UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM ONE 2014

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we continue our journey through Lent, I offer some of the statements from Pope Francis and questions from Archbishop Mark Coleridge’s Lenten message for Reflection:

Pope Francis: “Sometimes we are tempted to find excuses and complain, acting as if we could only be happy if a thousand conditions were met”. Do I make excuses for what I have done and what I have failed to do? Am I constantly complaining – about other people, about the Church, about society as a whole? Am I unhappy because I expect too much? Do I withdraw into myself because things are not just as I want them to be?

Pope Francis: “Sometimes we are tempted to be that kind of Christian who keeps the Lord’s wounds at arm’s length...looking for those personal or communal niches which shelter us from the maelstrom of human misfortune”. Do I protect myself against inconvenience or discomfort, let alone pain or suffering for the sake of the Gospel, wanting Easter but not Calvary? Do I look for a cozy niche, either personal or communal, which can protect me against the needs, the anxieties, the sufferings of others? Do I see the Church as a comfy place for me to be rather than a field-hospital for the wounded whom we are called to tend?

I ask you during Lent to reflect on some of these questions.

On the weekend, the College held its annual Working Bee. Many Thanks to the small but enthusiastic, dedicated group of parents and students who attended and helped to beautify the College grounds last Saturday morning. They did a wonderful job pruning, mowing, weeding, picking up rubbish and the like. We are grateful to the P and F for providing welcome cool drinks and a lovely morning tea.

Last Wednesday, the Year 10 students had their annual Reflection Day. This was held at the Frederick Marsden Centre. The Reflection Day provided opportunity for spiritual formation within our Catholic Christian faith tradition. As a school community we actively seek to provide experiences for our students that will promote the living out of Gospel values. The Reflection Day led by the National Evangelisation Team ran activities and discussions around the theme “Exploring messages the media portrays which impact on choices and decisions that teenagers make”. We are very appreciative of Mrs Doohan and other staff for their organisation of the day and we thank the Year 10 students for their attendance and know they had a very rewarding and informative day.

The 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is this Friday 21 March 2014.

This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not OK at any time. To show our support for the stand against bullying, students will be permitted to wear casual clothes on Friday as long as they are wearing something orange – a T-shirt, shorts, skirt, jumper or trousers. However, for the privilege of not coming in uniform, students will be expected to donate $2 to CARITAS. Students are reminded that their casual clothes must be in keeping with our College guidelines, found in their planner.

Unfortunately over the years, I have seen some students bullied by other students. The bullies often have no idea of the mental anguish that those who are bullied live with. One of the most supportive things a bystander can do is to assist the person being bullied in a number of ways. Bystanders can be an important part of the solution to stop bullying.”

Parents might be interested to watch the accompanying YouTube clips. These were two of many recommended at a seminar I attended given by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iL9CSkJFeoM teased by bullies, a boy receives support from a surprising new friend. Sometimes a small gesture can make a world of difference. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWJu7KQih4

The final day for Term 1 is Friday 4 April. Unfortunately the Student Planner has a misprint. Please be aware that students are to be in attendance until 3 pm Friday 4 April.

ST Maximilian Kolbe, Pray for us
ST Marcelin Champagnat, Pray for us
Mary Our Good Mother, Pray for us
And let us remember to always pray for each other,

Mandy Sullivan
Acting Principal
As part of the College’s Positive Relationship Policy (PVP), Mt Maria College Petrie will be supporting this Friday’s National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Students are allowed to wear ‘free dress’ but at least one major piece of clothing must be orange. The cost, a $2 coin donation, will go to this term’s fund-raiser, CARITAS.

The only stipulation apart from the orange clothing is that students wear sleeved tops (no crop-tops), enclosed shoes and shorts of a modest length (for further clarification please see the Student Planner page 5).

### College Jumpers/Blazers

Now that some cooler morning weather is creeping up on us, there has been a need to more rigorously enforce the College’s uniform policy. As I am sure you are aware, all students are allowed wear the College blazer (this is compulsory article for senior students) but they are also expected to wear either the College jumper or fleeced, nylon jacket when cold. **THIS INCLUDES ANYTIME THAT YOUR CHILD IS OUT IN PUBLIC IN THEIR COLLEGE UNIFORM: I.E. TO AND FROM SCHOOL.** Other tops are not permitted, and after one or two warnings, may be confiscated.

If you child is unable to wear the correct College uniform on any given day, please write a note in your child’s College Planner explaining the situation. Also, if there is any difficulty in purchasing the correct uniform, please contact us so that we can be of assistance.

May I reiterate that the College has a strict uniform policy, as most parents expect, and all students and parents have agreed to abide by this policy. There is virtually no reason for any student to be out of uniform – this includes non-college hats and caps, as well as non-school bags and backpacks. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Finally, please make sure that your child’s blazers, jumpers and jackets are clearly labelled with your child’s name (as well as all other items that they bring to school).

