NGANMARRIYANGA STUDENT VISIT – HOSPITALITY CONTINUES

While our Japanese visitors from Osaka departed last Saturday we welcomed more students from Nganamariyanga School in the Northern Territory on Monday. Nganamariyanga School is located on Palumpa Station in the Daly River Reserve 375km southeast of Darwin. The surrounding community has a population of 450-500 and the language most commonly spoken is Murie Patha. The community can be accessed by 4WD during the dry season only, or via regular air passenger services. Students attending the school come from Nganamariyanga and the outlying areas of Wadapuli and Nama, 25 km from the school. Nganamariyanga School is part of the Top End Group School and provides education to students from preschool to middle years.

On Thursday we received a presentation of a didgeridoo in appreciation from the Nganamariyanga students for the visit, the generosity of host families and the warm welcome extended by these families and the school community. The exchange between the Marymount College students and the visitors has been an exceptional experience for all involved. We thank Mr John-Paul Carroll for his initiative as a teacher at Nganamariyanga School, and Mr Tom Carroll of the College who made the visit possible. Thanks also to Mrs Kim Parker, Mrs Monica Weatherall for their work in facilitating the exchange.

SENIOR LEADERS, SENIORS AND THE QCS TEST

This week’s Senior Leaders’ Meeting was primarily about preparations for Marymount Day on Friday 5th September. Led by the College Captains, Liam Larkin and Maddie Dick, it was a tight meeting, focussed on the agenda and run to time within the lunch break. These are very capable leaders of a Senior Group who are working well and for whom we have high hopes as they complete the QCS Test next week, leading into Marymount Day Activities on the Friday. Block Exams for Year 11 and 12 follow over the final two weeks of Term.

Obviously it is critical that all seniors are well rested and prepared for the QCS Test next Tuesday and Wednesday. While some will, no doubt, be anxious, the QCS preparation throughout the year has them ready and prepared for the four tests which seek to establish their ability on this common set of tests for all OP eligible seniors. A positive approach, attention to test instructions and a focus on the specific demands of questions throughout each test paper, and for all four test papers over the two days, is vital.

The QCS Test results have a significant bearing on OP results. The QCS Test must not be taken lightly by any of the OP eligible students. The Senior Leaders, aware of its importance and the work that has been done to prepare OP eligible students, will be encouraging and leading their classmates as they work through the four test papers.

MARYMOUNT DAY LITURGY

9:15AM FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER DOYLE CENTRE

Parents are invited to join the College and Primary School as we gather to give thanks for our schools, those who established them and those who ensure that our schools continue to prosper. Our students’ efforts, parent support and the hard work of teaching staff are critical to our Marymount Schools and our Marymount Day Liturgy gives thanks for the blessings all these people bring. Do come along at the start of the day and join us for our Liturgy which will finish by 10:30am.

YEAR 9 2015 SUBJECT SELECTION BY WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Our appreciation to the many parents and Year 8 students who attended the Subject Selection Information Evening on Monday. Appreciation also to Mrs Hansen, Mrs Bullman, Mrs Harrison, Mrs Sajn and the Academic Coordinators for the preparation of the resources to inform parents and students and to enable online registration.
He acknowledged the student baristas and waiters who provided afternoon tea of students’ choices. Thanks also to Mrs Cooper, Mrs Sheehan, the Pastoral Teachers and the Year 8 parents for ensuring our Year 8 students are on task and continue to do well in 2014.

MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WEEK
25-31 AUGUST

This week recognises the needs of Migrants and Refugees throughout the world. The plight of refugees coming to Australia, throughout Europe, in the Middle East (Israel, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Turkey) is too easily forgotten in our busy (and for most) comfortable lives. May we continue to be seekers of truth and advocates for justice for the displaced people of the world. May we be welcoming to migrants to Australia as we recognise that we too are descendants of migrants in this great land.

ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE VISIT

We were delighted to welcome Archbishop Coleridge back to the College as part of his Parish Pastoral Visit for 2014. With Confirmations on Friday night, First Communion on Saturday and Sunday and visits to Marymount Primary School (40 years celebrations) and Aquinas College (50 years celebrations) it was a busy time for the Archbishop.

