Dear Parents

I would like to welcome you all back to our wonderful school for 2016. I wish you all a productive and fulfilling year. I would especially like to welcome all our new families to Mary’s Mount.

We welcome the:
Donaldson Family,
Gianguilio Family,
Swan Family,
Batten Family,
Sarkis Family,
McKernan Family,
Papas Family,
Jenaway Family,
Dobson Family and the
Cranswick Family.

I hope you all have an enriching experience in this wonderful community at Mary’s Mount Primary School.

I also welcome Mrs Loretta Hackner (Assistant Principal) and Mrs Karen Forster (Educational Assistant) to Mary’s Mount along with Mrs Carolyn Gamble and Mrs Kiara Barnes who both return from maternity leave. I hope you have a rewarding and fulfilled time with us at Mary’s Mount.

This year no doubt will be a very busy year for us and is also a very special year for our school as we celebrate our 95th Year Anniversary. We will have more on this special event later in the year.

This year is also a special year in the Church. Pope Francis has called all Catholics to celebrate a Year of Mercy. This is a time for us to remember that Jesus asked us to love God and each other. This is how we receive and give mercy. It is the way to be happy. We sometimes do or say things that hurt others. When we do this, it damages our relationship with that person. He or She stops trusting us and our own hurts as well. When we heal our hurting friendships we are happier and we are doing what God wants.

SPECIAL PRAYER

On Tuesday afternoon I received a very sad call from Naomi Holly telling me that little Nora was very ill in PMH. Naomi as you all would know is a past P&F President and is always very active in building community within our school. Naomi also last week organised a movie and camp-out night on our school oval. Little Nora has just turned 8 months. I urge and encourage all our families to please offer daily prayers for this beautiful little girl. I have asked Mr. Payne to add the Hail Mary in his section for you. This would be a very appropriate prayer to pray at this time. Thank you for your support.

PARKING

Last week I received a call from the Shire Ranger to make me aware that they will be patrolling our school in the mornings and afternoons in regards to illegal parking. This may have already commenced, however, I am making you aware of this so please be vigilant of where you are parking. I aim to hold another meeting with the shire rangers in the near future so I will keep you updated with this.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This coming Wednesday 10 February we will be celebrating a special Mass in our school hall for Ash Wednesday commencing at 9.00am. This is an invitation to all our school community and parishioners to attend this mass. A small morning tea will be held after mass.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

A big thank you to those parents who attended the parent Information evening on Wednesday evening. The response was very encouraging and as I mentioned in my welcome talk at the beginning of the evening, your attendance shows great support to both your children and teachers.
VISITATION

On March 11, we will be having a visit from our Archbishop Timothy Costello. He will be with us in the morning visiting the students classes, meeting staff and sitting with me and the Assistant principal’s. This is part of the Archbishop’s Parish Visitations which occurs every 5-6 years. We look forward to having the Archbishop with us and promises to be an exciting time for us all.

EXTREME WEATHER

We are well aware of the hot weather that has been forecasted for next week. Please be assured that the students will be indoors in air-conditioned rooms and will be eating lunch in doors.

I look forward to working with you all throughout this term. Remember that working together for each other we can achieve big things for each other.

Sincerely Yours,
Sandro Coniglio
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE FORTNIGHT!

GOD GIVES HIS HARDEST BATTLES TO HIS STRONGEST SOLDIERS.

Come Join Me For Morning Tea

When: Wednesday 10 February
Time: Following 9am Ash Wednesday Mass
Where: St Joseph’s School Hall

The morning tea is a great opportunity to meet, catch up and chat with other parents, caregivers and school community members, and welcome to our new families.

Recycle Your Household Batteries at school!

In 2016 at Mary’s Mount Primary School we are continuing to support the School Battery Collection Program. Your old and used household batteries can be dropped at school in order to keep them out of Landfill.

The main collection bin can be found in the front office or small collection tubs are in each of our classrooms. Over the financial year, the collection weights are tallied and recorded to allow our school the chance to win the battery collection competition announced each July.

Thank you for your continuing support and most importantly, for helping to ensure a cleaner environment for everyone.

Belinda Henderson

Scholastic Bookclub Orders Due: Tuesday 16 February

In addition to dropping bookclub orders off at school, they can now also be placed online. This means you can SELECT, ORDER and PAY for your order all at once.

