The PDF Newsletter is Back

It’s back, the format that we know readers prefer. Thank goodness we hear. Yes, we listened. We tried to fix the ‘e-Newsletter’ but the software wasn’t soft and we couldn’t do what we wanted. Readers struggled to ‘read’ and find the information they wanted/needed. Thank you for your patience. We hope you will re-new your habit of reading our Newsletter from cover to cover. There’s always so much going on and so much to tell. While it can be read as a stand-alone document, the Newsletter will include links for further news and information. To return to the Newsletter after accessing these links just select the back arrow.

Happy Mothers’ Day

To all Mothers on Sunday, we trust you are honoured in a special way by all your family as we take the day to: remind ourselves of a mother’s unconditional love and what that has impelled mothers to do for their children and for others; to give thanks for this gift that God has given us; and to honour and thank our own mother’s for all they do for us as the love us and shape us in our life.

Combined Marymount Primary and College P&F Meeting for May

7:00PM Monday 13 May

This meeting will replace the College May General Meeting advertised for Tuesday. We encourage parents to attend as we discuss the speed limit on the main road and hear the latest news (and the politics) around funding for our school.

Agenda

- Burleigh Connection Road Speed Limit Issue
  (Michael Hart MP - Member for Burleigh)
- Gonski & Govt Funding (John Beaton & Carmel Nash - QLD P & F Federation)
- Refreshments following meeting

The Self and God: Meditation and Prayer in a Post-Modern World

A number of our Pastoral Coordinators attended a recent in-service. The focus was on who the young people we teach are and resources and processes that may be helpful as we nurture this generation in their adolescent years. Included in the notes that were brought back was an extract on personal meditation from ‘Silence Your Mind’, by Ramesh Manocha, used increasingly across a number of schools. It was a good piece about meditation and self-talk that recognised the damage a person’s thoughts can do to their self-concept and focussed on stilling the mind and positive affirmations.

Meditation can appear to be what a non-believer or an agnostic might do when they do what Christians consider praying. Certainly Christians often meditate. Meditation can be self-centred and it can be God-centred. Self-centred meditation can be about taking responsibility for self: my efforts, my emotions, my failings, my commitments to others and so on. However, Christians also pray because we believe there is a God; that God is personal and loves us; that God has given us free will and has asked us to love others as we love ourselves; and that God can intervene in this loving of others through our exercise of freewill. By letting God in we might free the self, to love ourselves and to love others.

Engendering positive self-talk in ourselves, and in our children, will take meditation and, if we are to include God, prayer. The psalm for the day when I began to write this piece was about being open to the Spirit, the indwelling presence of God within us. It can animate our lives and open doors to understandings we could never imagine. Richard Rohr tells us: ‘The Spirit blows where it pleases, and for those of us on the journey, all we can do is listen and remain open.’ Through contemplative prayer we can tap into the Spirit always there: ‘It’s a way of living in the Presence, living in awareness of the Presence, and even of enjoying the Presence’ (Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer).

Chris Noonan - Principal
Diary Dates

Monday 13 May
Biology Camp (Year 12)
STRADBORKE ISLAND
Living History Incursion
COLONIAL AUSTRALIA (YEAR 9)
Open Rugby League
TITANS CUP/CHALLENGE

Tuesday 14 May
Biology Camp (Year 12)
STRADBORKE ISLAND
NAPLAN Testing (Year 9)
Legal Studies Excursion (Year 11)
MAGISTRATES COURT, SOUTHPORT
P & F Meeting
6.00 - 7.00PM

Wednesday 15 May
Camp (Year 8)
QCCC MAPLETON
NAPLAN Testing (Year 9)
Senior Open Debating
A B PATERSON COLLEGE

Thursday 16 May
Camp (Year 8)
QCCC MAPLETON
NAPLAN Testing (Year 9)

Friday 17 May
Camp (Year 8)
QCCC MAPLETON

Coming Soon
M Fest Week
Have a Heart Day
LOTE Language Perfect World Championships 2013

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Each student must bring a WORKING calculator, hb or 2b pencil, pen for writing task, sharpener and eraser in a clear plastic sleeve or clear ziplock bag. If you are going to be absent on these days the College MUST be notified by a parent via the absence line on 5586 1007 or 5586 1050.