As with his visit in 2013 to open the Art Media & Technology Building, Archbishop Coleridge met with the Senior Leaders who appreciated his easy and inclusive manner. They spoke about school work, the pressure on seniors, the QCS test, Social Media and the students’ hopes for the future. The Archbishop acknowledged the student baristas and waiters who provided afternoon tea before moving on to meet with the Admin Teams of the Primary School and the College and later to a gathering of the combined staff of both schools.

All spoke of the Archbishop’s presence, his command as a speaker and his warm engagements with all he meets.

We will invite the Archbishop to return to the College in 2015 to open the Franciscan Centre buildings, the Stage II of which will be completed for the start of the new school year.

GOOD TO BE BACK

It is great to be back following sabbatical leave involving a four week program in Israel followed by time with grandchildren in London and Oslo. It was a delight to follow College events and the efforts and achievement of students through the Newsletter over the very busy first six weeks of Term.

Thank you to all who ensure great stories, news and information for the newsletter each week.

Chris Noonan
Principal
The NAPLAN results were released last week and by now you should have received the individual report for your son or daughter. We were very pleased with the results that were above State average in all areas. Well done everyone. The classroom teachers will be analyzing these results and the data used for further curriculum planning. If there is any particular discrepancy with your son or daughter’s report that you wish to follow up with QSA, please contact me or call the College on 5586 1000.

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All Year 8 and 9 students have been now given the Subject Selection booklets for 2015. Please complete the selection forms and return to SAO and also go online and enter the selections on the school intranet. The opportunity to make a selection closes next week. We will let you know early next term the subjects that have been allocated and then there will be a small window of opportunity to make further changes.

I will be on leave for the remaining weeks of term but Mr. Geoff Browne will be able to answer any of your questions pertaining to curriculum issues.

**Marie Hansen - Assistant Principal - Junior Secondary**

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - PASTORAL**

CYBERSAFETY: *Are these apps on your son or daughter’s phone?* You may have seen theses apps on your son or daughter’s devices or heard them talk about them, but do you know what they are and how they are used?

Two more to look out for:

SnapChat  **Age restriction 13+**

Snapchat is a photo messaging app which allows users to take photos, record videos, add text and drawings and send them to a controlled list of recipients.

These photos and videos are known as “Snaps.” Users set a time limit for how long recipients can view their Snaps and this can be from 1 to 10 seconds. After this time they will be hidden from the user’s screen, but are totally retrievable if required.

Known as the “safe sexting” app, Snapchat is used to send fun, harmless photos. This is fine but when kids and teens use it to send naked or semi-naked pictures or other inappropriate content, it can cause trouble for all involved. Also watch out for apps that can be used to save Snaps to the recipient’s phone.

Tumblr  **Age restriction 13+**

A blogging site that allows you to post, comment and share your thoughts about anything of interest to you. You can also follow other users to see what they are posting about any given topic.

Whilst the site was set up to encourage creativity and to allow others with similar interests to connect it is now known as a haven for those who are depressed, suicidal and self-harming. Use of this site needs to be closely monitored if you are going to allow access.

Almost equal to the positive interactions and interesting blogs are the seedy underbelly that needs to be avoided.

More ‘App Info’ to following in coming newsletters.

**Amy Anderson - APA Pastoral (Acting)**
We are currently in the process of collating the data and commencing the process of building Lines for the Year 11 2015 subject offerings which will give the best fit to the most students; within the constraints of our classroom and teacher availability and other necessary considerations, not just in Year 11 but across the whole school. I anticipate we will be able to confirm subject choices in the mail, before the end of the Term.

Following the Semester reporting of last term we have made use of a system which replicates the OP calculation used by the Queensland Studies Authority. This is not a prediction, as the data inputted is not the complete data used upon graduating from Year 12. It is especially ‘false data’ since, to complete the calculation, the results of previous QCS test data from our school is required. It is, however, a relatively accurate guide to anticipate a likely range individual students can expect. Students need to book an appointment time with me or with Mr Murtagh so as to discuss these ‘results’. We have concluded these interview with current Year 12 students at this stage.

Exam block runs from Monday 8th September to: Monday 15th September- Yr 11 (Last day) Tuesday 16th September- Yr 12 (Last day) All students then return to classes on the following day(s) to commence term IV work for the remainder of Week 10.

An Exam Block Schedule will be published a week prior to the starting date. The schedule will be delivered electronically, attached to the Newsletter and located on the College website.

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.

