STUDENTS APPEAR CALM AND COMPOSED FOR NAPLAN

Thank you to parents for ensuring your sons/daughters were ready and well-composed for NAPLAN testing this week. As they assembled in the P & F Courtyard, made their way into the Doyle Centre for each session and worked each paper, they appeared to take it all in their stride. Mr Fren, of course, runs a tight show and the organisation of the test by Ms Hansen and the supervising teachers was routine and professional. Congratulations to all the students. You have done your best, as we expect, and as you do each day. I was very impressed by your good manners, your ready greetings and your smart presentation in the school uniform as you cooperated with the large scale organisation and the many instructions.

Our endeavour at Marymount is life-long life-giving learning and NAPLAN is a very small but relevant part of this. NAPLAN, as a point-in-time standardised test is not unlike a test for a driver’s licence, a test for an employed position or a personal challenge of skill. We take these in our stride in the journey of life and we use the feedback (result) the best. If we miss the driver’s licence we repeat as we see best. If we miss the job we make other applications. If we don’t meet the personal challenge we are more focussed the next time. As a school we analyse the school result. We compare it with other schools. We take note of school participation rates (at Marymount College, we encourage all to sit the test.) We see data as our friend as we consider what we do and how we do it. That’s essential for professionals committed to lifelong life-giving learning. However, we’re not supportive of mass publication of school data. Parents have a right to know, so does Brisbane Catholic Education, the State and Federal Government. However, league tables and shallow analysis to name and shame is inappropriate.

COMBINED MARYMOUNT SCHOOLS P & F MEETING

Whilst we have had combined Fete and Art Show P & F Committee Meetings, and there is a Combined Schools Advisory Council, last Monday’s combined P & F Meeting was the first for me in the time I have been here. We had speakers from the Queensland P & F Federation and the Member for Burleigh address the meeting. It was an informative and pleasant evening that had the P & F presidents considering further such gatherings.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Carmel Nash (Executive Director) and John Beaton (Executive Officer) explained the role of the Qld P & F Federation supporting at the local level, making representations at the State and National level and as a sounding board that State and Australian Government politicians and bureaucrats contacted as they formed policy and made decisions.

Mrs Nash gave a detailed overview of the Gonski Funding Proposal. Clearly the Qld P & F Federation is working with the Queensland Government as the proposal is being considered. There are uncertainties that are cause for concern and the processes being followed seek to unravel these. Simple analysis can produce general conclusions that we will be better/worse off but because the analysis is simple we cannot be sure. Certainly some schools will be better off and others worse off.

The general position for Catholic Schools is reflected in the QCEC data for all Catholic schools. As a sector we do not seek full government funding. Our current position gives our sector autonomy which we value. However, if our relative position is eroded by the funding reforms our parents will be called on to contribute even more than we currently do. That is not reasonable given the savings to the government that parents of students in Catholic schools contribute already.

SPEED LIMIT – BURLEIGH CONNECTION ROAD

While Mr Michael Hart, Member for Burleigh contributed to the discussion on Government Funding, his primary purpose was to address concerns raised about the 60k school speed zone on Burleigh Connection Road. As a result of Mr Hart’s representations, Transport and Main Roads are reviewing speed limits for all of Burleigh Connection Road. Decisions on such matters at particular locations are made in the context of traffic movements likely to be impacted elsewhere. Mr Hart also encourages parents to email his office burleigh@parliament.gov.au if there were other matters, such as the proposed Quarry in Burleigh West, that people had concerns about.

YEAR 12 BIOLOGY CAMP

Thank you to the mothers who went without their senior son/daughter on Mother’s Day for the start of the Year 12 Biology Camp. Appreciation too, must go to staff also – Ms Callum, Mr Carroll, Mrs Garner and Mr Murphy for organising the camp on North Stradbroke Island. While there the students have access to University of Queensland Research Centre. It makes for an outstanding excursion experience.

ART EXCURSION TO SYDNEY

Last weekend Year 11 & 12 Art Students travelled to Sydney for visits to NSW National Gallery (Archibald, Wynne & Sulman Art Prize selected finalists and winners), Artist Studio (workshop with Alan Jones – Archibald Finalist), Brett Whiteley Gallery and Studio, Museum of Contemporary Art, SH Ervin Gallery (Salon Des Refuses – the alternative Archibald and Wynne Prize selection and other cultural visits in and around Sydney City and the harbour. The students were wonderfully cooperative and came home inspired with a whole new range of ideas and techniques. Our appreciation to Mr Steve O’Keefe, Ms Fiona Altoft, Ms Bernadette Gair, Ms Jo Nairn and Mrs Jenny Lems-Johnston. Next year Melbourne.

