



Mt Maria College Petrie

Inspired by Maximillian Kolbe
and Marcellin Champagnat



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newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM ONE 2014

5 – 7 Feb 2014	Year 8 School Camp
11 Feb 2014	Year 8 Information Evening
12 Feb 2014	Opening Mass
14 Feb 2014	Swimming Carnival
19 Feb 2014	P & F Meeting
22nd Feb	Working Bee
25 Feb 2014	Year 10 Parent Workshop
26 Feb 2014	Years 8 & 10 Immunisations
12 Mar 2014	P & F Meeting

School Term Dates 2014

Term 1 2014	Jan 29-April 4
Term 2 2014	April 22 - June 27
Term 3 2014	July 14 - Sept 19
Term 4 2014	Oct 7 - Dec 5

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome!

As per usual, the school year has begun with gusto: new students, new timetables, new staff, and new parents and families. We have also had our Year 8 Camp (a big thank you to Mr Tim Victory, Year 8 Student Coordinator), House Vice-Captains' nominations and elections, and the usual staff and student in-services and training (e.g. the Peer Support Program overseen by Mrs Sue O'Connor, Year 11 and 12 Student Coordinator). Despite the logistics, I must thank everyone for their cooperation, patience and resilience. When I do sit back and momentarily reflect, I smile and appreciate how smoothly things have gone. It is a group effort: students, staff, families and the wider community. And I wouldn't want it any other way.

So, what is on the horizon? Next Tuesday evening from 5.30pm we have the **Year 8 Information evening**. It is an opportunity for Year 8 parents and carers to meet staff, learn about how their children's day flows, and find out in a little more detail how the College operates. The evening is usually over by 7.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there. The following day, Wednesday the 12th, is the College's **Opening Mass** beginning at 9.00am. As a Catholic, Christian community, it is only fitting and proper that we mark the beginning of the new school year with a mass of thanks and reflection. All families are welcome. And of course Friday is the College's annual **Swimming Carnival** at the Dayboro Pool, Dayboro. Please feel free to drop in. It is a great day and we make sure that all students feel comfortable and, if they wish, have a go. There are plenty of fun events for everyone to get involved in.

Wednesday week from 7.00pm (February 19) is the College's first **Parents and Friends Meeting** of the year. We have an enthusiastic and friendly group of staff and parents, and as with all of our P and F meetings, the more the merrier.

Cyber safety and online 'gaming' is something that many of our children need to be aware of. Last week, a parent came and saw me expressing concerns about the content of some online games that he had recently seen. Consequently, I thought it timely to share with parents and carers some sound advice from the Australian Government's 'cybersmart' website:

Be aware of game content, classifications and age restrictions.

Limit game play time.

Make time offline for your friends, your favourite sports and other activities.

Protect yourself if another player is behaving badly or making you uncomfortable, block them from your players list.

Report poor behaviour to the game site operator.

Keep personal details private.

Respect others in the game.

See more at: <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Teens/I%20need%20to%20know%20about/Online%20gaming.aspx#sthash.eNhSwQY7.dpuf>

This week I would like to close with the some reflections on "Mary, our Good Mother". As you would already be aware, Mt Maria College Petrie's patron Saints are Saint Maximillian Kolbe and Saint Marcellin Champagnat. But what you may not realise was that both men were devout followers of Mary. Consequently, here at the College, many representations of Saint Maximillian Kolbe and Saint Marcellin Champagnat are also linked with ones of Mary, Jesus' Mother.

Of course, up until a few generations ago, a criticism many Catholics faced was that "they worship Mary!" How things have changed. The reality is, while dying on the cross, Jesus himself said:

...to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own house.

John 19:26-27

There is much societal and historical significance in the quotation, but recognising Mary's place in the Church simply reinforces all that is great in womanhood, motherhood and family.