Peter Shaw - APA Senior Secondary
ADMINISTRATION

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The heavy rain and cool temperatures of Friday last week didn’t dampen the warm welcome given to Archbishop Mark Coleridge by the Senior Leaders. Archbishop Mark and Fr Ken enjoyed lively conversation and an elegantly prepared afternoon tea courtesy of the Hospitality students. Our special guest also enjoyed meeting and chatting to teachers at a staff barbeque after school.

Over the past few days the College has been privileged to host twelve students and their teachers from the remote Daly River area as they have been visiting the Gold Coast for the very first time. Some Marymount Mob members were lucky enough to accompany the visitors as they experienced a trip to Dream World and Surfers Paradise. These young Australians are quite different to Gold Coast dwellers in so many ways and their enjoyment of simple things is refreshing and enlivening for those who have been sharing time with them. A special farewell assembly was held on Friday morning at which the College was presented with gifts of a didgeridoo and clapsticks, decorated especially for us by some of the group.

The message below from Catholic Mission is a call for volunteers and is also destined for Parish Newsletters across the Archdiocese. If you would like to get involved in the action all the details are here.

Catholic Mission is currently looking for volunteers to help staff an installation aimed at raising awareness about the issue of refugee children in detention. This social justice initiative, which will involve a public ‘cage’ being set up in the Cathedral Precinct needs to have volunteers to interact with members of the public during its time in Brisbane. A roster will be prepared of those who are available over the five school days (September 15-19) and also on each of the two weekends (September 13/14 and September 20/21). For further information about the End Detention project, or to register your interest, please send an email to Catholic Mission’s Education Officer, Michael Jones, on mjones@catholicmission.org.au or visit our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/catholicmissionbrisbane) and leave your name, the parish you are from and an indication of dates and times you are available, as a post on our wall. We will follow you up from there.

Marymount Day preparations are gathering momentum and students are encouraged to bring donations of canned/dried food and toiletries for distribution by the local St Vincent de Paul Society. A cursory glance at baskets in some classrooms this week suggests that a number of students have yet to bring something in. Perhaps a word in the ear from the home front will change that picture by Thursday of next week.

You are cordially invited to join the Marymount College and Primary School Community for a celebration of a Liturgy of the Word to mark Marymount Day on Friday, 5th September, 9.15 am in the Doyle Centre.

Dolores Maitland - APRE

St. Augustine of Hippo

FREE THE CHILDREN

END DETENTION

TAKE PART IN THIS GROUNDBREAKING ACTION!
COME TO THE CATHEDRAL PRECINCT IN BRISBANE END 11 SEPTEMBER - 12 SEPTEMBER JAN - JUN
An award-winning sculpture by the Gas artist has created this installation that physically represents the 800 children in locked detention.

Dimensions of the net are 5.5m long x 2.3m high x 2.5m wide. The artist is Benjamin Liber www.benjaminliber.com


Breathe in me O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

Amen
WOMEN IN THE AIR FORCE INFORMATION SESSION

Defence Force Recruiting Coolangatta is hosting an information session on women in the Air Force on Wednesday, 3rd September (6pm) at the Kurribin RSL. With over 60 roles, a great work-life balance and a supportive culture, life in the Air Force is not what you might expect. Come along and meet women currently serving and hear about their lives in the Air Force.

To RSVP phone: 55693900 or email jawest@dfr.com.au.

JUNIOR NANNY CERTIFICATE COURSE
CHARLTON BROWN

During these school holidays, Charlton Brown is offering a 3 day Junior Nanny Certificate course delivered at the Southport Community Centre, Lawson Street (29th September – 1st October).

The cost is $250, and for further details, contact Teresa-Marie Thomas on 3216 0288 or email: Teresa@charltonbrown.com.au.

BOND UNIVERSITY – LAW COURT DISCOVERY

The Faculty of Law would like to invite students to attend the Court Discovery event on Thursday, 16th October 2014. The program will provide an insight into a courtroom environment, and how the Australian Criminal Court System operates.

For further details and to register, see the Marymount College Careers Office or email kkoehler@bond.edu.au.

CURRUMBIN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY – WORKING WITH ANIMALS CAREERS EXPO

FRIDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER 2014 (8AM-2PM)

Representatives from different animal fields, including RSPCA, Department of Primary Industries Sniffer Dog Team, Gold Coast City Council, Universities and TAFES with Animal Related Courses and Kurribin Wildlife Sanctuary staff will be present.

For further details, see the Marymount College Careers Office or visit www.cws.org.au.

