Information Technology at various schools in Sydney.

Graham occasionally lectures in Cyberlaw, Information Technology and the Law, and Intellectual Property at Southern Cross University. He is a member of the Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal for the Northern Rivers of NSW.

Graham is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and an accredited mediator under the National Mediator Accreditation Scheme. In 2013 he was appointed to the court-approved panel of mediators for the NSW District Court.

His bar practice includes civil and criminal matters and he is a member of the NSW Bar Association and Queensland Bar Association.
On March 14, Heidi Haley of Year 8 danced at the Hilton in Surfers Paradise for International Women’s Day. Heidi danced as a member of four, completing a routine, representing Marymount College very well.

International Women’s Day celebrates all of the achievements women have made in the past and up to this day. It highlights career opportunities for women of today and the important role they play in society. Heidi had a great day trying to raise awareness for International Women’s Day. “All in a day’s work, it was fun!” she said.

Carolyn Marcinkud - Year 8 reporter

Attending the International Women’s Day celebrations on the Gold Coast meant that a group of us were privileged to listen to several inspirational women who have succeeded in making their mark in today’s work force. For current and future leaders amongst the audience of students, our College representatives found the speakers stimulating.

Squadron Leader Amanda Gosling was an Aerospace Engineering Officer and flew a C130 Hercules airplane. She emphasised that to be a great leader, you needed teamwork, effective decision-making, courage and communication. Her personal anecdote involved facing the problem of the Christchurch earthquake and she had to prepare a plane in twelve hours so that it could provide supplies and transport the NSW specialists. Gosling was also involved in other humanitarian assistance such as the typhoon in the Philippines. Her finishing sentence of the day was, “We all have the potential to become strong leaders in strong teams.”

Christina Burns was once nominated for the International Women’s Day Community Service Award. She told us a story about how when she was young she had a stutter, but found that when she sung or acted in a performance it went away. This gave her confidence and hope, which she wanted us to have too. Her message of the day was, “It is very important to be a leader within yourself.”

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Students representing Marymount College Millie Clout, Madeline Dick and Lucy Koschel were all nominated in various categories and each received a Finalist award. We congratulate these aspiring girls and wish them every success in their future pathways.

Brooke Fraser - Year 11 reporter and participant

Her message of the day was to not say no to an opportunity and, above all, be humble about your leadership.
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**YEAR 12 UPDATE**

**Exams and Assignments**

Students are reminded to check their schedules and be prepared. Information is available on the College website under the Curriculum heading.

Full school uniform must be worn during the Exam block whether attending exams or presenting an oral as part of an assessment. Please note all students return to normal classes on Thursday March 27.

**Drive with care**

Students are reminded to be responsible citizens of the College. If you drive to and from school, you need to have a Permission form. This can be collected from Mrs Scott in the Coordinators’ office. Furthermore, reports about drivers speeding in the carpark are treated very seriously. A reminder to please be mindful of the students from the Primary school who may also be ‘sharing your space’.

Should you require further information about Year 12 matters, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Kevin Cornor and Irene Scott - Year 12 Coordinators

**UNIVERSITY SHOWCASE FOR YEAR 12**

The University guest speakers really put into perspective everything that we must consider when thinking about university. Hearing from experts and experienced people, it definitely was a worthwhile experience. I also found that there are so many pathways available for my interests and so it is up to me create my own future. How exciting!

**Aisling Waugh - Art Captain and reporter**

The University Showcase for me was very helpful in regards to guiding me along the pathway I am looking into for my future (biology, maybe health). The session gave me the opportunity to look at some more specific courses I could apply for and ask questions regarding how I would go about them. Many universities also mentioned some scholarships I may be able to apply for within those courses.

This has given me a much clearer idea of what is available to me, especially when it comes to learning overseas, and the support I will need throughout my studies at university.

**Caitlin O’Connor - reporter**

I am currently thinking of studying health next year, however I am not exactly sure what course I want to do or what university I want to attend. The University Showcase really widened my knowledge of possible pathways and helped me become more aware of what the different universities have to offer. It was also very helpful learning about the social, economic and practical aspects of university life because it is not always that students our age take into consideration these important factors when making their decisions.

