PRINCIPAL’S RENEWAL LEAVE – ACTING APPOINTMENTS

This leave is available to principals following each Appraisal every four years. In almost twelve years as a principal, I have found the demands such that this leave has been put aside each time it has become available. Most recently, it was put on hold following my appointment to Marymount in 2010. This renewal leave is approved from September 2 to October 14, 4 school weeks. It will include a Franciscan Pilgrimage/retreat in Assisi, time for professional reading and time with family.

During this time Mr Kyle Connor will be appointed acting Principal, and Mr Geoffrey Browne acting Deputy Principal. An appointment of acting Assistant Principal to cover Mr Browne’s position will follow.

While excited about this leave, particularly the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of St Francis, and also looking forward to an extended break, I know the pace of life at the College will quicken as: Seniors complete their QCS Test and important assessment for October verification; Fete preparations continue and Art Union tickets are issued as the most important community event; building work on the Year 7 building gathers pace; the outcome of the second major building (Block 10) application is received; staffing and budgeting for 2014 intensifies; Action Plans for 2013 are brought to conclusion; The College Year Book is finalised and preparations for Awards Night 2013 are put in place. My appreciation to the Senior Administration Team and College Staff for this opportunity at this time.

YEAR 11 2014 SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING
7:00PM MONDAY 5 AUGUST
A MUST FOR ALL PARENTS AND YEAR 11 STUDENTS

Subject Selection for Year 11 is a critical process for the student and for the College Timetable. The shape of the timetable is determined by what students need to study for their future beyond school. Student choice comes first. We emphasise parent involvement, we emphasise guidance by College staff through the SET plan meeting and we emphasise the importance of attendance at the Year 11 2014 Subject Selection Evening.

Student Choices are critical for the individual and the overall appropriateness of the Timetable of subject choices for all students is also critical. There is an individual and a community imperative. Full attendance at 7:00pm Monday 5 August and follow through to the SET Plan interviews on Monday 1-6pm 12 August is the best way parents and students can assist with these dual imperatives.

P & F MEETING (REMINDER NOTICE)
6:00PM TUESDAY 13 AUGUST

Proposals for minor uniform changes will be put to this meeting. Of course, any uniform changes will be confronting to some parents. Consequently we will advertise this agenda for the August Meeting to ensure all interested parents are aware that minor changes are proposed. Our intention is to differentiate Years 7 to 9 and Years 10 to 12 with subtle uniform changes and to introduce these with the commencement of two year levels in Year 7 and 8 in 2015.

MARYMOUNT SCIENCE NIGHT YEAR 8 & 9
7:00PM THURSDAY 8 AUGUST

There are two outstanding examples of student voice and presentation of exemplars of outstanding student work each year: Marymount Science Night and Night of Living History. Students respond enthusiastically and with care and attention to detail as they prepare their presentations for these evenings. Night of Living History (27 May) was another exceptional celebration of student work and exemplary learning practice.

Science Nights provides Year Eight and Nine students with a similar opportunity to do rigorous science investigations and prepare exemplary science displays that will interest and engage families and fellow students. The Senior Science students add colour and further interest with displays of chemistry and physics experiments to educate, entertain and encourage students to pursue science studies through to Year 12 and beyond.

STUDENTS TO SUPPORT FETE

Again, as in 2011, we are asking families and students to help ensure the success of the Marymount Combined Schools Fete. Funds raised will go directly to improve amenities for students. For example, we intend to purchase additional aluminium picnic tables for the new covered areas for Years 10 to 12 over the next 9 months. These cost $1300 each.

Without student and family support the opportunity to raise significant funds would be lost. The support we need is for each family to sell a book of Art Union Tickets at $2 each.

Year 8 students to donate Bottled Water
Year 9 students to donate Soft Drink
Year 10 students to donate Instant Scratchies
Year 11 students - $5 donation for BBQ Supplies
Year 12 students - $5 donation for Alcohol Raffle Prizes

Art Union Tickets will be mailed home and Donations will be called for by the Pastoral Coordinators later this month.

Chris Noonan - Principal
Chung Tian Buddhist Temple at Rochedale looked splendid on Tuesday morning last and provided our four Year 11 Studies of Religion classes with a visual treat as we arrived for our ethnographic excursion. Its traditional colours of gold and red, in the style of Chinese Emperors, contrast beautifully with the deep greens of the surrounding bush. The gold colour represents enlightenment, red happiness and energy and the impressive stone stair leading up to the courtyard entrance represents the journey to heaven and the “middle path” of Buddhist practice.

During the morning we enjoyed a warm welcome from the Venerable Miaou, made our offerings in the Worship Hall, visited the Pagoda, investigated ritual in the Buddhist tradition, practiced meditation and calligraphy and enjoying the serenity of the Temple.

