ASH WEDNESDAY - SEASON OF LENT

Again we are invited by Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent to act consciously in some way so that we increase our awareness (consciousness, intention) of how we live our life each day. Lent is a time where we can practise reflection and evaluation of how we are living our life and contemplate how we can live a better life. Sometimes people are put into this situation by events beyond their control. Many have experienced crises in their lives that have changed how they live their lives but we might never experience the crisis needed to reshape a life of the better. That is why finding the time for the season of Lent in our life makes sense.

The season of Lent is an opportunity to examine our life, how we live it, the things we do without thinking, the habits we’ve formed and the purpose of our lives. Our College motto Deus Meus Et Omnia invites us to consider each day how our life’s purpose may serve God’s purpose. Don’t let this season of Lent pass by without making it an opportunity to renew our commitment to God’s purpose in our home, amongst our friends, at work and for others in our world.

SENIOR INFORMATION EVENING
7.00PM MONDAY 18 FEBRUARY, DOYLE CENTRE THEATRETTE

This evening provides an overview of post-compulsory schooling for Year 11 and 12 students. For parents and students unfamiliar with Senior Schooling and how teaching, learning, assessment, qualifications (OP, QCE, VET Certificates) and entry to the workforce, TAFE and University are managed, this evening provides an overview and the opportunity for questions and answers. It will be led by Mr Peter Shaw APA Senior Curriculum and Mr Michael Murtagh Vocational Education and Careers Coordinator.

OPENING LITURGY 2013
OPENING OF VISUAL ART, MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY CENTRE - 1.15PM WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY

We are delighted that Archbishop Mark Coleridge will lead our Opening Liturgy for 2013, and the blessing and opening of our Opening of Visual Art, Media and Technology building. Parents are most welcome and an invitation will follow with an RSVP to allow for seating and catering. Afternoon tea for guests will be served in the new facility from 2.40pm, and parents will be able to gather their sons and daughters as they leave after 3.00pm. We look forward to a solid representation from parents whose building fund contributions are paying the considerable loans that have funded this project and the Library and Resource Centre, and the Science Centre. In the opening of the new building we have collectively named it and the Library/Science building ‘The Mary MacKillop Buildings’.

P+F WELCOME BBQ FOR YEAR 8 PARENTS
6.00PM MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2013

This is an occasion for new parents to meet members of the P+F, the College Administration and Year 8 Teachers. It is a formal gathering prior to the Laptop Briefing. RSVPs were requested by Friday 8 February. Do ring the Student Administration Office on Monday if you haven’t responded yet and are able to be there.

YEAR 8 LAPTOP BRIEFING
7.00PM MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2013

This is an important night to establish clear understandings how the College and parents must work together to educate and supervise Year 8s in the use and care of their laptops. Parents pay a hefty levy of IT generally which includes part of the cost of the laptop. Processing damaged laptops also incurs a significant administration charge. Within hours of receiving a laptop young people can develop extraordinary proprietary claims and parents and teachers must work together to ensure their responsibility to use it appropriately and with care from the outset. Parent and student attendance at this briefing is required for the issue of a laptop to Year 8 student.

P+F MEETING - 6.30PM TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY IN COLLEGE MEETING ROOM

Agenda: Plans for 2013, P+F Financial contribution to College and date for 2013 Combined School Fete. Attending P+F meetings supports both the P+F Executive and the Principal in both the month to month leadership of the College and in the ongoing planning and development of capital resources for your daughters and sons.

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Chris Noonan - Principal
Deputy Principal

Students are required to be at school in time for Pastoral Care at 8.30am.