For more information, please refer to the bookclub brochure.

LEAD

Focus question for the week

DISCIPLESHIP

How will I create space for Jesus?
Mary’s Mount Catholic Identity

Jubilee Year of Mercy

The Jubilee Year of Mercy began when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St Peter’s Basilica on the 8th December 2015 and concludes when he closes that same door on 20th November 2016. Pope Francis asks all Christians to look closely at the Christian understanding of mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of Jesus in peoples’ lives.

For this reason, Pope Francis has proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church. The motto for the year, ‘Merciful like the Father’, serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of: God, who asks us not to judge or condemn, but to offer love and forgiveness instead.

Throughout 2016 the school will place high importance on the Year of Mercy. Firstly, for us as a community to learn about the Christian understanding of Mercy, but also put the Christian understanding of Mercy into practice with whoever we and the students come in contact with.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days on the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person’s forehead, he speaks the words: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”

Father Suresh and our Year 4 students will lead us through an Ash Wednesday liturgy next week at 9am. We hope to see many of our community members there.

Lent: What does it involve?

Fasting – Catholics aged 18-60 years of age are expected to limit the amount of food they eat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence – Catholics aged 14-60 years of age are expected to refrain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fridays – During Lent Fridays are special days of penance.

During Lent – Catholics are expected to do three things:

- Pray a bit more
- Do penance and good deeds
- Give alms (Project Compassion)

Project Compassion

During the season of Lent each class will have a Project Compassion money box. We ask that if students and parents have any spare change they put it in the money box. All funds raised will go to Caritas, the major social justice agency Mary’s Mount supports, who will use the money for those less fortunate.

Our Year 6 Community Leadership group is busy organising some fun events for fundraising for Project Compassion.

Our first fundraising event is our Pancake Day next Tuesday, 9 February. For a gold coin donation students will have three delicious pancakes to eat for morning tea. Thank you for supporting our social justice fundraising.

Clinton Payne
Assistant Principal
Cottage Playgroup – New Families Welcome!

**First Playgroup Session for 2016 is Monday 8 February**

The COTTAGE PLAYGROUP meets every Monday during the school term (excluding public holidays) at Mary’s Mount Primary School in the cottage. Sessions run from 9.15am to 11.00am (after school drop-off).

Playgroup is a great opportunity for Mums / Dads / Carers / Grandparents with bubs and toddlers (0-4yo) to get together for a cuppa, chat and some fun. New families are welcome to join at anytime during the year and you don’t have to be an enrolled family at Mary’s Mount Primary School to join The Cottage Playgroup – everyone is welcome.

Uniform Shop News

Just a reminder families, that the EXCURSION BAGS are a new addition to the Booklist this year. They are $15 and are available now from the Uniform Shop. This is a compulsory bag for all students in Kindy 4 to Year 6. This light weight bag is to be used when attending excursions, sporting events representing our school and for annual swimming lessons. Don’t forget to label all your new clothing items as well.

We are currently out of stock of the following items which are due in by the end of February. We will advise you as soon as they come in.

- Sport socks - size 13-3
- Fraser (red) faction shirts – size 6
- Girls blue socks – size 13-3
- Walsh (yellow) faction shirts – size 8

Tracey & Jenny
Uniform Shop Co-Ordinators

Open Fridays

Orders can be placed online via www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au
Contact: Shirley Shaw—Canteen Manageress 0418 927 177 shawjosh@bigpond.com

For returning families, please remember to update the ‘Year’ level on the online system to ensure lunches go to the correct class. Please also ensure orders are placed individually per student and not as a family.

A full canteen menu can be found on our school website or by clicking here http://www.marysmount.wa.edu.au/school/gumnut-cafe/

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Looking for Soul Food? The Centre for Faith Enrichment is offering two short online courses in Term One.

1. Encountering Jesus Anew in the Year of Mercy: Tuesdays 16th February – 8th March, 12pm-1pm, $20;

For more information or to register, visit www.cfe.org.au or call 9241 5221. These courses are a great opportunity to explore matters of the soul in a relaxed and friendly way, with no exams or assignments! ALL welcome!

After School Arts News

After School Arts enrolment is on Thurs 11th Feb 4-5pm at Jorgenson Park in Kalamunda. Vacancies exist in all classes of Pottery, Painting and drawing and Hooked on Hessian. Classes commence Thurs Feb 18th from 4-6pm for 8 weeks. Pls ph Norma 9293 4486 with bookings and enquiries. Ages from 5yrs up.