Next stop on the journey was to visit Temple Shalom at the Isle of Capri where Rabbi Don Levy welcomed us. According to Rabbi Don our number, which filled it to capacity, was the largest congregation he has ever had! Here the students enjoyed furthering their understanding of Judaism and its rituals. They questioned the Rabbi vigorously and were fully engaged throughout helped much by his deep knowledge, infectious laugh and sense of humour. Rabbi Don opened the Arc and showed us the precious Torah scrolls, two of which originated in eastern European villages which were laid waste during the Holocaust. We learned that Australia has the world’s largest percentage of Holocaust survivors and their descendants in proportion to the population size.

Such experiences leave deep impressions on the students’ minds. We are blessed to be able to enjoy, first hand, the richness and fascination of these experiences which make for greater understanding and harmony in our communities. Tuesday was a great day for Year 11 SOR students.

Fr Michael Whelan’s presence at the teachers’ Twilight on Monday afternoon was another high point of the past week. Fr Michael who is the Director of Aquinas Academy and a Marist Father was a keynote presenter at the Parish Mission two years ago. His expertise and scholarship in the field of spirituality allowed staff to an opportunity for some timely personal reflection and spiritual refreshment. Staff have expressed their appreciation of this opportunity and look forward to his return for our 2013 January RE Day. Invigorating our teachers in this way will pay dividends in the classroom as spiritual nourishment is food for the journey, so to speak, as we move towards the implementation of the new RE Curriculum.

The College is sad to say farewell to our Campus Minister Niamh Timlin this week, as she leaves to return to Ireland. Niamh has been a tireless worker in every aspect of the role and her bright, generous personality will be missed about the College by students and staff alike. We are grateful for everything Niamh has brought to us and wish her every happiness and success in the future.

Finally, as we prepare to celebrate Marymount Day in September we will begin our St Vincent de Paul collection in PC groups next week. Look out for raids on the pantry! But even better … find out what your son/daughter’s class is collecting and add it onto the shopping list. One new aspect of this collection is the need for toothbrushes and roll on deodorant as St Vincent de Paul are very short on these at the present time.

Dolores Maitland - Assistant Principal Administration (Religious Education)
On Saturday 27th July, Marymount’s Formal took place at the Marriott Resort Hotel. After weeks of rehearsing The Pride of Erin and months of preparation by the students and teachers, the day finally arrived to walk down the red carpet. From the moment we arrived, the atmosphere was incredible. The arrival was highly glamorous as groups and couples disembarked from a diverse range of transportation - from limousines and hot rods to fire engines.

The night was most successful with everyone buzzing with excitement and joy. Opportunities to capture memories filled the night as we took photos with friends and family. Everything about the night was exquisite and it was one of the highlights of the year without doubt.

It will be a memory that lasts a lifetime; I don’t think we couldn’t have shared it with a better bunch of people. On behalf of the grade thank you to our Marymount staff who organised this significant event for us.

Desiree Hughes – Year 12 reporter
**ALL SCHOOLS TOUCH**

Each year Marymount sends away two girls touch football teams to compete in the Queensland All Schools Touch football carnival in October. This year our coaches Mr Carroll (U15’s) and Mr Kelleher (Opens) began the trials early and have selected a team of 14 U15’s and 14 Opens players. We have already begun training twice a week after school as well as playing during interschool sport on a Thursday.

To help out with the cost of the uniforms, accommodation and carnival fees etc. we have started selling boxes of chocolate, this week. Also, don’t forget to keep and eye out for the 4.5kg Toblerone chocolate raffle prize as tickets are being sold in the P’n’F courtyard for the rest of the term!

*Maddie Dick - Year 11 reporter and participant*

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**FAMILIES BACK ON TRACK**

Several times throughout the year, students from Years 10, 11 and 12 have volunteered their afternoons to help out children in the community that are less fortunate than us.

We play with and talk to the kids living at a housing complex called Families Back on Track. We cook them a sausage sizzle for afternoon tea and give them an ice cream if they’re lucky.

It is so rewarding to see how much these kids appreciate us being there with them. Just to see a smile on their faces, and to know we have made their day a little bit better is priceless. For me, it really puts into perspective how blessed I am to have a loving family and go to such a good school like Marymount.

A massive thank you goes to Niamh Timlin and Mr Murphy for organising and taking us to Families Back on Track. Your time and dedication are much appreciated.

*Caitlin McNamara - Year 11 reporter and participant*

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**YEAR 12 UPDATE**

We congratulate our Year 12s on their stunning ‘red carpet’ entrances and successful participation at the Formal.

