Dear Parents/Carers and Families

With a specialised approach to wellbeing, the beginning of the school year has allowed each student the opportunity to ‘be still’, to explore a sense of self in the midst of a new year, new friendships, new challenges and new opportunities. These formative experiences create time and space for staff and students to come together, to grow in relationship with other and to start the year settled and secure. The retreat and reflection experiences often become touchstone memories for your daughter as they navigate knowing and growing into self and learning. I also commend the students on the positive and cooperative way they continued to apply themselves to this learning mindful of the heat and subsequent wet weather.

The Welcome to Parents evening and iPad learning workshops where parents joined their daughters are all important experiences for families and the College to come together in support of student learning and wellbeing. These gatherings provide a platform for success in learning partnerships between the home and the College. Feedback from these sessions has been extremely favourable and I very much enjoyed meeting many of you during these events.

It has been uplifting to see our student leaders enthusiastically sharing their hopes and dreams for the College. I congratulate each of them on their commitment to their roles and embracing formation experiences. Student voice is an integral part of the spirit of the College and I am looking forward to seeing them grow and witnessing their contributions to a better 2014.

I thank all girls who have visibly demonstrated pride in presentation of uniform and punctuality. I take this opportunity to remind all parents that the Resource Centre is open for students who arrive early to

IN SYMPATHY

We ask your prayers for Matilda Crossman, Paulina Malycha and Lakshi Sukheja who have had family pass away recently.

God of love, the Crossman, Malycha and Sukheja families who have known the time for planting, for laughing and for dancing. The joys of happier days can never be taken from them. Let those joys soften the pain of their suffering now. We ask this through Jesus and his mother, Mary. Amen.
school. Likewise, your daughter’s prompt arrival each morning is a critical component of setting up for successful learning. What may seem a minimal five minutes each day multiplies to 25 minutes a week to almost two hours over a month. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

As we begin Week Four there is a sense of energy, activity and expectancy in readiness for the term ahead. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday as we come together in celebration of the Opening of School Year Mass.

God Bless

Sara Scungio
Principal

Upcoming RE Dates this Term

Thursday 20 February Opening of School Year Mass at 9:00am
Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:00am

Welcome

We welcome all in the community to join us in this celebration on Thursday 20 February at 9:00am, which will be followed by the commissioning of our Marymount leaders.

Sacraments

The parish will provide me with information for those students who have made their reconciliation who may be ready to celebrate Eucharist and Confirmation in 2014. I will distribute this as soon as possible. If you have not yet registered your interest or do not receive information in the next couple of weeks, please contact me. The reconciliation preparation will occur later in the year.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:1-5

About this time the disciples came to Jesus and asked him who would be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus called a child over and had the child stand near him. Then he said: “I promise you this. If you don’t change and become like a child, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. But if you are as humble as this child, you are the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And when you welcome one of these children because of me, you welcome me.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Let us pray that God will live in hearts that are true. (Pause)

O God,
Shape us by your love and grace that our hearts will receive you in joy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Have a great fortnight!

Christina Jonas
APRIM (Assistant Principal Religious Identity & Mission)
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cjonas@mc.catholic.edu.au
Parenting Information

Our school has recently subscribed to Michael Grose’s Parenting Ideas. This will provide us with access to a range of articles on child development and parenting, which we will include as part of each newsletter. In the feedback we have received from our families, it was indicated that they would like to receive information on parenting and child development via the newsletter as one main source. Our first articles attached are:

*The power of a sincere compliment*; and

*Teen Time - dispelling the myth that teens don’t need their parents.*

Student Safety

At this early part of the school year it is timely to remind students about their safety when travelling to and from school. Students and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts. Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report the event to a trusted adult as soon as possible. SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the offender and they recommend that a formal report to the closest police station is made.