YEAR 8 CAMP

The Year 8 students crowded the P & F Courtyard on Wednesday morning with luggage in tow and subdued excitement as they gathered to head off to Mapleton for Camp. Thank you to parents for getting them ready and fully supporting this important aspect of the College Pastoral program. Our appreciation goes to the staff who make these rich opportunities possible for students – Mrs Cooper, Mr Turner, Mr Browne, Mrs Sheehan, Mr Hamilton, Mr Boyes, Ms Crawford, Ms Andersen, Mrs Barlow, Ms Burrows, Mrs Parker, Ms Timlin, Mrs Maitland. Mr Spilsted and Mr Larkin.

Chris Noonan - Principal
Monday 20 May
M-Fest begins
(20-24 May)
2015 Enrolment interviews
MAIN COLLEGE OFFICE
Open Rugby League
TITANS CUP CHALLENGE

Tuesday 21 May
Queensland Champions Cup
NETBALL CARNIVAL - BRISBANE
2015 Enrolment interviews
MAIN COLLEGE OFFICE
Year 12 Tourism Excursion
PALAZZO VERSACE/PARADISE COUNTRY
Year 11 Biology Excursion
HASTINGS POINT
Senior Sunflower Comp
GATTON

Wednesday 22 May
Year 11 Art Excursion
TWEED RECYCLE CENTRE
Junior (8) Debating
PALM BEACH Currumbin High School
Intermediate (9/10) Debating
VARSITY COLLEGE

Thursday 23 May
Oceanic District Cross Country
PIZZEE PARK

Friday 24 May
Have A Heart Day
FREE DRESS DAY - GOLD COIN

MARYMOUNT COLLEGE - SCHOOL REUNION
THE CLASSES OF 83, 93 & 2003
PLEASE COME TO OUR REUNION

In the P&F Courtyard on Saturday 7th September 2013
from 3:30pm to 6:00pm
All graduating students of 2003, 1993 & 1983, and current &
ex-teaching Staff who taught between 1983-2003 (No Partners Please)
Drinks & finger food will be provided - Call for Cost
SEE YOU THERE

RSVP by Tuesday 3rd September 2013
Phone: Marymount College - 07 55861000 to confirm attendance
Or
Email: mkelly@marymount.qld.edu.au or tjohnston@marymount.qld.edu.au

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Exam Block Dates: Year 11 – Friday 3 June Exam Block Proper commences. An exam will be set on Thursday 2 June with compulsory attendance for Sport (finals) that day. Last day of Exams Friday 11 June. Work experience begins Monday 14 June. Year 12 Exam Block – Tuesday 11 June to Friday 21 June (last day of Term II period - such as the first 3 weeks of Term III, leading up to the Formal. All Year 12 students will be required to remain behind for dance practice on Thursday afternoons, for some of Period 5. They will be dismissed early. This information will be forwarded to you through the Year Level Coordinators at a later date.

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Archbishop Mark shared some of his experiences since arriving in Brisbane a year ago and dropping in on the day, wondering what this was all about, to his one year anniversary which occurs this week; the enormous number of things which he has experienced and how much he now feels he really is the Archbishop of Brisbane and the shepherd of our flock. Students were encouraged to consider the various types of leadership against what true Christian leadership means and what they value most from their Catholic Education after twelve years of it.

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At the Careers Expo we were given the opportunity to view the many options there are for our future, and maybe even begin to narrow down the choices we have subconsciously made about which careers are of interest to us. In the upcoming weeks we will be focusing more on this, with multiple career rotation days for the grade. This will help us to reach a better understanding of the opportunities available to us and how to be best prepared for our most relevant ones.

Another recent activity involving the Year level was the Cross Country event for which all Year 10s who participated are to be congratulated. With many assignments, speeches and other academic activities coming our way soon, the next few weeks are sure to be busy and demanding, although I am certain everyone will come through alive and well at the end.

All in all, this sums up the past week in Year 10!

