FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Welcome back to Term 3!
Over the last term I have had a few parents ask about the meaning of our motto ‘Vigilate et orate’. Throughout this newsletter and the next I will give some background as to the meaning of the motto and a little bit of its history.

Vigilate et orate
What does the motto mean? Could it relate to us at Mary’s Mount today?

"Watch and pray." Matthew 26:41
These words from Matthew’s gospel were spoken by Jesus to His three disciples - Peter, James, and John - in the Garden of Gethsemane. Entering that garden of sorrow with the three whom He had chosen as His companions at that awful hour, He said to them: "Stay here, and watch with me." And when, returning from His agony and prayer, He found the three asleep, His words of reproach were: "What! Are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour with me? Peter, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Watch, and pray that you enter not into temptation." And at last, when the time of His prayer and agony, and of His disciples' sleep was over, He said, "Rise and pray that you enter not into temptation."

What did Jesus mean by the word "Watch"? When He told Peter, James, and John to watch, and reproached them for not watching, what did He mean by the word so often repeated? He meant for them to keep awake and not to fall asleep. And why, since night time was the time for sleep? It was in order that they might pray, and by prayer be prepared for the temptation which He knew was at hand. "Watch, and pray that you will not fall into temptation."

We know Peter, James and John, did not keep awake, did not watch as Jesus told them, but slept. Three times Jesus came to them to rouse them, telling them to keep awake and pray; and three times they gave in to their drowsiness and fell asleep again. And of course, then, they did not pray. Sleeping men do not pray. …How often are we like Peter, James and John?

The sleep was still in their eyes when the tempter Judas, arrived. He didn’t sleep: he watched; and in the dark hour came, with lanterns and torches and a great crowd, with arms, and clubs, and sticks, to apprehend Jesus. It was the hour of temptation, and the drowsy disciples were not prepared for it. They made only a show of fight. One, the half- sleeping Peter, struck with his sword, but struck wildly, and only cut off a servant’s ear. And that done they fled away. An hour later, and one of the sleepers in the Garden, now terribly wide awake, is cursing and swearing in denial of Jesus.

To be continued...

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS
Due to the new regulations imposed by the banks, we will no longer be able to do credit card payments over the phone, as it is now a requirement that a pin number is entered on all transactions. We will endeavour to find an solution to this matter, however, it may take a while.

CANBERRA SYDNEY TOUR
Over the last week of term 2 our Year 6 students toured Canberra and Sydney. The whole trip was a fantastic experience and an unforgettable experience for the students and adults. I would like to congratulate the students on their behaviour throughout the whole tour. We received numerous comments from the public in regards to the students’ good behaviour and politeness. They represented our school with great pride. I would also like to thank Nicole Smith and Denise Pollaers for giving their time to attend the tour and a special thanks to Mr Quinton Hoffmann who at the last minute stood in for Mr Payne. Thank you for giving of your time, Quinton, and for your assistance throughout the tour.

Please see page 3 for photos and the students report. I would also like to thank the Federal Government for their assistance in subsidising part of the cost for each student and making the trip possible for our students.

Please watch your speed around school. Drop off only on school side of Davies Crescent!
Thank you!
WELCOME
I would like to welcome Miss Natasha Morisco to our staff this term. Natasha will be in Year Three while Mrs DeBarro is on long service leave. You may be aware that Natasha is our regular Italian teacher, however, this term she will be in Year three.
At the same time I would like to also welcome Miss Angeloni as our new Italian teacher for this term.

AGM
Please make a note in your diary that the AGM has been moved to Tuesday, 18 November. More information will be posted as the date approaches. Thank you for your understanding.

CONGRATULATIONS
We congratulate the Di Rosso Family on the arrival of a beautiful baby girl—Eliza. May God bless her and her family.

MAGGIE DENT
Please be aware of the cut off date for the Maggie Dent evening for parents. All families have received a flyer with information about the evening and we have already had a great response. Again, please be aware that after the cut off date for tickets, left over tickets will be offered to other networking Catholic schools within our region. If however, there are tickets left over after this we will inform parents of this.

