Monday was a busy day for the Senior Leadership and Middle Leaders who interviewed students for Year 7 2017 and 2018. It was also very enjoyable with just under a hundred students enrolled. We try to ensure that the student speaks up for himself/herself. Secondary school is a time of transition to adulthood. This starts as the young person first realises they will soon be leaving primary school.

We also take the opportunity to talk about the student’s school report, their interest in particular subjects, in reading and activities beyond school. We really enjoy the enrolment interviews.

In very practical ways we use reflection days and retreats to help students talk with each other about life, their thoughts and feelings. We also invite them to think about God and the example of Jesus. The good news that we are made in God’s image and likeness reminds us, if we are prepared to think about it, of our essential goodness and of the essential goodness of others. Sometimes, youthful anxiety crowds out positive thinking and an optimistic world view. Catholic, Christian teaching is that we should love ourselves and others. The message, do unto others as you would have others do to you, requires healthy thinking and regard for self – in the sense of Jesus’ reminder to the physician to ‘heal thyself’. Reflection days, retreats and RE classes try to help our students understand something of this wisdom.

Secondary school is a time of transition to adulthood.

We need to keep our minds healthy so that we live life to the full. Francis, Mary and Jesus provide examples of healthy minds and healthy mindsets. The Season of Lent is a time for each of us to retreat a little from the habits we have and reflect on ways of ensuring our actions and choices are intentional for goodness and fullness of life for us and for others.

Senior Exams
Seniors have block exams from St Patrick’s Day (17 March) to 23 March. Seniors are expected at school for regular classes on Holy Thursday 24 March when we will finish the Term with an Easter Liturgy in period 6.

QCS Preparation Program
See Mr Shaw’s article (page 2) clarifying arrangements for students involved in QCS Preparation. OP Eligible students must attend all QCS practice tests and practice days. Parental permission is required for students who will not be attending school or QCS Practice Days. There is a link for this at page 2.

Term One Reports Online
To access Term 1 Reports parents must have access to the Parent Portal. I am concerned that parents are not contacting the office regarding access to teh Parent Portal. Please try to log on to the Portal via the Quicklink section on our website NOW. If you can’t get access contact the office after 10:00am through next week.

Chris Noonan
Principal
SENIOR CURRICULUM

As we come to the end of the term I am reminding parents and students of all the processes put in place for Senior assessment and reporting.

**Year 10, 11 & 12 Assessment Schedules:** these were emailed to Parents and Students in Week 3, listing all assessment tasks for all subjects for the Semester. These schedules are available on the Parent Portal (Forms and Documents > Assessment Schedules).

**Exam Block Schedule:** [Year 11 & 12 Exam Schedule Term 1](#).

Exam Block expectations regarding attendance days, competency clearance, absences on exam days. [This letter is available on the Parent Portal.](#)

**Assessment policy:** a full statement covering all matters relating to assessment for Senior school (revised in 2014 and updated in 2016) was also distributed with the email. [Link to the Parent Portal](#) if you wish to view this document.

**VET students:** compulsory attendance at competency catch-up days is essential. See exam schedule for details.

QCS students: Year 12 compulsory attendance on Thursday 24 March is essential.

Non-QCS students: must have returned a [permission slip letter](#) prior to the start of Exam block or they will be expected to attend. They have received a hard copy of this letter and a copy was emailed to all Year 12 parents.

**Term One Interim Reports**

A reminder that the Term I Interim Reports will only be available via the Parent Portal. (My Students > Academic Reports) You should be able to find you son’s / daughter’s 2015 Semester II Report on the Portal. If not, you need to contact SAO to ensure that you can. Otherwise, you will not be able to access the Term I, 2016 Interim Report when they are published through the Parent Portal.

Best wishes to all students for the remainder of the term; with a busy schedule of assessment tasks continuing right to the end of term.

Peter Shaw
Assistant Principal Senior Curriculum

SCHOOL FEES TERM ONE

A reminder that school fees for Term 1 were due on 24 February. Reminder letters were sent out last week. If you have already set up a payment plan with the Finance Department, please ignore this due date.

It’s not too late to set up a debit/credit card arrangement. The forms for this can be downloaded from the Parent Portal (Forms and Documents > School Fees > [Credit Card Form](#) and [Direct Debit Form](#)) or contact Finance for assistance.

As per the fees schedule, one full term’s notice is required in writing for student withdrawals. If the requested notice is not provided, up to one full term fees and levies may be charged in lieu of notice.