UQ’S WOMEN IN ENGINEERING EVENT

The University of Queensland’s Women in Engineering program has cemented its leading position in Australia. Current Year 11 & 12 students are invited to attend the WE Explore Engineering Day on Tuesday, 16th September (8.45am-2.30pm).

The all day program will allow students to participate in hands-on workshops showcasing different specialities available.

For further details, see the Marymount College Careers Office or visit www.eait.uq.edu.au/we-explore-engineering-day.

TERTIARY PREPARATION PROGRAM

USQ OPEN ACCESS COLLEGE/SCU PREPARING FOR SUCCESS PROGRAM

Both USQ and SCU are offering students Tertiary Preparation Programs which assist to develop the academic skills needed to succeed at university, as well as gain entry into their desired course for those with OP/Rank or prerequisite concerns.

Further information available by contacting the Marymount College Careers Office or by visiting www.scu.edu.au for Southern Cross University or phone the University of Southern Queensland on P: 1800 803 781 or E: oac@usq.edu.au.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP
GENERAL POSITIONS VACANT

HOSPITALITY
Neptune Pizza (Chin Park/Gaven)
Latta-Mor Coffee Bar (Helensvale)
Healthy Habits (Helensvale)
La Siera Café (Nerang)
Gloria Jeans Coffees (Helensvale)
Bumbles Café (Budds Beach)
Gourmet Espresso (Pacific Fair)
Dumpling Republic (Robina Town Cnt)
Crema Espresso (Robina Town Cnt/ Pacific Fair)
Lava Carts (Robina Town Centre)
The Beach Café (Surfers Paradise)
Grilled Seafood Bar (Broadbeach)
Crema Espresso (Main Beach/ Pacific Fair)
Tandoori Place (Miami)
Muffin Break (Runaway Bay)
Crust Gourmet Pizza (Surfers Paradise)
Flavors at Ferry (Southport)
Pizza Hut (Elanora)
Tweed Heads and Coolangatta SLSC
Marigold (Broadbeach)
Lunchtime Cafe (Pacific Fair)
Tikka Bar “Indian Tapas” (Mermaid Beach)
Ocean Grill (Worongary)
Noodle Box (Biggara Waters)
Mrs Fields (Pacific Fair)
Baby Grand Coffee Lounge (Broadbeach)
1tw03 Mediterranean Dining & Lounge Bar (Broadbeach)
Sumo Salad (Pacific Fair)
Nandas (Mermaid Waters)
Belvedere Restaurant (Worongary)

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

VOCA TIONAL EDUC A TION AND CAREERS

PU GGY HUN TER MEM ORIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The scholarship provides financial assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are intending to study a health related course at an Australian Educational Institution in the following professions:

- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health work
- Allied health (excl pharmacy)
- Dentistry/oral health (excl dental assistants)
- Enrolled nursing
- Medicine
- Midwifery
- Registered nursing

Scholarships are worth up to $7,500 per year for part time study and up to $15,000 per year for full time study.

For further details, see the Marymount College Careers Office or the Australian College of Nursing (ACN) scholarships team on P: 1800 688 628 or E: scholarships@acn.edu.au.

WANT TO TAKE A GAP YEAR BREAK WITH CCUSA AUSTRALIA

For 28 years, CCUSA have been sending school leavers and young Australians overseas on work, travel and cultural exchange programs. CCUSA is best known for Camp Counselors USA program which sees participants working with children as activity leaders at summer holiday camp for approximately 9 weeks between June-August, with hundreds of camps across the USA.

For further information, visit the Marymount College Careers Office or visit www.ccsusa.com.au or p: 1300 859 040.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP
GENERAL POSITIONS VACANT

PHARMACY/RETAIL
Priceline Pharmacy (Upper Coomera)

HAIRDRESSING
Philip & Guy Hair Design (Helensvale)
Queen of Hearts Hair Studio (Maudsland)

BUSINESS
Rusty’s Mechanical (Southport)
PRA Consulting (Mermaid Beach)
Origin Health & Fitness (Paradise Point)
Metal Roofing Company (Molendinar)

DENTAL ASSISTING
Labrador Dental Surgery (Labrador)

COMMERICAL COOKERY
Marigold (Broadbeach)
Goa Indian Fusion (Main Beach)

Please contact the Marymount College Careers Office for further details and to apply.
THE MAYOR’S TECHNOLOGY GROUP

Minh Nguyen, Sam Reiher and Nick Shaw have been busy preparing their entry for the final phase of the competition. They have to produce a three minute video and give a two minute pitch as their final entry. The boys have attended sessions at Bond University learning about how to come up with ideas for technology, finding solutions and programming for games and 3D.

