ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATION
Our appreciation to those involved in our College Commemoration Service this week: Our Captains and Vice Captains, the cadets in the catafalque party and the bugler. The power of the simple College service rests on the stillness of 1150 members of our community as we pause to remember them.

The efforts across Australia on ANZAC Day culminate in the stillness as each gathering, large or small, remembers those who fought for our country, who died and who suffer the physical and emotional toll of their courage, commitment and loyalty.

WEDDING SINGER – TICKETS ON SALE
There isn’t a bad seat in the house at the Gold Coast Arts Centre so get your tickets and come along; Opening Night – Thursday or the Closing Night – Friday. I love an Opening Night: the tension builds through the final days; the cast professionally contains their excitement; the pressure is palpable.

It is great to see young people experience this, and for them and us to see what they can do. They are amazing and you must come to see the show. You deserve a good night out and you will be delighted.

ENROLMENTS 2015
With just a few places remaining to be filled for Year Eight next year our focus is on enrolments for 2015. With Year 7 coming to high school in 2015 that means we are enrolling cohorts from Year 5 and Year 6. There is a large cohort in Year 5 and our experience has been that we have to close enrolments in June/July because of demand for places when this occurs.

Please ensure your child’s enrolment for Year 7 2015 is lodged for the February Enrolment Interviews in 2014. We have been processing these enrolments this year because of the double intake of Year 7 and Year 8 students for 2015.

Further enrolment interviews are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday 20 and 21 May.

STRADBROKE ISLAND CAMP
This two day camp was for College Indigenous students to spend enjoyable time together, to reflect on their goals and to build shared commitment to successful achievement at school and beyond. Their teacher mentors, Mrs Kim Parker, Miss Emma Burrows, Mr Geoff Browne and our Campus Minister Ms Niamh Timlin accompanied the students.

Reports were of a great bunch of students from Years 8 through to 12: “The students were outstanding, gained much from the experience and made new friends across year levels and were deeply appreciative of the opportunity and the support generally.”

RESPONSE TO THE PRIME MINISTER’S ANNOUNCEMENT
The Catholic sector will now closely examine the detail of the school funding announcement by the Prime Minister. While we are yet to receive fine detail of this package and welcome the additional funding proposed for Catholic schools, we remain concerned that it could lead to a widening of the gap in resourcing between Catholic schools and government schools.

Any reduction in funding comparative to government schools will place pressure on school fees and could force families out of Catholic schools. This would ultimately cost government more money. The Catholic sector will continue to engage constructively with the Federal government in this vital reform process. We cannot determine a final position until the response of the State government is known and legislation is ultimately drafted. On average, Catholic school students currently receive 20 per cent less government funding than if they attended government schools; more than 141,000 or almost 1 in 5 Queensland students attend Catholic schools.

Mr Mike Byrne - Executive Director QCEC

Chris Noonan - Principal
APA - Senior

Thank you to all the parents who took the opportunity to consult with teachers this week at the Parent / Teacher interviews. Please continue to have this dialogue with our teachers so that we can continue to work in partnership for the benefit of the students in our care.

Please check that you have access to the Semester I assessment schedule – issued in February this year. Extra hard copies are available from SAO. We encourage you to discuss upcoming assessment tasks with your children and plan together the timeline for completion of these.

Congratulations to all students that were presented with their Principal’s Award today, in recognition of the exemplary way they have commenced their year of schooling.

A reminder that QCS Practice is on Tuesday 30 April.

Peter Shaw - APA Senior

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APA - Pastoral

Immunisations: Students in Years 8 and 10 who returned immunisation forms will receive their immunisations on Monday morning. (Week 3 – 29-4-13)

This will occur from 9.00am and will include Hepatitis B and Gardasil (HPV) immunisations for Year 8 girls and boys. Boostrix and Gardasil (HPV) for Year 10 girls and boys.

Students who have not returned forms will still be able to receive immunisations if the forms or consent is returned on Monday.

Geoff Browne - APA Pastoral

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APRE

Our Anzac prayer on Wednesday was solemn and beautiful. As our community joined, in spirit, with others all over Australia and in many places overseas this act of remembrance becomes a very powerful experience of honoring those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in serving our country and those who are currently serving, their families, descendants and those who continue to care for those who have returned from places of conflict, wounded and suffering. It reminds all of us of the need to be peacemakers in every aspect of our daily lives.

The students response was exemplary. The colour party was comprised of a number of cadets from the Army, Navy and Air Force under the command of Robbie Dickfos, a Year 12 student.

The Dawn Service at Burleigh was attended by a large group of students accompanied by Mr Jason Hamilton and our College Captains also spoke at the March later in the morning. A wreath was laid on our behalf at the Dawn Service. Mr Geoff Browne and Mr Kevin Cornor accompanied yet another large group of our students at the March.