### Term 2 & 3 Uniform

- All senior male students (Years 11 and 12) are expected to wear their ties, not only here at school, but also to and from the College.
- Year 11 & 12 students are also expected to have a blazer and wear it as required.
- If you need to discuss any uniform issues, please contact us here at the College.
- The College Uniform Shop, behind the Student Services Centre, is open Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8am to 9am.

### Lockers

As mentioned at the end of each term, **ALL LOCKERS NEED TO BE EMPTIED** and **LOCKS REMOVED** on or before the last Friday (April 4). This is only two and an half weeks away! This allows students to clean out the lockers and also discourages theft and outside vandalism across the holiday period. If there are any locks still on the lockers after Friday April 4, the locks will be cut off and any books etc. will be placed inside the Pastoral Care classrooms.

And just as a reminder, could you please check with your child that their spare locker key has been handed to their PC teacher? This allows your child access to their locker should they lose their key or accidently leave it at home.

### Hair Colour & Cuts

As after every school break, if students have coloured their hair during the holidays, it must be close to or identical to the student’s natural hair colour on their return. Any ‘unusual’ hair styles must also be corrected (for girls, hair needs to be tied back if shoulder length, and for the boys, length needs to be above the eyes, collar and ears).

Failure to adhere to this simple request will mean that the student will be sent home and will not be allowed to return to school until the colour, cut or both is fixed. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Similarly, there should be no ‘extra’ piercings on your child’s return – this includes clear studs and covers over piercings such as bandaida.

For further clarification, please see the Student Planner.

### Hail Mary

*Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum, benedicta tu in mulieribus, Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Santa Maria, Mater Dei, Ora pro nobis peccatoribus, Nunc et hora mortis nostrae. Amen.*

### Quotation of the Week

*Charity is no substitute for justice withheld.*

Saint Augustine (A.D.354-A.D.430, Latin-speaking philosopher and theologian from the Roman province of Africa. Major influential figure in the development of Western Christianity)

Sts Maximilian Kolbe and Marcelin Champagnat pray for us.

Markus Ebeling

**Deputy Principal**
Pope Francis’ Lenten Message:
“by his poverty you might become rich”

Released by the Vatican on Tuesday, 5th February, the text of the Pope's message focused on the theme of Christ's poverty, with the title: 'He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich,' which is from a verse from St Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Pope Francis said he chose the passage to explore what St Paul's references to poverty and charity mean for Christians today. There are many forms of poverty, he said, like the material destitution that disfigures the face of humanity and the moral destitution of being a slave to vice and sin.

Excerpts for reflection:

- *We are to courageously follow Jesus in seeking out the poor and sinners, and in making difficult sacrifices in order to help and heal others.*

- *As Christians we are called to confront the material, spiritual and moral destitution of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it.*

- *Saving the world will not come about 'with the right kind of human resources' and token alms, but only 'through the poverty of Christ,' who emptied himself of the worldly and made the world rich with God's love and mercy.*

Project Compassion

We continue to show our support for Caritas Australia’s annual Project Compassion Appeal throughout the season of Lent. All Pastoral Care classes are working together to give generously and are committed to fundraising in order to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

Year 12 Retreat

All Year 12 students will attend the Year 12 Retreat to be held from 5 May to 7 May 2014 at Alexandra Park Conference Centre. Students will receive a letter next week outlining details of the Retreat and permission forms for parents/caregivers to complete.

Janelle Doohan

Assistant Principal Religious Education
TERM ONE SCHOOL FEES ARE PAST DUE

Please make payment by this Friday 21st March. Overdue notices will be sent home next week.

If you are unable to pay your school fees, please contact the finance office to advise of your situation and to make a suitable arrangement.

Deb Rheumer
Business Manager

UPGRADE TO NEW FINANCE SYSTEM

Across the next school holidays, Brisbane Catholic Education will upgrade all College Finance Systems. We have been advised that we will not have access to the system for a two week period (4-4-2014 to 18-4-2014). This will have no impact on receipt of monies.

You will still be able to make payments in your preferred way, and we will receive them with no delay. However, we will not be able to provide you with information regarding balances etc over that period.

Mt Maria College Petrie App

Have you DOWNLOADED the Mt Maria College APP yet?
DO IT NOW
to stay in touch about the busy year ahead!

If you haven't downloaded the College APP, it's available at iTunes and the Google play - please download it to your iPhone, iPad, Smartphone or Tablet.

Simply search "Mt Maria College Petrie" to download it - don't forget to position the Mt Maria APP on your front page, so that online alerts and messages can be retrieved ASAP (simply click on the APP, tap the messages icon and refresh your screen for updates!).

You will be able to:
24/7 Audio Absentee Messages accepted
Receive instant Alerts from the College
Access the College Newsletter
View College Events including locations, day and time
Share the App with prospective families
One touch calling to the College
Access Tuckshop and Uniform Shop products and pricing

All feedback and ideas regarding the use and ongoing development of the APP welcomed at spetrie@bne.catholic.edu.au
**K.C.C Volunteer of the Month**

KCC is very proud to announce our **Volunteer of the Month** is **Ben Walker** from Year 9. Ben has been selected this month because of his impressive work ethic, his enthusiasm to provide fantastic customer service and his capacity for hard yakka! Ben has been attending KCC regularly this year and has learnt many valuable skills, usually without asking too many questions, and can always be relied upon to assist new recruits.

