**BCE Excellence In Teaching Finalists**

We were delighted with news that Ms Teagan Griffey has been announced a Finalist in the Brisbane Catholic Education Excellence in Teaching Awards 2016 – Early Career Teacher.

Ms Griffey has been a wonderful addition to the College Staff, commencing in 2015 as we welcomed Year 7 to secondary school. She has been highly dedicated in her planning and preparation, dynamic and engaging in the classroom, and generously available beyond the classroom, particularly with the Performing Arts. Her attention to particular needs and the inclusion of each student has been commendable. A worthy finalist, Ms Griffey started her career at Assumption College, Warwick, in 2013. She was among the first applicants offered positions for 2015, when we began recruiting early in 2014, such was her professionalism and commitment. She has clearly brought that same endeavour to her work here at Marymount. We wish her well at the announcement of the Excellence Awards for 2016 on June 14.

**Mary Help of Christian**

Our appreciation to parents who were able to join us on Tuesday for the whole school Mass on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians.

Our appreciation also to Father Ken, Father Dantus, Mrs Maitland, Ms Young, Mr Faughey and the Choir, Sound and Lighting Crew, and the

**CALLING PARENTS WHO ARE EMPLOYERS**

Can you be available at our Careers Expo? There is no public speaking involved. Only one-on-one talks with parents and students who have an interest in your area of expertise.

Parents and students will appreciate speaking to local parents about your industry. While all the Universities, Gold Coast TAFE and other RTO’s will be attending to provide advice in terms of courses/pathways and qualifications, speaking to people in industry is very helpful to students. We just need a variety of employers from across industry groups to increase the range of knowledge and advice available.

We provide support in terms of equipment (tables/chairs/display boards) but encourage contributors to bring along resources which you may have access to such as brochures/posters. Supper and a small gift of appreciation is provided to all contributors.

We are flexible about times - even if you are only available to attend for an hour. Please contact Leesa Lutze via email: llutze@marymount.qld.edu.au or call 5586 1063. Leesa will be very happy to provide any assistance or guidance needed in the lead up to the event.
Have you accessed the Parent Portal?
Update your details, view student absences, timetables, and reports.

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Groundsmen – Mr Brooks, Mr Todarello and Mr Wiblen who set up the Doyle Centre. Father Ken’s homily reflected on Mary as the first and exemplary Christian whose humility in doing God’s will is retold in the love and humility of every mother as they bear their child and love and care for us all through the days of our lives.

P&F Meeting 14 June

These meetings are to enable discussion between parents and with the Principal/Senior Administration on matters relating to their child’s schooling. They also provide oversight of the application of the P&F Levy. Our May meeting included a presentation by Mrs Hansen relating to school improvement focusing on improving student writing across the school. At this June Meeting, Mr Connor and Mr Browne will provide details of the College Pastoral Program. This program supports character development throughout Year 7 to 12 by building knowledge, confidence and resilience in students, as it explores values, attitudes and beliefs in the many contexts they face, as they move through adolescence.

Night of Living History Year 8 - 7:00pm Monday 30 May

Over the past weeks, each Year 8 student has investigated the historical context, background, work, key events, and contributions to society of an historical person. On the night each will dress as their historical person, have a display and be available to parents and staff to answer questions. Some have chosen well known historical people. Others have chosen historical archetypes, such as medieval knights. As always, we expect a rewarding evening for all who attend.

Mary Mother of Mercy Church Photos/Appeal

The frame of the new Parish church is now visible on the skyline from Reedy Creek Road as you travel west from Burleigh. We encourage families to consider making a donation towards the costs of furnishing the new church directly through the Parish. There will also be an opportunity later when we invite donations by students. We have proposed that students aim to raise $4000 as their contribution. Parents might consider the Parish Building Blocks Appeal as a way to contribute, as a family, through the College. Blocks are available for $100, $500, $1000, $5000, $10,000 and $50,000. Phone 5576 6466 now or wait for our email invitation to make a contribution.

AGCC Finals

Yesterday, thirty-four College teams contested the Association of Gold Coast Colleges’ Semester One Grand Finals. I managed to see the Year 10A boys’ basketball final and parts of the 10B boys’ basketball final. Though close throughout, the boys prevailed in both finals. I also saw the closing stages of the Year 10B girls’ netball final. The teams went goal for goal, until the last 30 seconds when our girls secured possession, as Assisi College were shooting for goal, to hold on and win 19-18. Finally, I saw most of the Year 10 Girls Oztag, third against fourth, at Mallawa and was much impressed by the girls enthusiasm in their victory against Assisi College. Overall, the College won nineteen of the grand finals contested. Well done to all players for the Semester One season, thank you to the coaches/managers and, finally, to Ms Cherie Andersen for her exceptional organisational work from February to May.

Chris Noonan
Principal
MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH UPDATE

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Following are some of the many items available for family sponsorship Contact our Fundraising Committee

- Sponsor a Perpetual Pew $5000 each 60 available Engraved in perpetuity
- Stations of the Cross x 14 (tba)
- Blessed Sacrament Chapel Stained Glass Window Segment x 70 @ $1000
- Stained Glass Windows x 14 (tba)
- Statues, Major Crucifix $15 -30,000
- Organ $50,000
- Altar candelabra $10,000
- Processional Cross $3000
- Processional Candles $2000
- Artwork, including acknowledging first peoples $50,000
- AV system $70,000
- Coffee Shop Fitout $70,000
- Presiders seating $5000
- Stained Glass Windows x 14 (tba)
- Blessed Sacrament Chapel Chairs and Kneelers (tba)
- Sanctuary Lamp $1500
- Columbarium furnishings $10,000 (Details of individual items available)
- $100 Blocks x 2000 Families
- $1000 Blocks x 100 Families
- $10,000 Blocks x 20 Families
- $500 Blocks x 200 Families
- Vestments $500 each
- Chalice and Communion Paten Set $3800 x 6