Taya Oxenham - Year 10 STAC Representative and reporter

JUNIOR COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS AT MARYMOUNT

On Friday 10th May, five students represented Marymount at the second meeting of the Gold Coast City Junior Council. They were accompanied by Year 10 and 11 students from schools all over the Coast.

The Junior Council is a two-year program giving Year 10 and 11 students the opportunity to actively engage in civic and community life. The youth program was initiated by Heather and Ian Yarker of Ashmore Rotary Club and has been running since 1993, this year being its 20th Anniversary.

It gives students the opportunity to develop their communication and leadership skills, learn about local government and the community and be involved in decision-making processes. This year, twenty-three schools and over one hundred student members are participating in the program, making this the largest Junior Council in Queensland.

From Marymount, the Year 10 student members are Taya Oxenham and Lucy Koschel, and the Year 11 members are Nikara Rangesh, Tom Marais and Maddie Dick. At last Friday’s meeting, Maddie Dick was elected by her peers and teachers via written application and election speech as Junior Mayor of the Gold Coast.

This title was officially bestowed upon her by Mayor Tom Tate, who stated that he looked forward to working with and supporting Maddie throughout the year.

“My main objective as Junior Mayor will be to represent and speak for the youth of the Gold Coast who don’t have a voice,” said Maddie. “I look forward to participating in the field of social justice, something I am very passionate about.”

See photo above - L to R: Lucy Koschel (10), Junior Mayor Maddie Dick (11), Tom Marais (11), Nikara Rangesh (11) and Taya Oxenham (10).

Marymount College looks forward to following Maddie’s activities and progress throughout the year and applauds all of our Junior Council members on their efforts. Students may apply to Junior Council either through their high school or by contacting the Gold Coast City Council Junior Council Program Coordinator.

Jasmine Hodson - Year 11 reporter

COORDINATOR UPDATE

The Formal: Most seating arrangements are now with Mr Cornor. Students who have any queries regarding partners, the red carpet entrance or table seating preparations are encouraged to meet with Mr Cornor and Mrs Scott.

Student Drivers: As students obtain their Driver’s License, they come to the Year 12 Coordinators’ office to obtain a Permission form, which allows them to drive on to school property. We
encourage students to continue this practice.

Expectations: As leaders of the school community, Year 12 students have a tremendous responsibility to be excellent role models for the rest of the school, particularly the younger grades.

A visit to Ozanam Villa: Helping to celebrate Mother’s Day, student members of the Marymount Rotary Interact Club visited the elderly and enjoyed afternoon tea together on the Friday afternoon before the Mother’s Day weekend. Further details about this visit are contained in the article by student reporter and participant Nikara Rangesh.

The Music Camp: We congratulate Year 12 students who attended this camp last weekend. Reports have been sensational and no doubt each pupil gained much from the experience. For more details, please read the student reporters’ own stories.

MIFEST and Have a Heart Day: Student Leader Rochelle Johnson together with the Music Department are driving the organization for this splendid event. Next week, we will see many musicians taking to the stage in the P&F courtyard during recess and at lunchtime. Friday will be a special day as we engage the whole school in various activities during lunchtime and recess. Lead by STAC representatives from each Year level, students will be fundraising for ROSIES on the Gold Coast.

Managing the workload: Students are finding themselves extraordinarily busy during this period. Many assignments are due over the next few weeks. Students are encouraged to work sensibly and maintain a good diet and rest. Some people like to leave things to the last minute but this causes additional stress. Next week we will publish information from our Counsellors on Procrastination. Over the following weeks, further subjects will be covered to assist our students in their final year at the College.

Should parents have any concerns that their child is under stress or not coping with school, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Click here to see this weeks round up from the Vocational Education & Careers Office.

Mr Kevin Cornor and Mrs Irene Scott
Year 12 Coordinators

OZANAM VILLA AFTERNOON TEA

Mother’s Day is a special time for many families, when children and husbands celebrate their mothers, grandmothers and wives, taking the time to show their appreciation for all these amazing women who are the modest superheroes of every household. This year, the Marymount College Interact club members, were given an opportunity to not only celebrate with their own mothers or mother figures, but also with the elderly men, and most importantly, women, at the Ozanam Villa old aged home. The Interact club is a junior version of the Rotary Club, which is renowned for its efforts and contributions to the community. Similarly, the Interact club at Marymount is involved with all sorts of community projects, and this Ozanam Villa trip is one of the many such ventures that will occur this year.