In Jesus' time, most, if not all of the ancient world, was stifling patriarchal. And though times have changed, few could successfully argue that we live in an egalitarian age when it comes to the sexes. Rightly or wrongly, the Church, to a large extent, has always reflected the age in which it is serving. Mary, and all she represents, helps bring balance to our Catholic faith and to our College community.

Mary Our Good Mother is and was never meant to replace the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost – however you see or envisage him (or her)! But that does not mean that her presence cannot help build and round out our faith.

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.

Humility, Simplicity and Modesty



Sts Maximillian Kolbe and Marcellin Champagnat pray for us. St Mary of the Cross, pray for us.

Markus Ebeling

Acting Principal

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*Inspired by Maximillian Kolbe
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*Mr Markus Ebeling
Acting Principal of Mt Maria College Petrie*

Invites

*Family and Friends of
Mt Maria College Petrie*

*To join us at our
College Opening Mass*

*Wednesday
12 February 2014
9.00am*

*Our Lady of the Way Church
Armstrong Street, Petrie*

Business Manager

WELCOME BACK TO 2014

Just an update for our new families, and our old as well, on the fee process at Mt Maria College Petrie. Fee statements are sent home at the commencement of each term (normally the second week of term). They have a due date listed. If you elect to pay per term, please pay by this date.



With the Term 1 statement, you will find a direct debit form for both credit card and savings account. If you wish to avail yourself of the direct debit method of payment, we include a budget for the year – with a weekly, fortnightly and monthly recommended amount. This is an excellent way of paying your school fees, just set the amount and the frequency and then forget it. I will regularly send out statements so that you can see your charges and your payments – this is for your records only.



PLEASE REMEMBER – IF YOU ARE HAVING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, PLEASE CONTACT US AND LET US KNOW.

We can work together to put a plan in place, easing your stress about the situation and keeping us in the loop also.

Up to date contact details

Also in term 1's statement I will include a form which has your student's current details on record – their address, phone number, emergency contacts, custody arrangements, etc.

Please check this carefully. It is imperative that we have the correct information here at the College. If an emergency situation arises, or simply a very sick student, we must be able to contact either yourself or a nominated person quickly.



Office Reminders 2014



- ✓ **Medication** Students must NOT carry any medication in their school bags. All medication MUST be kept at the office. All medication (including paracetamol) must have new permission forms for administering completed and signed.
- ✓ **Immunisation** These must be returned by Monday the 10th February 2014 if you wish for your student to receive immunisations at school. The first round is on Wednesday 26th February.
- ✓ **Early Departure Notes** Any students needing to leave school early MUST have a written signed note by a parent / carer. Contact will be made if written permission is not supplied and if no contact is possible, the student will not be allowed to leave the College. If your student needs to leave early every day because of transport, a note giving them permission for the term is acceptable.
- ✓ **Absences** Please make contact with the office by 9.00am if your student will be absent. (by email, telephone or App message). It is College policy to send a text message if your child is not at school and no contact has been made.
- ✓ **Senior Blazers** All seniors must have a senior blazer, please see the office for an order form.
- ✓ **Contact Details** If your contact details have changed over the holidays please let us know as soon as possible

Year 8 & 10 Immunisations

NOTICE FROM THE MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

This year Moreton Bay Regional Council is providing free vaccinations for all Year 8 and Year 10 students on Wednesday 26th February 2014 as part of the Queensland health's annual School - Based Vaccination Program.

Year 8 students are being offered vaccinations to protect against Varicella (chickenpox), Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination and diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough). Male students in Year 10 are also being offered free HPV vaccination as part of a catch up program. All Year 10 students will be offered the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (whooping cough) vaccination.

A consent form for each vaccination offered will be given to your child to bring home. Please read the information carefully, sign the consent form irrespective of whether you wish your child to be vaccinated or not and return the consent form to the school before Tuesday 11th February 2014.