They thoroughly enjoyed their session on Monday 25 August, playing with the 3D printer and programming games. The 3D printer will be very useful to produce the prototype of their product - *NeverLost, the personal locator*.

Thanks must go to Kaylene Langford and Guillaume Greffe for their inspiration and help to get the boys directed and motivated with their entry. The boys have met with them every Tuesday afternoon and their help is invaluable.

Colleen Organ - Head of Business Studies

TRIBUTE TO YEAR 12 DEBATERS

A huge special mention needs to go to four very long-serving and passionate students, who have represented the College both successfully and with honourable effort over the last four years.

Caitlin O’Connor, Nikara Rangesh, Caitlin McNamara and Aisling Waugh have worked together as a debating team since Year 9. Each year, the team has progressed to the final series, proving not only great talent, but also a penchant for speaking with conviction and eloquence and outstanding dedication. The girls have not only made this time for their own success, but in their more senior years Caitlin O’Connor has volunteered her time and experience to help with coaching our junior teams, and along with Nikara has worked in adjudication for the junior competition.

Now in Year 12, these students have still managed to make time for this contribution to the cultural life of the college while maintaining academic success and numerous other extra contributions. The final series always takes place during the busiest time of year, but the girls have never hesitated to find time after school, during lunch times and even over their holidays to practice short preparation techniques and catch up on useful current affairs knowledge.

This year they were unfortunate to be narrowly defeated in the Quarter Final by the team who ended up taking out the competition. On the night, the adjudicator commented that the quality of the debate was superior to the previous year’s Grand Final, and the competition’s chief adjudicator noted that they deserved to be in the final this year. They are well-known in the association as a strong team, contributing heavily to the reputation carried by Marymount College for providing quality debaters every year. Congratulations to these girls – without doubt the last of their contributions is yet to be seen.

Janie-Marie Burgess - Year 12 Debating Coach
3 Marymount teams competed in the regional Opti-minds competition for the 23rd Year in a row. Students were required to create an answer to a challenge. Marymount teams competed in two challenges: the Social Sciences challenge - *Imagi-nation*, and my team’s challenge - *Language Literature: Treely Ruly Ozzie*. Following this was a spontaneous challenge. As the name suggests we got the ‘challenge’ in the challenge room.

This challenge was to create a unique and strange gift. For this our team chose a very specific sole of a shoe, as a present at the funeral for a shoemaker, an inventive idea by a member of our team. From 9am-4pm we had a day full of stress, taking selfies, talking to Siri, practising, eating food and performing. Although we didn’t get a place, we all worked extremely hard to find time to work on our projects, usually meaning lost lunchtimes and hard work after school.

Although it was a challenging experience, it was a lot of fun too. So I’m sure many of us will be willing to take part next year.

*Matilda Teitzel - Year 8 reporter and participant*

Last Sunday 3 teams of students attended Griffith University with 500 other contestants for the Challenge where they proved, as the Opti-Minds philosophy states, that they were all unashamedly excellent. Students were required to respond to a challenge and working as a team they wrote a script, which was used to act out their response. The costing and designing of all the materials used to make props immersed the students in their challenge and tested organizational, time management and teamwork skills.

Team 1 consisting of Arisa Atanyakul, Jake Henderson, Shiralee Sweeny, Paris Ruscitti and Lucas Cameron and Team 3 consisting of Abby Wren, Isabella Kourkounakis, Sydni Taffe, Gabriella Gorman, Caitlin Avery and Tyler Macpherson all completed the Social Science Challenge. They had to imagine what living in the world without identity grouping might be like. Team 2 consisting of Aimee Mounder, Matilda Teitzel, Maggie Reynolds and Amy Thompson competed in the Language Literature Challenge in which they had to create a brand new ‘true blue’ tale which shows us about Australian life today. The creativity of all the teams was clearly evident and certainly made the day an enjoyable event.

All our unashamedly excellent students demonstrated that they were more than capable of working independently of a teacher and organized their own time to produce solutions to their challenge that were well received by the judges.