College Reunion
Saturday September 7th 2013
More information in next week’s newsletter.
Deputy Principal

MOBILE PHONES: A reminder of College Policy regarding Mobile Phones.

Mobile phones are not to be used for telecommunications (i.e. phone calls, texting and social networking) during school hours.

Mobile phones are not to be used in class unless directed by the teacher.

If a student is observed using a mobile phone then the phone will be confiscated. The student will be directed to the main office to hand in their phone where it will be clearly labelled and secured until the student is able to retrieve it at the end of the school day.

If there is a second offence, the same procedure will occur with the parent to be contacted regarding the matter.

On the third occasion a student is observed using a mobile phone, the same procedure as step one will occur with an additional interview with the student and parent to take place.

Kyle Connor - Deputy Principal

Assistant Principal - RE

All mothers of Marymount College community are wished a very happy special day on Sunday. May you be pampered and preened as you truly deserve.

A quick survey of the students arriving at the beginning of any school day reflects the mother’s love and care so many of them enjoy and maybe too many take for granted; things like sparkling white shirts and polished shoes, clean and tidy shiny hair and polished shoes, a lunch in their school bag and strong teeth to eat it with, good manners and joie de vivre.....are but scratching at the list. Mothers’ work “is never done” and utterly indispensable.

As one old Jewish saying goes “God created mothers because he couldn’t be everywhere at once.”

There is no love, like a mother’s love, no stronger bond on earth... like the precious bond that comes from God, to a mother, when she gives birth.

A mother’s love is forever strong, never changing for all time...

and when her children need her most, a mother’s love will shine.

God bless these special mothers, God bless them every one... for all the tears and heartache, and for the special work they’ve done.

When her days on earth are over, a mother’s love lives on... through many generations, with God’s blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers, for they love with a higher love... from the power God has given, and the strength from up above

A mini appeal was launched today for Cuppa Soups and Milo for Rosies as these items are in short supply and the weather is getting cooler. Students are invited to donate an item over the next two weeks. The donations will be taken to headquarters and will be used to make hot drinks for local homeless people.

Forty Year 12 students will undergo training as Rosies volunteers on Wednesday 15th May, and some of these will have the opportunity to accompany the Rosies teams onto the streets in the coming weeks.

Sunday is also the feast of the Ascension of the Lord and celebrates Jesus being one with God, this is the Christian belief that heaven is about being one with God.

Dolores Maitland - APRE

Assistant Principal - Junior

NAPLAN 2012 - MAY 14 to 16: Please remind your son/daughter to be on time on the three allocated days and if absent on these days the College must be notified via the absence line on 5586 1007 or 5586 1050.

Students must bring a WORKING calculator, HB or 2B pencil, pen for writing task, sharpener and eraser in a clear plastic sleeve or clear ziplock bag.

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement.

I encourage the students on each of these days to have a hearty and nutritious breakfast and an early night.

Marie Hansen - APA Junior

Happy Mother’s Day

FROM OUR ADMINISTRATION TEAM

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“WEDDING SINGER” REVIEW

The impeccable skill of our dancers, actors and singers was on show last week in what can only be described as one of Marymount’s finest productions in years. Playing to a near-capacity Gold Coast Arts Centre, the closing night performance of The Wedding Singer, was truly a sight to behold.

In a show that included big hair, big egos, bright costumes, mobile phones the size of bricks, heaps of laughs, literally a million wedding dresses, a Billy Idol impersonator that looked suspiciously familiar and a few punch ups here and there, audiences were constantly either in awe of their fellow students on stage, or in stitches as the romantic comedy moved from strength-to-strength. All of this from a cast of full-time high school students, many of whom are juggling senior assessment - directed by a dedicated ensemble of staff and supporters. Their combined energy and enthusiasm for the arts, truly shone through their performances on the night; the show a shining example of the Marymount Spirit.