Photos of the evening by our professional photographer Vicki, will be available for viewing and ordering next week from the Book shop.

**QCS PRACTICE**

A reminder to students and parents: our last practice before the real event will be on Thursday, August 15. Students MUST bring their correct equipment to the sessions: Multiple Choice II and the Short Response Test.

The equipment will be collected and packaged ready for the actual test days. Some students have yet to bring material for the first practice tests held two week ago.

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**DATE CLAIMERS FOR YEAR 12S**

September 3, 4 --- QCS
September 6 --- Marymount Day
September 9-16 --- Exam Block Term 3
October 30 --- Awards Night
November 1 --- Farewell Assembly
November 6 --- Graduation Liturgy
November 4-15 --- Exam Block Term 4
November 14 --- Graduation Dinner

We remind parents that if you have any queries regarding Year 12 issues, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

*Mr Kevin Cornor and Mrs Irene Scott*  
*Year 12 Coordinators*
INDIGENOUS STUDENTS’ G.O.M.A. AND BANGARRA EXCURSION

On Thursday 25th July, fifteen of Marymount’s indigenous students headed to Brisbane for a day that would be culturally enriching in more ways than one, with a visit to an indigenous art exhibition at the Gallery of Modern Art (G.O.M.A.) followed by a matinee performance of Bangarra’s Blak.

Mobile phones seem to be a problem on our indigenous excursions, ever since Kane dropped his phone out the bus window on Stradbroke! This trip followed that tradition with Ms Parker’s mobile phone being stolen before we even left Varsity Station! Being the trooper that she is, however, Ms Parker didn’t let that spoil the day. Once at Southbank we weren’t sure where to go, so we were lucky to have an experienced Geography teacher to lead the way, ably assisted by Tyson and Niamh! We met Miss Burrows for morning tea at the State Library Café where Tom entertained us with an impromptu hip hop routine until it was time to go to G.O.M.A.

At G.O.M.A. we were captivated by their exhibit, My Country, I Still Call Australia Home: Contemporary Art from Black Australia. Over 300 works, including paintings, sculptures, photographs and videos, from over 115 indigenous artists, focused on the central themes of my History, my Life and my Country. Whether the pieces made us smile, brought a tear to the eye, or just made us think, in all cases the skill and talent of these artists took our breath away. My favourite pieces were Bindi Cole’s three dimensional “I Forgive You” made of emu feathers and signifying reconciling with past injustices; Tony Albert’s backwards facing “Sorry” covered in framed paintings of aborigines and inspired by Kevin Rudd’s apology, and a booth where you could write a message to a loved one and stick it to the wall.

Following lunch we headed for QPAC to see Bangarra’s Blak, along with many other school groups. Tom and I had seen Blak with the school dance group the weekend before, but we were just as excited to see it again! The outstanding performance wove an intricate storyline with a central theme of search for identity, a theme that we could all relate to as Indigenous youth. The rest of the audience were as enthralled as we were by the grace and power of the dancers as they brought the production to a spectacular finale that was a magnificent celebration of indigenous culture and tradition. After the final bows, artistic director, Stephen Page, came on stage to address the audience and introduce the dancers who told us all a little about themselves. Afterwards, we were lucky enough to go backstage with rehearsal director, Robert Curran, to meet the dancers personally. The dancers were happy to chat with us and to share some personal insights into their background and their journey to date. They took a genuine interest in our own hopes and plans for the future, including trying to recruit any potential future dancers among us! We extend a big thank you to the cast and crew of Bangarra for taking the time to meet with us and for being such inspiring role models.

The walk back to the train station passed in a blur as we talked excitedly about the day’s events, and not even the fact that the train was ‘standing room only’ could dampen our enthusiasm. Somehow it had been decided that I was so familiar with the train trip from Brisbane, I would be able to keep everyone informed as to where we were and which was our stop! Given that it was the first time I had ever travelled by train, I think I did a good job of both bluffing everyone and actually ensuring we disembarked at the right station!

Our excursion was, again, a wonderful blend of friendship and bonding, discovery of our history, and inspiration for our future as indigenous youth. We thank Mr Noonan and Marymount College for providing us with this opportunity, and we thank Ms Parker, Niamh and Miss Burrows for once more being the perfect chaperones. Niamh, we are going to miss having you along on our future excursions! Thank you to everyone for making the day so memorable: to Tyson for being our guide, to Will and Sarah for amusing us with their observations of events around us, to Tom for breaking into dance wherever we went and even getting Grayson in on the act too, to Sara who actually did know how to get us back to Gold Coast and helped me fool everyone, and to everyone for making the day so much fun!