*Sue Barlow - Opti-Minds Coach*

Year 10 Home Economics have been learning about Healthy Meals. This week they made 2 delicious breakfasts with eggs: cheesy omelette with tomatoes, fresh herbs & wholegrain muffins, & buttermilk pancakes with fresh dates, homemade raspberry jam & rosewater. All students went away very satisfied after a very nutritious meal, ready for a day of learning!

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*HOME ECONOMICS*
Over the past two weeks, as an activity associated with the well-known Book Week, students from the College have been going to the Primary school to read to the Preps. We read stories such as “Who Sank the Boat”, “Hairy Maclary” and the group I participated in read “Where the Wild Things Are”.

Not only did we read to them however, each group got the Preps to participate in the story, from picking some helpers to enact the story to getting the whole class up and about. My group and I decided to let the Preps be the wild things, and as we read the book they roared and showed us how wild they could be! Afterwards, we split up into groups and sat down with them to read some of their favourite stories from their class bookshelf.

They listened to us eagerly until, unfortunately, we had to leave. The Preps were happy to have us and we were happy to join them. I’m sure everyone involved would like to give a huge thank-you to our teacher Librarian, Mrs. Cartlidge who organized the activity and hopefully we’ll be able to do it again next year!

Luke Harrison
Year 10 reporter and participant
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, Ivy Shambitt and the Sound Machine, and The Demon Headmaster were the fabulous plays entered by Marymount College in this year’s Gold Cost Secondary School’s Drama Festival. After months of rehearsals (and more rehearsals the week before competing than all the prior put together), these three productions took to the stage in their corresponding sections to compete against multiple other talented GC schools.

The first of the three to be performed was the year 8’s The Demon Headmaster, about Dinah Glass (Heidi Hayley, year 8) who goes to live with a new foster family and consequently attends a school, but one very different from the usual. The children don’t play rowdy games at lunch, but sit around memorizing facts, and her foster brothers are very nervous about the headmaster. The Demon Headmaster is about the indoctrination of our education system and considers whether everyone fits in to the set principles of schools. It was very successful at the Festival, placing 2nd in the junior division, with multiple honours awarded to the actors – the future stars of the College drama department.

I personally was a member of the senior production, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, which placed 2nd overall, and won Ceinwen Caesar and Kyle Plummer (Year 12) the Outstanding Actor and Outstanding Dramatic Performance awards, respectively. Being a part of such a welcoming and talented cast was an honour in itself, but to be able to tell the story of Christopher Boone of 36 Randolf St, Swindon, was so humbling and I am grateful for the experience. Christopher suffers from Aspergers, and decides to do some detecting after his neighbour’s dog is murdered, along the way discovering information about the world and people around him that changes everything.

The very talented Kyle Plummer (Year 12) portrayed this character beautifully, as the chorus depicted the inner workings of his mind – all very distinct patterns depending on his comfort in his present situation.

Then came the intermediate play: Ivy Shambitt and the Sound Machine. Ivy (Matilda Anderson, year 9) is “…a small and sickly girl – her face was quite a fright, for you see she had no eyes (not one!) and therefore: no sight”. But, as the orphaned girl grows older, people in the town begin to discover her talent with sound, and through exploitation and cruelty begin to abuse their brittle relationships with the girl, resulting in an outcome none would suspect. The utter flamboyancy of the costuming, hair and makeup created such an air of non-realism that complemented the actors and storyline impeccably, adding to the outrageousness of all characters but Ivy herself.

This play deservedly received the Adjudicators Award for “most original, creative and quirky” play.

To be able to be so involved in not only the senior play, but to assist with the intermediate and junior shows was so rewarding and personally brought me closer to many lovely people I wouldn’t have otherwise known. And to gain the experience from being a part of such a professional production with an amazing director is simply priceless.

Which lead me to thank all the teachers involved in the BHS work of the plays – Mrs Howe, Ms Anderson, Mrs Seigle-Buyat, Mr Turner and Mr O’Shea – you are all fabulous and we are so grateful to have you here supporting us. As always, the Arts family here at the College has expanded in size yet has become stronger than ever, and just in time for next year’s highly anticipated musical Hairspray!

Make sure to come along on Tuesday the 16th of September at 6:30pm in the Theatrette to watch all of these marvelous award-winning plays.

Taya Oxenham - Year 11 reporter and participant
Marymount are so incredibly proud of all of our students who were in this play.