Congratulations must indeed go to Aleksija Mirkovic (Julia), Liam Larkin (Robbie), the leads, cast and crew for putting on a brilliant production as always. If those onstage had nearly as much fun as those of us in the audience watching, there is no doubt that The Wedding Singer deserves nothing less than a ten out of ten!

Sam Burbury
Year 12 reporter

COORDINATOR UPDATE

Driving to school & parking on school grounds: We remind all parents that students driving to the College must fill out a Permission form allowing them to park on the school grounds. These forms are available from the Year 12 Coordinators’ office. If a driver is bringing other students to or from school, a letter from the parents of the accompanying students must be provided, indicating their acknowledgement and providing permission. A reminder that in order to keep the traffic areas safe before and after school, the road leading to the College’s Administrative Offices is closed between 8.15-9.00am. The gates leading on to the school grounds from the Bus Bay area are closed in the afternoon from 2.30-3.15pm.

Sport Attendance: Attendance at Thursday afternoon Sport is compulsory. Parents are asked to assist in ensuring that students stay at school and fulfill their commitment to their teams and coaches. Please do not arrange to have students picked up inside of school times. School ends at 3pm.

Senior Formal: Information regarding seating arrangements for the Formal have been coming in. Please ensure that you see Mr Cornor to collect your seating plan. Should you have any queries regarding the event to be held on July 27, 2013 at the Marriott Surfers Paradise Resort, please be in touch with the Year 12 Coordinators. Do note the following:

> Completed seating plans must be returned to Mr Cornor by May 31st.

> This Formal is for Marymount Year 12 students only.

> Family and group photos will be taken during the evening.

Students should be considering organising transport for their arrival at the Formal. The arrival time is from 5.30-6.30pm.

Activities & Excursions: Next week we will have details from the Marymount Cross Country, the Art Excursion to Sydney as well as the Music Camp, a Japanese Excursion to the University of Queensland, the Powerhouse Leadership Conference and the Best of the Coast Year 12 Quiz at Bond University.

Mr Kevin Cornor and Mrs Irene Scott
Year 12 Coordinators

Click here to see the Careers & Vocation Education update for this week.

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY - SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING 2013 DEAN’S SCHOLARS WELCOME RECEPTION

Congratulations to Brian Joseph, class of 2012
Desiree Hughes - Year 12

My mum Eng is the kindest, most thoughtful, loving, determined and enthusiastic person I know! She grew up in Malaysia, as the second youngest of nine siblings and it was an endless adventure filled with many fun memories and challenges. The stories of the time she spent at the waterfalls, picking Rambutans and the nighttime lantern festivals come to life when she mentions them. However, when she moved to Australia, the stories did not end and there are many anecdotes that crack me up every time. Thanks to my mum’s Chinese background she has taught me so much. She has taught my sister Natalie and me to speak Chinese, for which we are so grateful.

I have grown up sharing the tradition and celebrating special events that really bring the best of both worlds thanks to what mum has given us. Mum, you have the best sense of humour. I admire your enthusiasm, helpfulness, endless support and kindness to everyone. You have taught me so many things and encouraged me to try my best. Thank you for always being there for me and I look up to you. I cannot thank you enough for all that you have done for me, you are so understanding and you devote so much of your time to help my sister and me, so we can do our best. Mum, you are truly amazing and I love you so much much!

Happy Mother’s Day! I hope you have a wonderful day that is just as amazing as you are! I love you!

Chanel Phelan - Year 10

Wonder Woman: May 12 2013 is a day when all Super heroes are celebrated. Celebrated for their hard work and compassion in raising all nightmare/super villains around the world and shaping them into the great people that they can be. Mothers show every characteristic of a super hero and more. Just some of the powers they display are:

> Courage, by showing strength in the face of pain and grief.
> Devotion, committing their lives to others.

