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Greg Casey
Principal Marymount Primary School

Savannah Brunton’s entry was the heaviest sunflower for a senior student

10:00am & 5:30pm Marymount Doyle Centre
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Sunflower Experts

Again our Agricultural Science students were strong contenders at the University of Queensland Sunflower Growing Competition. Their teacher, Mr Chris Larkin has helped the students to understand the variables that influence plant growth through practical field study. The student's entries in the Competition are obviously the examples of best outcomes from the experimental work. This practical experimental work provides excellent learning for these students, and for Savana Brunton’s, a happily accepted prize for her winning sunflower.

Marymount Titration Teams’ Success

It’s on again. Following our First placing in the National Finals in 2014, our titration teams have begun their 2015 campaign with success at the regional heats and we have reason to be hopeful of two or three teams progressing to the National RCIA Competition Finals. Our teams are tutored by titration maestro, Jennifer Webster. We congratulate Ms Webster and the teams on their efforts with particularly mention of Savana Brunton who, Mr Murphy reports, has done a power of work mentoring and encouraging our novice teams (six Year Tens) and been a great help to our Year Eleven Chemistry students.
AGCC Semi-Finals
As I write, the results of all semi-finals of the Association of Gold Coast Colleges’ Association Semester One Competition are still coming in. Sixty College teams contested semi-finals on Thursday. We congratulate these teams and their coaches, thank all staff for their efforts supporting the teams and anticipate further high numbers of College teams in the grand finals next Thursday.

Starbound Dancers
The Senior Extension Dance Team won the High School Dance section of the Starbound Entertainers’ Festival at Nerang Bicentennial Centre last Friday evening. The competition was particularly challenging as team performances used different genres or styles. The College team performed a contemporary piece and a jazz piece. It was their jazz performance that won. The College dance teams are now fully engaged in a program of eisteddfods over coming weeks. We wish them well.

Open Netball Team Plays Strongly
In a very competitive day at the Catholic Netball Cup in Brisbane this week, our Open Netball Team put on very strong performances to finish in fifth place in the Open A Pool. Coach, Ashley Jacks, and Manager, Tegan Crawford, were impressed with the resilience of the girls as they prevailed in a series of close encounters and held on gamely when confronted with superior opposition. The girls are feeling stronger on court as a result of their weight training. The combined efforts of Ms Jacks and Ms Crawford, with support from Mrs Browne will ensure further improvement as they get closer to the QISSN Carnival at Boondall in Brisbane 29 June to 3 July, the first week of the winter break.

Enrolment Interviews 2016/2017
Interviews for enrolments for 2016/2017 will continue on Monday. Further interviews will be scheduled in Term 3. Places for 2016 will fill, and a waiting list will be necessary. Inquire now and make a decision about enrolment for 2016 so that you aren’t disappointed.

Invitation
My appreciation to Mr Casey for his reflection on Pentecost. See our invitation to Mass on page 4.

Chris Noonan
Principal
Exam block schedule for Year 11 & 12 students will be released by Thursday 4 June

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SENIOR SECONDARY

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Exam Block

The exam block schedule will be emailed to students and parents, and published on the Parent Portal, the School App, by Thursday 4 June. Exam block privileges apply to the exam block period, allowing students to attend only when there is a scheduled exam. However, competency catch-up is compulsory for all students in VET subjects, until they are individually released by their teacher.

Compulsory Activities

Sport is also compulsory in Week 8; as is Year 12 QCS exam practice. Privileges can and will be revoked when and if there are outstanding assessment or other significant issues for individual students.

Reports

Reports will be posted in the first week of the school holidays. Parent/Teacher Interviews are conducted on Tuesday 21 July.

Peter Shaw
Assistant Principal Senior Secondary

Griffith University Dental Clinic

STUDENTS – receive FREE Dental Check-Up (including x-rays) and treatment*

*Conditions apply. Children 4 years and older but who have not yet completed Year 10 at school are eligible for free treatment under the QLD Health agreement.

ADULTS – FREE Dental Check-Up (including x-rays) also available with follow-up treatments at special fees* *Conditions apply.

Phone 1800 188 295 or visit griffith.edu.au/healthclinics to book an appointment.

Griffith Dental Clinic is located at:

Griffith Health Centre, Level 3 Cnr Olsen Ave and Parklands Drive Southport (Griffith University Gold Coast campus)
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 Marymount Doyle Centre
5.30pm Marymount Doyle Centre

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mary, Help of Christians

The Feast Day of Our Lady Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day, dates back to the start of the 1800’s at a time when Napoleon Bonaparte had gaol Mary Help of Christians in gaol. And later, when Pope Pius VII was elected he too was gaol by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau.