**Caitlin McNamara - reporter**
Let Your Gift Shine

In week 3 of this term at the Opening Liturgy, the Year 12 students acted out a short play showing that instead of being selfish and keeping our gifts to ourselves, we should be sharing them with others. In Year 8, we connected with this message.

We have been studying the prophets and have learnt about Jeremiah and how he prophesied to the people, telling the story of “The Clay in the Potter’s Hands.”

During our religion lessons, our teacher, Mrs Baird encouraged us to reflect on our own gifts. We then created a symbol made from play-dough representing this gift, which is now on display in our classroom. This activity expressed our gifts to the whole class and tells us that everyone is special in their own way.

There were a variety of gifts, from being a good listener to being a good singer. We then thought about how we can contribute to the school community, our homes and to our local clubs and charities using our gifts.

Everyone needs to stop being shy and selfish and express their gift, for it could help someone.

Madeline Hodson & Amelia Fawsitt - Year 8 student reporters
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE DAYS
A reminder that Griffith University Experience Days registration is now open (Gold Coast Campus 2nd May), but places are filling fast! For further details, visit the Marymount College Careers Office today.

THE AUSTRALIAN YOUTH AEROSPACE FORUM
Are you considering a career in Aviation, Aerospace Engineering and Avionics? Or are you unsure about the options available at university? The Australian Youth Aerospace Forum (AYAF) is a five-day interactive forum open to Year 11 and 12 students from all over Australia who are interested in a career in the Aerospace industry. The AYAF runs from 30th June to 4 July 2014 with accommodation on campus at the University of Queensland Brisbane for $249 or $199 for Early Bird applications. Apply now at www.ayaa.com.au/ayaf-bris.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY EARLY ACHIEVERS PROGRAM
Applications Open: Monday, 11th August 2014
Applications Close: Monday, 20th October 2014
Visit: www.acu.edu.au/eap for more details
ACU recognises that you have more to offer than your academic results. The Early Achievers’ Program considers the contribution you have made to your community through your school and workplace, local community organisation, cultural and/or religious group. One of the biggest benefits of the program is that successful applicants receive an offer well ahead of the usual tertiary admissions announcement. See the Marymount College Careers Office for further details.

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Sports Dates
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 Period 3 & 4
Monday 12 May
- Regional Golf – Burleigh GC All Day
Thursday 15 May
- AGCC Semi-finals Sport
Tuesday 20 May
- Regional Soccer 15yr TBC All Day
Thursday 22 May
- Regional Basketball Runaway Bay All Day
- AGCC Grand Finals Sport
Thursday 29 May
- District Cross Country Carnival Pizzey Park All Day

Sports Coordinators Report

Queensland Junior Surf Life Saving Championships

Last weekend the SLSQ Junior State Championships were held at North Kirra and then atCurrumbin Creek on Sunday (due to the big surf). Marymount had many students representing their surf clubs across many events. Congratulations to the following students who managed a medal in events over the weekend:

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Thursday Sport

It was disappointing to see such a low attendance of our Year 11 and year 12 students at sport yesterday. We had to forfeit 19 games to other schools due to our senior students choosing not to attend sport during exam block. This was very disappointing given all students and families were made aware that sport was compulsory during exam block.

All students must attend sport on a Thursday.
Marymount has entered teams into the AGCC Semester 1 Inter School Sport Competition and all students are in an inter school team. Failure to attend sport on a Thursday could mean that your team has to forfeit, which is not fair to your other teammates or the opposition school. If you need to make appointments you need to make these for outside of school hours.

District Trials

There are no more District Trials this term. The next round of trials begins in week 2 next term. The sports will be advertised in next term’s newsletter and the daily notices.

Billets

Billets are still required for the 15 & under Boys and Girls Football teams competing at the State Championships in August. If you think your family can host a student for 4 nights from Wednesday 13th to Sunday 17th August. Please contact me via email: info@marymount.qld.edu.au or have your child see me in my office to receive further information.