**GOLD COAST SECONDARY SCHOOLS’ DRAMA FESTIVAL**

Marymount’s production of “Ivy Shambitt and the Sound Machine”, directed by myself, was entered into the Intermediate section of the drama festival.

I am so incredibly proud of all of our students who were in this play.

The cast members included Matilda Anderson, Lilly Van der Meer, Ebony Sievers, Jayde Hand, Hope Brass, Orlagh Harrison, Grace Mackney, Karla Macpherson, Sabrina Minford, Carlie Rached, Josh Muir, Dominic Larkin, Riley Williams, Samantha Maunder, Rhys Fields, Emily Cason, Elaine Blackwell, Paris Ruscitti, Luke Harrison, Hayley Mason, Cameron Horrocks, Niamh Gordon-Mills and Danielle O’Neill. Special congratulations should also be given to Josh, Matilda, Grace and the entire chorus who were all awarded Highly Commended certificates. A Highly Commended certificate was also awarded to the design of the piece.

The play had great success and was awarded the Adjudicator’s trophy for being a quirky, creative and entertaining play. Congratulations to all involved.

*Melanie Howe - Drama Coordinator*
UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS
Thursday 4 September
AGCC Semi-finals

Thursday 11 September
AGCC Grand Finals

Friday 12 September
Rugby League Presentation

Thursday 18 September
House Sport

Friday 19 September
2014 Surf Life Saving Queensland Secondary School Surf League begins

Thursday 9 October
Recreational Sport

Tuesday 14 October
AGCC Awards Evening

Thursday 16 October
Recreational Sport

Thursday 24 October
Recreational Sport

Thursday 30 October
Recreational Sport

SPORTING RESULTS

Want to see your student’s results published here? Let us know the results and we are happy to oblige.

2014 SLSQ SECONDARY SCHOOL SURF LEAGUE – SOUTH EAST REGION

SLSQ is bringing back the Secondary School Surf League on Friday 19th of September at North Kirra beach. It is open to all students who wish to enter – you don’t have to be part of a surf club to compete in surf races, flags or sprints. Events include: Surf Races, Iron Mans (Swim/Board only), Board Races, Flags, Sprints, Surf Teams, Cameron Relays and Beach Relays. Age categories are U13, U15 & 16+. If you wish to compete, please see Mr Balym to register your interest.

THURSDAY SPORT

This week we had the final round of games. Next week we have the semi-finals and then grand finals on Thursday 11th of September. All teams will play both weeks – whether they are playing finals or not. All year 11 students are expected to attend the games on Thursday 11th of September – there are no exams on during sport time.

SWIMMING QUEENSLAND

Swimming Queensland are holding FREE teacher workshops for anyone who is interested in becoming a ‘Learn to Swim’ teacher. The Gold Coast one is happening this Saturday 30th August at Palm Beach Aquatic Centre. For more information about this weekends course or dates of other courses head to: http://qld.swimming.org.au/visageimages/Get_Involved/Participation_Workshops/Gold_Coast_Teacher_Workshop_2014.pdf for more information.

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT YOUNG ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

If your child has competed at a State or State School Championships, National or National School Championship or International Championship you may be eligible to receive $200 financial assistance from the Queensland Government. Go to http://www.nprs.qld.gov.au/funding/overview/young-athlete.html to find out more information and to see if you are eligible.

SPORTING RESULTS

Many of the sporting results that happen outside of school only make their way to our newsletter because the students or their family inform the school. If you would like to have your results or your child’s results published in the newsletter, please contact me via email: info@marymount.qld.edu.au and I will make sure we have the details in the next newsletter.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This month the year 12 PE students organized a netball competition for year 9 students at lunchtime. They created 4 teams who played a round-robin tournament before concluding with the finals series last week.

In the rounds, the blue team went through undefeated to qualify for the grand final, while the pink and green teams played off in the preliminary final. Pink were too strong for green and advanced to Friday’s final against blue.

Friday’s final was a great game with many spectators from all year levels there to cheer on the teams. Pink jumped to a 7 - 5 lead at half time thanks to their very accurate goal shooter. Blue made some positional changes at half time and came out fired up in the second half, blowing pink off the court to run away 16 – 9 winners.

Well done to all year 9 players on the efforts over the 3 weeks of competition and congratulations to the winning players: Dakoda Sawyer, Dean Burge, Maddy Brown, Daniel Thomas, Jack Barns, Katie Jarratt, Isabella Freeman, Ali Harris, Casey Roberts and Jack Mallory.