The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary.

The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on 24 May, 1814 Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome.

Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the Feast of Our Lady Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

The Australian Catholic community remained faithful to Mary and Australia was the first nation to choose her under the title, ‘Mary Help of Christians’ as principle Patroness.

Dolores Maitland
Assistant Principal Religious Education

CAMPUS MINISTER

Year 8 camp this year was a wonderful experience.

Having been for the Year 7 camp earlier this year, I was better prepared to add value to it. It was very fulfilling seeing the students challenge their limits and work through their fears. Many were surprised by what they were able to achieve with the encouragement of their peers and the instructors.

I was fortunate to get to know many students better and listen to their stories, joys, difficulties as they opened up their lives. The friendships, sharing, liturgy that was interwoven into the camp made it a worthwhile experience and I would recommend this mountain experience to all to staff if given an opportunity.

Edwin Pereira
Campus Minister

FACEBOOK PAGE- Youth Mass Burleigh Parish
Whole School News

DANCE: STARBOUND WINNERS

Marymount College’s Dance Team was judged the best Gold Coast High School Group at the Starbound Entertainer’s Festival on Friday night. The jazz routine, Run, received First Place (large group photo in black) from the acclaimed adjudicator, Peter Stock.

The Senior Extension Dance Team was excited to be placed at the top of the Gold Coast Schools for their first of many eisteddfods this year.

With students ranging from Years 8 to 12, Marymount’s Extension Dance Program had impressive success last year as well when it won various sections of the Brisbane and Beenleigh eisteddfods. The opening item of the festival, contemporary routine Blue Lips (large group in blue) was awarded a Highly Commended.

With the eisteddfod season just starting, our older dancers compete again, today (Friday 22 May), at the Year 12 and Under section of the Brisbane Eisteddfod and on Thursday 28 May, our Junior Dance Teams will also represent the College in Brisbane. The students have been working very hard, and we wish them the best of luck.

Three of the Senior Extension Dance members, Gemma, Amy and Piper, are pictured (below) with their trophy and ribbons from the Starbound Eisteddfod.

Shona Press
Dance Coordinator

UNIFORM NEWS

Winter uniform items are in stock (except for the track tops) and available for sale at the Uniform Shop Monday to Thursday 8:00am-3:30pm.

The College track suit is not compulsory and is only permitted to be worn on Thursdays (sport day). The College jumper can be worn every day for warmth and available in all sizes from the Uniform Shop.

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Our winter stock of track tops had arrived, but unfortunately due to a manufacturing fault, the track tops will not be available now until end of June. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

TUCKSHOP NOTICE

Extra volunteers needed to work over 10:30am - 1:00pm service period each day

Specials

Tuesday - Sushi $3.00
Wednesday - Nachos $3.50
Thursday - Sushi $3.00
Friday - Hot Dogs $3.00

TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Week 6
Monday 25 May
Karen Henwood
Tarrin Stewart
Tanya Allomes
Help Needed

Tuesday 26 May
Ruth Manzell
Rebeca Morrell
Tanya Mocke
Help Needed

Wednesday 27 May
Christina Heaton
Santina Morffew
Help Needed

Thursday 28 May
Donna Goodwin
Help Really Needed

Friday 22 May
Pauline Pease
Jo Martin
Tilly Lewis
Help Needed

Tuckshop Rosters
Available Here
Volunteers start at 9:00am and finish at 1:30pm. Tuckshop vouchers ($10) are provided for each day, and $40 is credited against the P&F levy in term 4.

Please contact the College on 5586 1000

Price List
Click here
International Buffet
The Hospitality Department would like to invite you to an International Buffet. This will be an event that you will not want to miss.

Date: Tuesday 2 June
Time: 6:00 - 8:30pm
Location: Marymount College Dining Room
Cost: $25.00 per person
Dress: Smart Casual
RSVP: info@marymount.qld.edu.au or 5586 1000 by 29 May

CHESS

A huge congratulations to Erinn Luckett (Year 7) who wowed and amazed us all by winning six of her seven games in her debut performance with the Marymount Chess team when we competed against approximately 170 other Gold Coast High School students in Round 2 of the Gold Coast High Schools Interschool Teams Chess Competition at King’s Christian College on Wednesday.

Erinn, together with the members of the Marymount 2 team, Ben Carolyn, Ryan Suddes and Steven Phan won first place in their division with Erinn being awarded the medal for 2nd place on the individual ladder. Next to impress us was another Year 7 student, Harrie VandenBroek who won an impressive 5.5 games and 4th place on the individual ladder.

