Marymount News

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In Sympathy
We ask your prayers for Sophiar Scarce and Skye Symonds who have had family pass away recently.

God of love the Scarce and Symonds family who has 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.
Pope Francis in his message for Lent 2016 he says: ‘God’s mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church’s tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them. On such things will we be judged…’

Today people around the world are celebrating International Women’s Day. As a girls middle school, Marymount acknowledges and celebrates the successes of women in the past and present.

The theme for International Women’s Day this year is - Together we can stop violence against women and girls. Violence against women and girls is a serious problem, is entirely preventable and we all have a role to play to end violence at home and around the world. FACT: Around the world, 1 in 3 women will experience violence in her lifetime.

Due to the unpredictable weather patterns over the past few days the decision was made to postpone the Walkathon for Caritas today. This event will be rescheduled and once a date has been locked in this will be communicated to students and families. We thank you for your support in this College initiative to support Caritas.

If you read the papers or have seen the news on television over the past 3 months you have probably heard the term STEM. Information and links in relation to this National initiative is provided in this newsletter. If you would like to know more about STEM and how the College is embedding this work in your child’s learning program I invite you to join us at the School Board AGM that will be held on Tuesday 23 March, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Resource Centre. Last week information regarding the AGM was sent to all parents and carers inviting them to consider nomination for the 2016 School Board, in case you missed this we have included nomination forms in this newsletter for your consideration.

God Bless

Maria Canala
Principal

STUDENT SAFETY ALERT

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 (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible.

SA Police advise taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the offender and they recommend the student make a formal report to their closest police station.

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Exemption from School ATTENDANCE

Students of compulsory school age and compulsory education age (6 to 17 years of age) require an exemption if their absence is MORE than five days if they:

- Wish to travel or go on a family holiday during school time.
- Have a medical condition that prevents them from attending school (evidence is required such as a letter from a medical practitioner stating the reasons why they deem the student unable to attend school).

The Application Form is available from the Marymount front office or you can download it via www.mc.catholic.edu.au. Applications must be submitted within a reasonable period before the proposed period of exemption. The Principal will approve the leave (you will be notified via SMS) if they are satisfied with the reasons provided by the parent/carer for the exemption.

Students must continue to attend school until an exemption is approved, unless there are exceptional circumstances. It is rarely appropriate for work to be set for girls during such an absence. It is South West Region policy that normal fees are paid during an absence of this kind.

Musashino Girls School Japan - Host families from Marymount

In Term 3, Marymount College is pleased once again, to be able to host a group of students from Musashino Girls’ School, from 29 July to 14 August. The 10 Japanese girls will come to Marymount every day and spend time practising English, visiting the sights of Adelaide and mixing with Marymount students. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all our students to learn about the Japanese culture and make new friends.

We are looking for some families to host the students who will be coming here. In the past, many of the families have found this to be a great experience for all the family. Families also receive some financial reimbursement for being involved in this program. An orientation evening with families will occur prior to the Musashino girls’ arrival.

If you are interested in hosting a Japanese student, a current Catholic Police Check (CPC) is required for all household members aged 15 years and older. These can be organised through the Marymount front office. We ask that if you are interested in hosting a student and police checks are required/need to be updated, that this occurs ASAP, as these can take up to 6 weeks to complete. Families are unable to host a student if police checks are not in place.

If you are interested or able to do this, please click here to complete the reply slip and return it to your daughter’s Home Group teacher as soon as possible. If you would like further information, please contact me.

School Times

Just a reminder if you need to drop your daughter to school prior to scheduled school time (8:35 am), you may do so from 8:00 am. In these instances your daughter can go to the Resource Centre for supervision. Girls are NOT to be dropped at school prior to this time, as there is no supervision for students. Similarly after school, the Resource Centre is open until 4:00 pm for those times when families may not be able to collect their daughters at the end of school time. This service to our families does not extend beyond 4:00 pm and girls must be picked up by this time. Thank you in anticipation for your support with this.

Kind regards

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Deputy Principal
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Michael Grose articles this week: Teen Time - teenagers need their parents more than at any other stage, yet too often they are left to their own devices. Social Skills for Children - school brings different types of learning, including social interactions and how to make friends - here are 7 important social skills.

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- online computing challenges for Year 5 and 7 students nationally
- ICT summer schools for Year 9 and 10; and
- support for school leaders to drive digital literacy and partnerships between ICT leaders and schools.

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The NATIONAL Innovation and Science AGENDA

Inspiring all Australians in digital literacy and STEM

DATE CHANGE!

Marymount Swimming Carnival is now on FRIDAY 20 MAY at the SA Aquatic & Leisure Centre

Parenting ideas

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Congratulations to all our **Class Captains** and **House Representatives** for Term One!

*Be ACTIVE @ Marymount - getting our fitness on!*
YEAR 6 focus
It’s amazing to think that our Year Six students are over half way through their first term here at Marymount. Although the transition process is an ongoing one, it has been wonderful to see the girls settle into new routines and develop new relationships with confidence.