However, if you are late for school:
- Report to SAO and write your name on the pink sheet for late arrivals.
- Collect a late pass and complete the top section
- If you have a note for being late attach it to your late pass
- If you do not have a note you will need to have your parent/guardian sign your late pass
- Have your late pass signed by the teacher of the first class you attend
- The following day give the late pass to your Pastoral teacher

(You will find the College Procedures in your son/daughter’s Student Record Book)

While it is imperative that our data is always up to date and accurate on a daily basis, to maximise learning opportunities students need to arrive for school on time. Any student who is late to school or to class is adversely affecting their own learning and interrupting the learning of others. We need your assistance to avoid repeated lateness to school. If this process is not followed a SMS will be sent advising your child is not at school.

In regards to illness while at school or a request to leave early there are students who are texting their parents to come and pick them up instead of following the correct procedures. When this occurs, it inconveniences both the parent and those who tend the office.

Please discuss the correct procedure as outlined below with your son/daughter so that the college runs smoothly and efficiently:

YOU BECOME ILL AT SCHOOL
- Request permission from the teacher you are with to attend Sick Bay.
- The teacher will write a note in your diary.
- Report to SAO and show the diary.
- Do not ring or text your parents, if necessary this will be done for you in SAO.

YOU NEED TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY
- Bring a letter from your parent/guardian explaining why you need to leave early.
- Do not ring or text your parents.
- Have your Pastoral Teacher and Pastoral Coordinator sign the letter during Pastoral Care period.
- Immediately prior to departure report to SAO. Hand in your note and complete signout sheet.

We ask for parental support in ensuring each student follows the correct procedures.

Kyle Connor - Deputy Principal

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APA - Senior

Again a welcome back to all students and their families. It has been a pleasure to personally welcome so many new students to the school and to get to meet many of the year 11 students commencing their journey in Senior schooling.

Some important information to start the year off well: subject changes can only occur up until the end of week 3 of each Semester (Friday 15th Feb). After that students are required to remain in the subject for the semester. It is difficult to get too far behind the other students in work commitments if students are changing; nor is it possible to credit a full semester’s work for the QSA’s calculations, when students swap much later in the year. A request form from SAO, signed by the parents is required before the alteration can be made.

The Core Skills Test Program for Year 12 OP eligible students commences in Week 3. Each week the OP eligible students will be run through a series of knowledge, skills, practice, revision and feedback on this most important external testing regime – used to make it possible for the QSA to compare school and individual student data across the state.

For the most part students have two lessons on the same day of each alternate week. Each
fortnight where the extra lesson timeslot of Pastoral Care lesson falls in the school, plus one other class time lesson on that Thursday; and then on the alternate weeks, where the Year Level assembly falls on a Tuesday and again, one other class lesson that day (on rotation). Their first lesson is this Thursday, Period 1 and then the PC lesson as well. Non –OP eligible students who choose not to take part have a study lesson that period.

Peter Shaw - APA Senior

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APA - Junior

Welcome back and a special welcome to the new families who have joined the College community. I am sure 2013 will be a successful and rewarding year for the students, due to their hard work and dedication to their studies.

Congratulations to all Year 9 and 10 students who have returned their signed subject change forms so promptly to me. All students have now settled into the daily routine required around school life and have started the new year with enthusiasm and motivation for the term ahead. I congratulate the Year Eight students who have done so. Keep it up!

Today all Year 8 students completed ACER Diagnostic Test - Reading and PAT (Progressive Achievement Tests) Maths. The ‘norm referenced’ results will provide a snap shot of the year Eight cohort and will guide teachers so that appropriate support can be given to the students. Well done to all students.

Marie Hansen - APA Junior

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APA - Pastoral

Please pay particular attention to the wearing of the correct College uniform. Traditional, black, lace-up leather shoes are the only shoes that form part of the Marymount College uniform and predominantly white joggers are the only acceptable footwear for the College Sports Uniform (Slip on canvas shoes are not to be worn), as stated in the 2013 Student Record Books.

Students who do not wear the correct shoes as part of their uniform will be given a uniform detention.