Madison Harding - Year 11

Mother’s Day allows us to embrace all that our most treasured ones continue to provide us. From the never-ending hugs and endless care to the delightful meals provided on the table each night, we are no doubt-ably enriched with boundless love. On this day we give back to our mums and bring out joy and remember all that they have done for us.

Whether we show this by breakfast in bed or a sweet gift or handmade card, or even attending a 10km Mother’s Day run, we all show our love for our mums in different ways. I am so fortunate to have been given, so many amazing opportunities through my mum, that I have travelled overseas numerous times to many countries and learnt about different cultures and been given an astounding education that will help shape me into my future.

It’s the little everyday things that quite often we don’t recognise, and on Mothers Day it’s our turn out of the 365 days each year to make the day stand out above the rest and show our appreciation for our mum’s dedication and hard work.

Maddie Dick - Year 11

“What would I do without you Mum?” Many a time have I uttered this sentence, sometimes as thanks, sometimes when relieved and other times without even noticing I am saying it. It’s completely true though. Without my mum’s constant guidance and support, humour and compassion and never-ending, all-forgiving love I honestly don’t know what I would do.

As Mother’s Day comes around, it has made me realise just how much I have learned from my mother and how much she has given me. My mother is a person who inspires me each and every day. The way that she can give so much attention to all her children, while still making sure each one feels they are important. She is the glue that holds our family together you could say.

Advice when we are unsure, sympathy when we are upset and laughter when we are happy. She is there for me through the good times and the bad. Raising four (almost) grown up children must have been quite a challenge, but there was not one time I can ever remember doubting my mother’s love or my love for her.

As Mother’s Day comes around, I have come to realise it’s not just about making pretty cards or even just saying, “I love you,” (that should be done every day), but instead I want my mum to know how much I appreciate every single thing she does so selflessly for me. I want her to know that I think the world
of her and that as I am getting older, I hope I can be the support and shoulder to cry on, just as she is so many times for me.

Maggie Wasson - Year 9

Mother’s Day is a day to give respect to our Mothers, Grandmothers and Aunts because without them we wouldn’t be alive; they care for us and love us. This article will be for my mum because I love her very much. My Mother is the best mum in the world because she cooks the best meals I have ever tasted and I love the time I have with her. She can make an amazing dinner with anything she can find in the fridge.

Her remarkable cooking skills have been passed down through her family mainly in the dessert side of things. Any special occasion where the whole family gets together for a dinner or a lunch we always have incredible food and lots of it! The best part is dessert because there is always heaps of it. Everyone makes something even me with a bit of help from mum.

Mum and I (once or twice a week), go and have coffee or dinner out somewhere nice, to have some “girl time” without my brothers and Father. We enjoy having Chai Lattes from certain café’s near our house. We normally ride our bikes to these café’s. If we go out for dinner its normally Thai because that’s our favourite. I love my mother to bits and love the time I have with her. She makes something even me with a bit of help from mum.

We don’t often get to tell our mum’s how much we love them and Mother’s Day is the perfect time to do so. Happy Mother’s Day!

Sierra Sweeney - Year 11

A giver of life. A legend. A hero. A mum. Mums are absolute legends. I certainly know mine is, when it comes to mums in general. She feeds, loves and cares for my three sisters, brother and myself without ceasing. But it is not very often that we get to tell our mums how thankful and blessed we are to have them in our lives. So here’s one for my mum.

Dear Mum, Thankyou for your love that gets me through every day. A mum like you is what every person wishes for at night when they pray. Thankyou for the ‘I understand’ hugs, when I don’t want to talk about things. Thankyou for the home-made pizza that makes my tummy sing. Thankyou for picking me up from work on a late, school day night. And for when I am feeling alone in the darkness, you bring me back into the light.

“A mother’s love is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, it never fails or falters, even though the heart is breaking”

- Helen Rice

Jazmin Scullion - Year 10

Mary the Mother of God is the most influential woman on this earth to many people. This is because of how she treated Jesus Christ with her big heart. Her most powerful quality is Love; she never treated people down from her as she cared and loved everyone as her own child. This Mother’s Day I would like to thank all the Grandmothers, Mothers, Aunts, dear Friends and significant women who play a big part in everyday life of their children.

