WELCOME TO TERM 2

It is always good to welcome students back for the new term. Certainly their efforts in Term 1, reflected in their school reports, the improved cleanliness around the school, and presentation and grooming was appreciated. They appear to have returned in good spirit and there’s much to do.

As educators we believe in education as the key to their future. We work hard every day, week and term because of this belief and we appreciate parents and students who share it. We know when a student does share this belief: they’re well groomed and well presented all of the time; they’re always at school every day; they’re on time for classes with their books, laptop and equipment; they’re engaged in class, they take notes, ask questions and help others; they love doing their best, whether it’s something they’re good at or something they find hard; they keep their work organised in their note books, folders and in there e-files on their laptops.

As educators (and parents) we know the students need reminding about these things. Though they may be upset that we do remind them we hope they learn that education is the key to their future well-being, security and happiness. At the start of each term, each week and possibly each day, it’s important for their success that they believe this and get to school and follow through with quality effort and work.

GOLD COAST SECONDARY DEBATING

We have four teams preparing for the third round of preliminary competition in Gold Coast Debating. The preliminary rounds will continue this Term and determine the finalists. Finals will be held throughout Term 3 with the Grand Finals on 21 August. Congratulations to our teams for their early success. We wish them well. Our appreciation to Mrs McMahon, Mrs Barlow, Miss Dowden and Miss Burgess who are coaching the teams.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
1:00PM – 6:00PM TUESDAY 23 APRIL

Bookings for parent/teacher interviews next Tuesday opened on Monday this week and many parents responded immediately. A reminder SMS was sent yesterday. Students will be dismissed at 12:30pm. Parents were asked to advise the College if their son/daughter is to remain at school until 3:00pm. Supervision will be provided.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS FRIDAY 26 APRIL

9:45am Year 10, 11 & 12 Awards
10:30am Morning tea – Parents
11:45am Year 8 & 9 Awards
12:30pm Light Refreshments – Parents

Following our experience last year we have moved the start time for the Year 8 & 9 Awards to allow parents and awardees to meet after the presentations. Morning tea and light refreshments will be provided for parents. Congratulations to those receiving awards.

ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION

The College Community will commemorate ANZAC Day with a service at the start of the school day on 24 April.

The Burleigh Heads Commemoration Service will begin with a Parade down James Street. Senior Leaders, College students and Marymount Primary students will meet at the top end of James Street at 9:00am on ANZAC Day for the Parade at 9:30am. The Commemoration Service at Burleigh Heads Memorial Park will begin at 10:00am.

School Leaders and Year 10 students will meet Mr Hamilton at Burleigh Heads Memorial Park for the 4:00am Dawn Service.

TRAFFIC PARKING SAFETY

The gate to the ovals will be locked from 2:45pm to 3:15pm each day. This is to provide both a traffic calming effect and to ease the pressure at the pedestrian crossings. This will affect parents, staff and students who use the College grounds for pick up and parking. The decision was made because student safety is our priority.

Gold Coast City Council Parking Officers have indicated concerns about illegal parking in the car park and along Burleigh Connection Road. There are parking signs and yellow park lines for motorists. This is a public car park and road and if motorists park illegally they will be booked.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

You will shortly receive an invitation to assist with our Catholic Mission in the Archdiocese. This invitation will come as a result of your decision to enrol your son/daughter at Marymount. Contacting you in this way is recognition that many non-Catholic families accessing Catholic education, don’t get asked to assist Catholic endeavours generally. Continuing to rely on those who attend Sunday Mass each week does not cover the financial costs of making Jesus real across the Archdiocese each year. We believe you will accept our request in the spirit we are making it and give fair consideration to helping with this if we explain what we do.
Transport & Parking: Due to safety concerns the main gates of the college that allow access to the Doyle Centre and the college playing fields will be closed between 2.45pm and 3.15pm each afternoon from Monday to Friday.

This will allow a safe corridor for both primary and secondary students when leaving the college grounds or catching their bus. As well as lessen the traffic congestion at the intersection of the service road and the traffic lights.

There are markings placed on the streets leading into the school carpark which clearly indicate the designated lanes for bus entry as well as set down and pick up. We ask parents to adhere to these markings to ensure the safety of our students and for less traffic congestion.

Parents should not use the bus lane to pick up or drop off their child.