Marymount School Uniform

We recognise the importance of the students following the Marymount College uniform code. At the beginning of each year, all girls and their parents / carers renew their commitment to follow this. It is signed off by students and parents / carers and returned to school. It is part of an agreement to follow this whilst students are at Marymount. Most girls follow through on this very well. At this time of the year, we have spent time with the girls discussing the dress code. This has occurred in Base Group time and also through the student bulletin. Additionally teachers have spoken with girls who have required further follow-up. The girls have been reminded of the process that occurs in the event that a girl is not wearing the correct items. It involves:

- reminder by the teacher on the uniform code
- a lunchtime detention if the student has not accepted personal responsibility for their actions, following this reminder
- further non-compliance of the uniform code will result in a meeting with leadership staff and a follow-up meeting with parent/s / carer/s and the student
- in the event that a girl still refuses to accept personal responsibility for the Marymount uniform code, parents / carers will be rung and asked to collect their daughter from school and a re-entry meeting with the Principal, student and parent will be required, prior to a return to school.

In the case of a girl wearing incorrect jewellery, this is taken by the teacher and then collected at the end of the term. All students are aware of this process and should consider this when choosing to wear an item that does not adhere to the uniform code and may contain sentimental value.

If you are unsure about any uniform details, please check your daughter’s diary, or contact me for clarification. I particularly ask that parents / carers are clear around the requirements for sandshoes, which must be predominantly white and have white laces. Please be mindful of this when purchasing shoes for your daughter.

As always, your commitment to supporting the uniform code is critical in this. All our girls at Marymount are ambassadors for our school and as a school community, we believe that it is important that all girls present in a manner that reflects the values of our school.

Kind regards
Leone Coorey
Deputy Principal
cleone@mc.catholic.edu.au
This term has begun with the classes spending time welcoming each other and building relationships and networks. They have nominated candidates for Class Captains, listened to speeches and voted for their last time at Marymount. Congratulations to the following students for winning the positions of Class Captains:

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There has also been a Big Sister/Little Sister activity where students have had the opportunity to start to build on their relationship with their Year 6 ‘Little Sister’, showing her who she is. The Year Nine Reflection Day looked at our charism of hospitality and students made some action plans about ways that they could be more hospitable to each other and members of our wider school community.

Over the next couple of pages are two Year Nine student’s reflection on the Reflection Day and the first Big Sister/Little Sister activity along with photographs.

**BIG SISTER, LITTLE SISTER**

One of my favourite parts about Year Nine was getting a ‘little sister’. I remember back when I was in Year Six and Marymount was so daunting to me. There were all these older girls walking around that seemed so intimidating back then, it made being new at Marymount all the more scarier. So I think giving the new girls here a chance to see that we are not that different from them and we’re actually approachable is a great thing.

Personally I loved spending time with my ‘little sister’. It was so much fun getting to learn about her and to answer any questions she had about her next four years at Marymount. All of the Year Six’s were so friendly and smart, they didn’t seem the least bit intimidated by me or my friends and I think that’s wonderful. Although all our ‘little sisters’ are younger than us I think we can learn just as much from them as well.

The tasks we were given were a great way to get to know each other better and break the ice a little bit; in less than a minute I could see everyone happily chatting to each other and it was brilliant to see so many of us getting along despite our age. All in all I think the Big Sister Little Sister is a great idea for both of the year levels to learn what it’s like to for each other and to have someone to look after or look up to.

Olivia, 9 Thunderbirds
On Friday 7th February the Year Nine Reflection Day was held at different locations around Brighton and Glenelg to reflect with other members of the community. 9 Thunderbirds and Lightning went to the Brighton Sports and Social Club. For the day we were asked to wear casual clothes and bring with us a symbol of hospitality which we then put on the altar and left it there for the day. In the morning we were asked to take part in some activities and reading of religious stories and then watched the video of the story. We also filled out a sheet about ourselves and then in pairs we gave our sheets over and got to know the other girl who we were paired with.

We spent the day doing religious activities on the charism of hospitality and getting to know each other. I met many people on this day and made many new friends. We got a Subway lunch and then decorated a small paper bag and a candle putting hospitality goals on the back of the bag which we can tick of once we has completed them. These were taken back to school as they will be hung around the classroom. Over all the day was a great new experience and I’m sure everyone learnt something new and made memories of the Reflection Day.