SOCIAL JUSTICE
I would like to thank our families who very generously donated pyjamas for our ‘PJ Drive’. We have really appreciated the fantastic response from our community. The children and staff loved getting into the spirit of this social justice work by dressing in their PJs for the day. The main recipients here in Perth are the children in foster care and in women’s shelters throughout the metro area. Some of the pyjamas will also go to two Perth based, overseas charities: Joseph’s Coat who provide to various charities around the world and Awareness Cambodia who run Sunshine House in Cambodia.

BUSY BEE
Please make sure that if you have some time to spare on Saturday morning, 9 August come down and dirty the hands a little at our Busy Bee.

CANTEEN
We have had a great start to the term with helpers in the canteen which is fantastic. Please keep this community spirit up as it is great to see. I would like to thank all those who have volunteered their services to date. Also keep your eyes open for the Canteen Survey that has been sent home to your email address. Please take 2 minutes to fill this in. Thanking you!

Sandro Coniglio
Principal

FROM THE BOARD...
Hello to you all,

A big welcome back for term 3 to all our families.

A reminder to you all that next weekend 9 August we will be holding our Busy Bee in the school grounds. Our main areas of focus will be ECE nature playground, front office garden—replanting some roses and also there will be general gardening jobs to do. Come along if you have some time to spare and also meet others in our school community.

The Busy Bee will run from 8.30—11.30am

Over the holidays we had new speakers installed into our classrooms. The old speakers were well overdue for replacement. I would also like to thank the P&F (2013 committee) for contributing to this project.

Justin Pavlinovich
School Board Chair Person.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST.
WHAT YOU PLANT NOW,
WILL HARVEST LATER.
YEAR 6 SYDNEY/CANBERRA TOUR

Our Canberra/Sydney tour was a fantastic time. We visited so many places. Some of our favourite places were Parliament House because we learnt about how our government runs. Questacon was awesome as we experimented with lots of science activities. The visit to the Australian War Memorial was great and at the same time a solemn experience. We even got to lay a wreath at the end of the day. In Sydney we saw the bridge and climbed the pylon, the Opera House was beautiful and a great piece of architecture. We also went to the GWS and Adelaide game and were lucky enough to go into the change rooms after the game. The Taronga Zoo was another favourite place for us. We would like to thank our parents for their support and to Miss Smith, Mrs Pollaers and Mr Coniglio for organising and planning the tour. We would like to thank Mr Hoffmann too for taking time off work to come along and supervise us. We would also like to thank the Federal Government for their assistance with our tour. The Government helped to subsidise part of our trip which helped our parents too. On the 27 August we will be hosting a presentation of our tour to our parents. This will be a trip we will never forget. Year 6 Students
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, EVEN FOR JUST AN HOUR, PLEASE SEE ADMIN ASAP!

If you are unable to make your rostered day, please arrange a substitute or swap then email Lourdes on Lourdes.benedictos@gmail.com

**CANTEEN NEWS**

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**QUESTIONNAIRE**

If you haven’t already, there is still time to complete our canteen questionnaire. Even if you don’t use the canteen, please take a few minutes to fill in the questionnaire as your feedback is still important to us. The link to the survey has been emailed to all families. If you need it again, please contact the school office.

**VOLUNTEERS**

We are always looking for an extra helper or two. Even an hour in the morning to make the homemade pikelets, which we make fresh every canteen day for the students, will help immensely.

**WINTER WARMERS**

A number of new menu items have been added for Term 3 to help warm up our student’s bellies at lunch time. There is nothing like a nice warm cup of soup on a cold, winter day. Be sure to check when ordering online under ‘hot food’ and ‘daily specials’ via www.oulinecanteen.com.au to see what is available that week.

**HOT CHOCOLATE AND FRUIT TOAST – IS COMING BACK—WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST**

This is available for ALL students from Kindy to Year 6.
School Entry Health Assessment program for Kindy Kids

All children in Kindy are offered School Entry Health Assessments by the Community Health Nurse. This is a program run by the Department of Health, and is an excellent opportunity to look at the health and development of each child at the beginning of school life. In term 1 of this year a School Entry Health Assessment Form was sent to all parents of enrolled Kindy children.

At Mary’s Mount Catholic School, the Kindy assessments started in Term 2 and will continue until Term 4. The assessments are simple, standard tests which are non-invasive, quick and easy. The tests screen for problems which can be addressed, if picked up and treated early. The tests include:

- Vision checks.
- Hearing and ear health checks.
- Developmental evaluation according to parent responses on the form.
- Teacher and nurse observations.
- Height, weight and body mass index (BMI) (if parents tick the box on the form).
- Any other health, development and wellbeing concerns raised by parents.

