FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As we come to the second last newsletter for the year, I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Last week we held our Annual General Meeting in our school hall. Although general parent numbers were a little lower than normal, I would like to thank those who were able to attend. At this meeting the P&F reviewed their year with Ms Sascha Upton giving her Treasurer’s Report and Mrs Merrisa McDougall giving her President’s report. The School Board also presented a Treasurer’s Report via Mr Quinton Hoffmann, Chairman’s Report, Mr Simon Di Rosso, and a Principal’s report. Throughout these reports we looked at our budget for 2016 and school fee structure. We also looked at our national and state assessments for numeracy, literacy and religious education. These results were very promising in comparison to the national and state averages. We also looked at staffing placements for next year.

Many thanks also to our wonderful staff who attended the evening in such great numbers.

I would like to congratulate our new members to the Board; Mr Alan Barnett, Mr Lance Roughsedge and Mr Andrew Hollis. I, along with the rest of the School Board look forward to working with you all.

I would also like to congratulate Mrs Paula Rafferty and Mrs Cassandra Underwood for taking on the new positions on the P&F. These ladies already do an immense amount of work in the school and I am sure will have a few more parents jump on board.

Again I would like to sincerely thank our outgoing P&F; Merrisa McDougall, Michelle Sanderson, Sacha Upton and Amanda Tallon on completing two wonderful years of service to the school community and have also been a big driving factor in building our school community.

I would also like to thank Mr Travis Linaker, for his time and contribution to the School Board over the last two years. Travis, your efforts have been greatly appreciated.

ORIENTATIONS

Over the last few weeks we have held our orientation days for K-Year 6 with 3K orientation being help next week. I would like to thank all our new parents into the school for 2016 for their support and cooperation for these orientation days, especially those parents who had to take their children out of their current schools to attend.

OFFICE STAFF

As mentioned earlier this term, Mrs Debbie Cockman will be retiring at the end of this year after tremendous service to our school. I would like to announce that Mrs Gabby Hoffmann will be extending her time in the office. Gabby is currently in the office one day per week and as of next year will be here three days per week. On top of her normal administrative duties Gabby will also have responsibilities in the IT area.

VOLUNTEER’S MORNING TEA

As always we will be holding a special morning tea next Thursday morning in the St Joseph hall. This is for all our wonderful parents or grandparents who have helped out and volunteered their time in any way throughout the school this year. Please come along so we can express our thanks to you all.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The children have been working hard and rehearsing their songs for our Carols evening next Friday, 4 December. I look forward to seeing our parents, grandparents and family friends on the evening.

Please see the P&F section in this newsletter for details of the sausage sizzle for this evening.
ART SHOW

Congratulations to our wonderful artistic students and to Mrs Hull-Deane for organising and producing a stunning Art Show last Friday evening. As usual, as is the case every year, the work was sensational. This is always one of our highlights for the year and again proved to be the case this year. Thank you to all our school community who were able to attend and support the evening.

CANTEEN

Please note that our last day in the canteen for 2015 will be next Friday 4 December.

Also, we will have feedback to all our families in regards to Canteen 2016, via a letter home, next week.

Sincerely Yours,
Sandro Coniglio
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE FORTNIGHT!

Appreciate life as it happens. 
Moments will soon pass and you will wish you had treasured them more.

Anonymous

Once again our Mary's Mount artists put on a good show! The art work looked amazing and I'm always impressed by how much we do when we put it all up. I liken putting up the art work to preparing a meal for 100 people, it takes ages, then it's all eaten in 10 minutes! The art show is like this as it takes us a day and a half to put up and about 30 minutes to pull down!

So therefore I would like to thank the many parents who gave up their time to come and help put everything up. Your help was invaluable, like the Mona Lisa! Thank you to the P&F and staff for all the wonderful work with the food and drink, which helps to make the evening.

Thank you also, to all the parents who were able to juggle children's sporting commitments and the art show, it was great to see you all there.

If you were unable to come to the art show and would like to buy your child's canvas for $10, you may come to the art room before school on Thursday and Friday, or after school on Friday to purchase them. The 3 and 4 year old Kindy and Preprimary's canvas will be available from their classrooms.

Any unsold canvases will be on sale for anyone to purchase, before the Christmas concert by the playground, on Friday 4 December.

Yours Artingly,
Wendy Hull-Deane
Primary Art Specialist Teacher
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

School holiday open hours

Thursday 28 January 2016 10am-12pm
Friday 29 January 2016 10am-12pm

The Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30am – 9.00am until the end of this term. Please see attachment, sent with the newsletter, of the 2016 price list and opening hours.

