**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*
APA - Senior

Just a reminder that subject selection changes options are no longer available for the rest of the Semester. Students may plan a subject change late in the Semester for the start of Semester II. Parents should avail themselves of the opportunity to speak with teachers at the start of Term II at Parent / Teacher meetings when there are concerns about a particular subject.

The end of Term I interim report will indicate these concerns from the teachers’ point of view. The Core Skills Test Program for year 12 OP eligible students has commenced well. It is interesting to note that most of the Ranking / Non-OP students are choosing to do the test and have opted to improve their final OP equivalent Rank as a result.

Those students who are dropping out of the program completely need to return a form distributed last week, stating permission from parents has been granted.

It was pleasing to see many parents attend last Monday’s Parent Senior Information Evening, given the inclement weather. Feedback suggests the information was well received and as such was a most successful gathering. The Semester I Assessment Schedule will be published with the next Newsletter. We suggest a copy is placed in a prominent position and that your child refer to it regularly. A hard copy of the schedule will be made available to each students and copies are lest in the SAO office area.

Peter Shaw - APA Senior

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APRE

The College Opening Liturgy for 2013, presided over by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and assisted by Fr Ken Howell, was a very special moment in the College’s story. The presence of Father Martin Doyle, whose vision gave us the Doyle Centre, an important space in the whole Marymount College experience underscored the reality of the liturgy’s theme, “Planted and built up in Jesus. Firm in Faith”. In the Doyle Centre many students have been baptised and received First Eucharist and Confirmation, participated in many liturgies there, had lessons, celebrated prayers, Marymount Day Masses, sat important exams and graduated in that space. As Archbishop Coleridge told us, “we are on holy ground” and indeed we are. It was a wonderful occasion for the College having Archbishop Coleridge with us even down to his compliments to our Hospitality students who prepared a beautiful lunch for him, Fr Ken Howell and the twenty student leaders when he told them it was like dining at Maxine’s in Paris!!

The Year 12 students will continue their theme “Planted and built up in Jesus. Firm in Faith” through their upcoming Retreat, taking place 6th - 8th March. Any outstanding permission slips need to be returned to the Campus Minister as soon as possible. Retreat meetings will be held in the coming week when students will be advised of the venues they will attend. Details of these will then be sent to parents.

Many students have been generous in their daily almsgiving for Project Compassion and almost $2000 has been raised already. With Campus Minister Niamh’s boundless enthusiasm and encouragement our target figure will soon be in sight.

Dolores Maitland - APRE
DANCE WORKSHOP

Earlier this month, Marymount College’s Extension Dance Team put their best feet forward to be a part of DanceNorth’s workshop. During the workshop, dancers were guided through contemporary warm up, before Dance Director Bradley Chatfield taught the students a section of repertoire that the company is performing this year.

Upon entering the room, one was bombarded by the buzz of brains working overtime, accompanied by the most beautiful and devastating music, though that wasn’t the most stunning feature of this scene.

Twenty dancers ranging from Year 8 to 12 moved in synchronization, their eyes fixed on their instructor. After learning their part, the dancers then took their skills to the DanceNorth Dance Box, where they were filmed.

“We’re using the dance box as our dance space, and we’re inviting people from the public to learn a part of the repertoire. We then edit that into a dance piece,” said Tracy, a professional dancer with the company.

She said that the footage is then edited and played along with a performance from the dancers, which will take place in March.

“So you get to see yourselves dance and then see the company perform the full piece. It’s quite cool.”

Marymount College dancers aren’t the only people to have been involved.

The company has been filming members of the Gold Coast community dancing to the same repertoire, and was set up at the Arts Centre for three weeks.

“The youngest performer so far has been eight months old, and the oldest has been about seventy.”

Dance Director Mr Chatfield, who was with Sydney Dance Company for eighteen years before coming to DanceNorth, said that the Marymount College extension dancers worked really well.

The company’s performance will take place at the Gold Coast Arts Centre on March 20.

Jasmine Hodson - Year 11 reporter
SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

GEOGRAPHY CAMP TO MORETON ISLAND

“Experience is the best teacher” as the old saying goes.

For Marymount College’s Year 11 Geography class this was certainly the case, when they spent 3 days on Moreton Island as part of a unit on managing resources in a national park. 18 students, including myself, along with 2 teachers took the boat across to Tangalooma on Moreton Island, where we stayed at the luxurious Tangalooma Resort.

It may have seemed like a holiday at first, with the picturesque beachfront views and self-accommodating cabins however we were there for business.

Walks to the famous sand dunes on Tangalooma, 4-wheel-driving through the bush, quad-biking and climbing the world’s largest and oldest sand dune were just a few of the activities we had planned in order for us to grasp the way resources are managed and run on Moreton Island.

For Rachel Janes, a Year 11 Geography student it was, “Feeding the dolphins that was by far the best experience. Knowing that they are wild dolphins makes that connection and interaction with them so much more special.”

The camp, run each year by Marymount staff, really gave us, the students an idea of the immeasurable beauty that nature offers. Once again, Rachel Janes’ sentiment echoes what all of us thought, “Being amongst and experiencing nature, in an untouched situation like this, really makes you appreciate and grasp the importance of preserving these natural sites for future generations to come.”

Maddie Dick - Year 11 reporter
ACADEMY OF DESIGN
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PROJECTS ABROAD – OVERSEAS VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMES
Over the summer 2013/14, Projects Abroad will once again be running a series of two week volunteer trips for students at the end of Year 10 and 11. Information Evenings will be conducted throughout the year. Details and registration can be found via the link www.projects-abroad.com.au/about-us/meet-us or visit the Marymount College Careers Office to access the current brochure.

BOND UNIVERSITY 2013 EXPERIENCE DAYS
A reminder that Bond University is inviting Year 11 and 12 students to spend a day on campus learning about careers in Advertising (8th March), Journalism (28th February), Public Relations (8th March), Criminology (4th March), Psychology (13th May), Interactive Media (11th March). 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, students are encouraged to register asap with the Marymount College Careers Office. For further information, visit www.bond.edu.au.

Late News: Journalism and Criminology Experience Days are now FULL.

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A number of vacancies currently exist including:
• Cert III Business – Australian Migration Services (Robina)
• Cert III Hospitality & Commercial Cookery – Outrigger Hotel (Surfers Paradise)
• Cert III Retail – Donut King (Robina)
• Cert III Business – Newsagency (Kirra Beach)
• Cert III Business – Ice-Cream Parlour (Mermaid Beach)
• Cert III Business – Catering Business (Robina or Burleigh Heads)
• Cert III Hospitality – Coffee Shop (Burleigh Waters)
• Cert III Hospitality – Restaurant (Varsity Lakes)

For further details on these positions, please visit the Marymount College Careers Office today or phone: 55861063.

UK GAP YEAR 2014
Information relating to the Champion Travel Group Gap Year for 2014 is now available at www.ukgapyear.com.au. Gap placements in UK boarding schools are limited – students who are considering a UK Gap Year need to get their applications in as soon as possible. Champion Travel has excellent relationships with many UK boarding schools. Closing Date for Application is 30th April 2013. Contact Minetta Cox via email: minette@championgroup.com.au.

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Psalm 32 - The Joy of Forgiveness

Our God, you bless everyone whose sins you forgive and wipe away. You bless them by saying, “You told me your sins, without trying to hide them, and now I forgive you.”

Before I confessed my sins, my bones felt limp, and I groaned all day long. Night and day your hand weighed heavily on me, and my strength was gone as in the summer heat. a

So I confessed my sins and told them all to you. I said, “I’ll tell the LORD each one of my sins.” Then you forgave me and took away my guilt.