Our Marymount 1 team: Russel Massey, Matthew Fineran, Enzo de Salvo and Josh Melfi also played well to attain twelfth place in A division. Caitlin Avery and Tom Whenuaroa who made up the remainder of the team, also had some success.

Congratulations to all our players. I was impressed by their enthusiasm, sportsmanship, behaviour and good manners. We look forward to competing in Round 3, or in the AGGC competition in August, when hopefully, some of our senior players will be able to take time out from their busy academic calendar and join us.

Photos from the competitions can be seen on the SPublic drive and at www.gardinerchess.com.au.

Diana King
Chess Coordinator
At camp we learnt about the many talents students possess in our Year level.

YEAR 8 CAMP

As a Year 8 student I had the pleasure of attending the school camp at Mapleton. It was a fantastic experience to make new friendships and reconnect old ones.

The reason the College sent us on a camp this year was to bond as a cohort as most people still don’t feel comfortable with the change from primary to secondary school. The other reason we were taken on this camp was to help us express our secret talents and gift with the world or community.

“Your workmanship is marvellous, how well we know it”.

(Psalm 139:14)

This quote was used across the camp for a number of activities and events such as “Reflection/Gender Night. We had some visiting guests who came with tribal drums and had a mini jam session with us. We had many different chances to show off our talents - whether it was singing or dancing - it was a different and fabulous experience.

We also had some ladies come and do ‘Zumba’ with us. This was a very energetic and fun experience that I was glad I got to share with some of my closest peers. The activities helped us to understand the metaphor of ‘following the beat of your heart, following your own rhythm’.

I feel this camp has not only brought us together as a cohort but as one; we didn’t just bond with our peers, we bonded with the teachers who came with us. We experienced these new friendships and bonds we will treasure for the rest of our lives.

Molly Koschel
Year 8 reporter and participant

Last Wednesday Year 8 students and teachers hopped on buses for a three and half hour drive to head up to Mapleton where we would stay for the next three days. This camp enabled us to participate in some thrilling, educational and challenging team building activities.

My favourite activities were orienteering, raft building, the flying fox and the giant swing. Most of these activities involved being high off the ground, some varying for 11-25 metres. Some students, including myself were afraid of heights however, the support and encouragement that students got from one another was a great thing to see; this pushed us to the limit where we had to face our fears.

At this camp we also learnt about the many talents students possess in our Year level. When we watched the Year 8 talent show these particular students had the courage to get up and give it a go. They all did very well in their singing, instrument playing and dancing.

The experiences we had at Mapleton were great. I believe this was one of the best camps yet and I am thankful to all the staff and teachers that made this possible

Nikita Bazzana
Year 8 reporter/photographer/participant

View more Year 8 Camp photos on the Parent Portal
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Next week, your Year 8 son or daughter should be spending History homework time finalizing their preparations for the night of Living History. The research evidence and paragraphs are due next week – the last lesson of Week 6. Students will be finalising the 6 questions for the Night for homework. The students have a task sheet that will guide them through the process.

Regards,

Cheryl Fraser
Head of Social Science Department

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YEAR 8 - LAST PLAN OF NAPLAN

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word NAPLAN? It’s probably, “Uh” or “NOOO” or “Why God, why!” That’s what we all thought back in Year 3, when NAPLAN became our new exam buddy that would come haunt us every two years of our lives up until Year 9.

Well, for me, every two years, the test became less and less scary; up to a point where I only hope I have enough time to finish the test.

NAPLAN, or the National Assessment Programme – Literacy And Numeracy, was created back in 2008 as a form of torture for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Kidding, it is actually a way the Australian Government can see how schools and their pupils are doing, and if they are in need of learning resources, financial assistance or simply to compare schools in an academical way. Some might say that NAPLAN is no good or is a waste of time for students and teachers, but the test benefits both the school and the child. In four different tests – Language Conventions, Writing, Reading (& Comprehension) and Numeracy tests - are spread out over a period of three days in May and tells the student and teacher if they’ve had advances in their learning and if there has been any decline in their abilities. But like the teachers at my primary use to say, “...NAPLAN does not assess all of what makes each of you exceptional and unique...” Which I wholeheartedly believe is true. And Marymount shows that remarkably clearly.

This year, Marymount students of Year 9 took their final NAPLAN test ever and the Year 7s were reminded of the hard labour of the test. The teachers of Marymount advised that students do and try their best and work to the best of their ability, or as Mr Fren said, “It’s Nutrigrain for the brain!”

Josefina San Martin
Year 9 Student reporter and participant
Host Families Required

Host Families are required for students of Yuhigaoka Gakuen High School from Osaka, Japan attending Marymount College from 26 July - 9 August 2015.