*Please note - The industrial complex across the road from the college and in particular SuperCheap Auto is not a designated school carpark. Cars that use that area to drop off or pick up students can be fined for doing so.

Students who ride a bike to school are required to have a chain and lock for security. No bike should be left outside the bike cage and should be secured at all times.

The college rules regarding travel and conduct when travelling to and from school are as follows:

• No skateboards are allowed
• Students riding bikes will obey all traffic laws which include wearing a helmet
• Students should not ride their bikes in the school premises and bikes to be locked in school bike racks upon arrival
• There is no eating on buses, no littering on buses and no throwing of rubbish from buses
• Students must follow the Department of Transport guidelines for bus travel including the payment of fares
• Students are to cross roads at designated crossings or at traffic lights particularly at Tree Tops Shopping Centre

* Students and parents are reminded that students are to travel directly to and from school.

The majority of students are to be commended for the excellent manner in which they present themselves in both uniform and behaviour when travelling on public transport or on foot. They demonstrate respect for themselves and for others as young adults. I encourage you to discuss these matters with your child. For further information please consult the Student Record Book.

Kyle Connor - Deputy Principal

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APA - SENIOR

The College follows strict policy guidelines in order to comply with Queensland Studies Authority senior school regulations. These surround the completion of substantive amounts of course and assessment work; deadlines and due dates; and the equity and fairness of the assessment regime for all concerned. The following detail spells out the finer points of these policies.

ASSIGNMENTS

• If set in the criteria tasks, that a draft is required, it must be submitted.
• If the draft is to be used as a ‘negotiating tool’ for extension at a later date, the draft MUST be substantial*.
• If the final draft is not submitted CORRECTLY by close of business** on the due date, then it is treated as a NON-submission and penalties apply. The so-called “end-of-recess rule” applies only if the draft is substantial* and if the final submission is then delivered on time.

LATE ASSIGNMENTS & MISSED EXAMS

1. All work MUST be completed eventually. This student folio of work for the semester must be full and complete; regardless of results.
2. There needs to be a genuine reason for absences. Early or extended holidays are not a genuine reason.
3. There needs to be a written request in advance from parents / guardians.
4. If the reason is medical and covers the day / date of an assessment task a medical certificate is required.
5. There needs to be a covering Proforma completed,
available from SAO.

6. The work must be delivered / completed ASAP by negotiation. [All documentation above – points 3, 4, 5 are added to the folio]

With ALL late assessment – REGARDLESS of the circumstances, genuine or otherwise: the College reserves the right to either:

I. Not mark the piece
II. OR Mark the piece but WITHOLD the result from the student
III. AND THEN Withhold the result, pending the outcome of other assessment results for the semester. i.e.: if the result appears to be in line with the other completed tasks and appears to be a typical result the AC can approve for the result to be included.

LATE EXAM OR NON-SUBMIT ASSIGNMENTS PENALTY

A. If the work is late, there is no valid reason and there are no other intervening circumstances then the work is still collected, but not marked and the student receives NO result. The Academic Coordinator should inform the parent.
B. If this continues for a 2nd or 3rd time then Credit for the Semester may be withdrawn. That subject will then not appear on the semester report card and no result / credit will apply. This may or may not jeopardise their OP and QCE calculation. The parents will be informed by the APA.

Please check out the student diary for the assignment policy in full. Please note, we consider close of business to be the end of the students’ school day – 3pm**.

Peter Shaw - APA Senior

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APA - JUNIOR

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2 - The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests were first implemented in May 2008 when national tests were held in literacy and numeracy for all students in Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN 2013 will be conducted from Tuesday 14th to Thursday 16th May. Friday 17th May is a ‘make-up’ day for students who miss any of the tests earlier in the week.

- All eligible students in Years 3, 5, 7 or Year 9 enrolled at State, Catholic or Independent schools must sit the tests unless they are exempt or withdrawn by parents/carers.
- For Year 9 there will be 5 tests: Language conventions, Writing, Reading, Numeracy - non-calculator and Numeracy- calculator allowed.
- For the Writing test, students will be given a stimulus and asked to write a response to the task in a maximum of three pages. Students will be required to write persuasive piece of writing.
- The response formats for questions on all other test papers will be either multiple choice - shade a bubble to indicate the answer- or constructed response - write the answer in a box or on a line.