The vaccinations will be conducted by a team of specially trained Registered Nurses. Please encourage your child to have breakfast on the morning of the vaccination and to bring adequate water to drink following. If there is concern regarding nervousness of your child prior to vaccination please ring the council on 3205 0555 and ask to speak to the immunisation team. It can be arranged that they are vaccinated before the immunisation clinic starts should this be suitable.

For more information about diseases, vaccines or the School Based Vaccination Program, visit: <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/immunisation/sbvp/default.asp> or call Moreton Bay Regional Council on 3205 0555. Consent forms are also available on this website.



Sport News

Welcome back everyone – it's straight into the good stuff with a busy Term 1 for Sport.

Trials for **Year 8, 9 & 10 Interschool Sport** have now finished and all teams should be finalised. Next Thursday 13/2 will be a training day here at the College and Round 1 starts Thursday 20/2. Sport notes have been sent home – please return to the College Office ASAP, especially any students wanting to participate in Rec Activities as many of these have limited numbers. All Rec Activities will commence Thursday 13/2.

Our Mt Maria College Petrie **Swimming Carnival** is Friday 14th February at Dayboro Pool. Parents and families are welcome to attend. The swimming carnival is a great day for everyone – not just competitive swimmers. There are fun activities and games throughout the entire day. Remember to wear your house colours and get involved in some house spirit!

During assembly this week, I asked any student wishing to nominate themselves for the Pine Rivers District Swimming trials which are to be held later this month to see me. Any student who is a competitive swimmer and wishes to compete please see myself for the relevant forms and information.

Yours in Sport,
Brooke Wasmund



Information Technology—YEAR 9 LAPTOPS

Year 9 students will be provided with laptops under our Laptop Program to use until the end of Year 12. These laptops have a 4 year warranty and Accidental Damage Protection (ADP) insurance.

The model we have chosen is an Acer Iconia W510, which is a cross between a computer and a tablet, with a touchscreen able to be unclipped from the keyboard.

Unfortunately the demand for these laptops is greater than the supply so there has been a delay in delivery to us due to limited supplies coming into Australia. We have been told that we should get them the week beginning the 17th February which means we will be able to distribute them by the end of February after they have been imaged for use at the College.

A letter will be sent home, together with our Acceptable Use policy, with a time and date for parents to pick up the laptop as soon as we take delivery from our suppliers.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

John Woodhouse
ICT Coordinator





AS-bA
Australian
School-based
Apprenticeships

APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

in Queensland Schools

Location Narangba– Open until position is filled

BRISBANE

Unique Opportunity

Certificate 3 in Cabinet Making (LMF32109) – 1 Vacancy.

Antique Restoration and Custom Furniture and Joinery

GN Olsson Mastercraftsmen gnolsson.com. Brisbane, Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast. 393 Narangba Road, Kurwongbah QLD 4503. Cath Olsson 07 3888 1549

Traditional woodworking, antique restoration mainly. Some design and making solid timber furniture and high end joinery.

A lot of variety. Lots of hand tool work and some wood machining.
To be short listed - demonstrate your interest and aptitude.

Essential – photos/ drawings portfolio; references from trade skill teacher, work experience supervisor or employers.

Preferred, but not essential – A in woodworking/drawing. C's or higher in English and maths. Manual license and ute. Prefer students in year 10, 11 & 12 or as second preference. Will consider school leavers.

Visit website before applying – www.gnolsson.com Workshop photos are on: http://gnolsson.com/galleries/our_people.html

Small family business doing high end commissions, often networking with other technicians, tradespeople, mastercraftsmen and artisans in allied fields:

http://gnolsson.com/about_us/furniture_maker_upholstery_polisher_wood_turning_wood_carving_alter_furniture_convert_furniture_cabinet_maker_leather_cover.htm

To apply, email your up-to-date resume including portfolio, references and licence information

Email: gnolsson@bigpond.com

Please direct any queries regarding this qualification to our MEGT consultant: jack.rusbridge@megt.com.au

LET MRS TURNER KNOW IF YOU WANT TO APPLY

Vocational Education Training and Careers

URGENT

Moreton Bay Regional Council have just started advertising ten School – Based Traineeships, five in Civil Construction and five in Horticulture with an Applications close date of 5.00 pm on Monday, 10th February 2014.