Amy Weatherall - Year 11 reporter and participant

Ruby Tjangawa Williamson Ngayuku ngura (My country) Puli murpu (Mountain range) 2012
Marymount College Science Night
Doyle Centre
Thursday, August 8 at 6pm

We open the doors of the College to the community and invite you to attend a showcase of science excellence at the Annual Marymount College Science Night. Science projects on display consist of Year 8 and 9 entries in the following categories.

- Scientific Investigation
- Engineering & Technology
- Classified Collection
- Environment and Sustainability
- Science Communication

For more details contact the College on: (07) 5586 1000
Ngutana-Lui is a local aboriginal word meaning, To teach. On Friday the 26th of July, Year 9 Geographers visited this delightful centre with a philosophy based on the holistic view of creation, recognizing that humanity is part of the environment and not separate to it. There is enormous power in an education. Geographers were treated to a day of immersion into indigenous culture. We have been investigating globalization and the impacts of global ideas on humanity. The rich culture of our First People is something that all Australians can benefit from learning about.

In the 1970s I was taught that Captain Cook “discovered” Australia. As a child with a deep interest in the environment and its history, I was disappointed to be taught that nothing of much significance existed in Australia prior to Arthur Philip’s landing in Sydney Cove. As a youngster, Australia was presented to me as a country with limited offerings in terms of its history, as it was so “young”. How very wrong this was. And I don’t think that it was just at my school either, I fear that many of my generation were robbed of learning the richness of aboriginal culture, as unfortunately were many displaced indigenous people also.

How misled I was, and how flawed was a system that perpetuated ignorance. Aside from the immense wealth of knowledge about sustainability and the environment that our first people have, this country has arguably the world’s oldest rock paintings and a prehistoric history that rivals anywhere else in the world. The sophistication of indigenous political and cultural arrangements, its spirituality and its complexity must be taught; hence the importance of a visit to Ngutana-Lui, to teach.

Kim Parker - Geography Coordinator & Indigenous Mentor Teacher

On Friday the 26th of July, our Year 9 Geography class went on an excursion to Ngutana Lui Cultural Centre in South Brisbane.

We did lots of exciting activities that included, having our faces painted with ochre and learning some cultural dances that the Aboriginal people did for spiritual purposes. We learnt that when you dance you also tell a story and if you do the wrong dance you tell the wrong story. We then went out on to a grass field where we were taught how to throw a boomerang properly, and how to dodge them.

The guides gave us a choice of what we wanted to do next and most people wanted to find a witchetty grub and cook it in the fire. We went out and found a gum tree and the guide showed us the marks on the tree as a sign of where it was. He cut the tree with an axe and pulled out the witchetty grub, which was very big and a number of people in our class were scared of it and didn’t want to go near it. We made a fire and cooked the poor witchetty grub in it. While we were waiting for it to be ready we did some dot painting of turtles, butterflies and goannas. The witchetty grub was then ready for us to try. Most people tried it, and I thought that it tasted like egg.

After we had lunch we went into a room and Marlon told us some stories about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We learnt that the Willy Wagtail is in a story about a young boy that didn’t follow the rules, and the features on the Willy wagtail correspond with the story. We finished the day with a walk through the bush and Lisa taught us about bush craft. We were shown how to use plants for medicinal and food purposes. It was then time for us to go back to school and we stopped into McDonalds for a quick snack. The geography excursion was a very enjoyable trip and everyone had lots of fun. Thanks to Mrs Parker and Miss Timlin for taking us.

Isabella Hamilton - Year 9 Geography Student
**9 DRAMA – AUSTRALIAN STUNT ACADEMY**

Last Monday, all Year 9 Drama students attended the Australian Stunt Academy to learn valuable skills in Stage Combat. We were lucky to have escaped the rain and all students had a great day, as well as learn some extremely important skills that will be used in our Junior and Senior Drama assessments.

We are fortunate to have such easy access to such a professional and accommodating stunt workers, who have all worked locally and internationally on many famous films and shows. As always, our students were impeccably behaved and Ms Seigle –Buyat, Miss Anderson and I were extremely proud of their behavior!

*Melanie Howe – Drama Coordinator*

**DREAMWORLD EXCURSION**

On Tuesday 16th July, Year 11 Business Communication Technology class went on an excursion to Dreamworld.

We are currently studying Workplace Health and Safety and our mission at Dreamworld was to learn the different protocols and procedures Dreamworld uses ranging from uniform requirements to safety of rides. The Dreamworld team inducted us into the theme park and also educated us on many historical facts. “It was a great experience”, said by many of the class. We were then able to enjoy a couple hours free time in the park.

My personal favourite would have been the giant drop and watching our group freak out. The Dreamworld excursion was a definitely beneficial way to educate us for our WHS unit.