We travelled to Ozanam Villa on Friday afternoon; bearing small Mother’s Day gifts and an eagerness to hopefully improve the day for the people we were about to meet, with perhaps just a Mother’s Day greeting or by taking the time to have a friendly chat.

The minute we stepped into their dining hall, the welcoming faces of many elderly women and a few elderly men greeted us. At first, I felt a little shy to approach anyone, but after talking to a few ladies, I found that their warm smiles made it easy to simply strike up a conversation. We chatted to many people over an afternoon tea of finger sandwiches and muffins, talking about practically anything. I found out many interesting things about people that I had never met before. It was fascinating to see how two groups of people who contrasted so much – that is, the elderly people at Ozanam Villa, and the group of grade 10, 11 and 12 Marymount students – could enjoy each other’s company and find so much conversation even though their lives were worlds apart. During our visit, many students also helped to give some of the ladies hand massages with hand cream that we had brought. You could see on the faces of these elderly women just how much they appreciated someone taking the time to do something nice for them – even something simple such as a hand massage, provided great comfort and a source of bonding. When it was time to leave, we gave presents and cards to all the people there and wished them Happy Mother’s Day one last time before regretfully, getting on the bus back to school.

The entire afternoon was such an eye opener for me and many other students. We had gone in expecting to bring a smile to some of the faces we met, but instead found that they brought a smile to ours. This year, Mother’s Day has meant a lot more to me then before, because I got not only to appreciate my own mother, but also to share this appreciation with many others who are all just as fantastic as my own.

Nikara Rangesh - Year 11 reporter and participant
**HIGH TEA FOR ABMT**

On The Year Eleven Hospitality classes are holding an *Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea*.

You are invited to come along from 12:30-2:30pm on Friday the 24th May. If you would like to attend please RSVP by Tuesday 21st May. Hurry places are limited. Call 55861000.

It doesn’t cost anything but donations would be greatly appreciated. All the money raised will go directly to the Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea foundation after the event. We hope to see you all there.

*Carly Burge - Year 11 reporter*

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**MUSIC CAMP**

Our annual Music camp provided opportunities for us to workshop techniques and practise repertoire. We were split into our respective groups. I headed off with the choir to practise with them, learning fun and awesome songs before having a jam session with the rock band I’m in, “TBA.” That night we had an unplugged concert of students performing various songs, showcasing our diverse musical talent! I particularly enjoyed singing along with the performances and hearing the other students get involved and support each other. Saturday presented the opportunity for a workshop with vocal specialist Anthony Young. He taught us techniques for breathing and posture as well as enunciation; this knowledge will benefit us in our vocal work and make us better musicians!!!! It surprised me how physically demanding singing is and exactly how hard a person’s body is working whilst singing!

It was sad to leave because all of us had so much fun playing music together and bonding over a common interest, and there were so many memories made on this camp that I will never forget!

*Bridget Thomas - Year 12 reporter and participant*

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**WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS**

**MUSIC CAMP**

This year the Concert Band, Jazz Band, Girls’ Vocal Ensemble and the rock bands packed up their instruments and sleeping bags and headed up to the top of Tambourine Mountain for some solid rehearsal time.

We rehearsed and rehearsed and rehearsed a little bit more, but we know that it all pays off in the end. And we got to hear some of all that hard work at Marymount unplugged! This is just anyone jumping up and having a go singing and playing the stuff they have been working on in a completely non-judgmental environment. That’s another awesome thing about Music camp: that everyone is given a chance; there are no limits to who can get up and have a go, and no one judges you if you stuff up - like we did many times - everyone just goes with the flow and cheers for you at the end regardless.

These two days are probably my favourite in the school year, because we bond together so much as a group and we create so many memories that will stick with us for years to come.

We would like to thank Mr Faughey, Miss Young, Miss Crawford, Miss Mullens and special guest Mr Young (Miss Young’s hysterical and incredibly talented brother) for making this trip possible, putting up with us and making our second rehearsal for the day. In the Girls’ Vocal Ensemble we were practising three very different songs, Ave Maria, Cry Me a River, which is a mass piece and Stop which is a pop song. For lunch we had chicken and hamburgers with salad. For afternoon tea we had chocolate muffins. After the last rehearsal for the Friday we all came back up to the dining room and were allocated our cabins so everyone was excited to get into their room and get the best bed. Roast dinner, which was like a Sunday roast you would have at home with your grandparents. But just wait there was more FOOD. “That’s right I said it, MORE food. Dessert was self-saucing chocolate pudding with ice cream.