He is our most willing volunteer and will assist with everything from sweeping floors to cleaning, restocking and food preparation. Ben has a keen interest in coffee and since the introduction of KCC’s coffee service, has assisted in providing valuable information to our staff about its production and consumption.

Ben’s dedication to KCC is inspiring to others and he is an absolute joy to work with!

Thanks, Ben, for all your efforts!

Peita McClenaghan
**KCC Co-ordinator**

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**NAPLAN Information for 2014**

NAPLAN testing will take place in Week 4 of Term 2 this year. NAPLAN tests skills such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. It provides additional information about students learning.

At the classroom level, it is one example of many different tools used by teachers to measure student progress across the year.

The dates for NAPLAN in 2014 are:

- Tuesday 13th May
- Wednesday 14th May
- Thursday 15th May

If you would like to read more about NAPLAN please use the link below or if you prefer I am available to talk to as well.


Jenny Halliday
**Junior Curriculum Coordinator/Literacy Support**

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**MMCP Sport**

**Interschool Sport**

Last week we competed in Round 4 against Murrumba Downs who fielded some great competition for us to come up against. Our Touch boys only lost by a few points each but a huge congratulations to the MMCP Touch girls team who defeated Murrumba 6-0. Well done also to the Mt Maria Petrie boys basketball team who added another win to their points tally. This week we play St Benedict’s with both boys and girls at home.

**District Sport**

A special congratulations to Matt Tite in Year 12 who recently made the Pine Rivers District team for rugby league which will compete at the Met North trials this week. Matt loves his footy and is a superstar on the field. We wish you all the best!

**Fisher Cup – Girls Touch**

Training is underway for our two teams competing in the St John Fisher “Fisher Cup” girls’ touch tournament in August. We have a very strong touch football culture here at the school and it’s great to see some of the girls getting in and having a go. We are holding training here at the College on Wednesday mornings at 7.45am. We are also hoping to organise some fundraising/sponsorship for some new touch uniforms so if you have any way of volunteering or helping us out please contact me at the College.

Yours in sport
Brooke Wasmund
**Sport Co-ordinator**
The Senior Biology students of Mt Maria College Petrie travelled to Underwater World on the Sunshine Coast to undertake fieldwork that does reinforce the key concepts covered within the unit Classification and Life in Water.

The staff at Underwater World took students on a guided tour of the facilities and then assisted the students in completing activities that had been designed to enable students to identify animals. The classification process involved assigning organisms to groups according to shared physical features. After lunch, students then travelled to Point Arkwright to continue with their study of marine life on the rocky platform.

The students enjoyed the experience and the behaviour of all was impeccable on the day.

Rosemary Kelso  
Snr Curriculum Coordinator  

Peter Mant  
Biology Teacher
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**Office REMINDER**

*Can you please ensure you have signed and return to the office*

**BLANKET EXCURSION FORM FOR BUS TRAVEL TO AND FROM EXCURSIONS / CAMPS**

You can print this form from our website, below is the link:-

Mt Maria College Petrie - Open Day

Mt Maria College Petrie
Inspired by Maximilian Kolbe
and Marcellin Champagnat

Your invitation to
OPEN DAY
2014
1 June
9:30am - 11:30am

Just come and have a look!

Armstrong Street, Petrie
3285 5500

Please join us for a College Tour on
Wednesday 19 March or
Wednesday 23 April or
Wednesday 21 May
at 9.00am

VISIT www.mmcp.qld.edu.au
to view the COLLEGE VIDEO
Get busy living these Easter holidays with SHAFT. SHAFT is a Moreton Bay Regional Council program for high school aged students who reside in, or attend high school in the Moreton Bay Region.

We have put together some of the hottest activities just for you, want to hear the line-up? Grand Prix Go Karting, Parkour, Slacklining, Surfing, Ten Pin Bowling, Wakeboarding the Aqua Fun Park. That's not even all of them. Don’t worry, we got you covered, Council has subsidised every activity making it super affordable for you, ranging from $2 to $30 (depending on the activity).

But, you must make a booking to secure your spot. Bookings are available from 9am Tuesday 18 March, 2014. Head online to www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/shaft to make your booking or call 5433 2052 to secure your place. Spaces are limited, so get in fast and get amongst it!

The 2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is on Friday, March 21.

This annual day provides a focus for all schools to say Bullying. No Way! and to strengthen their existing everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

In 2013 more than 1400 schools across Australia participated by running local events, inviting guest speakers and exploring bullying, and the role of bystanders, in classroom lessons.

Mt Maria College Petrie Staff & Students Pledge to make our school safe by:-

- Speaking up when others need help
- Appreciating offers and being a good friend
- Feeling empowered to do what is right
- Encouraging people around us to “Make a Stand. Lend a Hand against bullying”