MOTHER’S DAY 2013

Mothers are such an important aspect in everyone’s lives because of their caring, and loving nature, just like Mary the Mother of God who lead by example. On Sunday, May 12th I would like to thank my mother especially as she is the best mother in the world! Just being in my everyday life is so important and I don’t think life would be able to go on without my mother. She cooks and cleans; ensures many sweet things for me and always cares for me. That’s why I think my mother is the best mother in the world!

People are always saying that my mother and I are alike and that we look the same when she was a child. Sometimes it is so repetitive, but I am glad that I am an image of my mother because of all the wonderful and significant things she does for my siblings and myself. So this Mother’s Day, I hope everyone is proud of the effort and work their mothers do for them and remember how everyone should try and follow in the steps of Mary the Mother of God.

Caitlin McNamara - Year 11

Mothers’ Day is a special day for families to thank their mothers for their everlasting love and compassion. Each year, my appreciation grows for everything mothers do, and the sacrifices they make for their children. I recognise the importance of thanking our mothers, not only on Mother’s Day, but everyday of the year. The never-ending encouragement, hard work and guidance our mums give us, is just the start of their rewarding job of raising a family.

My mum is always there for me. Her reassuring talks and gentle hugs are priceless. She seems to always understand me, when no one else does. Mum inspires me everyday and loves me unconditionally. It’s comforting to know that will never change. I love you mum. Happy Mother’s Day.

Sam Burbury - Year 12

As this year is my last of high school, a lot changes for both my mum and myself. From this point onwards I begin the process of becoming a fully independent person, which means that soon she won’t have to spend as much of her life chasing around after me cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing. Of course she loves devoting her time to this, as all mothers do,... so I’m told. Ok, maybe that’s not entirely true!

But irrespective of the common household chores that are a pre-requisite for the role, the bond between a mother and child, celebrated this weekend, is very special. This relationship is, in its own unique way, timeless. So with your 17th Mother’s Day just around the corner and my future beckoning on the horizon, I wanted to say thank you for everything you’ve done for me past, present and future - as well as remind you that, regardless of age, I’ll always be your loving son.
ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last weekend we had four students compete in the 31st Queensland Athletics All Schools Cross Country Championships in Brisbane. Will Munro came 59th in the 13 year olds 3km race, Tom Marais came 14th in the 16 year olds 6km race, Jack Adams came 6th in the 15 year olds 4km race and Greta Petersen came 3rd in the 16 year olds 4km race. Congratulations on your performances.

MARYMOUNT CROSS COUNTRY

We held our Cross Country today, Friday 10 May. Full results and details will be in next week’s report.

NETBALL COMPETITION

Over the past two weeks we have held a lunchtime Netball Competition for our Year 11 PE classes. We had four teams compete in a round-robin stage to determine the 2 best teams to play-off in the final. The finalists were the Silver and Purple teams.

In the final played on Tuesday Purple won 8 to 2 to take home the trophy and medals. (See above for picture of the winning team - L to R: Rhys Fing, Josh Betar, Matt Fletcher, Michael Grzic, Jake McMullan, Will Dalton, Madison Schenk, Siobhan Waldie.) It was great to see the Year 11 PE students really get into the competition and also to see the support from other Year 11’s coming along as spectators.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Students in Years 8 – 11 are reminded that now is the time to select their Interschool Sport for term 3. Boys choices are volleyball, tennis, rugby league and soccer, whilst Girls choices are AFL, basketball, touch football and futsal. Students need to follow these instructions to select their sport:

- Log into the college intranet using your school network username and password:
- From within the school – http://sburinet/intranet
- From outside the school – Marymount website www.marymount.qld.edu.au and choose College Student Intranet under Useful Links on the right hand side.
- Click the iceskate icon & choose a sport and click Add.

If you are happy with the displayed Existing Selections, click Quit.

Trent Balym - Head of Sport


Payment to host families will be paid to assist with some of the expenses involved when hosting your student.