We let all the food settle for a little while and then we began “Marymount unplugged”. The majority of the senior music students and a handful of the younger music students preformed in front of all of the kids that were also on camp.

Ms Young’s brother came along and they performed a song for everyone on camp.

When the teachers came around to wake us up in the morning we weren’t happy chaps because we may or may not have stayed up later then 10:30 (the noise curfew). We packed up our cabins and went to the dinning room for the last meal for our stay on Tambourine Mountain. We enjoyed bacon and eggs with hash browns and toast, cereal, fruit and yogurt. In our last rehearsal we had Mr Young doing his workshop with us, which involved many vocal warm ups and unique ways to get the sopranos to reach those high notes. He also helped us make all three of our songs better and advised us on what we can do to make it awesome.

Even though Music camp was only for one night, it was a great camp because you’re going away with people who are interested in similar things that you are. Thanks to all the teachers that came along for making the camp better than ever.

*Rachelle Payne - Year 10 reporter and participant*
MARYMOUNT CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday May 10, we held our annual Cross Country Carnival. All Year 8 students and a selection of students from across Year 9 - 12 competed. All students competed to the best of their ability. Congratulations to Oliver Smith, Max Williams and Patrick O’Brien from Marymount Primary school who finished 1st, 2nd, 3rd in our 13yr boys event and have qualified to compete at the District Cross Country carnival. The champion house won’t be named until our next full school assembly but the College Age Champions are listed below. Good luck to all of our runners who will be competing in the District Cross Country on Thursday May 23 at Pizzey Park. Next week is the semi-finals in our Semester 1 interschool sport. Good luck to all teams who have qualified for these, hopefully you will win your way through to the grand finals the following week.

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

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DON’T FORGET TO BRING IN YOUR ‘EARN AND LEARN’ STICKERS FROM WOOLWORTHS - BOX IN SAO.
CAREERS & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

YEAR 11 WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

Another reminder for those students who have made arrangements for their work experience and have submitted the yellow form back to the Careers Office to keep in mind that a contract has been emailed both to you and your parents. Please access this document, sign and return to the Careers Office as soon as possible.

Anyone who has yet to secure a placement (17 June - 21 June) must report to the Careers Office, although please note that we do require students and parents to consider their placement prior. Researching options and initiating contact is a vital component of the process. Employers understandably respond to contact from the student directly.

NOTE: Students are very welcome to attend their parents, carers, friends workplace.

Should all avenues be exhausted from here, options may be available via the Marymount College Careers Office. For further details, contact Ms Petrina James on 55861073.

DEFENCE FORCE NAVY INFORMATION SESSION

The Navy are recruiting now. There is a wide range of roles available for Combat, Hospitality, Comms and Technical Trades and they all come with all the training required. Full medical cover, travel and leave entitlements, rental assistance and even help to buy your own house are offered.

To find out more, come to the next Navy Information Session on Thursday, 6 June at 6pm held at Defence Force Recruiting – East Tower, Level 11, 410 Ann Street, Brisbane. To book a seat, call 3016 2424 or email kgiannasca@dfrc.com.au.

DEFENCE DISABILITY SCHOOL LEAVER EXPO

When: Thursday, 30 May (10am-12.30pm)
Where: Club Banora (Tuscany Room)

The expo provides great information and an opportunity to hear the stories of past students, meet with service providers and post school education disability support offerings.

For further details, contact Anita Raftery on M: 0419882226 or E: anita.raftery@det.nsw.edu.au

QUT EQUITY UPDATE

QUT Q-Step: Successful applicants to this program receive a guaranteed $2500 Equity Scholarship (up from $1000 bursary) as well as an admission bonus of up to 3 OP bands.

Many Q-Step students may also be eligible for a free computer through the Equity Scholarship Scheme.

Students should consider this scheme when considering their tertiary options.

For more information visit www.qut.edu.au/qstep.

FUN IN THE NAME OF PHYSICS

What do towers of terror, swinging claws and giant drops have to do with science? The Year 11 physics students of Marymount College know the answer to that!