The details for the traineeships can be found here on our vacancies page

<http://careers.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/cw/en/#/job/492577/school-based-traineeship-civil-construction-or-horticulture>

Date Claimer

Parents and carers of Year 10 students are requested to attend a **"Year 10 Parent Workshop"**

Where the mysteries of Year 10, Senior Schooling and Pathway options will be revealed.

Vital information will be shared at this workshop, so we encourage each family to send a representative. As you are aware change happens continually, so even if you had a student in Year 10 last year, you will need to update your information. There will be representatives from various outside agencies present.

There will be six sessions covering:

- QCE and QCIA
- Certificate II in Workplace practices – new course 2014
- Flexible Pathways – Gaining entry to university using a rank. TAFE as a pathway.
- Electronic SET Plans and subject selection and pre-requisites (new process for 2014)
- Seven Hats of parenting and making critical decisions
- Where the jobs are – local employment facts.

Each session will be brief and informative. You will leave the workshop with information you will require to assist your student with a successful transition from school to further study or employment.

When : Tuesday 25th February 2014

Time: 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm

Where: M6, 7 & 8 MMCP

Who: One parent or carer from each Year 10 family

(If parents have to bring students or other children, there will be supervision available in the library.)

Year 8 Parent Information Evening

All Year 8 parents/carers are welcome to come along to this informal evening, to meet with teachers of their students. The evening will commence at 5.30pm with a general overview of the College and from there, parents and carers will have the opportunity to spend some time with their child's pastoral care teacher. This is an ideal opportunity for you to ask questions and also to meet with other teachers of Year 8 subjects.

It's also a great time to meet with other parents of students within your child's peer group. Students are not required to attend. However, if child care constraints are an issue, please feel free to bring them along.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to meeting you once again on Tuesday evening.



Community News



Enjoyable community education with friendly and informative tutors

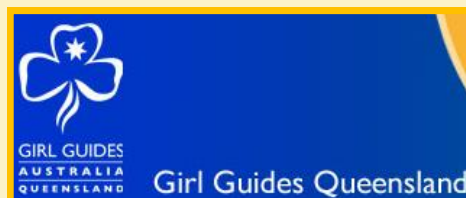
Pine Rivers High Community Education Classes Term One classes commence from Tuesday 4th February. Update your skills, learn new ones or get fit! Small classes, great tutors.

See www.pineriverscomed.com.au or phone Jenny on 0432 116 973 for more details.

Jenny Woolsey
Coordinator Pine Rivers High School Community Education Classes
0432 116 973

Do you like having fun, having adventures, challenging yourself, developing leadership skills, doing arts & crafts, enjoying the great outdoors but above all having fun with friends in a safe environment, then Girl Guides is the place for you.

We have units with vacancies for girls aged from 5 through to 17, and if you are over 18 you may like to take on a leadership role. We meet at the Lawnton Girl Guide Hut Nightingale Drive Lawnton, so if you are interested or would like more details contact Debbie Lawrence 0422878073 or debnsteve22@bigpond.com for more details.



With your support we hope to increase the membership of our local Area Committee, which was established in 2006 and covers residents, Business', organisations and institutions living and working between Flockton Street McDowall (in the south) Dayboro (to the north west), Bunya (to the west), Boundary Road Dakabin (in the north east) and the South arm of the Pine River in the south.

Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday monthly (except for December) at the Petrie Police Station cnr Old Dayboro Rd and Connors Street Petrie beginning at 5.30pm.