Will the student speak any English? Yes. However, as their English skills may be limited, we would ask that you speak clearly and slowly (but not in a patronising way) when communicating with them.

Will I have to cook Japanese food for the student? No. Your Japanese student is here to experience an Australian lifestyle. This includes spending mealtimes with your family, and eating what you and your family normally eat.

Is it OK if the parent/s work fulltime? Yes. During these times (e.g. after school), your Japanese student can spend time with your own children. Families who live near each other are encouraged to share transport, or other activities outside of school.

If you would like to host a Japanese student this year, please contact: Kanae Aki (Japanese Teacher – kaki@marymount.qld.edu.au) to obtain a Host Family Application Form. Please contact Yoko if you need information about this program- Yoko Sugimoto (ISS – Study Tour Organiser)

S.T.A.C.

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

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YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

After months of reminders, 80 Year 11 students have yet to submit their yellow work experience form to indicate where and with whom they will be spending this week. This week long program is a very beneficial and compulsory part of the curriculum.

As yet another reminder, it falls on Week 10 (Monday, 17th June – Friday, 21st June). Students are very welcome to attend work with parents or friends of parents, but very importantly, need to advise us of their plans.

The school is responsible for providing insurance to the employer prior or no placement will be possible. May we please encourage parents to discuss with their students and assist with research? Where all possible avenues have been exhausted, please direct your student to the Marymount College Careers Office for further assistance. Ideally, this week will provide a relevant and enjoyable experience for all.

For those student who have made arrangements (and many have secured excellent placements), contracts have been emailed both to you and your parents. Please access this document, sign and return to the Careers Office asap.

NEWS FROM UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

OP Guarantee Scheme: The University of Qld OP Guarantee Scheme ensures students who achieve an OP score in the range of 1-5 (or entry rank equivalent) and have completed prerequisite subjects, are guaranteed a place in the majority of UQ’s undergraduate programs, regardless of the published program cut-offs for 2014. The OP Guarantee is limited to the major QTAC offer round held in January and some programs are excluded from the scheme. For more information, contact: UQ Admissions on P: 3365 2203 E: admisionsenquiries@admin.uq.edu.au or W: http://www.uq.edu.au/study/index.html?page=194794.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

Apply Now: The National Youth Science Forum is a 12 day program for students who are about to move into Year 12 and are considering careers in science, engineering and technology. Participants get the chance to visit a number of research and industry facilities, meet people from their field of interest, attend special dinners and fun events, and mix with other top science students from around the country.

Current Year 11s can apply to their local Rotary Club by 31 May 2013 to be considered for the forums in January 2014. In 2014, UQ will be offering an NYSF session at the Gatton Campus.

For more information P: (02) 6125 277 or E: nysf@nysf.edu.au. You can download the application form at http://www.nysf.edu.au/applying.

BOND UNIVERSITY 2013 LAW EXPERIENCE DAY

We are just a few weeks away from the Law Experience Day which will be held on Saturday, 18th May. This 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. 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.

The complimentary program is open to all high school students and their parents but places are limited. For further information visit http://www.bond.edu.au/faculties-colleges/faculty-of-law/events-and-competitions/BD3_013111.

NOTE: Registration will close off Wednesday, 15th May 2013.

PROJECTS ABROAD – VOLUNTEER PROGRAMMES OVERSEAS FOR YEAR 10 & 11 STUDENTS

Service Trips for High School Students are now being offered by Projects Abroad. A series of two week programmes (8th December – 21st December) designed specifically for high school students who are not yet in their final year of school – typically aged 16 & 17.

The trips combine volunteer work with cultural immersion and are fully supervised by permanent staff.

The programmes will run in Cambodia, China, Sri Lanka, Nepal and South Africa over the summer of 2013. For further information, visit www.projects-abroad.com.au or P: 1300 132 831.

SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIP VACANCIES

There are some exciting new positions available at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary. 1 x Certificate III Business within the Veterinarian Hospital, 1 x Visitors Services, 1 x Administration, 5 x Food and Beverage, and 2 x Retail positions are available.