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

Geoff Browne - APA Pastoral

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APRE

The pace of 2013 appears to have established itself as we are already looking to Lent and Easter with Ash Wednesday coming up on the 13th February..... in the coming week, Year 12 Retreat preparation has begun for the 6th to 8th March and Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be present for our Opening Liturgy and the Official Opening and Blessing of I Block on 20th February.

We also welcomed our new Campus Minister, Niamh Timlin, to the College this week. Niamh, who is from Northern Ireland, has had experience in Religious Education in Catholic schools in England and is delighted to be a part of Marymount community. She has already been working with our student leaders to ensure that Caritas fundraising will begin on Shrove Tuesday, 12th February and home cooked pancakes will be on sale at recess, and orders are being taken for Valentine’s Day cupcakes this year.

For our assembly prayer last Tuesday we reflected on the devastation caused by the floods in Queensland. A gold coin collection since then means that the College will be sending over $600 to St Vincent de Paul at Bundaberg to help in their recovery. A powerful photograph of the Vinnies shop, with water up to the roof, underlines the city’s devastation and their warehouse, in which they store all manner of things to help the most needy in the community has been destroyed.

Our student leaders traditionally attend 7.00am Mass at Infant Saviour, Burleigh on Ash Wednesday morning where they will receive the ashes and carry them back to the College for distribution to all students at our liturgy later that morning.

All schools in the Archdiocese will embark on the implementation of the new Religious Education Curriculum in the course of this year. This one in fifteen year event is the culmination of fours years of preparation by the RE Teams at Brisbane Catholic Education and parallels other changes taking place in education nationally. It will ensure that our programs are engaging, rigorous and relevant for 21st century learners and retain all the richness of our tradition for our students.

Dolores Maitland - APRE
MUSICAL REHEARSALS KICK OFF
THE SCHOOL’S NEW YEAR!

As the New Year kicked off, so did rehearsals for this year’s big school musical production of The Wedding Singer. Whilst most of the Gold Coast was unfortunately taking refuge from the effects of Cyclone Oswald over the Australia Day weekend, over 90 of school staff and students were working up their own storm practising dance routines and running lines during a three-day musical workshop on the College campus. The collaborated efforts of the Music, Drama and Dance departments over the musical camp have so far initiated great anticipation and excitement for the up and coming Wedding Singer production, which is to be showcased in the Gold Coast Art Centre in early May.

We will be looking forward to seeing many new faces in the mix in addition to the over 100-member cast already involved in our school’s rendition of The Wedding Singer musical, as open auditions for this year’s new Grade 8’s commence in the next few weeks. All are welcome to try out; this is not an experience to be missed! Good luck to all throughout this term and welcome back to school.

Rochelle Johnson
Year 12 reporter and Councillor
Cultural – Performing Arts Committee Member

BACK TO SCHOOL

After a long, refreshing holiday, it’s great to be back into the swing of things at Marymount College. Unbelievably, it is already my fourth year at Marymount, and the years are flying by. For some, however, this year is their first at the College, and on behalf of the students of Year 11 I’d like to welcome the Year 8s to Marymount and wish them a smooth transition into high school.

As for the rest of Marymount’s students, hopefully the holidays were enjoyable and refreshing for you, and you are feeling ready to face another year. Being in senior school is an exciting change in school life and there are some wonderful things in stall for Year 11 this year.

There is also a serious side as we start on our senior journey this year. At the Year Level meeting last week our Year Coordinators, Ms Anderson and Mr Carroll, spoke to us about the expectations for senior students, including appearance, behaviour and attitude, and stressed to us the responsibilities we now have as senior students. Ms Anderson pointed out that our schoolwork now becomes a priority, as our results start to mean something for our future. With plenty of work ahead, it’s important to stay positive.

Former Marymount student Kelsey Orbansen-Thew, who graduated last year, says that we should make the most of our time here, and the best is yet to come. “Senior is the most enjoyable time of my high school experience. The number of friends you meet, the knowledge you acquire and the bonds built are all gifts concocted by the experience and the numerous memories created that you’ll carry with you for the rest of your College life and beyond is irreplaceable.