On Wednesday 8 May, the class took their work into the field for a fun educational excursion to Dreamworld. This term in class, the students have been studying the physics of fun; that is, the forces that affect the way theme park rides function.

For an Extended Research Task, students were required to gather data on two chosen rides and use this to formulate information explaining how their selected rides work, and what causes the ‘thrill factor’.

“This assessment task provides a window in to the life of a mechanical engineer.” said Mr Stephen Spilsted, Physics teacher at Marymount College.

In order to collect all necessary data, students were required to experience the forces first hand, and spent their day out lining up excitedly, anticipating the rides, experiencing the thrills and seeing how fast they fell, swung or spun afterwards. This process was repeated again and again, with students thoroughly enjoying their day of fun and learning.

“I loved having the chance to have fun on my favourite rides, and then discover how they work and why they are so exciting,” Kaitlin Kinging, Year 11 physics student, said.

After a long day of observing, calculating, being flung around and dropped from great heights, the students were ready to head back to school and compile their information.

“I feel motivated to keep working on my assignment now that I have experienced the practical side of it,” said Joneil Palenzuela, Year 11 physics student.

The Year 11 physics students are very grateful to Dreamworld for providing them with equipment necessary to calculate results and for granting the students an exciting, educational day out.

Jasmine Hodson - Year 11 reporter
Marymount College invites you to our International Buffet Dinner
6:00 - 9:00PM WEDNESDAY 29TH MAY

The students of Marymount College welcome you to join us on our very first Buffet of 2013.

It will be a very enjoyable night with our spectacular chefs cooking up a great meal and an enjoyable atmosphere that will make your night unforgettable.

Don’t miss out on an incredible night.

**PRICES**
- Adults - $30
- Students - $20
- Under 12 - $15

Please RSVP to revans@bne.catholic.edu.au by the 24 May.

Dear Sir or Madam,
You are cordially invited to attend the Marymount College High Tea

On Friday, 24th May 2013
12.30pm - 2.30pm

Hosted by the Marymount College Hospitality Students

Cost is free, but donations would be much appreciated
All money raised goes towards the Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
At Marymount College, Burleigh Heads, 4220

RSVP: By Tuesday, 21st May 2013
Tel: (07) 5586 1000

Marymount College are selling the new 2013/2014 Gold Coast and Northern New South Wales Books as a fund-raiser, which makes the perfect gift for Mum this Mother’s Day! With 19 editions available throughout Australia and New Zealand, Entertainment™ Books make the perfect gift for Mum, no matter where she lives. The new Book is only $55 and your Mum will receive over $15,000 worth of valuable offers that she can use right away, until 1 June 2014! Plus, $11 of your Book purchase goes towards our fund-raising—so please forward this email to your family and friends, as the more Books we sell, the more funds we’ll raise! Thank you for your continued support.

MIAMI COMMUNITY CHILDRENS CENTRE
25th Anniversary Celebration to be held at the Centre in Redondo Ave on June 22 from 2.30-6.30pm. All parents, children and staff, past and present, are invited. There will be food and drinks for sale, entertainment and activities for the kids.

Would love to see you all there. Melanie Pinner-Miami, Childrens Centre Fundraising Committee.

STUDENTS OF THE WORLD
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 stays 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 for a host family application form and details about the student.
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.

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.

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 can be dropped off at either the Primary School or the College Office.
A LETTER FROM A PARENT - MY THOUGHTS ON THE WEDDING SINGER PRODUCTION

Just a short note to pass on our thanks to the dedicated staff and student team that were responsible for the production of “The Wedding Singer”.

Our daughter was part of this wonderful production and has gained an immeasurable amount of pleasure from the experience; it has helped her grow in confidence and the friendships that she has made as a result we are sure will be with her throughout her schooling and extend to later in life.

Even more pleasing as a parent are the new mentors and role models she has met within the senior cohort at Marymount College who have been so forthcoming with their generous nature and advice to the younger students, for whom the musical was an enjoyable and character building experience. The show was a credit to each and every member of the team that was responsible in getting it onto the stage. We congratulate and thank the staff and students involved for all the reasons above.
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.

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PRAYER FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Eternal Father,

We praise you for sending your Son to be one of us and to save us. Look upon your people with mercy, for we are divided in so many ways, and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love.

We ask this gift, loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.