Please note, the screening tests indicate if there may be a problem – they do not diagnose a condition. If the test results for your child suggest there may be a problem, the Community Health Nurse will ring you to talk about further assessment and possible referral.

A word about weight...

Our modern society makes it very easy for children to gain too much weight too quickly. Latest trends indicate that about a quarter of Western Australian children are overweight by the time they start Kindy. It is so common that it is difficult to tell what is ‘normal’ any more.

If parents have ticked the appropriate box on the form, the Community Health nurse will measure height and weight, and calculate body mass index (BMI). This is a simple score which may suggest that families need to think about a few lifestyle changes for children, such as; more active play, walking to school, smaller food portions, less treats, less screen time can make a positive difference to children’s overall health. These changes can be discussed with the Community Health Nurse.

I look forward to working with you and your family. Please ring if you wish to discuss anything in regards to the ‘School Entry Health Assessments’. As I am only assigned two days to the Primary schools and other days to High school, I may be unable to return your call on the day. Please leave a message so that I can determine the priority need and respond appropriately.

Kind regards,

Sharon Moran
Community Health Nurse
Mobile Phone: 0434 070 413

REAL KIDS IN AN UNREAL WORLD
Building resilience and self esteem in todays children

MAGGIE DENT IS COMING

Date: Wednesday 15th October 2014
Time: 7.00 - 9.00pm
Venue: Mary’s Mount Primary School
Cost: $20 (max 275 tickets available)
RSVP date: 15 August 2014

Booking details: Please send an enclosed envelope with your name, number of tickets and payment (cash only) to the School Office by Friday, 15 August. Please be aware the RSVP date is final. All excess tickets will be offered to other schools in our network.
The Lexile Framework has been great for matching kids to books and this still exists as part of the new Literacy Pro platform. The children will still sit a Lexile test on the new site and will be matched to an appropriately levelled text. The difference is that by using the new Literacy Pro site, students will have access to all quizzes for every book (hooray!). As well as this, the teachers are given much more information about the way your child reads and how their reading is developing. This data will then drive the teacher’s planning and instruction for future Reading lessons within the classroom.

Literacy Pro will assist your child in their own reading development by guiding them towards texts that will challenge them, but not frustrate them. These books will also be matched to their interests. It is so important that the students are sitting the quiz at the conclusion of the book, so that the students’ comprehension of the texts that they encounter is monitored and assessed each time.

There is a link to the new Literacy Pro on our school website. Be sure to bookmark this on your home computers, iPads, tablets etc. You will find it under the classroom tab on the home page www.marysmount.wa.edu.au
How do students develop their reading skills?

Students are guided towards texts that will challenge but not frustrate them.

Students take the online, adaptive Lexile Test.

The test generates a Lexile reading measure.

Students select their interests.

Teachers may add their own assessment.

Students take an online quiz. If they pass they build their word count and earn points.

They generate a list of books or choose a book to read within their Lexile range.

Student data is updated for: Word count, Average quiz score, Quizzes passed, Points earned and Certificate level.

Periodically, students take the Lexile Test again.

Their reading development is able to be tracked over time.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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FEES (GST included): $100 for 8 lesson term (or $15 per session)
FRIDAYS: starting 1 August
4:15 to 5:00pm: Hotshots Beginners 5 - 8 years old
5:00 to 6:00pm: 9 & over Beginners / Adv Beg - all ages
Set Play: As scheduled
SATURDAYS: starting 2 August
8:45 to 9.45am: Advanced Beginner / Intermediate – all ages
9.45 to 10:30am: Beginners - all ages (including Hotshots)
ADULT GROUP LESSONS: Wednesdays 6:15pm
PRIVATE LESSONS RATES: Adults & Juniors by appointment

After School Arts News
After School Arts enrolments are on 31 July 4-5pm at Jorgenson Park in Kalamunda. Vacancies exist in all classes of pottery, painting and drawing and Hooked on Hessian. This term we will have Creative Cooking too.
Classes will be on Thursday afternoons for 8 weeks commencing Thursday 7 August 4-6pm. Ages from 6yrs up.
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