We will have some stock of old uniform items for sale, so come and grab a bargain before they go. **PLEASE NOTE:** 2016 is the last year students can wear the old uniforms.

- Royal raincoats - $10
- Royal sport shorts - $5
- White sports tops - $5
- Royal tracksuit (top and bottom) - $10
- Royal & grey striped tie - $5
- Dress shirts (screen print emblem) – short sleeve $10 long sleeve $12
- Royal woollen jumper - $10
- Legionnaire hats - $5

As of 2017 ALL STUDENTS MUST BE IN THE NEW UNIFORM.

Tracey Hollis & Jenny Avila
Uniform Shop Co-Ordinators

You Are Invited

Dear Parents and Friends of Mary’s Mount Primary School,

Please come and join us as we prepare to celebrate, reflect and support one another to keep dreaming big for our school community in a spirit of love, concern and genuine Christian Service.

We would like to invite you to a Morning Tea to be held at 9.10am on Thursday 3 December in St Joseph’s Hall.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Monday 30 November to the school office on 9293 2800.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others”

It’s our turn to treat YOU!!

From the Staff of Mary’s Mount Primary School

**F O U N D**

A pair of optical glasses were found at the Art Show last Friday night.

If you have lost your glasses please come into the office to see if they are yours.

**L O S T P R O P E R T Y**

There is a large amount of lost property in the school office. Please come and see if anything belongs to your family.

Any unclaimed, unnamed items will be disposed of at the end of the year.
Look Closer

ADVENT LONGING: Advent is a season of joyful waiting. This week’s Gospel calls us to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord. “Be on your guard! Don’t let yourselves become pre-occupied with too much feasting, drinking, and with the worries of this life, or that Day may suddenly catch you like a trap.”

Prayer Space

Symbol: Advent Wreath, 1st Candle

Heavenly Father,

Our hearts desire the warmth of your love. Increase our longing for your son, Jesus.

Amen

HAPPY NEW (CHURCH) YEAR!!

The Church calendar begins with the Advent season, the four weeks leading up to Christmas. It is a time of preparation, not just for Christmas celebrations and holidays, but for the great feast of the Incarnation (God being made human). The word Advent means coming.

Make it—Family Time

Create an Advent wreath using one pink and three purple candles. For tips and ideas visit: www.cathfamily.or

Reflection—Spirit is Life!

As I reflect on the Art Show last Friday night, and the number of parents I got to chat with, it is not hard to work our why so many of you bring your children to Mary’s Mount. It is clear that you as a parent body get along very well and that many of you, through your children, have made strong friendships. This is evident in the way you are all so relaxed in each other’s company. To me, this is what the spirit of life is all about.

This is why the above quote from Romans is one of my favourite from the Bible. Actually being in ‘life’, which is all about our relationships and love for others, has a direct correlation to our spiritual side. Spirituality is us connecting what we feel to our beliefs, our God. This connection is a very natural thing but it is something we rarely take the time to think about.

If you think about it, the times when you feel most peaceful is when you are in harmony with others. The next time you feel this peacefulness, take the time to stop and you will know that it is your spiritual side at work. We all thrive from that feeling of being connected. I felt a strong sense of peacefulness a fortnight ago when I attended our Remembrance Day assembly. I found that one minute of pure silence very peaceful at the time.

November is the month we remember and connect with all those we love who are now resting in the peace of Christ in heaven waiting for us to join them. It is awesome how the earthly relationships we had with them are still very much with us even though these loved ones are no longer physically with us.
Mary’s Mount Catholic Identity

We all have those moments of peace where we can feel those we love close. I can think of so many occasions where I think about my Grandpa and can literally feel his presence. My Grandpa was a great man. He was very knowledgeable and skilful with his hands. The funny thing is, as I am writing about him right now, I am thinking about how he taught me as a kid to make very cool paper aeroplanes and play Lotto! These are now things that I find myself teaching my two girls at home, well maybe not the Lotto yet! I am certain all of this reminiscing is what the quote from Romans is all about. Don’t you find it when you think about the moments and milestones in your life that were impacted by those who have left us? I am sure you have hundreds of stories to share just like I do.

So it is simple, life is spirituality! Just like last week when I had a chat to a parent about my sneaker collection! From a very simple conversation I ended up giving him a 10 minute rundown on the Air Jordan shoes. I am sure he thought I was crazy but nevertheless we did make a connection. Needless to say we chatted for another 10 minutes or so. This is what it is about, people love to chat. They love having the chance to tell their story. Forming these connections is spirituality at work. I have studied this sort of thing and it has always been confusing. Now, as I am getting older, I realise it is all about relationships! Easy!

