WELCOME
Welcome to all our students and families for 2013. The very hot and humid last days at home following the remnants of Cyclone Oswald probably tested the limits of a number of families but now they’re back at school. Thank you to all parents for your preparations with school uniforms, stationery and collection of text books. The students looked resplendent at our short assembly on Thursday as we gave thanks and prayed that we will be true to our mission as a Catholic School Community.

FR KEN HOWELL, PARISH PRIEST BURLEIGH HEADS
We have enjoyed Father Ken’s presence at the College on a number of occasions through the staff professional days. He was with us again for a blessing during the short assembly on Thursday. Enclosed is an excerpt from the Parish Newsletter. Certainly many staff and no doubt, current families, remember Father Ken from his earlier times here in the Burleigh Heads Parish.

STAFFING
We are delighted to welcome seven new teachers to the College staff this year; Ms Emma Burrows, Mrs Chris Cason, Ms Tegan Crawford, Ms Brigid Dowden, Mr Paul Faughey, Mr David Grant and Mr Nigel Ward. Mr Faughey is the new Music Coordinator and Mr Grant the new Home Economics, Tourism, Hospitality, & Early Childhood Coordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS
The good news keeps coming as we congratulate Mrs Leanne Ward and her husband Nigel on the arrival of their daughter Kayla Ann earlier this month and Mrs Tracey Sewell and her husband Rob on the arrival of their yet to be named son, in recent days.

MARY STATUE
We are sorry that our Statue of Mary was damaged by persons unknown two weekends ago. It is such a terrible thing and the impact on staff and students reflect this. The damaged statue cannot be repaired and has been removed. While it will take some time to replace the statue, Mary’s spirit is alive in our students, our staff and our families.

RICHARD YOUNG 1929-2013
Richard Young’s connection with the College was as a parent, grandparent and uncle of students of Marymount College and as the founding proprietor of Koala Coaches fifty years ago. Koala Coaches continue to serve, and look after Marymount College. Richard was a man of faith. Reflecting on Richard’s life Father Ken Howell retold how Richard attended Mass each day at Infant Saviour Church. Asked by one of his children “Why do you go to Mass each day?” Richard said “We go because we are grateful.” We give thanks for Richard’s life. May he rest in peace.

SENIOR RESULTS
We were pleased with the Senior Results for 2012, and know that there was considerable delight for quite a number of our students. Congratulations to the students and to the teaching staff. Of course, each year the students change and results from year to year reflect the ability of the particular students.

OP 1-5  15%  -  OP 1-10  50%  -  OP 1-15  80%

THE WEDDING SINGER REHEARSALS
Rehearsals for the Wedding Singer (Gold Coast Arts Centre 2-3 May) began in earnest last Friday through Sunday. Reports from rehearsals are of outstanding talent, wonderful students and great camaraderie. Our appreciation in advance to the families and students who have committed to the company. Our thanks to the staff involved: Melanie Howe, Amy Anderson, Kristina Baker, Paul Faughey, Shona Press, Deanne Seigle-Buyat and Jodie Young.

TEXT HIRE, UNIFORM SHOP
Appreciation to Mrs Dicks, Mrs Barrett and the many staff for the good work, organisation and service to families as they prepared for the start of school. Uniform fitting days began in early November 2012 and work on preparing old texts and new texts was ongoing from mid-November 2012. Thanks too, for parents and students collecting the text books in the week prior to the start of school.

PARENTS & FRIENDS
Support for the Parents & Friends Association is good and parents can attend meetings each month commencing Tuesday 11 February at 6:00pm confident that the 2013 committee is in place. The P & F Executive are: President – Geoffrey Bolster, Vice-President – Bill Williams, Secretary – Jennifer Mellifont, Treasurer – Lajos Csiki-Bege

YEAR 8 PARENTS – P & F WELCOME BBQ
6:00PM MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY
This welcome BBQ allows Year 8 Parents to meet members of the Parents & Friends and to make some connection with other Year 8 Parents. The compulsory Laptop Information Evening will follow in the Doyle Centre at 7:00pm.

MARIE HANSEN, APA
Congratulations to Ms Hansen who, following satisfactory appraisal in her fifth year as Assistant Principal, has been reappointed to the position. Ms Hansen brings a breadth of knowledge across curriculum, deep understanding of teaching and learning, and particular expertise in Mathematics, Chemistry and Religion. Her intense interest is what is best for learners and her wisdom in the administration team is very much appreciated.

Chris Noonan - Principal
Deputy Principal

Welcome back to a new school year and a special welcome to our new families. I would like to commend all parents on the way students have returned to school, very much “looking the part” and thank you for your support in ensuring our students remain worthy ambassadors of the College in the public domain.

I look forward to working with all members of the College community throughout the course of 2013 as we work together to really make a difference in the lives of our students.

School Photographs: School photographs will take place on Wednesday 6th February 2013 and will be taken by photographers from Advanced Life Photography. You will receive an envelope for each of your students explaining the products available. Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes. Students are to bring envelopes on Photo Day and present to the photographer.

Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.

Advanced Life Photography has an automated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order. Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a “family order envelope” from SAO.

We look forward to seeing all your smiling faces!

Kyle Connor - Deputy Principal

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APA - JUNIOR

Welcome back and a special welcome to the new families who have joined the College community.

Students wishing to make any subject changes should do so as soon as possible. Please see Ms Schofield in SAO before school or at recess to collect the change of subject form., which must be then signed by the parents. There must be a valid reason for the change and not all classes have spaces available. Please do not hesitate to contact Learning Support Staff or me if you have any concerns about your son or daughter’s studies. The Year Coordinators are also available to respond to your concerns.

All the best for 2013.

Marie Hansen - APA Junior

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APA - PASTORAL

The Year 8 students spent time with the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders who initiated games and activities in an attempt to make our new students feel welcome and comfortable. Congratulations to the Year 11 Peer Support Leaders for your excellent enthusiasm and commitment to helping the younger students in our community.

Some important points to consider for the start of the 2013 school year: Particular attention needs to be made to the wearing of the correct College uniform. Students who changed the colour of their hair for the summer break need to ensure that it is back to a natural colour before returning to school.

If new piercings were installed, they needed to be well healed in time for the start of school. Girls are not permitted to have any piercings other than one small stud or sleeper in the lower lobe of each ear. No other piercings are permitted at Marymount College. Please note that clear piercings are not permitted at any stage. Traditional, black, lace-up leather shoes are the only shoes that form part of the Marymount College uniform.

These simple uniform requirements are outlined in the 2013 Record Books.

Geoff Browne - APA Pastoral
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