This year sees the beginning of the implementation of the new Religious Education Curriculum. This project will take place over a period of time and at least until 2015. At this point in time, we are slowly introducing some new material in Year 8 in a unit on Church History. This lines up well with their current History topic and the project on Night of Living History. Mrs Dina Serong, Ms Therese Mullins, Ms Brigid Dowden and myself will be working as a team to support the implementation.

I encourage all parents and carers to converse with their sons and daughters about their current topics in Religious Education. You will find this a rewarding and interesting experience. Year 9 work is focused on biblical parallels in the Narnia story and Year 10’s are engaged in a challenging unit on Morality. Year 11 SOR students are doing work on Ritual, whilst the Year 12 SOR’s focus is Ultimate Questions of Grief and Loss, Death and Dying in the five religious traditions. Religion And Ethics classes have moved to their second topic for the year.

Students will be visiting Families Back on Track in the next few weeks. Final arrangements for this available soon.

The supervisor at Families Back on Track has asked if anyone would have beds which they do not need any longer. Mattresses need to be “clean”. These are for families who are moving into regular residential accommodation but who have no furniture. If you can help, let me know and I will put them in touch with you for a pick up.

Dolores Maitland - APRE
On the 30th April, selected students from Year 8 attended a writing workshop. The venue for this amazing day was Marymount Primary School and we were given the chance to work with a published author by the name of Tristan Bancks. We enjoyed five hours of listening, writing and connecting with the chosen Year 7 students from Marymount and St Augustine’s Primary School.

We were taken to many beautiful places around the primary school and told to take note of our surroundings, writing short stories on every small detail. We were given great tips for our writing and how to properly structure our stories. We wrote many wonderful and many not-so-great pieces, most in under five minutes!

Tristan Bancks told us the important things that we, as young writers, need to do to accomplish our goals and we were told that no matter how many times our pieces were knocked down, we always had to keep trying. We thank again all the teachers who made this fun filled day possible, and Tristan, or course!! This truly was a day to remember!!

Ally Jerrret and Emily Cason - Year 8 English students and participants

On Tuesday the 16th of April, Year 12 Geography students spent a day in the field investigating water and land quality impacts along Syndicate Creek in the Tallebudgera Valley. Once again, our Year 12 students of 2013 were able to add to a rich source of longitudinal data that the College’s Geographers have been building for the past nine years. In addition to past data, this year’s data will inform decisions about hypothetical land uses. Students will be acting as Environmental Management Consultants for the Gold Coast City Council as they analyse data and evaluate alternative proposals for the future.

Data collected did reveal some concerning impacts on the quality of creek water, resulting particularly from residential land uses. Our Geographers this year can certainly be proud of their conduct in the field. They worked tirelessly and professionally to collate some excellent findings. This work concludes their time in the field as Geographers of Marymount College. Mrs Cooper and I would like to take this opportunity to thanks students for their efforts.

Kim Parker - Geography Coordinator
Adult Art Classes At Marymount College - All Welcome

Over the years I have been asked by many parents, staff and past students about good adult art classes, so we are endeavoring to begin our own in the new College Art Building. The classes will be open to interested primary and secondary parents, friends, past students and staff beginning with a basic five week introductory course in drawing and painting. Accomplished artist Shannon Doyle will conduct the classes, which will be designed to accommodate complete beginners through to more experienced students. At this stage we are considering running two and a half classes at a cost of $25 (on Tuesday evenings) however these details could change depending on demand. If you are interested in developing your creative side and extending or learning new skills please come along. It will be a lot of fun, plus you will have art you can take home.

Register your interest by contacting Steve O’Keefe through the College Office on 5586100 or email sokeefe@marymount.qld.edu.au

Artist Shannon Doyle

Shannon Doyle grew up on the north coast of NSW, completed university in Toowoomba before relocating to the Gold Coast where he began to exhibit in group and solo shows. Her extensive range of skills has seen him commissioned to travel to Donetsk in Ukraine in 2007 to work on Ceiling art along side specialist Italian artists.

In the last 12 months he has gone from strength to strength being selected as a finalist in the 2011 Duke Prize, the Artfelt Prize 2012 and the prestigious Metro Art Award for 2012.

Shannon has had particular success when showing at international art fairs with Retrospect Planet enjoying sales in Germany, London, and New York. He is currently working towards a major solo exhibition in Brisbane.

Further information can be found at ; www.shannondoyleart.com

Steve O’Keefe - Art Coordinator
Well done to all of our Surf Life Savers who competed at the Australian Championships held at North Kirra last weekend.

Special congratulations to the medalists:

Kody Innis (3rd Under 17 Ironman), Jordan Cook (3rd Under 15 Surf Teams), Millie Clout (3rd Under 17 March past) and Greta Petersen (1st Under 17 Surf Teams, 2nd Under 19 Rescue Tube Rescue, 3rd Under 19 Surf Teams and 3rd Under 17 2km Beach Run) on your great performances.

In Regional Sport news, Nick Byrne has made the South Coast 15 years AFL team that will be competing in Dalby from the 23rd to 26th May and Jack Nelson has made the 15 years Touch team that will be competing in Mt Isa from the 30th May to the 2nd June.