The best ‘content’ preparation for NAPLAN 2013 continues to be quality teaching and the enactment of a comprehensive school curriculum and students doing their best in the classroom.

Helping students to be relaxed about NAPLAN’s different testing environment is important. With this in mind, year nine students completed a trial NAPLAN tests in the Doyle Centre under the same conditions as they will experience next month. The feedback from the results of this trial will assist them in their preparation for the test.


If a student is not available for any of these days, the College must be notified.

Any concerns /issues please contact me.

Marie Hansen - APA Junior
DEBATING UPDATE

Rounds 1 and 2 of the Gold Coast Secondary Schools Debating Association competition were completed in Term 1. Students debated the issues around a number of controversial topics ranging from free public transport to the sale of human organs.

Congratulations to our Year 9 team which is undefeated after two rounds. Our Year 8, 10 and 11 teams each have one win and one loss at this stage of the competition. In Rounds 3 and 4, debaters will be involved in secret topic debates where students have between sixty and ninety minutes (depending on the year level) to prepare their cases, without guidance from coaches. This is an exciting style of debate that tests team work and time management skills, as well as general knowledge.

We wish all debaters the best of luck this term as they compete in Rounds 3 and 4.

Annette McMahon - Debating Coordinator

INTERSCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION

Round 2 of the Gold Coast High Schools Interschool Chess Teams Competition will be held at All Saint Anglican College on Wednesday 8th May.

There are two divisions in the Competition: a Premier Division and an Open Division (which is open to students of all ability levels in chess). Students must wear full school uniform and need to be registered at All Saints by 8.45am. The day concludes at 2.30pm after presentations. Entry fee is $15 and transport will be arranged for students unable to make their own way to the venue. Students who wish to enter the competition should see Mrs. King in LSC.

All students and competitors are invited to come along to Chess Club on Mondays at lunchtime in Room A2. Bring your lunch and enjoy a social game or hone your competitive skills against other enthusiastic players.

Di King - Chess Coordinator
Funds from the Annual Catholic Campaign contribute to five principal beneficiary areas of:

- **Centacare** – community and social services.
- **The Priests Foundation** – caring for retirement and illness.
- **The Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund.**
- **The Holy Spirit Seminary** – preparing our future priests.
- **Other Catholic Ministries** – supporting Catholic life and values.

Consider Centacare:
In Disability Services over 500 people aged 18-65 receive accommodation support, mental health support, learning and leisure support and active lifestyle support. Perhaps we’re too busy to provide volunteer support to those with disability but we can provide financial support through the Annual Catholic Campaign.

In Family and Relationships Services include counselling, domestic and family violence intervention, mediation (family dispute resolution), education, children’s programs and community development services. While we support our families and our friends, Centacare is there to provide private support to people where needed and to families who lack the support. Again, our financial support through the Annual Catholic Campaign is possible.

Employment Services assist over 10000 clients at any one time operating from 12 service locations on the Gold Coast (Nerang and Southport) in Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast.

Pastoral Ministry provides a range of practical services in the community: international mariners, the hospitalised, the imprisoned, indigenous Australians, persons living with mental illness, Shiloh HIV/AIDS support.

Community Support includes practical support services such as carer support and home and community care. All services share the goal of improving the overall quality of life for those who are ageing or living with a disability to live as independently as possible.

The integrity, commitment, experience and professionalism of dedicated Centacare workers make Centacare’s services unique in its response to people’s circumstances and needs. We can play our part by supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign with a generous once only contribution or by committing to a smaller, yet ultimately more generous, regular direct debit contribution. Details will be in the mailout in June.
Saturday 16 March saw Marymount send a Year 8 Rugby League team to compete in the Clairvaux Mackillop College 9-a-side Carnival. Unfortunately we were down on players and having only 10 boys made a huge difference on the field. At the end of the day, all of the boys could hold themselves with pride because they had not backed down and had continued to attack and defend up to the final whistle even when they were exhausted. My thanks go to all the parents who came up to the carnival to give their support.

Aaron Turner - Year 8 Rugby Coach

Our interschool sport continues on a Thursday afternoon this term with 30 of our teams undefeated at the end of term 1. Hopefully we will have many teams qualify for the finals at the end of May.