Personally, I’ve been involved in two other musical productions thus far since my beginning at the College in 2009, performing in both the pit (band) and on stage, and I can honestly say that being part of a school’s musical productions has been one of the highlights of my high school experience. The number of friends you meet, the knowledge you acquire and the bonds built are all gifts concocted by the experience and the numerous memories created that you’ll carry with you for the rest of your College life and beyond is irreplaceable.
time of life at school, so enjoy it!” Kelsey’s main tip for students starting senior school is to never leave assignments and study until the last minute. “It just adds unnecessary stress and doesn’t give you the chance to hand in your best work,” she explains. With this advice and that of your teachers and Year Coordinators in mind, good luck and best wishes once again to every student at Marymount College for this year. Make it one to remember!

Jasmine Hodson - Year 11 reporter

MARYMOUNT COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Friday, the students and teachers of Marymount College sported their House colours at the school’s Swimming Carnival. Both students and teachers alike took the battle to the pool in four different strokes and six divisions that took place throughout the day. Students excelled in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly, with records broken throughout the day and students giving their best effort across the board. For many students, the highlight of the day was simply diving in to the cool water for a fun race. Zac Angel, the Katandra House captain, said that for him the highlight of the day was setting up the decorations early that morning and getting to spend quality time with fellow leaders. Zac also said he was very proud of the students of Katandra for participating.

It was wonderful to be a part of a day where school spirit shone out of the smiles of every student and teacher, and I’m sure everyone will have great memories to take away from the event.

Jasmine Hodson - Year 11 reporter

Butterflies in your tummy, knees shaking, looking around a room of unfamiliar faces. We all know that feeling of starting something new, whether it is a job, a group or, for Marymount College Year 8 students, the feeling of starting high school. That is why the ‘Peer Support’ program is put in place at Marymount.

Peer Support is made up of Year 11 students who volunteer to guide or mentor the new Year 8’s as they make the big transition from primary school to secondary. Last Wednesday, I, along with 60 other of my peers, went into school to run activities and get to know the Year 8s of 2013. We helped them to meet fellow students, find classes and most importantly settle some of the fears they had coming into high school. When asked what some fears and expectations they had at high school were, there were many interesting answers. “My brother told me that if you don’t get to the tuckshop line first, the Year 12s come and steal your lunch money,” one Grade 8 student said. Apart from those few high-school horror myths, we found most Year 8s were looking forward to high school and “making new friends.”

It was such a rewarding experience working with and getting to know the new students into the school and I look forward to holding more Peer Support lessons in the coming weeks. In the meantime when I’m walking around the school and see a lost-looking Grade 8 I think
how important it is to help them because, after all, we all know that overwhelming feeling of being the ‘newbie’ and how a helping hand or familiar face can really make a difference.

Maddie Dick - Year 11 reporter

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SENIOR SCHOOL

I woke up on the morning of the first day of school and thought to myself, “Grade 11, I’m a senior now.”

It was an odd thought, I didn’t feel any older, and I didn’t think I looked any older either. It seemed like only yesterday I was walking through the front gates of Marymount College as a nervous, awkward Year 8 student. Except that was a few years ago, and I could tell this year was going to be a lot different from the past 3 years I’ve been at Marymount.

Being a senior means a lot more responsibility – as every single teacher I have seen this week has told my classmates and me. At first I was skeptical, I wasn’t sure if I was quite ready to take on the duties of Year 11. But then the first day rolled around and I was thrown back into the routine of school, and surprisingly I found myself warming up to my new dark blue tie and the maturity milestone that it represented.