Liz Cooke
Accountant
The Most Reverend Adolfo Tito Yllana, Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, blessed the Foundation Stone in the presence of The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane

The Laying of the Foundation Stone for Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, Burleigh Waters

Dear Members of the Marymount Community,

What a wonderful day for our Parish! Last Sunday was a truly memorable day as we participated in the special Mass and Laying of the Foundation Stone of our new church and Parish centre. Thank you sincerely to all who contributed in any way to making the day the happy occasion that it was. I was delighted to see so many of our College families present and giving of their support to this project. I am convinced that this building endeavour will bring many blessings to our Parish, Schools, and families for many generations to come.

God’s blessing to all,

Fr Ken Howell
Parish Priest

Last Sunday’s beautiful Mass followed by the blessing of the foundation stone for the new church of Mary the Mother of Mercy marked a significant day in the Burleigh Parish story and the Marymount College and Primary School’s story.

Fr Ken in The Catholic Leader, 28 February, said, “This is not just a church building, it is relocating the centre, the heart of our parish.” The large congregation, drawn from all over the parish, certainly reflected something of the idea that the Burleigh Parish has the largest population in Australia.

The colourful procession, led by the Apostolic Nuncio, Adolfo Tito Yllana and Archbishop Mark Coleridge, which wound its way up the hill from the Doyle Centre and the ritual of blessing the foundation stone at the site will be remembered for many years.

The Year 12 Student leaders and STAC reps and a number of other students were involved in various roles as ushers, in hospitality, altar servers, readers and as choir members. These students are to be complimented for their excellent attentiveness to the roles they carried out.

The church’s presence so close to us up the hill will open up opportunities for us to attend Mass and hold liturgies and will certainly enrich the spiritual life of the whole community. We look forward to the opening in December.

St Patrick’s Day

The College will celebrate St Patrick’s Day on Wednesday 16 March, not on its official date of Thursday 17 March because Year 11 and 12 exams begin on Thursday. This is a free dress day and all are asked to bring a gold coin donation which will go to Project Compassion. There will be a bake sale run by the Interact group and proceeds from this and all other activities will be for Project Compassion as well.

The College’s Holy Week Liturgy will be held on Thursday 24 March in the Doyle Centre at 2:00pm. Parents most welcome.

Dolores Maitland
Assistant Principal Religious Education

Click here for - Burleigh Heads Parish Mass Times
What kind of “supervisor” are you?

In recent articles we have talked about the importance of our relationship with our teenager. Sometimes parents become discouraged because they know they still need to set limits with their teenager, however, they find themselves getting into arguments with their teen when they do so.

Although a certain amount of conflict is normal and cannot be avoided, it can be helpful to stand back and reflect on how our parental leadership role is experienced by our teenager.

One way of doing this (and I would encourage you to do this now) is to think back over your life to date and identify who, of all the supervisors you have previously had, was the best one. This person might be a boss, a teacher or other person in authority over you. Take out a sheet of paper and mark two columns; Head the first column with “Best Supervisor” and briefly write down the qualities of that person. People will typically write things like; they seemed to like and respect me, when I made mistakes they didn’t pounce, etc.

Now reflect again on who your worst supervisor. Head the second column with “Worst Supervisor” and record the things you experienced about that person that placed them in this category.

Now reflect on your own behaviour with your best supervisor compared to that of your worst supervisor. Which one brought out your best qualities?

Of course, by now you see that this exercise is designed to help us consider if reflecting the qualities of our “best supervisor” in the way we relate to our teenager is more likely to bring our their best qualities.

If we decide that this is the case and we wish to become more like our “best supervisor” in the way we relate to our teen, because we are human, we’ll make plenty of mistakes along the way. However, if we can be kind to ourselves, and gently and regularly redirect ourselves towards “best supervisor” mode we will improve our relationship with our teenager and likely have less conflict. Just as important, we will also provide a healthy template for relating to others that our teenager is likely to imbibe and practice in their own present and future relationships.

Jean Lightbody
Guidance Counsellor

Ski Trip

The 2016 Ski Trip to Perisher is scheduled for the first week of the September holidays and there are still ten places available.

At the moment the trip is only open to Year 11 and 12 students but I may open it up to younger year levels if we do not fill the remaining ten spaces soon. If you think your son or daughter might be interested please contact Mr O’Shea at the College as soon as possible.
WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Have you accessed the Parent Portal?
Update your details, view student absences, timetables, and reports.

TUCKSHOP NOTICE

The Tuckshop prepares a selection of fresh sandwiches, wraps and Turkish rolls every day. Freshly made fruit bowls and salad bowls are available at morning tea every day.