Good luck to our students competing in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships being held at North Kirra from the 17th to 21st of April. I’m sure all the hard work you have put in over the season will pay off with good results.

In Basketball news Jessica Renata is currently in a training camp with the New Zealand Under 18 Women’s team that will be competing in the Australian Under 18 Basketball Championships being held in Brisbane from the 20th to 27th of April. Good luck Jess!

Olympic diving silver medalist Brittany Broben is currently off competing in the FINA World Series being held over 6 rounds in Beijing, Dubai, Edinburgh, Moscow, Guadalajara and Mexico City. The first 2 rounds have been completed and Brittany is currently ranked equal 3rd in the 10m platform after finishing 4th in both Beijing and Dubai. The Edinburgh leg is from the 19th to 21st of April and we wish Brittany all the best as she continues her diving career.

In Regional Sport news we have had 3 girls qualify for the South Coast Touch Football teams competing at the State Championships. Good luck to Paije Hocking in the 15 years team who will compete in Roma from the 31st May to 2nd June and also to Sinead Grehan and Ciara Grehan in the 18 years team who will be competing in Cairns from the 10th to 12th May.

Trent Balym - Head of Sport
Thanks to those students who have submitted their forms and secured their Work Experience placements for later this term. Many excellent placements have been arranged. These students can look forward to gaining an insight into a real world working environment, which in many cases leads to future direction and/or further opportunities. For those who have yet to arrange their placement, please note that our program co-insides with many of the Coasts schools and therefore, quality placements are filling fast.

Remember it is a week-long commitment and ideally your placement would be relevant as well as enjoyable. Yellow forms are now overdue! The Careers Office Team is very happy to assist in the process but do require students and parents to give some consideration to their placement prior.

**SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

A number of excellent Certificate III qualifications are currently being offered. By successfully completing, students gain a minimum Rank of 68 which equates to approximately 15-16 OP. If you are considering a School Based Traineeship, please feel free to contact the Marymount College Careers Office on phone: 55861063 for further information.

Current positions include:

- Cert III Sport & Recreation (Miami Aquatic Centre)
- Cert III Business (Body Corp Management – Burleigh) (Giant Chemist – Broadbeach) (Fashion Nerang)
- Cert III IT, Digital Media (Computer Kidz - Mermaid Waters)

For those interested in the Hospitality or Retail industry, a large number of vacancies are available throughout the Coast. See the Careers Office for specific details today.

**MARYMOUNT COLLEGE CAREERS EXPO**

Next term (week 3), we will be welcoming in excess of 100 institutions, businesses and professionals to our Careers Expo. The night provides students and parents with information relating to their area of interest, and has provided a fabulous insight into pathways for those who have attended in the past. The evening is targeted towards Years 10, 11 and 12 students but we encourage all year levels to attend.

Each year, at this time, we reach out to our Marymount Community and ask for parents/carers to provide guidance to our students. Are you a Mechanic, Dentist, Artist, Lawyer, Builder, Real Estate Agent, Child Care Worker, Nurse, Vet, Programmer, Professional Athlete, Midwife, Physio, Truck Driver, Retail Manager, Fire Fighter?

Anyone available to contribute to the event and represent their profession, we would love to hear from you. You would need to be available for one night only (TUESDAY, 24th JULY from 6pm-8pm), and ONLY required to speak one-on-one with individuals interested in your area of expertise. NO PUBLIC SPEAKING IS REQUIRED. If you think you might be available, please contact Ms Leesa Lutze on Email: llutze@marymount.qld.edu.au or phone: 55861063.

**UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND – NEXT? THE FUTURE OF BUSINESS Q&A WITH SIR RICHARD BRANSON – 9 MAY**

UQ Business School is hosting one of the most prestigious business events in Australian – NEXT? The Future of Business Q&A. UQ Business School is committed to asking big questions to challenge the future of global business and is encouraging High School Students to take part. This event will feature a panel comprising of five of the brightest future-thinkers in business, including business magnate Sir Richard Branson, who will ask, debate and answer a series of questions submitted. Tickets can be purchased via http://www.nextquestion.com.au/tickets.

For further information contact Samantha Kennerley, UQ Business School on P: 33468068, E: s.kennerley@business.uq.edu.au.

**LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION – STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND**

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand, a not-for-profit organisation is pleased to extend an invitation to students and families to attend the LIVE Online information session being held on Wednesday, 24th April (commencing 7.30pm). The LIVE Online session provides the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available.