Peer Support was the first challenge. Together with a group of other grade 11 students I came into school a day earlier then the rest of our grade to welcome the new grade 8s into the school. I definitely knew how they felt, as not only did I go through the same thing a few years ago, but also my younger brother was amongst the new faces coming into the high school. We spent most of the day with the year 8s giving them basic advice on how to handle the transition from primary to secondary school, answering any questions they had, and talking to them about their expectations of high school, making sure to explain that getting your head dumped into the toilet by a grade 12 student wasn’t at all a rite of passage that every Marymount College student had to go through. For me, and the rest of the Peer Support leaders, it was the first glimpse at the type of leadership roles that we will become accustomed to over the next few months.

Now, with all my pre-senior jitters gone, I can truly say that I am extremely excited for 2013 and I hope my grade will be able to live up to the high standards of the senior students that have gone through the school before us.

Nikara Rangesh - Year 11 reporter

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COORDINATOR UPDATE

A warm welcome to all our Year 12 students.

As we come to the end of our second week, students have begun to settle into their routines with established Subject classes and Pastoral groups.

Already a number of activities have taken place establishing the sense of our Marymount community. A most successful Swimming Carnival was held on day 2 which showcased the best attendance to date for our cohort.

Thank you to our House Captains, House Patrons Mr Balym as Head of Sport together with staff who assisted in mentoring the leaders to achieve this participation rate.

Our students Leaders attended a ‘refresher’ session prior to the whole school commencing and were on hand to welcome the Year 8s and new students to the school. The leaders participated in various discussion groups in preparation for their busy schedule beginning next week!

Special thanks to our staff mentors whose support and guidance is great appreciated.

TERM 1 DATES TO NOTE IN FEBRUARY

12th Shrove Tuesday
13th February Ash Wednesday
14th February St Valentine’s Day
18th Senior Information Evening
20th Opening Liturgy
22nd Grip Leadership Conference

Mr Kevin Cornor and Mrs Irene Scott
Year 12 Coordinators
With the new-year upon us, many of our students will be moving towards securing casual employment. Our Careers Office team can assist in the process by offering one-on-one resume writing assistance, interview preparation, and job seeking guidance.

Those keen to gain the financial benefits, as well as the workplace experience a casual position brings are encouraged to drop by and register with the Careers Office. We frequently have employers approaching us looking to offer positions to our fabulous Marymount Students. These are advertised via the weekly newsletter, the daily notices and on our office window.

It’s never too soon to start looking! Don’t be caught out over the next holidays bored and with no cash! Our senior students in particular should be looking at options for between schoolies and uni/tafe commencing next year. Experience has shown that many students get caught out during this time penniless with too much time on their hands. Working towards securing a job that you love, and the beginning of financial independence, are important steps. Please take advantage of our services...we are very happy to assist.

Also, business owners/operators within our Marymount community are encouraged to register any junior roles available with our office. Please phone 55 861 063 or email details to Ms Lutze at llutze@marymount.qld.edu.au or Ms James at pjames@marymount.qld.edu.au

**BOND UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE DAYS**

Bond University welcomes Year 11 and 12 students to spend a day on campus learning about careers in advertising, journalism, public relations, criminology, psychology, interactive media or international relations.

Students will have the opportunity to experience what university life at Bond is all about and participate in interactive activities designed to give an insight into these career paths.

Due to the popularity of these complimentary events, we encourage students with a keen interest in these areas to register early. See the Careers Office to register your interest in these days.

- J DAY - February 28
- Criminology Day - March 4
- PR Ad Day - March 8
- Interactive Media Day - March 11
- Diplomat for a Day - March 13
- Psych Day - May 13

**DEFENCE TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS - (DTS) PROGRAM - 2013**

Defence is reviewing the way it engages Australian youth and the contribution various Defence programs make to this. Comprehensive policy addressing the issue will be developed to guide future programs.

As a direct consequence, the Defence Technical Scholarships (DTS) program will be suspended for 12 months. This is early advice only and further information will be provided to schools soon including DTS 2014 later in the year (October).