Mary’s Mount Netball Club (MMNC)

Welcome to 2016. Mary’s Mount Netball Club would like to welcome existing players and new players to Season 2016. All registrations will need to be completed online using a system called My Netball. Existing players should have already received an email containing information regarding registration and the 2016 season, and will be able to logon and complete the registration and payment process. If your child is a new player to our club and would like to register, we will need you to contact our Club President, Alan Barnett at marysmountnetball@gmail.com, with your child’s name, date of birth and your current email address. We can then add them to the database, and issue them with a login and password to complete the registration process.

We look forward to seeing you on the court in 2016. If you have any questions or difficulty in registering your child online, then please feel free to contact Alan.

Lesmurdie Legends Swimming Club

Lesmurdie Legends Swimming Club is for swimmers of all levels with qualified coaches and great facilities at St Brigid’s Swimming Pool. There are three main squad groups - junior, development and senior - with juniors training on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday for one hour at 4pm. For more experienced swimmers, sessions are available daily including morning training and regular dry training in the gym. In addition to training sessions, Lesmurdie Legends offers regular time trials for all swimmers in a fun learning environment. Swimmers can choose to compete competitively under the guidance of coaches who will advise on targeted swim meets at a swimmers capability.

Training is held all year including regular sessions during the school holidays. New members are welcome and invited to come along to a training session to try it out. For more information, please email registrar.llsc@hotmail.com

We hope to see you poolside!
Calling for P&F Committee Members

Dear Parents & Friends

Welcome back to Mary’s Mount and a big welcome to all the new families that have joined our community for 2016.

The first P&F meeting for this year will be held on Tuesday 9 February at 7.00pm in the Multipurpose Room. All parents and friends are welcome to attend the meeting. The agenda has been placed on the P&F noticeboard outside the Library.

The 30th Breakfast in the Park planning is well underway!
Each year people from the local community descend on Stirk Park to share in a fully cooked breakfast and a fun leisurely morning including entertainment and family activities hosted by the school.

Breakfast is cooked in the park including; bacon, eggs, toast, sausages, baked beans, tomatoes and mushrooms, juice and an assortment of cereals. A selection of entertainment and fun for the whole family is available making it an enjoyable fun family outing.

To make the Breakfast in the Park a continued success parents are needed for many jobs leading up to the day and on the day. Over the next couple of weeks we will be putting out requests for volunteers to help with these jobs. Rosters will be put up and final preparations will be put in place.

A huge thank you to the following people who have taken on the jobs of Stall Coordinators. Tracey Hollis & Tracey Wincombe—Cake Stall and Fiona Wittenbaker—Fairy Garlands. Natalie Boyd-Ratcliffe for once again organising the prizes for the Lucky Dip Stall. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the Lucky Dip and Raffles, and the Breakfast Cereal and Juice table.

We are putting out a call to families that have access to trucks and trailers that would be suitable for the transport of tables and chairs, bbq’s and bain-maries, and other breakfast equipment and stall items to and from Stirk Park. Please contact us!

We are seeking business sponsorship to make this event the annual success that it is. If you are interested in or would like to provide sponsorship or make a donation please speak with one of our Committee members, or email us at pfmarysmount@gmail.com.

THANK YOU to the following businesses and families who again have come on board in support of Breakfast in the Park 2016 with their generous sponsorship and donations. Bendigo Bank, Crosilva Poultry Farm, Bakers Delight Kalamunda, The Pool Shop Kalamunda, Getaway Outdoors.

Mary’s Mount P&F Footy Tipping Competition is returning for the 2016 AFL season. The cost is $50 per tipster for the season. The weekly round winner prize is $50. To make this happen sponsors are required for each round. All sponsors go into a sponsors draw at the end of the season for $500. Please email mmfootytipping@gmail.com if you would like to be part of 2016 Footy Tipping. 2015 was met with great rivalry between Dads, Mums and the children.

Looking forward to your continuing support throughout 2016 and working with you all for the educational benefit of our children at Mary’s Mount Primary School.

P&F Committee 2016
MARY’S MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Breakfast in the Park 2016

Sunday 13 March, 2016 – 8am to 11am
Stirk Park, Kalamunda

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