Each year, 12 scholarships valued from $2,500 up to $10,800 are offered. For further information, see the Careers Office or visit www.studentexchange.org.au.

**QUT PARENT INFORMATION SEMINAR**

Parents of senior school students and their son or daughter are invited to attend QUT’s Parent Information Seminar on Wednesday, 1st May at the Kelvin Grove campus. This general information seminar will focus on course and career decision making, gaining entry to university, life as a student, study costs, support services and resources available.

Parents can RSVP online by clicking on the Parent Information Seminar link at www.qut.edu.au/study/events and completing the registration form. For more information, contact Susan Thomas on 3138 8567 or email exporevents@qut.edu.au.
This is our combined school’s major fundraiser for 2013. If every family could get involved in some way, it could make this our most successful fete ever!

URGENT!

Plant Stall Convener required

ART UNION

We will be conducting an Art Union as our major fundraising activity.

We have already had some generous donations, but we still need significant donations to ensure that the art union’s prizes are substantial enough to secure ticket sales. There are only a few weeks left to finalise the Art Union.

DONATIONS PLEASE!!!

Thank you to everyone for their generous donations to date.

BUT we still need plenty of donations for our Cent Auction – e.g. dinners at restaurants; hotel accommodation; small electrical items; homewares; toy items etc. (all items need to be new).

Can you help with small items – e.g. popper drinks; small potato chips; lollies; novelty items; small stationery items???

The second hand book stall is also accepting donations, these can be dropped off to Jenny Mellifont at the Primary School book shop. Contact no. 5520 8410.

LIST OF FETE RIDES

- Storm
- Bat Tower
- Jungle Jive Big Bouncer
- Round Up
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- Super Slide
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We need parent volunteers; to help in stalls; with activities; to assist ride operators; to assist with set-up and take down. Whether you are able to help out for 1 or 2 hours, or all day, any time that you can offer will be appreciated.

**Please don’t wait to be asked!**

Contact Tracey Dean on 5586 1000, mobile 0403 834 883 or email tdean@bne.catholic.edu.au

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**CALL FOR SPONSORSHIP**

We still need more sponsorship for this big event and if you can support the Fete by providing any level of sponsorship this would contribute greatly to ensuring a successful day. Sponsors will be given various levels of advertising, beginning with advertising in our Fete Newsletters and the Fete programs on the day.

For a sponsorship proposal contact Tracey Dean on 5586 1000, mobile 0403 834 883 or email tdean@bne.catholic.edu.au

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Please come along and join our hardworking committee!
The next fete meeting will be:
Monday 17th June 6pm-7pm in the Primary School Staffroom

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RIDE passes will be on sale prior to the event.
We join with Pope Francis as we pray for peace in our World.

So this is the invitation which I address to everyone: Let us accept the grace of Christ’s Resurrection! Let us be renewed by God’s mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish. And so we ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him we implore peace for all the world.

Peace for the Middle East, and particularly between Israelis and Palestinians, who struggle to find the road of agreement, that they may willingly and courageously resume negotiations to end a conflict that has lasted all too long. Peace in Iraq, that every act of violence may end, and above all for dear Syria, for its people torn by conflict and for the many refugees who await help and comfort. How much blood has been shed! And how much suffering must there still be before a political solution to the crisis will be found?

Peace for Africa, still the scene of violent conflicts. In Mali, may unity and stability be restored; in Nigeria, where attacks sadly continue, gravely threatening the lives of many innocent people, and where great numbers of persons, including children, are held hostage by terrorist groups. Peace in the East of the Democratic Republic of Congo, and in the Central African Republic, where many have been forced to leave their homes and continue to live in fear.

Peace in Asia, above all on the Korean peninsula: may disagreements be overcome and a renewed spirit of reconciliation grow.

Peace in the whole world, still divided by greed looking for easy gain, wounded by the selfishness which threatens human life and the family, selfishness that continues in human trafficking, the most extensive form of slavery in this twenty-first century. Peace to the whole world, torn apart by violence linked to drug trafficking and by the iniquitous exploitation of natural resources! Peace to this our Earth! Made the risen Jesus bring comfort to the victims of natural disasters and make us responsible guardians of creation.