*Olivia Putland - Business Student*
On Friday 19th July, eight students from Year 10 Business (Harry Cunningham, Zena Saunders, Katharine Kell, Nicole Keating, Lewis Kemp, Mitch Cavanagh, Bryce Daly and Daniel Debattista) were chosen to be Ambassadors at Griffith University for the GriffBus program. The day started off with a lecture from a Professor on Sports Management.

We were then mixed up into groups with all the other students from the various schools to discuss a topic relevant to Sport. Our group then had to present our findings to the rest of the students talking for about 2 minutes. Most of the groups chose the topic of drugs in sport to discuss and report about how it affects sports and the athletes.

It was exciting to be chosen as an Ambassador for Marymount College to travel to Griffith University and to meet all the other students attending. We got to see our year 12s participating in their year 12 GriffBus program as well. The eight students who attended hope to be chosen again to attend, it was a great experience and we learnt a lot.

Katharine Kell - Business Student

**GriffBUS Schools Program**

On Friday 19 July, the Year 12 Business students completed their three days of the GriffBus program. Our day consisted of a lecture, tutorial and assessment in our chosen area of either management or tourism. All students were very happy with the topic of their lecture and the assessment delivered by the program.

Now we play the waiting game to see if we passed all our assessment to enable us to gain the automatic entry into a Griffith University Business Degree for next year. One of our group will be the lucky one chosen for the GriffBus award which will be a big help towards financing their studies for 2014.

Our thanks go to Ms Organ for encouraging us to participate in this valuable program, and to Dr Ruth McPhail from Griffith University—the program designer.

Matt Beckett - Business Student
2013 QUEENSLAND JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS CULINARY CHALLENGE

The following Year 10 students competed in this competition on Saturday 26/07/13;

TEAM 1
Zena Saunders & Madeline Fletcher

TEAM 2
Isobel Bedward & Talysia Eggleton

The competition is for Year 10 students studying Home Economics or Hospitality. It is designed to give students a small taste of the pleasures, challenges, excitement and gravity that can accompany a career as a cook or a chef.

Teams had to prepare, cook and present 2 servings of one main dish using the chicken Maryland (leg and thigh) as the main protein and other restrictions, within 90 minutes from start to finish.

The students have practiced their dishes every Wednesday afternoon (after school) for the last 8 school weeks and twice a week for the last 2 weeks.

Both teams were very successful.

To help you understand how this competition is scored. The meals that the teams produce are marked out of 100 points. 0-69 = a certificate of merit, 70 – 79 = a bronze medal, 80 – 89 = a silver medal & a gold medal = 90 –99. This is the same process and criteria that all culinary competitions are scored. To receive a medal is an excellent achievement because the standard required is high.

Isobel and Talysia received bronze, whilst Zena and Maddy received silver and came third overall - plus they received a set of knives each.

I could not have been prouder of how they went and for both teams to get a medal in their first cooking competition is extremely good. If you see them around could you congratulate them on their effort?

David Grant - Home Economics/Hospitality/ Early Childhood and Tourism Coordinator

FREE BOOKS FOR READERS!

Every now and again I get a call from the Friends of the Gold Coast Library, asking if our students might like some free books. The public library is continually weeding their collection, making room for new books. This week we had some teenage novels in pretty good condition for secondhand, which were gobbled up quickly by the readers in the school.

The Friends of the Library have a shop in Railway St, Southport where other cancelled library books may be bought for usually between 50c & $2.00. Some good bargains are to be had!! We thank them on behalf of the students.

LOTS OF RESEARCH GOING ON

The library has been buzzing over the last few weeks, especially with Year 9 and their Australian history research task. There’s a lot to take in, but we hope that they’re employing their curiosity to find out why things happened and what might have been. Knowing about the past will help them make those important decisions in their future.

Janet Cartlidge - Teacher Librarian
SPORT NEWS

The College Athletics Carnival was held today and full results will be published after the full school assembly in week 6. The hurdles and high jump events were postponed due to the wet ground and will hopefully be held on Monday 5th August at lunchtime.

At the time of going to print year 12 student Joel McKitterick was competing at the ICF Under 18 & 23 World Championships for kayaking being held in Canada. We will have his results in next week’s newsletter.

As we come closer to term 4 recreational sports I am beginning to organize the sports we will be offering. If you run a business that would be suitable for groups of students to be involved in of a Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30pm can you please email me the details at: info@marymount.qld.edu.au with Term 3 Sport in the subject line.

If your child has competed at a State or State School Championships, National or National School Championship or International Championship you may be eligible to receive $200 financial assistance from the Queensland Government. Go to http://www.nprsrm.qld.gov.au/funding/overview/young-athlete.html to find out more information and to see if you are eligible.