For your information Crime Stoppers is a not-for-profit Registered Charity and Community Volunteer Organisation which has become the Queensland public's most effective tool in the fight to solve crime.

Since Crime Stoppers Queensland was established in 1989 community contact with Crime Stoppers Queensland has resulted in: (As at 31st July 2013)

- Over 24,715 offenders arrested with some 65,285 charges preferred;
- Solved 21 Murders and 20 Attempted Murders;
- Seized over \$612.7 million worth of drugs;
- Recovered \$10 million worth of stolen property; and
- Seized over \$3.6 million in proceeds of crime.



The Pine Rivers Volunteer Area Committee is a very active committee and is seeking new volunteers to assist us in maintaining our existing activities and events through which we promote the Crime Stoppers message as well as raise funds for the Crime Stoppers Rewards scheme. For your information any informant whose information, which is reported through the anonymous hot line or webpage, results in a conviction, is entitled to a reward up to \$1,000 and as Crime Stoppers Queensland does not receive any Government Funding, it is up to the volunteer area committees to raise these funds through various activities and events.

Cecelia Serchen

Pine Rivers Area Committee (PRAC)
Crime Stoppers Queensland Limited
A Registered Charity and Community Volunteer Organisation

Families In Transition

Incorporating the Seasons™ program



This is a 8 week course for children 6 -12 years old and their parents who have experienced change in their lives through family separation, divorce or death of a loved one.

Children will explore ways to cope with family change and express their feelings in a healthy way. Parents are offered the opportunity to get together and learn more about supporting their children through family change.

This course is full of great practical activities for all.

Where :	Undurba State School Community Hall , Ogg Road, Murrumba Downs
When :	6th February—27th March 2014 Thursday mornings
Time :	10am—11.30am
Cost :	\$25 one child / \$40 per family for entire course

For more information please contact the
**Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre on 3889 0063 or
email christinek@prnc.org.au**

*Pine Rivers
Neighbourhood Centre
ENRICHING COMMUNITY*



Life's Journey



Are you a mother, grandmother or female carer who has children under the age of 18 years in your care? Would you like to be involved in a group where you can make new friends, increase your self esteem and have fun?

~ If so, this may be the group for you! ~

Life's Journey is a six week friendly group for women who are parenting. You will be able to experience new and creative things, explore ideas, and meet new people. Hands-on interactive activities include painting and clay work. Some topics explored are communication in families, self esteem, stress management plus much more!!

In partnership with ...

Relationships Australia.
QUEENSLAND

WHERE :	Undurba State School Community Hall, Ogg Rd Murrumba Downs
WHEN :	12th February—19th March 2014 Wednesday mornings 9.30am coffee for a 10am start until 12.30pm
COST :	\$5 concession \$10 non concession Costs cover morning tea for entire course (Child minding available on request)

For further information or to register your interest please contact Christine at
The Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre on 3889 0063 or email christinek@prnc.org.au

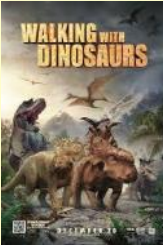


"Sensory Movie Day"

was created for Families with Special Needs.
Children are free to try every seat, flap or stim, lighting stays on dim.
Firexit doors are monitored for those escape artists.
This movie experience is a positive, non-judgemental experience.
Free membership cards are required to purchase tickets,
which can be handed out on the day of the screening.
children 2years and under are free and companion I.D. cards are accepted.
"Regarding Movies, changes are possible due to unforeseen circumstances."

Tickets \$8 each

Sensory Movie Day Morayfield (North Brisbane)
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/SensoryMovieDay>
Chanelle Avison Sensorymoveday@hotmail.com
or phone 0422 416 509



"Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs 2"

Inventor Flint thought he saved the world when he destroyed his most infamous invention. Flint soon learns that his invention survived and is now creating food-animals - "foodimals!" Flint and his friends embark on a dangerously delicious mission to battle hungry foodimals to save the world

2pm Sunday 23rd February

"The Muppets Most Wanted"

Muppets gang on a global tour, selling out grand theaters in some of Europe's most exciting destinations, But mayhem follows the Muppets overseas, as they find themselves unwittingly entangled in an international crime caper headed by C...Moreonstantine-the World's Number One Criminal and a dead ringer for Kermit-and his dastardly sidekick Dominic.