Spirituality will lead to connections to life and peace. We each have many opportunities, in all our interactions with others for the chance to be spiritual. I hope you enjoy this week as you go about your daily life making connections memorable for those you meet.

Wishing you a blessed fortnight.

Clinton Payne
Assistant Principal

VEGIE GARDEN

A big thank you to the parental supporters of our vegie patch who periodically stop by to purchase produce from us.

We are now winding down to the end of the year but still have basil, beetroot, silver-beet and the odd lettuce available. Or bring your own punnet and help yourself to cherry tomatoes.

All proceeds will go back into replenishing the garden next year.

The Garden Fairies
Denise, Finette and Elena
PLEASE NOTE: THE LAST DAY THE CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN FOR ORDERS IS FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PURCHASE FROM THE CANTEEN AFTER THIS DATE.

Canteen News
End of Term is fast approaching and I have removed a few items from the on-line canteen menu so you will notice these items are no longer available when ordering on-line. I have also placed a notice outside of the canteen so please check when placing canteen direct orders. I will keep the popular items running as long as possible including drinks, jellies and icy poles now that the warmer weather is here.

Shepherd’s Pies reduced to sell - $1.50.

HOTDOG FRIDAY!!!
I also have a number of sausages in the freezer that I would like to clear before the Christmas break so I have decided to make next Friday December 4th – HOTDOG FRIDAY!!!

The Canteen will be offering a Hotdog and Juice for $4.50
This item will be added to the on-line canteen menu and available for order from the canteen direct.

Gumnut Canteen Roster
Term 4, 2015
(Please Contact Shirley Shaw 9454-5686 or 0418 927 177)

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Shirley Shaw
Dear Parents and Families,

We would like to say thank you to the school and local communities for coming along and supporting the Annual Art Show. It was a lovely night filled with beautiful pieces of art by our students, food stalls, open bar and business stalls.

The total amount raised is still being finalised but we can tell you it is around the $3000 mark so a BIG THANK YOU again! I’m sure our Art Room will benefit from these additional funds.

We would like to thank you for all your support this year. We have enjoyed the past two years on the P&F committee. We are lucky to have a new committee coming on board to continue bringing our school community together while raising funds for our school.

Please support the small businesses within our school that featured at the Art Show!

- Tupperware- Frida Payne 3K
- Enjo- Viv Carrick Grandmother 3K/PP
- Kids Swimwear Merrisa McDougall 3K/PP
- Jamberry Nails- Kathy Hastie PP
- Thermomix- Sally Larder (Local community)

P&F Committee

P&F Events 2016

For the 2016 Calendar . . .

Breakfast in the Park
Sunday 13 March 2016
8am to 11am
Mary’s Mount’s main fundraising event which showcases our school spirit in the wider community.

P&F Meetings

To be advised for 2016

Friday 4 December 2016

evening of the

Christmas Concert

&

Thanksgiving Liturgy

Please watch for the flyer/order slip that will be sent home on Monday. We will need a few helpers for setting up, cooking & serving duties.

All proceeds benefit the children of Mary’s Mount Primary School.
Small group lessons from 6 months to school age.
Pool heated 32º for optimum concentration.
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Ph 94545440
www.aquatotsswimmingschool.com.au
info@aquatotsswimmingschool.com.au

Thank you to these businesses for supporting our school.
If you would like to advertise here please contact the school office.

Victoria Square
PERTH WA 6000
Early in 2016, Mercedes College will commence interviewing Year Five students who are due to start Year Seven in 2018. If you are considering enrolling your daughter at Mercedes and have not yet requested an information pack, please contact Mrs Julie Lamb on 9323 1340 as soon as possible. Further information about enrolments is available on our website, www.mercedes.wa.edu.au.
HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

PRE-CHRISTMAS BUSY BEE
AT HOLY FAMILY PARISH
Saturday 12 December from 8.30 am
“General Clean Up for Christmas”
What you can bring:
garden gloves, shovels, rakes, wheel barrow,
Any extra plants or soil, you might want to donate for the garden, would be greatly appreciated.

Calling all Children!
Join in and help make the Children’s Vigil Carols and Mass a wonderful celebration.
At Holy Family Parish.
Bring a big singing voice with you to the two rehearsals on Monday 14th and 21st December in the Parish Hall from 4pm – 5pm.

CHRISTMAS EVENING CHOIR PRACTICE
Practise for the Christmas evening mass has started last Sunday.
Please come and join us after the 9am Sunday Mass and share your gift of singing.
All Welcome!