There have been many exciting moments that the girls have already experienced this term; meeting their Big Sister in Year Nine, participating in Rainbow Day where relationship building was the theme, engaging with their learning using their iPad as a learning tool, developing their skills during Cricket Clinics and they soon will enjoy an afternoon with their Big Sister during Big Sister / Little Sister Afternoon!

We asked each of the Home Group Leaders to reflect on an aspect of the term so please enjoy the read!

Sharon Bentley
Wellbeing Coach Yr6/7

First Impressions of Marymount
Tuesday 2 February was my first day at Marymount. When I woke up I could not stop moving around. I was so nervous but excited! I then got dressed, did my hair and hopped in the car to Marymount. When we arrived, I noticed there was a piece of paper on the way where it told you what class you were in. After all the teachers introduced themselves in the Polding Centre we went up to the classroom to meet Miss Tilley. We got to know each other by playing a few get to know you games. We also made a birthday cupcake and a flower before labelling our books and finding our lockers. At lunch time I met up with friends in the garden for a chat. Before we knew it, it was the end of the day. I had a great first day at Marymount and am so excited for the next four years.

Amelia Gomez
6 Violet Leader

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Isabelle Keenan
6 Violet Leader

iPad Program
The start of the year has been great. Everyone is loving the use of our iPads! We’ve used them for so many subjects. In Maths, we used the Measure Map App to pin parts of Australia to calculate angles and distance and in History we made personal mystery boxes of items from home. We used our iPads to take photographic evidence and make a table of conclusions - just like historians. We used our iPads in Science to make a Lab Safety presentation. Many of us made interactive eBooks using photos and video. We have absolutely loved using our iPads so far and can’t wait for what the rest of the year will hold!

Mia Criscitelli and Samara Farrell
6 Jade Leaders

Big Sister Little Sister
The day we met with our Big Sisters (some for the first time and some for the second) was an amazing warm welcome to Marymount. In between biscuit decoration and filling out interview sheets we really got to know our Big Sisters better than we did before. We’re very grateful to have these older students willing to share their knowledge of the school and its community with us. We are sure that all the year six and nine students are delighted to be privileged with the great excursion that we will be going on in week eight. There will be a lot of excitement as we will be going to the movies and decorating frames for our photos. We are excited to continue the school year with the help of our Big Sisters.

Rylee Fletcher and Daniella Sartor
6 Turquoise Leaders

Rainbow Day
On 2 March all Year Six classes participated in Rainbow Day. On Rainbow Day all the Year Six classes dressed up in their house colours and did fun activities at the beach and in the Polding Centre. The activities included teamwork, brainteasers, problem solving and fun games. Rainbow Day was all about getting to know new people from other classes and trying new things. We believe that all year sixes enjoyed their day!

Dani Todoric and Kenzie Van Der Jeugd
6 Emerald Leaders
Liturgical Dates

Tuesday 29 March
Holy Week Liturgy - Resurrection

Tue 29 March - Wed 6 April
Vinnies clothes drive

Marymount College
Celebrating 60 Years
1956 - 2016
We celebrate 60 Years of Marymount College. Over this time we have seen many changes, both in our location, technology, students and staff. Our celebration dates are below (date change from parent calendar - 1 July College Movie Evening will not go ahead). Please add these dates to your diaries and we will send out further information soon:

• Quiz Night (Friday 19 August) of bygone era
• Feast day Mass 9 am Mary Sculptor unveiling, MLG tours and morning tea (Friday 9 September)
• Cocktail Reception 6-9 pm (Friday 9 September)

Be a part of history and add your family/daughters name to a paver featured in the Mary garden, further information out soon.
If you would like to join the committee to finalise our planned celebrations, please contact me.

New Mary Sculpture
As part of our 60th Anniversary celebrations, we will unveil a new Mary sculpture in September. Gerry McMahon, the artist who has worked with the community in creating previous sculptures, has worked with staff early this year and will run two workshops in the next fortnight with students to develop a new interpretation of Mary.

During Lent
God looks upon hearts that are parched with thirst, and invites us to open our hearts to others.
Lord, be with those who thirst for you
Lord, have mercy
Christ be with those who believe in you.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, be with those who hope in your resurrection.
Lord, have mercy.

Children’s Daily Prayer Under the Southern Cross

Have a great fortnight!
Christina Jonas
Assistant Principal Religious Identity & Mission (APRIM)
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Direct: 8179 4409

Third and Fourth Week of Lent
Generational poverty has led to many challenges in Dominic’s community in Papua New Guinea, including gender inequality, alcohol abuse and violence. Since receiving training in the Caritas Australia supported Community Conversations program, Dominic has learned communication and problem-solving skills to lead his community towards a more peaceful, prosperous future.

First Australian Evangeline lives in a remote community that faces many ongoing challenges. She had a limited vision for her future until three years ago, when she started working at the Djilpin Arts Gumnarn Culture Centre, a community-owned venture supported by Caritas Australia. Today Evangeline is flourishing, with new skills and a passion for the preservation and promotion of her Aboriginal culture.