This is a worthwhile opportunity for your family to learn about Japanese culture, while sharing with your Japanese student the lifestyle of an Australian family.

Families are asked to provide all meals and a friendly home for their student.

They will travel to and from school each day the same way as arranged for your own children (please provide transportation fee).

Payment to host families will be paid to assist with some of the expenses involved when hosting your student.

If you would like to host a Japanese student this year, please contact Ms Kanae Aki to obtain a Host Family Application Form.

Information Flyer available on Parent Portal under forms and documents.

Please contact Yoko if you need information about this program.

Yoko Sugimoto
ISS – Study Tour Organiser
3870-9114
operations@griffithiss.com.au

Kanae Aki
LOTE Coordinator
kaki@marymount.qld.edu.au

YEAR 10 COORDINATORS REPORT

As a follow up to the Careers Expo that Year 10 students attended a few weeks ago at RACQ Royal Pines, Mr Cornor and Mr Rezo have started interviewing all students in preparation to the Careers evening and subject selection afternoon next term.

This area of Year 10 is extremely important as students need to carefully decide what subjects they are going to take during Year 11 and 12, which helps them choose a suitable pathway when they end Year 12.

Students will be issued a booklet which gives detailed information on all jobs, what students need to have as far as personal aspects, education and training, job opportunities and web sites to visit for further information and a very detailed booklet on the subjects available to all students at Marymount.

Year 10 Pastoral Coordinators are working closely with Mr Peter Shaw (Assistant Principal Senior Secondary Curriculum), Mr Jason Hamilton (Head of Vocational Education & Careers) and the Careers Department as well the Academic Coordinators for each subject area.

Although it seems like a very long time before students reach the end of Year 12, the more information and time they are given to clearly understand what they need to do, will have huge benefits for them later.

If parents wish to discuss or would like further information on subject selection or careers for Marymount students please contact Mr Peter Shaw, Mr Jason Hamilton, or Year 10 Coordinators: Mr Kevin Cornor and Mr Simon Rezo.

Kevin Cornor
Year 10 Coordinator

YEAR 10 CAREERS EXPO EXCURSION

On the Couch with reporter Reece Jackson with fellow peers Rachael O’Connor, Nico Sheek and Caitlin Jablonski.

Year 10 students travelled to RACV Royal Pines Resort, where they joined other Year 10 students from schools all over the Gold Coast to take part in a Careers Expo. There were a great number of stalls taking in any career opportunity you could think of!

1. Did you have a career in mind before the Expo?
Rachael: Not really, I’ve had some little hints and ideas on where to go but not so far.
Nico: No, I had no clue; I think that I was like most of the grade in this respect.
Caitlin: Like many others, I had absolutely no idea

2. Did you find something at the Expo that interested you sufficiently to possibly pursue a career?
Rachael: I found the scientific stalls quite interesting and they certainly gave me some ideas and pathways.
Nico: I found the filming and performing arts stalls engaging and I really enjoyed hearing about what I could do.
Caitlin: No, but I know what opportunities are available and my future is looking clearer.

3. Comment on your favourite stand.
Rachael: Bond University was terrific because they came up to us and talked to us and explained how it all works.
Nico: The game creations and sound making stalls were fun to hear about.
Caitlin: I enjoyed the Bond University stand; they gave me lots of info about topics I’m interested about.

4. Would you consider this a worthwhile excursion for the whole of Year 10?
Rachael: Definitely worthwhile. It opened up a world of information for us.
Nico: Very often we don’t know what we want to do after Year 12. Now is the right time to at least start thinking about it.
Caitlin: The awareness we have gained is going to be valuable for us when we start to think about subject choices later this year.

Reece Jackson
Year 10 reporter
CHEMISTRY - TITRATION

Since the start of Term 2, nine students have been hard at work learning the basics of Chemical Titration and getting ready for the regional competition at Griffith University.

We didn’t achieve a team finishing place, but two teams did get a score of 35, which is very close to the score needed in order to get to Nationals (that score being 33).

I had an amazing time practising for the competition, with the Wednesday afternoon ice-cream from Mr Murphy, and learning everything I could possibly know about titration from Mrs Webster and Year 12 Chemistry student Savana Brunton. It is now an anxious wait to see if my team and one of the Year 10 teams have made it into Nationals.

Ashley Pade
Year 11 student reporter and participant

It was one very enthusiastic bunch, as we had to be up early for the competition at 9:00am in Griffith University.

We were split into three teams. Team 1 Savana Brunton, Arisa Atanyakul and Ashley Pade, Team 2 Lani Biggins, Caitlin Hore and Bridget Jones and Team 3 Rachael O’Connor, Jared Cavanagh and Kayla Erwin.