If your child has performed well in a sporting event and it hasn’t been mentioned in the newsletter I apologize for missing their results. Oceanic District and South Coast School Sport don’t publish results of individuals who make teams as there have been instances of schools ‘poaching’ students in the past when they did publish the results. Therefore if I do miss a result or the results are from sports outside of school can you please email the school at: info@marymount.qld.edu.au with either Mr Balym or Sport Result in the subject line and I shall endeavor to include the results.

Trent Balym - Head of Sport

INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

Congratulations to our senior students Dylan Mathers and Sinead Grehan for your commitment to participating in an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mentoring program as future educators and young leaders.

On the 30th July, Mr Hamilton and Mrs Parker, along with their respective Mentees Dylan Mathers and Sinead Grehan visited the O'Shea Centre in Wilston to develop their pathway to success.

Mr Hamilton and I look very much forward to working with you both. Marymount is privileged to have you onboard and we are privileged to be able to help you with your future career path.

Visit the shop in Railway St, Southport to purchase cancelled library books from 50c.
BORNHOFFEN 1: THREE DAYS OF RETREAT

I woke up with butterflies in my stomach at 5.30am on Thursday morning, even though my alarm had been set for 6.30am. The reason being this was the day I was leaving for Year 11 Retreat, along with more than 35 other students. I was so excited I barely caught any sleep the night before. Since Year 8, I have observed seniors hopping on buses with suitcases in the morning, at the start of term 3 every year. My expectations of Retreat were exceedingly high, as others had told me that it is the best experience to be had in high school. They were absolutely right.

It was amazing to say the least. I happened to be on the Bornhoffen 1 camp, and when we got off the bus at our destination, everyone was speechless. The camp was in the middle of a valley, and all around us, were lush green mountains that reached towards the sky. Because we were higher up, misty clouds surrounded the mountains. It was surreal, and looked more like a painting than reality. Throughout the day we did a lot of different activities. They all had to do with making us closer together as a group, and helping everyone to know each other, and themselves a little bit better. We were also broken up into smaller groups where students shared a bit about themselves, their beliefs about God, their friends and family, and about who they were.

Many people had stories that were absolutely heart breaking, and it shocked me to hear about what some people had gone through. It made me realise that people often make assumptions much too quickly. They gave others a label that they would be stuck with until the end of high school. The more I listened, the more I realised that the very reason some people find high school such a social struggle is because of all the judgment that a person is faced with before anyone even attempts to find out anything about them, or what kind person they are, or what they’ve been through. Hearing these stories made me take a step back and consider the way that I have perceived others during my time at Marymount, and consider the way that I will perceive others in the future. I also hope that people on my camp recognised that if they are willing to share, there will always be people who are willing to listen, and who will be there to comfort them, or help them in any way they can. Many people’s stories made me see them as inspirational. Most of these students had fought through many hard times. After the delicious meal of enchiladas, the majority of us watched the game that they had been losing for 8 years, or half their lives.

Everybody on the camp also got what is fondly known as ‘Warm and Fuzzies’, which are nice messages that people write onto colourful bits of paper and slip into your personalised brown paper bag. It’s something nice to take away from Retreat, and also means you can make others feel a little better about themselves by acknowledging their good traits.

All in all, Retreat was fantastic, and I wish I could go back and do it all again. I definitely encourage those in the younger grades to approach their grade 11 Retreat with open minds and get involved as much as possible because the more you put into it, the more you get out of it. This is definitely an experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

From the start of year 11, the one thing that everyone was excited about was retreat. There was a buzz in the air the day we found out our retreat groups. I was put into Bornhoffen 1 with another thirty-five people. Before the retreat we were acquaintances. During the retreat we became friends. The first night was date night (also State of Origin night). Our theme being movie characters, there were some of the most amazing costumes such as Freddy Kruger, Peter Pan, a trio from Grease, and two Supermen (there was quite a competition). After the delicious meal of enchiladas, the majority of us watched the Origin. The atmosphere was electric and the tension was high. After another win for Queensland, the New South Welshmen in the room went to bed miserable (once again). During the daytime we did several bonding activities that included a lot of trust in each other. Afterwards we went on a rainforest walk that led to a beautiful waterfall. We swam in the icy waters, detached several leeches from our bodies and got warm again. Then dinner was served. Next we headed down to an awaiting bonfire where Bornhoffen 2 met us. Singing, talking, laughing and the sounds of musical instruments filled the air as everyone sat around the campfire (past curfew) until it died down.

