FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Vigilate et orate

What does the motto mean? Could it relate to us at Mary’s Mount today? Cont...

"Jesus preached that we should watch and pray. We read how He used to spend the night in prayer. He preached watching, and He practiced it. In the twenty-first chapter of St. Luke we read that He preached: "Watch you, praying at all times:" and in the very next verse we read that having spent the day in teaching, He used to go out at night and remain on Mount Olive, so that He might watch and pray. After our day of teaching is there any energy left to go out, let alone watch and pray? The Church followed the example of Jesus. Vigils, or watches through the night were part of church practice in the early centuries and penance, fasting and abstinence were strictly practiced in Lent. Vatican 2 brought many changes. But the word "vigil", still remains, reminding us of the night of watching- and prayer that preceded the great feast days. Our Easter Saturday night liturgy is often called the Easter vigil as we watch and pray after Good Friday and await the Resurrection. We keep vigil/prayer at the bedside of the dying and we pray a Rosary vigil for a loved one before the funeral. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is another time of prayer and vigil.

In the traditional spirit of this coming season of penance and prayer there was a custom of having a Mass very early in the morning, called a Watchers’ Mass to remind us particularly during Lent to watch and pray. But it is not in Lent alone that we should watch and pray. "Watch, and pray at all times," preached Jesus.

I guess we can all relate to Peter, James and John. Sometimes it’s just too hard to stay awake even for a quick prayer. Yet other times when we are troubled we may make our own ‘vigil prayers’ as we watch the hours tick by in the dark of night. A silent prayer from the heart can often ease the burden.

I don’t know what the Sisters taught the boys about watching and praying and their school motto. But I know from their Journal that the Sisters were very happy if a visiting priest could stay over and say a morning Mass for them and as many boys as possible would serve on the altar. They did have vigil prayers in their own little chapel before feast days and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Vigilate et orate…..To keep it simple today we could say: "Wake and watch with a prayer in the morning to prepare us for the day. Pray, give thanks and rest as we go to sleep at night."

WHOLE SCHOOL MASSES

Last Friday 8 August we celebrated a whole school Mass for the Feast of St Mary MacKillop. Many thanks to the parents and grandparents who attended on the day. Today we celebrated a whole school Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. Many thanks to Father Greg for celebrating both Masses for us and again to those parents, grandparents and parishioners who attended the Mass.

BUSY BEE

I would like to sincerely thank the following people who supported the school last Saturday morning at our Busy Bee. Although numbers were not as high as normal, we were able to achieve a great deal of work and completed our main project for the morning. Thanks to: Tamara Ellenbroek, Amy Drummond, Phil Slater, Clinton Payne, Belinda Thornton, Tessa and Elizabeth Thornton, Stuart Woodman, Allyson Bignell, Paul Petrucci, Travis Linaker, Alan Barnett, Rowan McCormack, Daniel Harris, Sarah Wright. Special thanks to Mr and Mrs Appleby for their kind donation of food and some coffees for morning tea. It hit the spot!!! To have staff, parents and students working together on these projects and in a social atmosphere is fantastic. I would also like to thank Travis Linaker for coordinating the morning and a big thank you to our groundsman Daniel Harris for the background work and preparation into having everything on site and ready to go. It was truly a great team effort.

More photos on page 2
Our main area was the ECE area where we transformed some of the playground into an adventure playground for the children. You should have seen their little faces on Monday morning!

I would also like to thank the P&F for donating funds for some of the resources in this area. We will slowly continue to add a couple more activity areas for the children over time.

When we hold these Busy Bees our aim is to always try to achieve tangible results in the form of major projects. Our next BUSY BEE will be on the 8 NOVEMBER. Please keep it free.

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.

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.

SPEAK UP AWARD
Congratulations to our three Year 5 students, Sana Feast, Mason Houlahan and to Kiarn Linaker who proudly representing our school last Wednesday at the annual Speak Up Awards in South Perth. The students were magnificent and received glowing reports from the judges. Our students competed against Year 6 and 7 students from a wide range of schools and were the youngest students to present. I was so proud of these students in the way they presented themselves and I look forward to participating again next year, as I’m sure the students are too.