Please refer to www.defencejobs.gov.au/DTS

**2013 DEFENCE WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM**

Defence Work Experience Program opportunities are posted on their website now! Please note that applications are now to be posted “on-line”. No paper applications will be accepted.

Current Year 11 students interested are encouraged to select the week 17-21 June as their first choice, as this date coincides with our Year 11 Work Experience Program dates.


**ARE YOU COMPLETING A SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP OR APPRENTICESHIP THIS YEAR?**

Students who are completing a traineeship or apprenticeship and will have a release day, need to come to the Careers Office as we need to check their timetable and ensure the student is not missing out on too much school time.

They cannot assume that because they had a Monday last year that this will be the same this year as their timetable is different and we may need to suggest a new day or re-arrange classes to ensure the best outcome for the student.
SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP/APPRENTICESHIP VACANCIES

If you are interested in any of the vacancies advertised below, please contact the Careers Office first.

- Cert II in Community Pharmacy
- Terry White Chemist (Southport) BUSY Jim or Amie 5591 6480
- Amcal Chempro (Southport) BUSY Michael australiafair@chempro.com.au
- Certificate III in Business
- Holmes & Partners (Varsity Lakes) Ricky Naicker 5562 5030
- Wealthfarm (Southport) Dianne Cooper 5571 1342
- 5 Star Resumes (Elanora) Ricky Naicker 5562 5030
- Australian Institute of Learning (Robina) Ricky Naicker 5562 5030
- Juice 107.3 (Main Beach) Ricky Naicker 5562 5030
- Avago Remedial Massage (Robina) Ricky Naicker 5562 5030
- eTourism (Nerang) Rhonda Bryant 1300 551 448
- Post Office (Elanora) Aurora 5522 0411
- Newsagency (Palm Beach) Aurora 5522 0411
- Fast Food (Runaway Bay) Aurora 5522 0411
- Devocean Dive (Southport) shona@goldcoastdive.com.au
- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Hogs Breath (Surfers Paradise) PTC 3205 9212
- Coffee Shop (Broadbeach) Aurora 5522 0411
- Cafe (Burleigh) Aurora 5522 0411
- Coffee Shop (Coolangatta) Aurora 5522 0411
- Restaurant/Cafe (Marina Mirage) Aurora 5522 0411
- Cafe (Palm Beach/Tugun) Aurora 5522 0411
- Maries Pizza (Mermaid/Helensvale) IGNITE Sami 5559 5077
- Coffee Club (Stockland Burleigh) IGNITE Sami 5559 5077
- SLC (Tallebudgera/Nobby Beach) IGNITE Sami 5559 5077
- O’Sushi (Coolangatta) IGNITE Sami 5559 5077
- Crust (Burleigh) IGNITE Sami 5559 5077
- Vegas in Paradise IGNITE Sami 5559 5077
- Tavern (Treetops) IGNITE Sami 5559 5077
- Zorraffas (Palm Beach, Coolangatta, Tugun) IGNITE Sami 5559 5077
- Crema Expresso (Robina) PTC 3205 9212
- BBs Cafe (Robina) PTC 3205 9212
- Gloria Jeans (Surfers Paradise) BUSY Gerard 0421 915 472
- Certificate III in Hospitality Operations—Front of House
- SLC (Broadbeach, Miami) ACATSbrooke@acats.com.au
- CLUB (Runaway Bay) ACATSbrooke@acats.com.au
- Restaurant (Broadbeach) ACATSbrooke@acats.com.au
- Hotel (Robina) ACATSbrooke@acats.com.au
- Coffeelicious (Sanctuary Cove) BUSY Neriane or Anthony coffeelicious@hotmail.com
- Certificate II in Retail
- Donue King (Robina, Surfers Paradise) PTC 3205 9212
- Certificate III in Retail
- Newsagents (Broadbeach, Elanora) Aurora 5522 0411
- Terry White Chemist (Southport) BUSY Jim or Amie 5591 6480
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