Titration is a technique where a solution of known concentration is used to determine the concentration of an unknown solution. Each member of each team performs a simple acid-base titration exercise. An “unknown” acetic acid solution is then titrated with the NaOH solution. Now Titration isn’t as easy as it seems, it takes a lot of arm strength and mental concentration. Although we all had our own way of concentrating, some were silent, some were kneeling on the ground, I for one, was singing and talking very loudly! At the end of the day we all did very well, and were well fed with a variety of refreshments due to the kindness of Mr Murphy. Ohh and we all have a new found love - laboratory mood lighting!

This day was one which will always be remembered as we made lots of new friends (smart ones) and we are all very thankful to Mr Murphy, Mrs Webster and the Lab technician ladies.

Arisa Atanyakul
Year 11 reporter and participant

Read the Information Leaflet

Do you need Transport Information?
FORCED (short story for competition):

It is in our elderly years that we reminisce of times past. I sit in my sturdy wheelchair on the front porch, watching the lake’s water drift slowly in correspondence with the gentle summer breeze passing through the gum trees. Dead leaves blew about effortlessly, dancing on the concrete to the tune of the cicadas. The grass glittered with dew in the early morning light. As I sit here today, an old woman, my mind is drawn back to my life as a girl in the 1950s.

My life was happy and simple. The familiar red dirt covered me from head to toe. I playfully wrestled with my brothers to the ground as the night quickly swept the land. Peace, tranquility and quiet donned our lives and we let nature reign supreme. We hunted, played, laughed all day until the evening mealtime came. The others in my tribe were like a family to me. I knew where I belonged; right there with them.

My mind recalls a particular day which was to change the course of my life forever. I walked along the local creek with the other children of my tribe, my bare dark feet being swallowed in the soil like a crocodile swallowing its prey. I threw white stones into the calm water and watched their rippling effects. A loud rumble sounded like that of a storm, but the sky was blue. I stood, frozen, and stared at the other children whose eyes were fixated upon the dust. We all knew what that rumble meant. Terrified, we screamed and ran away with myself in the lead, but it was futile. One by one I saw my friends being swallowed up whole by the dust cloud. Its angry, white eyes glared at me as it gained quickly. They dragged me, kicking and screaming into the large, white monster. The manmade animal raced off, severing my cultural ties forever. It rumbled and roared over the rough dirt track as I screamed for my aunties.

The family that I was placed with was lovely. They were personable and delightful; not a single negative word about my “disgraceful” heritage was uttered. The woman was tall and chubby, her loose skin forming crevices all over her body, especially around her eyes. Her eyes were bluer than the sky on a fine day and as spritely as a young kangaroo. Tiny spots of brown were peppered all over her body, even up to the hairline. Long, thick, curly grey hair hung, framing her fleshy face with its tiny wisps of curls.

The man, unlike his wife, was scrappy with a gaunt face that would have looked villainous if it weren’t for his striking smile and twinkling green eyes that looked like gum leaves adorned in the morning dew. His greying brown hair vaguely resembled a dead lizard, hanging limply across his scalp. Both the man and his wife shared a loving smile that brightened my mood like an outback summer’s day. Lifting my head out of their warm embrace, I saw the place where I was going to live out the rest of my childhood.

The hunting is gone.
The laughter is gone.
The tribal spirits are gone.
My culture is gone.
My family is gone.
When did the life that I wanted become meaningless?

After that I often wondered ‘Why do I have to be white? Why can’t I be myself?’ but then I was my deplorable flaw; I was born Aboriginal. They told me that our skin left a mark on their magnificent society that was nearly impossible to remove and that I should be ashamed of my culture and heritage. I look down at my brown hands against the white armrests of the wheelchair. Has anything really changed? Sure Aboriginal children are allowed to stay with their families now, but has anything really changed? I slowly rotate my head from side to side, carefully observing my surroundings and saw a room full of white nurses tending only to elderly white people.

I was the only Aboriginal.
I have come to realise that change moves slowly.

Do you need Transport Information?
YEARS 11 - COORDINATORS REPORT

Plan, Know Your Due Dates!

We are now entering a crucial phase in the learning process. Students are expected to submit Drafts followed by Final Submissions usually a week later. It has come to our attention that there are still too many students who are not taking advantage of the Draft process. What this means is that if a student has not understood the task, not discussed it with the teacher concerned not submitted a Draft and receives a poor mark as a result, they have done themselves a disservice. This need not be the case. The responsibility rests with the student. We ask parents and guardians to please encourage students to check that all relevant dates for the submission of work are recorded in a diary and checked each day.

Preparation for College Mass

All Year levels will have their symbolic trait to share at the College Mass.