These positions will fill quickly. Please forward applications through to Deborah at Deborah.pearce@barringtongroup.com.au.

See the Marymount Careers Office for further details.
This week, Year 9 students were most fortunate in being able to meet with Richard Harland, the famous author of such novels like Song of the Slums, World Shaker and Liberator.

He spoke to us about his works and taught us about STEAMPUNK fashion and writing. STEAMPUNK is something that could have been invented, worn or that may have happened but never actually did!

His style of writing is unique and fascinating and has thrilling twists and turns around every corner.

Harland’s latest novel, Song of the Slums, takes a look into the world when rock and roll music is discovered 100 years before Elvis Presley was born. Through the use of interesting characters it explores the controversy that this new kind of music that wasn’t reformed is facing and shows how the world is changing.

Many students said that the experience of meeting Richard Harland was really memorable. He was rather interesting and really funny; his book seemed fantastic. We all admired his hats and goggles.

Tanya Massey and Josephine West were lucky winners of a free copy of Song of the Slums – a story about a rock group making it big in an alternate Victorian/Edwardian age before guitars had been invented.

Look him up and find more explanations and images of Steampunk at www.richardharland.net - The would-be authors can find some good writing tips at www.writingtips.com.au

Overdues

Have you noticed your child’s bag getting heavier and heavier? Perhaps they haven’t returned their library books – there are a few missing!

Please check with your child, and have them return any library books promptly.

Janet Cartlidge - Teacher/Librarian
This is our combined school’s major fundraiser for 2013. We would like to see as many families getting involved and contributing in some way to help to make this our most successful fete ever!

**VOLUNTEERS—WE WANT YOU**

If you are able to help out this year, anytime that you can offer will be welcome. The generous volunteers that took part in our last fete contributed to the outstanding success of the fete and to the amazing school & community spirit that was generated. Call 558601000 now or email tdean@bne.catholic.edu.au register your interest. Please don’t wait to be asked

**STALL CONVENORS REQUIRED:**

We are calling for volunteers to operate the Cafe, the Plant Stall, and the Fairy Floss Stand.

You don’t need experience, just a willingness to get involved. The Fete Coordinator can provide you with details and will assist you in starting up your stall.

**RIDES**

There are going to be plenty of new and exciting rides for all ages. Ride passes will be on sale prior to the event.

**ART UNION**

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

We have already had some generous donations to get us started, but we still need significant donations to ensure that the art union’s prizes are substantial enough to secure ticket sales.

**DONATIONS PLEASE!!!**

We need donations for our Cent Auction e.g.

- Dinners at restaurants
- Hotel accommodation
- Small electrical items
- Home wares
- Toy items

(All items need to be new)

Can you help with donations or do you have a contact??

Can you help with small items – novelty items or small stationery items.

Donations can be dropped off at either the Primary School or the College Office.
Thanks to the staff, students and families of Marymount College for your co-operation and ongoing support in creating your children’s beautiful smiles!

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PROJECT COMPASSION 2013

Well done to all the students, staff and Marymount community for raising a huge amount of money for Project Compassion 2013. We raised $7220 in total for this worthy cause. Thank you so much to everyone involved who contributed and helped out to raise this massive amount. We could not have done it without the bake sales, St Patrick’s Day celebrations, money collection during PC time, Year 8’s donating and selling drink cans and all the other various activities that happened during lent. The money you donated goes to a great cause. This year, the money you raised will truly ‘Open Doors into the Future’ for people in need all over the world.

Niamh Timlin - Campus Minister

Loving God you have given us life and cared for us through our Mothers.

We thank you for their lives, their care and the wisdom they have taught us.

Fill them today and all days with your Holy Spirit of wisdom and love.

Help them hear your voice, follow you and teach their children to do the same.

As a mother gives life and nourishment to her Children, so you watch over your church.

Loving Lord, Bless ALL women.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we and the world may honour them always, in all their lives, with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

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.

Click on Annual Catholic Campaign to read more.