Trent Balym - Head of Sport & PE
This time for the Year 11s is proving to possibly be one of the busiest, and rewarding terms of our high school careers.

Leadership Packs have just been issued, Musical Auditions have been held, with Callbacks next Tuesday, Interact Board Handover occurred on Tuesday, and with Exam Block two weeks away, the pressure is on for those students who thrive on being involved.

We are starting to realise now the responsibilities we uphold for the younger students. Those who participate in Peer Support understand how much the younger grades look up to the older students and I believe that during this term, many have stood up to the plate, and become the great role models the teachers know we can be.

As Year 11 students, we are striving to be the best possible leaders we can be. With our final year just around the bend, we finally understand the stress and pressures of being a senior.

We are enjoying Year 11, challenging as it may be, but having the younger students look up to us, is such a rewarding experience, and we can only hope we are doing a good job of leading them.

Lucy Koschel - Year 11 reporter and participant

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EXCELLENT RESULTS FOR THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This year during the crazy few weeks that involve eisteddfods and competitions, the Marymount Music Department came out with some excellent results.

To begin with, the Ormeau Battle of The Bands occurred. One of our rock bands, Shadows of the Sun, with members, Izzy Domanski, Lee Wolf, Brandon Moon, Jacob Meyer and Georgia Wheatley took out the First place. We are so proud of this band that has come a long way in the past year.

When the all female Vocal Ensemble took to the stage at the Gold Coast Eisteddfod, we were both nervous and excited to showcase the hard work we have been putting into our set. When the winners were announced we were ecstatic to learn that we came third. The winners were flawless and were great sports; definitely competitors for our choir.

When we jumped on the bus to head up to Brisbane to perform our set in the Catholic Colleges Music Festival, we thought our luck may have come to an end, but found to our excitement that we had earned a Silver medal overall. Thank you to Miss Young and Mr Faughey for looking after us all day, and making sure we performed to the best of our ability.

The Concert band also did really well at the Catholic College Music festival, attaining a silver medal.

Congratulations to all who competed and thank you to all the teachers who have put in time and effort for us!

Lucy Koschel - Year 11 reporter and participant
A reminder to all students to please be dressed in full school uniform for this group photo. You will be required at 8.15am at the bottom of the steps of the Doyle Centre.

If you have a Traineeship on this day, please advise your employer ahead of time to release you for this event. Anyone not dressed correctly will not be permitted to appear in this photograph.

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 2 AND WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3 - QCS TEST**

This week Year 12 students will have completed their practice tests and participation in tutorials in preparation for the upcoming QCS Test.

On Tuesday 2 September it will be the Writing Task and Multiple Choice 1; on Wednesday 3 September the tasks will be Short Response and Multiple Choice II.

Students are expected to be present at the bottom of the Doyle Centre steps at 8.15am on each day. **The full school uniform must to be worn.** Additionally, a muffin and fruit juice breakfast will be available to all students on both days from 7.30am in the Year 12 area.

**Students who have not brought their equipment, must do so on the day.** The list of required items can be found on the Year 12 Coordinators’ office door.

We congratulate all Year 12s for their commitment throughout the QCS preparation programme. We wish the Class of 2014 the best of luck as they work through the challenges ahead.

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4 – NORMAL DAY**

We remind students and parents that Thursday is a normal school day and attendance is mandatory. It is an appropriate time to assist in the preparation for Marymount Day.

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5 – MARYMOUNT DAY**

As this will be your last Marymount Day, we encourage students to turn up early on Friday and be part of the whole day’s activities. Make it the best ever!

**ROTARY INTERACT**

Tuesday saw the announcement of the 2014-2015 Board Members. Further information will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter. In the meantime, I join our Facilitators Ms Sue Barlow, Ms Kanae Aki and Mrs Weatherall in thanking the 2014 Board for leading the Marymount Interact members with such fervor and enthusiasm.

Special mention to our Year 12 Board members Millie Clout, Nikara Rangesh, Caitlin McNamara, Caitlin O’Connor and Amy Weatherall.

For further information regarding Year 12 matters, please do not hesitate to call the College on 55861000.

*Mr Kevin Cornor and Mrs Irene Scott*
*Year 12 Coordinators*

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**YEAR 12 GRADUATION 2014 PHOTOGRAPHS**

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