Please Note: To place an order for fresh food items at lunch, a book is available on the middle counter of the Tuckshop. Clearly write your name, what you are ordering (eg, 1/2 size salad wrap). Prices will vary depending on your order.

• Fillings available: Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Egg, Avocado, Cucumber, Carrot, Beetroot, Ham, Chicken

• Available at Morning Tea: Pikelets, Hedgehog Slice, Donuts, Muffins (some gluten free)

• Hot Food Items available during lunch: Meat Pies, Sausage Rolls, Chicken Burger, Spinach & Cheese Roll, Curried Vegetable Roll, Party Pies, Garlic Bread

• Payment Available on Tuesdays and Thursdays

• Payment is cash or EFT only - no IOUs are permitted

Helpers Needed

We urgently need extra helpers over the serving times of 10:30am-1:30pm.

If you are able to volunteer one day per month or term, please call Tuckshop Convenor 55861 177 (outside peak times of 10:30am-11:00am /12:30pm -1:15pm)

TUCKSHOP PRICE LIST

Good job to all of the teams that participated and to the Seniors who will start their first debate next week.

DEBATING

On Wednesday night this week, four Junior teams from Years 7 and 8, and four Intermediate teams from Years 9 and 10 competed in their first debate for the season.

The Junior topic was *Homework is a waste of time* and the Intermediate topic was *Loyalty is valued*. Junior A team won their debate, while the B division teams lost. The Intermediate results were similar with Intermediate A winning their debate and the Intermediate B teams losing by a close margin.

The next debate will be on the 20 April and the teams will start preparing their speeches next Tuesday.

Good job to all of the teams that participated and to the Seniors who will start their first debate next week.

Lauren Fitzpatrick
Year 10 Student Reporter


40, 30, 20, 10 Years

Calling past students of Marymount College - Did you finish Year 12 in 1976, 1986, 1996 or 2006?

(Or did you leave in Year 10 in 1974, 1984, 1995, or 2004)

Catch up with your classmates, and see how Marymount College looks today.

Online Bookings ONLY: https://www.trybooking.com/MTXH

Cost: $30 includes canapés and drinks

Enquiries: info@marymount.qld.edu.au or message https://www.facebook.com/MarymountCollegeAlumni/

Staff of Marymount College from these years please email jan.delves@marymount.qld.edu.au to RSVP.
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**GEOGRAPHY**

The two days were packed filled with 4-wheel driving, swimming in the ocean and the blue lagoon, feeding dolphins, understanding the history of the island, listening to dolphin and whale talks and most importantly enjoying the natural beauty of the island. We all had such an amazing time and we would like to thank Mr Kelleher and Mrs Cooper for making the excursion so enjoyable and fun!

Jemma Smith
Year 11

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During the stay the students saw how the resort manages the resources of the national park and were lucky enough to get to feed the dolphins. They travelled up through the northern part of the island to study the physical, ecological and historical aspects of the island.

The students had a great time and were a pleasure to have on the camp. Thankyou to Ms Cooper for helping take the students on the trip.

John Kelleher
Geography Teacher

**YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY CAMP REPORT - MORETON ISLAND**

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

International Women’s Day was celebrated this week with a youth breakfast at the Gold Coast Arts Centre. Seven Marymount girls joined students from different schools, sharing the morning with a range of gifted women speakers. They empowered their audience, equipping the girls with confidence, resiliency and leadership skills to achieve their goals and improve their community.

My favourite part of the program was when ex-Marymount student the Honourable Shannon Fentiman, Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, was a guest speaker at the youth leadership day. She spoke about gender equality and referenced Taylor Swift’s Grammy speech, which I thought was relatable to the young women present. I have always felt strongly about equality and was greatly inspired by the many high achieving and remarkable women who spoke.

Matilda Anderson

The reason I enjoyed the morning so much is that each speaker made everybody feel as though they were capable to be or to do whatever they want, if they work for it. I took away from the forum the notion to be ambitious and apply myself to all I do, whether it be school work or sport, and that anything is possible. My favourite quote was “dare to dream”.

Morgan Mathison

International Women’s Day youth breakfast was a beautiful and heartwarming experience. I was fortunate enough to be invited to a delicious breakfast in the company of many inspiring, high achieving women. I walked away from this special event with positivity in creating equality for future generations and sharing this with my fellow Year 11 peers.