Please donate to 2016 Project Compassion and help people in remote areas of Malawi harness their strengths and pave the way towards a thriving future. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Parent Class Representatives
We thank our year level Parent Class Reps for volunteering to represent their daughter’s home group as our parent contacts. We are still looking for representation from the following home groups: 7 Acacia, 7 Callistemon, 7 Eucalypt, 7 Waratah, 8 Amber and 8 Opals. If you are interested in joining please let the home group teacher or myself know.

Parents/Carers Social Gathering
Parent Class Reps invite you to attend the upcoming 2016 Parents/Carers Social Gathering which will be held on Thursday 31 March (date change from parent calendar - previously advertised as 17 March) further details have already gone home/been emailed.

Next Meeting
Wednesday 6 April at 7:00 pm on the night of Parent Teacher Interviews. Please enter from the King George Ave car park - we will gather in the Resource Centre.
Glenelg FC Family Fun Night
Come on down to the Glenelg FC on Friday 11 March from 4:30pm for our Twilight Family Fun Night and Season Opener - this will be a great community event and we would love to see you there! There’ll be lots of fun activities for kids of all ages and our league team will also be running a FREE coaching clinic, so if you have any eager young footballers they’ll be very interested in attending (suitable for boys and girls).

Surf and Sun
Happy Easter (we’re getting in early!) think bunnies, chocolate eggs and surfing! We are having our annual surf equipment sale (softlites, boards, wetsuits etc) and it starts Easter Friday so be quick! Want more info on our Weetbix Surf Groms or our Surf/Yoga Retreats? Visit www.surfandsun.com.au or email info@surfandsun.com.au or call 1800 786 386.

Adelaide Youth Orchestras
A wonderful opportunity for our families to experience music played by young people, for young people is offered by Adelaide Youth Orchestras. There are two concerts in our neighbourhood that offer FREE entry to students 12yrs and under - one at Brighton and one at Marion.

Parenting SA
Two FREE seminars presented by Dr Justin Coulson on 5 and 6 April at the Adelaide Convention Centre - Toddlers and touch screens and Children, teens and pornography. Click here to register.

Cycling South Australia
Want to be part of something new and exciting? Cycling SA is launching the new Schools Race Series in May 2016 - click here for further info.
College Uniform Shop
Located at the rear of SHC Senior Campus, Scarborough Street, Somerton Park. MasterCard, Visa Card and EFTPOS available. Direct telephone (08) 8350 2586.

Second-hand Uniforms
Neat, current uniforms are accepted for re-sale during shop hours. All submissions MUST BE RECENTLY laundered (or you could consider donating them to Marymount College - in particular the summer dress, shorts & blazer).

Term One Trading
Monday..................3:00pm - 5:00pm
Tuesday..................1:00pm - 6:00pm
Wednesday ..........8:00am - 12:00 noon
Thursday.............1:00pm - 6:00pm

Southern Cross
The monthly Newspaper can be accessed via www.thesoutherncross.org.au.

Term 1 Canteen Roster
If you are unable to help, please try and organise a swap or call Maria on 8179 4415.

Wednesday 9 Mar  Rebecca Cooper
Thursday 10 Mar  Tiffany Tierney
Fri 11 Mar  Kerryl Marshall & Rebecca C-Mew
Monday 14 Mar  ADELAIDE CUP DAY
Tuesday 15 Mar  Sharon Killin
Wednesday 16 Mar  Nooshin Seyed sadri
Thursday 17 Mar  Renae Beer
Fri 18 Mar  Charmaine Dignam & Bridie Henry
Monday 21 Mar  Anne McGuffin
Tuesday 22 Mar  Kerryl Marshall
Wednesday 23 Mar  Mary Walkington
Thu 24 Mar  Grace Holland & Tobi Rieniets

Friday 25 Mar  GOOD FRIDAY
Monday 28 Mar  EASTER MONDAY
Tuesday 29 Mar  Anna Nunn
Wed 30 Mar  Donna de Michele & Rebecca Kohler
Thursday 31 Mar  Roxanne Davey
Friday 1 Apr  Kerryl Marshall
Monday 4 Apr  Sarah Madden
Tue 5 Apr  Kelly Torney & Jennifer Formosa
Wednesday 6 Apr  Frances MacPherson
Thursday 7 Apr  Jacqui King
Fri 8 Apr  Reshma Machin & Tammy Kohn
Monday 11 Apr  Robyn Venning Smith

Federation News
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Singing the praises of hot cross buns

The long-established tradition of eating hot cross buns on Good Friday is a pleasing opportunity for Catholic schools. Wishing to spread the Easter message and support community at the same time, local churches, community groups, schools, and parents have been baking, baking, baking. In fact, every Easter, the ovens are a popular fundraising event in schools in the area. This year, the Easter rush is especially strong, particularly among Catholic schools which saw an especially good fit with their religious traditions. Every Easter the sale of hot cross buns reaches a peak, as the demand for these traditional buns is extremely high. Every Easter the ovens are full, with thousands of hot cross buns, enabling thousands of dollars to be raised by groups. These fundraising efforts do not only support the groups involved, but also the wider community as a whole. The appeal of hot cross buns is their rich, nutty flavor and the iconic cross on top. Each year, the demand for hot cross buns increases, as people look for ways to celebrate Easter in a fun and meaningful way.

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