By the third day everyone had become such close friends with each other that it was hard to say goodbye. We had bonded so closely with each others and the teachers (Mr. P. Carroll, Mr. Crowley, Mrs. Greffe & Mrs. S. Anderson). It was such an extraordinary experience and the bonds, stories and friendships that were made, will be cherished for a very long time to come.

Nikara Rangesh - Year 11 reporter and participant

Sierra Sweeney - Year 11 reporter and participant

YEAR 11 RETREAT

This is definitely an experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life.
PoSitiVe oUtCoMeS aFter thE 2013 WorK eXPerieNCe ProGraM

Below are just some of the many positive outcomes from last term’s week of Work Experience which all Year 11s undertook. It is really pleasing that so many students benefitted from this opportunity in such a wide range of areas. Special thanks to Petrina James, of the Careers Office for all her work putting this program together for over 200 students.

Nine School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SbTs) offers were made during our Work Experience Program and three part time jobs have eventuated, so a very pleasing outcome.

Five of our students attended Lightmare Studios where students learnt how to develop digital games for mobile phone aps. All were offered SbTs and all but one have now commenced. One student decided that it was not quite what he was looking for. These students were: Brandon Binnie - Kimberley Miller - Katrina Mallett - Darcy Long.

Liam Kelly: was offered a School-based Traineeship with Border Tech after the program and was signed-up this week.

Gaby Barns: was with GC Titans in game development administration and also media (she does Media here at school) which is what she would like to do when she completes her studies here. Gaby has been offered a SbT and her sign-up will be within two weeks.

Liana Falcetta: was with Alleece Young Photography. Her employer said that she was the best student she had ever worked with and offered her a SbT doing Make-Up.

Abby Orbansen-Thew: Was asked to continue work experience into her school holidays with Versace, she was working in Marketing, Sales & Wedding Coordination.

Medicine: Griffith University has been supporting us with important placements in medical research and science for a number of years. Two of our Yr 12s heard about the opportunity at Griffith and also were accepted to participate during the first week of their school holidays; they were amazed at what they had seen. In a previous Newsletter, Caitlin O’Connor who attended two placements in medicine, one with Griffith University Genomics Medical Research the other at Allamanda Hospital in Physiotherapy wrote an informative description which gave us a great insight into the depth of her experience.

Dance: Amy Weatherall was fortunate enough to spend a week in Sydney in the studios of the amazing, indigenous contemporary Bangarra Dance Company, an experience of a lifetime. She was also placed at Ikin Dance Studios and attended rehearsals for Anthony’s latest production ‘LumiAir’.

Rosie’s Youth Mission: Organisers for Rosie’s Youth Mission were praised by students for the effort that went into the Program & workshops etc. and in turn Rosie’s coordinator commented on the quality of our students. Lara Donald who was tossing up between Science & Social Work found that the placement at Rosie’s helped her to decide on her career path.

Bond University: supported the Program with some placements normally difficult to find in Science and Marketing. It was fascinating to hear what had been experienced by the student who seemed to handle it very well, with exposure to quite graphic areas of research. Having experienced this important process, the students can now make informed decisions as to their career pathway.

The Academy of Design: was thrilled with our students and appreciative of the opportunity to allow our students there. The students learnt about Photography, Videography, Make-Up and Fashion Design.

Charley Wignall: with Care Flight Helicopters. The staff there just raved about Charley – doing Media and Journalism – they said that she had more knowledge than they had in the work place. She recorded a radio ad for them that is now being aired and also took video footage for them.

Taylor Shepherd: Mudgeeraba Special School thought that Taylor was incredible with their students, stayed calm & handled situations very well that occurred during her time there.

Keiran Kennedy at Jason Lenic – Engineer raved about him said he was better than some of his qualified staff. Jason went to two placements & both were exceptional evaluations saying that it is a credit to Marymount.

Connor Faulkner: went to Unit Technologies, the employer was very happy and we were told that a part time job offer will be made.

Jake Duckworth: will probably be offered a SbT in Electrical with PRD Solutions – the employer wrote a great reference for Jake and we are presently awaiting confirmation.

Jamieson Hendry: went to Footlocker and commenced a part time job immediately after the Program.