Trent Balym - Head of Sport

Taking part in sports benefits students, physically, socially, and mentally
Marymount College 2nd XII - Game 1 vs St Michael’s College

The first game of the highly anticipated Titans Challenge competition began at Firth Park in Mudgeebara. The boys started as if they had been playing together for a while, as it certainly didn’t look like it was their first game of the season. Strong communication and go-forward saw the boys dominate field position early, where half-back Reid Henderson’s crafty footwork got him and Marymount on the board five minutes into the game. Strong all round defence led by Zac Dickens and Jordan Whale brought about a forced error by the St Michael’s outfit in their own half. This allowed a strong set and perfectly executed final play to send Liam Rolls over in the corner for MMT’s second. The boys took their foot off the pedal late in the first half which allowed the opposition to score two soft tries to level with us at half time.

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What a start to the season!

Marymount College 2nd XII – Game 2 vs Robina State High School

The second game of the competition saw us up against what we knew were a strong Robina High School outfit. We knew they were going to come out persistently powerful and that we had to be aggressive and disciplined to match them. The boys certainly did that, starting the game almost perfectly which seemed to stun the opposition, which saw Reid Henderson, Liam Rolls and Bryce Jansen execute the perfect backline play from 50 metres out to put Bryce in the corner for the first
try of the game. The boys went neck and neck with Robina for the next 15 minutes, both schools playing strong football producing solid defence and minimal errors. A lazy defensive effort by Marymount in front of their own try line allowed Robina’s backline to capitalise and put them on the board to level with us 6 all at half time. The second half started strongly for Marymount, although poor discipline resulted in a few penalties going against us which saw Robina dominate the field position, eventually cracking our persistent and ‘never say die’ defensive line to go 6 points ahead of us. The boys seemed to show a relentless and gritty attitude to try and claw their way back into the game, with standout performances from Brandon Cittadini-Smith, Zac Dickens, Phil Oliver, Ben Moroney, and Kyle Gibbard. Unfortunately, too many unforced errors at crucial stages began to frustrate the boys, which then showed in our discipline by giving away cheap penalties which allowed Robina to kick a penalty goal 15 metres out right in front to ensure that they were 8 point victors at full time. 14-8. Although the boys buckled towards the end of the game, it was clear that we showed strong signs of intent and character and the positive willingness to improve. Whole team discussions after the game concluded that the boys were happy with their efforts, and were excited to work on and improve specific selected areas. Zac Dickens and Brandon Cittadini-Smith took out dual man of the match awards, whereas every other player gave 100% and should be very pleased with their efforts.

Marymount College 2nd XII – Game 3 vs Merrimac State High School

A slightly different looking team took to the field for the third game of the competition against Merrimac SHS. Player unavailability and other commitments meant that we had to change our approach and strategies for this week game, having many players in different positions.

Brandon Cittadini-Smith was to play his first game at five-eighth where Ben Moroney was to partner him, moving from dummy-half to play in the number 7 jersey. This proved to be a good move early, as the halves showed clear communication with the forwards showing some competent structure early. Jay Rosenthal was looking more confident as ever in the number 9 position, also contributing to our strong go forward. The boys were quick on the board through Ben Moroney, who showed strength to dart his way to the try line from close range early. Merrimac hit back straight away through an almost un-defendable attacking play.

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Defensive was a key talking point during our preparation, and it was very clear that the boys in blue exhibited their ‘blue wall’ perfectly, showing consistent line speed, numbers in tackles, dominating the play the ball and working from marker well. The Marymount boys had the Merrimac outfit on their feet and under the pump. This allowed us to score two tries in quick succession to Liam Rolls and Zac Dickens. The feeling at half time was great given the boys were doing everything right. The best start to a game in the season yet. The boys went out in the second half and stayed strong in many areas, but seemed to become lazy as the clock ticked towards full time. Our error count was something not to be proud of, although we did manage to score twice more through Lachie Smith and Kyle Gibbard. Fortunately for us, Merrimac were not able to capitalize on our errors to which we eventually came out victors, 22-6. Although the overall effort was very pleasing, it is important for us to recognise that stronger opposition will not let us get away with being lazy, and will capitalize on our smallest errors. Man of the match went to Ben Moroney, with special mention to Jamie Sallows, Phil Oliver, Caiden Weston and Mitchell Baker-Beaumont for their efforts. Once again, another full team effort resulting in a convincing victory. Bring on next week!

Sam Harreman - Rugby League Coach