Taylah Mackintosh

Before hearing about the International Women’s Day youth breakfast, I had never actually heard of International Women’s Day. It started off with a bacon and egg breakfast – my favourite – YUM!! I was thrilled to be representing Marymount College and found the speakers encouraging. I appreciated the opportunity to learn from high profile women in our society and hope from this experience I can bring back what I have learnt and apply ideas at our school.

Hope Brass

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Watch our new video - YouTube: https://youtu.be/5Hdl2ZDxZXc

Weekend date: 3 – 5 June 2016  
Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane’s bayside)

For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au  
Information website: www.wwme.org.au
USQ INDIGENOUS CONNECTIONS DAY

On Wednesday, the Marymount Mob attended the USQ Indigenous Connections day, an event which has been developed to encourage Indigenous students to go on to Tertiary study.

More than 100 students from schools in Brisbane, Gold Coast and surrounding areas attended the event at the Springfield campus, despite torrential rain and traffic congestion in every direction. The day began with several guest speakers including Keiron Lander, former Jets and Broncos player and founder of the Deadly Choices program. Keiron spoke from the heart, reminding us of the importance of working hard and making wise choices, saying “if you surround yourself with good people, good things will happen”. We were then entertained by dancers and musicians from ACPA, the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts, including former Marymount Mob member Amy Weatherall.

 Afterwards we broke up into groups and were given an insight into University life and the opportunities available at USQ, in particular, before attending various lectures and workshops across a range of faculties. During these sessions we participated in various hands-on activities, including testing blood types in a science lab, building bridges using just marshmallows and spaghetti, and exploring the world of Aboriginal Literature.

After lunch we took part in a variety of cultural activities including face painting, didgeridoo playing, traditional dance and dot painting. It was interesting to learn more about how these traditional activities could differ depending on the tribe, location and gender of those involved.

While the day certainly provided plenty of interesting information on the many university pathways on offer to us, it was also a great opportunity to meet other Indigenous students from the southeast region and for the MMC mob to bond further as a group and for us to get to know our newest members. Thank you to USQ for providing this opportunity and to Miss Napper and Mrs Weatherall for accompanying us.

Tom Weatherall
Year 11 Reporter

QATSIF ROUND 7 SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION

Each year, Indigenous students in Year 10 have the opportunity to be considered for a QATSIF Scholarship for Years 11 and 12.

QATSIF is the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation, and provides scholarships to worthy recipients using funds recovered from those Stolen Wages withheld from Aboriginal workers in the past. These scholarships allow many Indigenous students to pursue opportunities that were denied their ancestors, and we congratulate Marymount College students Courtney Bedford and Thomas Weatherall on being named scholarship recipients in 2016. Thomas was also one of several Round 7 recipients asked to showcase their talents at an official QATSIF celebration held in Brisbane this week. He performed a dance that was a fusion of contemporary and traditional styles and received an enthusiastic response from those present.

Monica Weatherall
Indigenous Support
GOLD COAST INSTITUTE OF TAFE FREE SCHOOLS PROGRAM MID YEAR INTAKE

The Gold Coast Institute of TAFE has released details of their highly anticipated April & July School Program intake. Certificate courses which would typically cost thousands of dollars are now offered for NO COST, and are available to Years 10-12 (depending on the qualification). Applications are now open at www.studentrego.com (code TAFES) and places will be strictly limited so please do not delay. A full list of course options has been emailed to all students (mybce). Qualifications include:

Cert II Tourism
Cert II Hospitality
Cert II Kitchen Operations
Cert II Auto Vocational Preparation
Cert II Engineering Pathways
Cert II Electro technology
Cert I Construction
Cert I Plumbing
Cert II Sport/Recreation & Cert III Fitness
Cert II Health Support Services/Cert III Health Services Assistance
Cert III Business
Cert III Information Digital Media Technology
Cert II Hairdressing
Cert II Retail Makeup & Skincare
Cert III Early Childhood Education and Care

Courses are delivered 1 day per week over a period of 5 months – 17 months (depending on the qualification). For further details, students should refer to their email (dated 8/3/2016) or visit the Careers Centre as soon as possible. Note: Applications for April intake close on Thursday, 17th March 2016.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE/ADFA 2016 PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL

For those students considering joining the forces and taking advantage of the considerable opportunities, current booklets and brochures are now available from the Careers Centre. Feel free to drop by and take a look.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE GAP YEAR

Applications for the 2017 ADF GAP YEAR (Navy, Army or Air Force) are now open. Details are available at www.defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear.

DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING INFO SESSION/ENGINEERING INFO SESSION

The Defence Force Recruiting Office at Robina will be conducting the Australian Defence Force Information Session on Monday, 14th March at 6pm. This information session will highlight the application process and the various jobs available in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

On Thursday, 17th March at 6pm, an Engineering Information Session focusing on Engineering careers available in the Defence Force through ADFA (Undergraduate Entry).

For either session, please RSVP by calling 131901 or emailing cptgoldcoast@dfr.com.au.

SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE DAYS 2016

The first of Southern Cross Universities Experience Days “Your Future Careers” is scheduled for Tuesday, 19th April at the Gold Coast campus between 3pm-6pm. Included will be Personalised self-analysis and psychometric testing, industry guest speakers, job forecast, research on future careers growth, and networking opportunities. Year 10-12 students interested can contact Ms Caitlin Burcher on P: 55893137 or E: caitlin.burcher@scu.edu.au for further details.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM – KMART ROBINA/HELENSVALE/TWEED

A number of Certificate II or III Retail positions are currently being made available to Year 10-11 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People at the Kmart Robina, Helensvale or Tweed stores. For further details visit www.aflsportsready.com.au/jobs-board/gold/5824-customer-service-team-member-school-based-traineeship.

Applications close on Thursday, 24th March 2016. See the Careers Centre for further details.
Student Achievement

South Coast Region Swimming Team selection:

Congratulations to the following students for their selection in the South Coast Region Swimming team:

- Lewis Treggiden – 12 Years Boys 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 100m Backstroke, 200m Backstroke, 200m Freestyle Relay and 200m Medley Relay.
- Damien Smith – 13 Years Boys 50m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly, 100m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly, 200m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle Relay.
- Chloe Thomas – 13 Years Girls 100m Backstroke.
- Emily Noyes – 14 Years Girls 200m Butterfly.
- Matthew Treggiden – 15 Years Boys 100m Breaststroke.
- Jemma Smith – 16 Years Girls 100m Breaststroke and 200m IM.

All students will now compete at the Queensland School Sport Swimming Championships from the 17 – 22 March at Sleeman Aquatic Complex, Chandler. We wish them all the very best!

AGCC Interschool Sport

Yesterday afternoon we completed Round 2 of the AGCC Interschool Sport competition. Given there has been a little bit of rain around lately, particularly in the evenings, we have been very fortunate to have very few game cancellations due to Gold Coast City Council field closures. The following is a list of venues for the Semester 1 AGCC Interschool Sport competition.
1: Choose an appropriate top to wear
AVOID: Rude OR offensive slogans, singlets, midriff tops, low cut tops

2: Choose an appropriate bottom to wear
AVOID: Shorts or skirts that are shorter than College sports shorts

3: Choose appropriate footwear
AVOID: Thongs or sandals

4: Add some fun accessories
AVOID: Offensive slogans

Remember to bring a GOLD COIN to donate to Project Compassion Collection

TIP: Bring a back up option if you are unsure OR Take a photo of your outfit and show your PC teacher prior to St Patrick’s Day.
The Parent Portal will enable easy access to information about events in the school, forms that need to be returned, names and contact details for staff, policy information and much more.

We will be making increasing use of the Parent Portal to provide a range of information to parents in the future. The initial login requires you to verify your identity and set up a password.

Access Parent Portal from the Quicklinks Section of the College website

You can check on information about your child’s attendance, teachers, timetable, NAPLAN performance and (coming soon) report cards.

Access the College calendar and view events for the entire year.

Check the details we have recorded in our enrolment system about your children, and if necessary advise us of any changes.

Send an absentee notification to the Student Administration Office.

View copies of letters sent home, medical forms, and College policies.

PLEASE CONTACT THE COLLEGE FOR ASSISTANCE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ACCESS THE PARENT PORTAL
ACCESSING PARENT PORTAL INSTRUCTIONS

The initial login requires you to verify your identity and setup a password.

1. Start the process by visiting the College website www.marymount.qld.edu.au and selecting School Portals from the QuickLinks list. You will be redirected to another screen - Click on Parent Portal

2. You will be met with a login screen. Select Brisbane Catholic Education

3. Select Forgotten Password/First-Time Login

4. Select the link under the Parents heading titled choose your own password online

Enter the personal email address that you have provided to the school (the one that receives newsletter and other communication) and click Next.

Please call 5586 1006 if you have not provided an email address

5. Check your email for a security code and enter the corresponding security code in the screen that follows and click Next.

6. Ensure that Password Reset option is selected and enter your desired password in both boxes before clicking Next.

Now that you have set your password you can now login to the Parent Portal.

Please phone 5586 1006 if you require assistance with this process.