Year 11s have contributed ideas about the values they have identified in their learning about Social Justice.

These concepts – listed on this page - will become symbolic of the Year 11 cohort as they express their dedication and thanks for all that Marymount provides.

Thursday Absences

Students attending Thursday lessons, and in particular, QCS Practice sessions are reaping the benefits of gaining greater understanding about approaches to study, dealing with exams and improving their self confidence knowing they can handle a myriad of challenges.

Unfortunately there are too many students who appear reluctant to participate in this positive pathway. Instead, they choose to leave early on a Thursday.

We ask you as Parents and Guardians to support our students by helping them to understand the importance of our specially devised programs. Much thought and effort goes into the preparation of these sessions.

Participation in sport is mandatory and offers students opportunities for teamwork, fun and fitness.

Arranging appointments for Thursday should be a last resort.

Matthew Caroll and Irene Scott
Year 11 Coordinators

Our Values

- Love and Compassion are necessities when live and work with others.
- We treat each other with respect and act with courage, honesty and integrity.
- We establish bonds of Friendship, which grow into Loyalty and Trust.
- Incorporating Fairness and Equality in our lives means seeking solutions and creating compromise.
- We are grateful for opportunities offered at Marymount College so that we can truly experience life-long learning.

Access Parent Portal for letters, forms, photos, and details about your child
YEAR 11 & 12 - AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

Marymount grows the heaviest Sunflower!

Last Tuesday, Mr Larkin and the Year 11 and 12 Agricultural Science class travelled to the University of Queensland, Gatton Campus to participate in the 2015 Sunflower Growing Competition. Schools from all over Queensland and Northern NSW participate in this event each year.

Everyone in the class planted their sunflower seeds on 24 February and 11 weeks later there was a clear stand out in the sunflower grown by Savana Brunton (Year 12). Her sunflower was judged the heaviest sunflower for a senior student with the sunflower weighing in a massive 2.296 Kg.

While at Gatton, we heard from Research Scientist Dr Mike Bell about a variety of exciting careers in Agriculture, and the growing need for food as the population around the world increases. He grew up in the city but ended up in a career that applies science in a very practical way.

We also took part in five interactive activities about plant genetics, soil science, water quality and agronomy. We are all very proud of the result that Savana achieved and are excited to do it all again next year.

Philip Oliver
Year 11 Agricultural Science
Student reporter
The Careers Centre has a variety of resources available for students

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS/TRAINEESHIPS
Visit our website to view current School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships

RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL
Aurora Training Institute are conducting face-to-face group training certificate course.
DATE: Wednesday 3 June
TIME: 6:00pm - 9:00pm
LOCATION: Suite 25 “Acacia Centre Commercial”, 340 Scottsdale Dr, Robina
RSVP: Friday 29 May
admin@aurora.edu.au or
1300 936 864
PRICE: $50

YEAR 12 ENGLISH COMMUNICATIONS “MOCK INTERVIEWS”
An urgent appeal goes out to our Marymount Community for any professionals available to assist in a morning of “mock” interviews for our Year 12 English Communications students. Held over the morning on Friday 12 June in our Library, interviewers peruse application and resume details, grading interview skills including communication, presentation and knowledge.

We would be very grateful to anyone with some experience in recruitment and dealing with young people to become involved. For further details and to register, please contact Ms Leesa Lutze on E: llutze@marymount.qld.edu.urgently.

BIG DAY IN @ GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY
Come and hear speakers from companies like Microsoft, TCS, IBM, Adobe, Technology One, HP, ACS & more, talking about the future of careers in technology.
DATE: Tuesday 9 June 2015 (9:00am-2:30pm)
LOCATION: Griffith Health Centre, G40 Lecture Theatre, Griffith University
CONTACT: Karrie Biasaro P: (02) 8296 4444 E: Kerrie.biasaro@acsfoundation.com.au
COST: FREE

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER TRAINEESHIP OPPORTUNITY
A rare opportunity currently exists for Year 10 and 11 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in partnership with Kmart and AFL SportsReady.
Successful applications will undertake either a Certificate II or III in Retail qualification. For further details and to apply, contact Toni Meyer-Gleaves E: toni.meyer-gleaves@alfsportsready.com.au or P: 3217 3500. Applications Close: 5:00pm Friday 29 May 2015.

YEAR 11 STUDENTS – CERTIFICATE QUALIFICATIONS
We have an impressive list of Year 11 Students are currently working towards gaining a certificate qualification while completing their Senior High School Certificate. These students deserve our recognition for their commitment to VET (Vocational Education Training).
Information on current vacancies, opportunities and support available is available from the Marymount College Careers Centre.