Caitlin, 9 Thunderbirds
**PRINCIPAL TOURS**

*Marymount College*

We look forward to sharing our unique place of belonging with you:

- Wednesday, 19 March 9:15am and 6:00pm
- Thursday, 19 June 9:15am and 2:00pm
- Wednesday, 27 August 9:15pm and 2:00pm
- Thursday, 30 October 9:15am and 6:00pm

Please contact Jen Rollins (Registrar) on 8179 4420 or via secretary@mc.catholic.edu.au to register for the tour.

*Sacred Heart College Middle School*

Witness our contemporary learning and teaching programs designed specifically for boys in Years Six to Nine:

- Tuesday, 25 February 9:15am
- Wednesday, 28 May 9:15am
- Thursday, 5 June 4:00pm
- Thursday, 21 August 9:15am
- Friday, 14 November 9:15am

If you would like to join a tour, contact Sacred Heart College Middle School Front Office on 8276 7877 or email principal@shcms.sa.edu.au to confirm your booking.

**PEER GROUP MENTORS**

Congratulations to our Peer Group Mentors for 2014. We are delighted with the volunteer responses from our Year Eights who are willing to support their school community. Peer Group Mentors are selected from our Year Eight cohort and are trained and supported at Marymount to work with their younger peers in the classroom setting. This program develops bonds between our younger and older students while teaching them about healthy relationships, caring for others, how to deal with difficult people to name but a few of the subjects covered. The program has been operating at Marymount now for over 15 years and is continually being refined to cater specifically for our student population and their individual needs.

**GET US TO THE JAZZ**

*Marymount Generations in Jazz Stage Band!*

Help the Marymount College Friends of Music raise much needed funds by purchasing tickets in the 2014 People’s Choice Community Lottery. At just $2 per ticket, you’ll have the chance to win one of the 212 fabulous prizes on offer, including a Hyundai ix35 Highlander Petrol Auto or a $35,000 Harvey Norman shopping spree. For a full list of prizes on offer just go to [www.communitylottery.com.au](http://www.communitylottery.com.au). Best of all, we get back 100% of your ticket purchase!


The 2014 People’s Choice Community Lottery aims to give $1.8 million to participating not-for-profit sporting clubs, schools and pre-schools, community groups and charitable organisations, and since its inception has returned over $11m to not-for-profit groups – just like ours! Thank you for your support.
YEAR LEVEL PARENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We thank our year level Parent Class Representative volunteers for offering to represent the base groups as our parent contacts. We are finalising this information and will distribute very soon.

Meeting dates: First Wednesday each Month
Next meeting: 5 March

COMMUNITY NEWS

The services and events contained in this bulletin are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Families need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

The RYPEN is an introductory leadership development program for young people, sponsored by Rotary. If you are aged 15-17 years you have the opportunity to attend this weekend live-in seminar in the Adelaide Hills from 25-27 April 2014. This seminar is a highly effective leadership and personal development experience. Applications close on Monday, 24 March. For further details and the application form visit www.ryla9520.org.au/rypen/details or email the district RYLA/RYPEN committee via ryla9520@gmail.com.

Ski for Life 2014

Raising funds to prevent the tragedy of male suicide and to train key men in communities to support other men. Relay Skiing from Wellington to Renmark - 500km in five days from 5-9 March - stopping at all communities along the way. Menswatch Program - raising awareness and taking action to addressing male suicide and depression. ‘Help us make a real difference in our communities’ www.menshealthsa.com.au.

Sporting Organisations

St Joseph’s Netball Club
Are you wanting to play netball? St Joseph’s are looking for more girls. For further information please contact Meg Haddrick on 0422 436 697 or email smllbinns@gmail.com.

Adelaide United Ladybirds
Girls only summer soccer program ages 5-11. Sturt Marion Come and Try Day on Sunday, 23 February at 9:30am at Club Marion, 262 Sturt Road, Marion. To register or for more information please contact Susan Bassett on 8340 3088 or susan.bassett@ffsa.com.au.

Intersport Global
Register now for the International Netball Festival being held on the Gold Coast, Queensland, next Easter holidays, 18 April 2014. For further information, email Jane jane@intersportglobal.com or to register http://www.intersportglobal.com/user/register.

Well done to Emily Anderson (2nd from right), who played in one of the State U/15 Beach Volleyball teams which was played at Glenelg Beach for the National Championships in January.
## MARYMOUNT LEADERSHIP GROUP

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