Good Luck Nick and Jack.

The Queensland All Schools Cross Country Championships are on Saturday 4th May at St Paul’s School, Bald Hills.

If you are interested in competing you need to come and see Mr. Balym for more details.

Our College Cross Country is being held on Friday 10th of May so make sure you get out there and put some kilometres into your legs in preparation.

Trent Balym - Head of Sport
YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE AGREEMENTS

Work Experience agreements are currently being emailed to both parents and students. May we ask that you print, sign and return these to the Marymount College Careers Office as soon as possible. This information is then signed by a school representative and forwarded to employers. Without it, no work experience is possible. Your assistance with this matter would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please feel free to contact Ms Petrina James on Email: pjames@marymount.qld.edu.au or phone: 55861063.

UQ FUTURE EXPERIENCES IN AGRICULTURE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FEAST)

FEAST is a five day residential program at UQ Gatton, designed to inspire and inform Years 11 and 12 students about the exciting and rewarding science careers in the agriculture, animal and food sectors. Students will explore science disciplines through hands on activities and workshops run by UQ staff and Industry and discover the career outcomes and opportunities for their future. Students will experience University life and expand their knowledge of UQ study options, programs, careers and campus life. Online registrations are now open at http://www.science.uq.edu.au/feast. For information, contact: Karli Kollegger on P: 5460 1279 or E: feast@uq.edu.au.

RSA WITH A DIFFERENCE – AURORA TRAINING INSTITUTE

Do you require your Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate? Aurora Training Institute is conducting face to face group training sessions on Tuesday, 14th May and Tuesday, 28th May (6pm-9pm) at their 5B Treetops Square, 2 Classic Way Burleigh Waters location. Cost is only $50 for all year 10, 11 and 12 students. Contact Ms Leesa Lutze on Email: llutze@marymount.qld.edu.au or phone: 55861063.

UMAT 2013 “UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION TEST”

Registration Deadline: 5pm Friday, 7 June 2013

Test Date: Wednesday, 31st July 2013

Visit: http://umat.acer.edu.au

UQ BACHELOR OF EDUCATION – 2016 – CURRENT YEAR 10 STUDENTS TAKE NOTE

The following pre-requisite changes will affect the Bachelor of Education commencing semester 1, 2016:

- English
- One of Maths A, Maths B or Maths C
- One of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Science (Marine etc)

The Bachelor of Education (Primary) and the Bachelor of Education (Middles Years) are required to include four semesters with Sound Achievement in:

- English
- One of Maths A, Maths B or Maths C

The Bachelor of Education (Secondary) dual programs are required to include four semesters with Sound Achievement in:

- English
- One of Maths A, Maths B or Maths C

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For further information, contact School of Education P: 3365 6550 or E: ecuation@uq.edu.au. Visit http://www.uq.edu.au/education.

**2013 LAW EXPERIENCE DAY – REGISTER NOW**

Bond University’s Law Experience is a great program aimed at students who have an interest in legal studies and/or a career in law. The program provides budding lawyers with information on what it takes to study law and the diverse career options available:

While on campus students will:

* Find out first-hand what studying law is all about.
* Discover special topics in law with professors and legal specialists.
* Engage in legal scenarios in our purpose built moot courtrooms.
* Enjoy lunch and refreshments with current law students.

During the course of the day, students will also be involved in a range of activities including a “Client Interview” and a “Mock Trial’, which will demonstrate how legal skills are put into practice. Students and parents are welcome, but places are limited.

**Date:** Saturday, 18 May 2013 (9am-3pm)

**Where:** Lecture Theatre 4, University Centre, Bond University.


**AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF NURSING (ACN) NURSING AND HEALTH EXPO**

This is a great opportunity for students to explore future career possibilities in nursing and health care fields.

Visit: www.acn.edu.au or E: events@rcna.org.au

**Date:** Sunday, 28th April, 2013

**Location:** Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
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 Convenor 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
- Miami/Avalanche
- Super Slide
- Cup & Saucer
- Mini Pirate Ship

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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

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.

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Monday 17th June 6pm-7pm in the Primary School Staffroom

Ride passes will be on sale prior to the event.
Host Families are urgently required for Italian and French students. Italian Students 14 -18 years arriving June 22 departing August 20/September 13. French Students 13-18 years, arriving July 7/July 18, departing August 27. Student attends school and stay with Australian families. Although families are not paid, $400 for Italian and $300 for French students, will be given to each family to assist cover expenses.

Please email rose@studentsoftheworld.com.au or studentsoftheworld.au@gmail.com for a host family application form and details about the student.

"I strongly suspect that if we saw all the difference even the tiniest of our prayers make, and all the people those little prayers were destined to affect, and all the consequences of those prayers down through the centuries, we would be so paralyzed with awe at the power of prayer that we would be unable to get up off our knees for the rest of our lives."

~Peter Kreeft, Professor of Philosophy, Boston College