Visit the Marymount College Careers Centre online
SPORTS REPORT

AGCC Interschool Sport

Yesterday our students were involved in up to 60 Semi Finals in the AGCC Interschool Sport competition. A wonderful achievement! Results are still being finalized but we wish all of our students competing in the Grand Finals on Thursday 28 May all the very best.

Round 1 of the Semester 2 AGCC Interschool Sport competition will begin on Thursday 23 July. Trials for the new competition will commence on Thursday 4 June. Sports played next semester include:

BOYS - Cricket, Futsal, Oztag, Rugby League, Tennis
GIRLS - AFL, Basketball, Soccer, Touch Football, Volleyball

All students are now able to complete their sports choice on the college intranet by doing the following:

Log into the College intranet:

From within the school – http://sburinet/intranet
From outside the school – Marymount website www.marymount.qld.edu.au and choose Student Portal then College Intranet.

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

Oceanic District Sports Trials

The following Oceanic District sports trials will be held soon:

Thursday 4 June:
- 12 Years Girls Softball

Students wishing to participate in these trials must visit the sports office to register and collect the relevant newsletters and South Coast School Sport permission booklets.

Cherie Andersen
Head of Sport

Student Achievement:

South Coast Region Hockey Team:

Congratulations to Year 7 student, Sophie Devine on her recent selection in the South Coast Region 12 Yrs Hockey Team to compete at the Queensland School Sport State Championships in Ipswich from the 18 – 21 June. Well done Sophie! Sophie has also recently been selected in the U13 Gold Coast Representative team to play at the State Championships in Redlands from 28 June – 1 July. We wish Sophie all the very best at both championships.
Winter Season 2015
WOMENS, MENS, FAMILY AND MIXED
COMPETITION DETAILS

Venue: MALLAWA Drive
Palm Beach

First Game: 19 May
(Tuesday Evenings)

Game Times: Games start @ 6:15pm

Season Length: Season consists of 12 games + 2 weeks of Semis and Finals

Cost: $100 per player ($8.30 per game) plus $25 for Official Oztag Shorts

$1100 per team up to 11 players extra players above 11 must pay the $100 Registration

SIGN ON ONLINE ONLY

1st round cut off: Thursday 14 May (Teams need to nominate before this date to go onto draw).

HOW TO SIGN ON: Go to www.miamioztag.com
and hit the Senior sign on Tab. Or click the register
now tab below.

Nomination: 8 players on the field. It is required that a team consists of a minimum of 11 players or pays for an equivalent of 11 players. We can have individuals that can fill your teams.

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Venue Coordinator
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SENIOR SCHOOL CRICKET STATE CUP

Wednesday 6 May saw an awesome performance by the Marymount senior cricketers but was not enough to topple the highly trained All Saints senior team.

Winning the toss, we were out bowling. With some great bowling performances early from the openers, we did our best to restrict the runs early. With a few wickets throughout the whole innings and an awesome fielding performance, we restricted All Saints to 5 wickets for 111 runs.

Coming out to bat and in a positive frame of mind, Matt Field showed his intentions early by getting fast early runs topped up with a few boys chipping in here and there, we were starting to fall behind. Matt Field held strong for a big part of our innings batting very well composing a solid 44. Unfortunately though with everyone doing their best, we finished with only 86.

Mr Crowley congratulated Matt Field by commenting “Matt Field has played for Marymount over the last five years and has always turned up to play his best. It has been great to see his development over the years to end up captaining the Marymount First XI with such a positive attitude. Matt turned up with a strong commitment to win against All Saints, but it ended up not going our way.”

Well done to the Marymount side for always putting up a fight. A big thank you to Mr Crowley; the game would never have happened without your time. Also thank you to Steve Janes who always comes down to help with scoring and other ground management. It’s the volunteers who help make Mr Crowley’s job easier. I would like to congratulate All Saints on their solid performance and good sportsmanship. I wish them all the best for the rest of the competition.

The All Saints coach Brendan Callaghan commented “Thanks for an excellent competitive game; Matt was very impressive today. He led the team in a competitive and positive manner.”

Jack Mallory
Year 10 Sports reporter

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OPEN RUGBY LEAGUE REPORT ROUND 5

1st XIII v Woodridge SHS

Makos: 16 – WSHS: 14

Following on from last week’s report...this certainly was a big game. Having played an underdone Woodridge a few weeks ago, the Makos had to put that handsome win behind them, and focus on what we suspected would be a large, aggressive outfit set on righting the ledger. We weren’t far off the mark. The Woodridge team typically out-sized us across the park so we prepared for a very physical encounter.