2pm Sunday 17th August

"Walking With Dinosaurs"

During the Late Cretaceous period 70 million years ago, the Alexornis bird Alex narrates about three Pachyrhinosaurus named Patchi, Scowler, and Juniper who grow from infants into adulthood. Alex has a symbiotic relationship with Pachyrhinosaurus. Patchi leads the herd in migrating, and they also encounter the predator Gorgon the Gorgosaurus.

2pm Sunday 27th April (6th April (NSW))

"How To Train Your Dragon 2"

Set in the mythical world of burly Vikings and wild dragons, the action comedy tells the story of Hiccup, a Viking teenager who doesn't exactly fit in with his tribe's longstanding tradition of heroic dragon slayers. Hiccup's world is turned upside down when... More he encounters a dragon that challenges he and his fellow Vikings to see the world from an entirely different point of view.

2pm Sunday 14th September

"Frozen"

A prophecy traps a kingdom in eternal winter, so Anna must team up with Kristoff, a daring mountain man, on the grandest of journeys to find the Snow Queen and put an end to the icy spell

2pm Sunday 16th March

"Mr. Peabody & Sherman"

Mr. Peabody is the the world's smartest person who happens to be a dog. When his "pet" boy Sherman uses his time traveling WABAC machine without permission, events in history spiral out of control to disastrous and comical results. I... More's up to this most unexpected of father-son teams to somehow put things back on track before the space-time continuum is irreparably destroyed

2pm Sunday 25th May

"Tinkerbell The Pirate fairy"

Zarina, a smart and ambitious dust-keeper fairy who's captivated by Blue Pixie Dust and its endless possibilities. When Zarina's wild ideas get her into trouble, she flees Pixie Hollow and joins forces with the scheming pirates of Skull Rock, who make her captain of their ship. Tinker Bell and her friends must embark on an epic adventure to find Zarina, and together they go sword-to-sword with the band of pirates led by a cabin boy named James, who'll soon be known as Captain Hook himself.

2pm Sunday 26th October

"Planes Fire & Rescue"

Is a new comedy-adventure about second chances When world famous air racer Dusty learns that his engine is damaged and he may never race again, he must shift gears and is launched into the world of aerial firefighting. Dusty joins forces with veteran fire and rescue helicopter Blade Ranger and his courageous team

2pm Sunday 16th November

"Sensory EXPO"

Starts at noon in the foyer of the cinema, We invite lots of Service providers who come and let you know what help and support is available, heaps of resources

"The Lego Movie"

Emmet, an ordinary, rules-following, perfectly average LEGO minifigure is mistakenly identified as the most extraordinary person and the key to saving the world. He is drafted into a fellowship of strangers on an epic quest to stop an evil tyrant, ... More a journey for which

2pm Sunday 22 June

"Sensory EXPO" noon

Starts at noon in the foyer of the cinema, We invite lots of Service providers who come and let you know what help and support is available, heaps of resources

"Sensory Movie" 2pm

We wanted to finish our year with a new movie so we will let you know closer to the time... so stay tuned

"Santa & Mrs Claus"

After the Sensory Screening Santa & Mrs Claus will be handing out presents to every child

Sunday 7th December

"Rio 2"

It's a jungle out there for Blu, Jewel and their three kids in RIO 2, after they're hurtled from that magical city to the wilds of the Amazon. As Blu tries to fit in, he goes beak-to-beak with the vengeful Nigel, and meets the most fearsome adversary of all - his father-in-law.

2pm Sunday 27th July