BINDOON SLEEPOVER
On Monday and Tuesday of this week our Year 5 and 6 students experienced a farm stay at Bindoon Agricultural College. From all reports the behaviour of the students was outstanding and many students experienced farm living for the first time. Many thanks to Miss Smith, Mrs Hainsworth and Mr Pavlinovich for supervising the children while away.

Sandra Coniglio Principal

ABSENT STAFF
Mr Leeder will be away for the remainder of the term as he is having some minor surgery done. We ask you to keep Mr Leeder in your prayers. We wish Paul a speedy recovery and look forward to him returning next term. Mrs Angela Smith will be taking over from Paul and running our Music lessons for the remainder of the term.

FROM THE BOARD...Hello to you all. As mentioned in our Principal’s letter, I would also like to thank all those parents who were able to attend our Busy Bee last weekend. What a great achievement! I’ll let the photos below speak for themselves.
CANTEEN NEWS

AS YOU CAN SEE ON THE ROSTER BELOW WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS. IF WE CANNOT GET HELP WHEN NEED-ED, THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED. If you are unable to make your rostered day, please arrange a substitute or swap then email Lourdes on Lourdes.benedictos@gmail.com

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Book week specials—To celebrate Book Week next week the canteen will have special items at Recess on Monday 18 August and Friday 22 August:

- **Noah’s Ark biscuits** 50 cents each
- **Hungry Caterpillar Vanilla Cupcakes**—80c each
- **Possum Magic Mini Pavlovas**—80c each

**PJ’S GALOUR—THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!**

I counted the most generous donation of beautiful, bright and adorable pyjamas—we have a total of 108 pairs. I am so proud of our school community for their support in this cause that is so close to my heart. Thank you so much to the Mary’s Mount community for being a part of the Pyjama Program again this year. Once I have allocated the pyjamas I will let you know where they have gone. Again I am thrilled and touched with the response from the school to this special program.

Roisin Bombardieri
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.

LEAD

Award for Excellence

A huge congratulations to our LEAD Award Winners.

It’s with great pleasure to inform you all that our second LEAD recipients were announced and presented with their certificates at our Monday morning assembly 4 August 2014.
Angelina Wallis from Year 1 set an example of Learning to us all and Luke Knapp from Year 6 set an example of Discipleship in his actions. Thank you to you both for setting such great examples.

All stakeholders are invited to nominate a person or group of people for a LEAD award. Nomination forms can be found in the front office.
This award may be presented to any person or group of people, within the Mary’s Mount Primary School community who has been witnessed demonstrating an area of LEAD in their actions.
The integrity of the award is maintained through the sincerity of the nominations, only awarding them at a time when excellence is witnessed.
Thank you
LEAD Team
Small group lessons from 6months to school age
Pool heated 32º for optimum concentration
Teachers trained by Austswim and
Australia’s best Swim School Consultant:
Coach Cameron Roberts

All About Anger - working with parents and teenagers Thursday 21st August 6.30-9 $35.00
This interactive workshop has been designed to support families where anger is an issue. Anger is explained in a way that challenges our labelling of “an ANGRY person” and instead helps us to understand that many of us have simply learnt to react to the emotion of anger in unhelpful ways. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

Parent-Child Connection Monday 25th August x 4 weeks. $50 per person/$75 per couple.
Raising children should be one of life’s greatest experiences, but as any parent knows, it is not an easy task. People with children under ten are invited to this four-week course to learn new skills, feel better about their parenting and gain confidence. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

Swan Districts Junior Baseball Club
Registration days for upcoming season
16 and 23 August 10am to 4pm
Ron Jose Oval, Gray Drive Midvale
(Behind Swan Aquatic Centre).
Teeball 4 to 6 year olds
Machine Pitch Little League –
1st May 2004 to 30 April 2007
Little League -
1st May 2002 to 30 April 2004
Junior League -
1st May 2000 to 30 April 2002
Colts U’19 -
1st May 1996 to 30 April 2000
For more information please contact us at swandistrictsjnr.ballclub@gmail.com
or
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