The work that our boys have put in since October 2014 (in some cases 2013) has conditioned their minds and bodies to be able to absorb punishment and maintain their discipline in the process. Upcoming matches will be just a tough, if not tougher than this week’s, thus the hard work must continue.

Cameron, The Professor, Cooper captained the side, this week from the unfamiliar position of front-row. With 4 of the regular starting side out due to injury/illness each and every player was required to perform a number of special efforts. The Professor led from the front as expected – well done.

The match started pleasingly with a try to lock Tom ‘Braveheart’ Berkers off the second tackle of the game. A pre-planned pattern off the kick-off worked a charm to lead to the length of the field effort which began with fullback Lachlan ‘Lightning’ Smith and Sam ‘Smash it up’ Clark (front row) ended with Bayley ‘Big Show’ Gill converting for a 6-0 lead. Woodridge were not going to be denied though, and off the back of some strong running, they struck back to have the score at 6-4. Soon after though another try to Berkers, who did well to field a towering Gill bomb took Marymount to 10-4 at half time.

Some of our boys were looking a touch weary at half-time given the onslaught they had absorbed. Typically, they pulled themselves together and prepared for another battering by a very fired-up opposition.

The second half didn’t start as well for the Boys in Blue as Woodridge ran in 2 quick tries off the back of powerful runs and an ordinary kick, with a very ‘strange’ bounce to lead 14-10. The Makos stuck to their guns and were close to scoring on a number of occasions. It took the magic, determination and low body height, Clark to draw the scores even. Gill slotted his second conversion of the night for us to lead 16-10 with not long to go.

The discipline shown by our boys in the closing stages of the match was the difference. No matter what was thrown at them they handled in a way that we are proud of. Next week’s game against Coombabah will be another great physical, and mental, test.

Thankyou to Tristan Seeto, Bryce Kennedy and Cody Abbott-Martin who sat on the bench for us this week. We appreciate the time you, and your parents, had to spend.

The Confraternity Team for 2015 has now been announced and we thank all of those players who trialled but were unsuccessful. It is because of these boys that those selected have worked so hard.

Congratulations on playing well but keep asking yourself the question...

Mr Hamilton/Mr Geyer
1st XIII Coaches

NEXy GAME:
Both teams look forward to seeing more supporters at next week’s fixture, which is at Nerang JRLFC:

2nd XIII @ 5:00pm v Merrimac SHS
1st XIII @ 6:00pm v Coombabah SHS

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TRAINING:
ALL boys from both open Mako sides need to continue to train for each week’s game. Training sessions take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings between 6.30-8:00am.
HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED
for students of
Yuhigaoka Gakuen High School
from Osaka, JAPAN
attending
Marymount College
26 July – 9 August, 2015

This is a worthwhile opportunity
for your family to learn about
Japanese culture, while sharing
with your Japanese student the
lifestyle of an Australian family.

- Families are asked to provide all meals and a friendly home for their student
- They will travel to and from school each day the same way as arranged for your own children (please provide transportation fee)
- Payment to host families will be paid to assist with some of the expenses involved when hosting your student
- If you are hosting another Japanese student during Yuhigaoka High School’s stay, please refrain from becoming a host family for Yuhigaoka High School students.

Yes, I would like to host a Japanese student, but...

Will the student speak any English?
Yes. However, as their English skills may be limited, we would ask that you speak clearly and slowly (but not in a patronising way) when communicating with them.

Will I have to cook Japanese food for the student?
No. Your Japanese student is here to experience an Australian lifestyle. This includes spending meal times with your family, and eating what you and your family normally eat.

Is it OK if the parent/s work fulltime?
Yes. During these times (e.g. after school), your Japanese student can spend time with your own children. Families who live near each other are encouraged to share transport, or other activities outside of school.

Do we need Blue Cards?
Yes. If your family hosts an overseas student for 10 or more days, it is necessary for all family members over the age of 18 to have a current Blue Card. Please contact the school office to obtain blue card application form.

If you would like to host a Japanese student this year, please contact:
Kanae Aki (LOTE Coordinator)
e-mail: kaki@marymount.qld.edu.au
to obtain a Host Family Application Form

Please contact Yoko if you need information about this program.
Yoko Sugimoto (ISS – Study Tour Organiser)
3870-9114 / operations@griffithiss.com.au

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1-5 JUNE 2015
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MONDAY - FRIDAY
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SEE MR FAUGHEY OR MUSIC OFFICE FOR DETAILS

INTERNATIONAL BUFFET
2015 HOSPITALITY PRESENTS
DATE 2/6/15
TIME 6-8:30pm
LOCATION H Block Marymount College

The hospitality class would like to invite you to their International buffet function. This will be an event that you will not want to miss.

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