Larissa Hodgins: was offered a casual position with First Avenue Café, her employers thought she was excellent & a pleasure to have on their work team.
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Starting Date: Friday the 27th. July.
Or the first Friday that we have the minimum number of players. (8)
A minimum of 8 players will be required each week to make the night viable.
Maximum numbers approximately 20
Come along and have a game with your family or friends.
Organising requirements:
One parent is required each week to supervise from 6pm to 7pm and to lock the tennis facilities. Parents will be rostered to supervise on a rotation basis.
Mr. Greig will always be in attendance to commence proceedings and explain lock up details.
Tennis draws and format will be organised at 5pm. sharp.
Cost: Tennis $6 per player ...(ALL playing fees go towards school facilities)
SEE Mr. Greig at the tennis courts any afternoon after school to book in or phone.
Call: John GREIG: 0417 634 524 for further information

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**Weekend date:** 6th – 8th September 2013  
**Venue:** Santa Teresa, Ormiston QLD  
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**Information website:** www.wwme.org.au

PALM BEACH JUNIOR TOUCH FOOTBALL

7, 9, and the 14 August from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Mallawah Sporting Complex located on Abelia St, Palm Beach. Age groups Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 (boys and girls teams available.) Bring a team or come as an individual and be placed into a team. Season to run from Oct 13 – Feb 14 with a break over Christmas. Call 0400536420 for details.

Celia Lashlie Live  
“Growing Gorgeous Boys Into Good Men”  
A researcher and social commentator, Celia Lashlie worked for 15 years within the Prison Service, starting in December 1985 as the first woman to work as a prison officer in a male prison in New Zealand. Her final role within the Service was as Manager of Christchurch Women’s Prison, a position she left in September 1999.

Celia, who has a degree in anthropology and Māori, is the mother of two adult children. She now works on a number of projects, all of which are linked to improving the lives of at-risk children and empowering families to find their own solutions to the challenges they face.

In September 2004, she completed the “Good Man” project. The project, which facilitated discussion within and between 25 boys’ schools throughout New Zealand, aimed to create a working definition of what makes a good man in the 21st century. What arose from the project was a significant insight into the minds of teenage boys, and what they are feeling at this period in their lives.

Celia has some challenging suggestions for parents and for women in particular to rethink the way they interact with the men in their lives – their sons and their husbands – if they want to see their sons become the good men they want them to be.

For more information visit: www.celialashlie.co.nz

**Date:** September 11th, 2013  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Host:** All Saints Anglican School  
**Venue:** Nairn Theatre, All Saints  
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SPRING FETE
Saturday 19th October 2013 - 11am to 5pm

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!

RIDE PASSES—ACCESS ALL RIDES FROM 11:30AM—4:30PM
Ride passes ordered prior to 11th October—$25.00
Passes available on the day—$30.00
Single Ride Tickets $5.00 per ride (or 3 slides on Super Slide)
Ticket sales will close at 4:00pm on day of Fete.

TO PREORDER YOUR TICKETS: ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE AT PRIMARY OFFICE AND COLLEGE SAO OR PRINT AND COMPLETE THE FORM ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

DONATIONS PLEASE!
Thank you to everyone for their generous donations to date. We still need items for our Cent Auction; toys, games, vouchers, small appliances, homewares etc. Can you help?

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

LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?
The next fete meeting will be: Monday 29th July 6pm-7pm in the Primary School Staffroom

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All Welcome!

VOLUNTEERS – WE WANT YOU!!

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 
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Please Deliver passes to:
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Please return to the Primary Office or College SAO - marked attention Jo Martin
Prepaid passes will NOT be available after 11/10/2013.
Passes on the day will be $30.00 or $5.00 ride (or 3 slides on Super Slide)

MASS TIMES

Infant Saviour - Burleigh Heads
Sat. 6:15pm - Sun. 7:00am

Calvary - Miami
Sat. 5:00pm - Sun. 8:30am

Our Lady of the Way - Palm Beach
Sat. 6:00pm - Sun. 7:00am

St Benedict’s - Mudgeeraba
Sun. 8:30am

Doyle Centre - Burleigh Waters
Sun. 10:00am - 5:30pm

Calvary Catholic Church, Miami
LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION

The church is celebrating its 50th Jubilee and the Burleigh Parish would like a Marymount student to design a logo for the celebration.

Students should consider designs that can work in both colour or black and white.

The logo will be used for a new external church sign, banners, posters, flyers etc.

The winning designer will receive a cash prize and have their work used throughout the celebration and go on permanent display.

They should reflect the special qualities of the Church and community.

Feel free to visit the church to get a feel for the subject.

Think about shapes and images that represent the church, such as: the carving of Jesus carrying the Cross, the shape of the building, Calvary and the Resurrection, and the primary colours Red and Gold to reflect celebration and the Resurrection.

Hand your completed designs in to Mr O’Keefe

Doyle Centre - Burleigh Waters
Sun. 10:00am - 5:30pm
We give thanks for the gift of sport and recreation.

Lord, help us to remember that all life and every gift come from you.

May participation in sport develop our social skills, enhance our capacity for dedication and self-discipline and encourage us to set ourselves personal goals and challenges.

May the fun associated with sport lead to enduring friendships.

Amen