FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hello to you all! I hope this newsletter finds you all well and healthy.

SCHOOL BOARD 2014

On Tuesday night 25 February we held our first Board meeting for the year. Our Board members for this year are; Fr. Greg, Justin Pavlovich, Vanessa Van Beek, Judy Houlahan, Quinton Hoffmann, Laura Di Toro, Simon Di Rosso, Travis Linaker and Natalie Boyd-Ratcliff. I would like to thank this group of people for their commitment and service to our school. The Board enables a spirit of partnership to be developed within the school community. Parents, such as the ones I have mentioned above, and those before them, offer to be of service to our school community and enrich our school with their contributions to building a Catholic culture which ensures the welfare of our community.

Our executive voted in on Tuesday night is:

Chairperson: Mr. Justin Pavlovich
Vice Chairperson: Mr. Simon Di Rosso
Treasurer: Mr Quinton Hoffmann
Vice Treasurer: Mrs Vanessa Van Beek
Secretary: Mrs Natalie Boyd-Ratcliff

On behalf of our school community I would like to thank and congratulate all our Board members.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS

Ash Wednesday Mass will be held this coming Wednesday 5 March at the Holy Family Parish Church in Kalamunda. The children (PP to Year 6) will be travelling by bus to Church on this day. Mass will begin at 9.30am.

PARKING

As is the case in every school, we also have our share of parking issues. The Board are currently looking at obtaining a few extra parking bays along Davies Crescent by shortening the bus bay. We are also looking at removing the parking signs along the west side of Davies Crescent. The times indicated on these signs do not make sense at all. We are also investigating the chances of more bays along Noel Road.

While we are pursuing this I would ask all parents to be patient and cautious when driving around the school perimeter. Realistically we only have a 10 –15min build up of traffic at the beginning and end of the day. Hence, please be patient!

A reminder to all parents to please be aware that dropping off children outside the Administration parking area is not permitted at the beginning or end of the day. The main reason for this is for the safety of the children who use this area during this time.

PRINCIPAL’S ABSENCE

Next week I will be away at the WA Catholic Primary Principals Conference Tuesday 4 March to Friday 7 March.
SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT MASSSES
A reminder to our families who have a child in a sacramental class, (Years 3, 4 and 5), that we will be celebrating our Enrolment Masses on Saturday 8 March and Sunday 9 March. Your child’s classroom teacher will forward more information for this Mass throughout next week.

SWIMMING
Swimming lessons have run very smoothly over the last two weeks after a little timing hiccup in the first couple of days last week. The children have behaved magnificently. In fact when I called into the pools last week the Head Supervisor called me over to let me know how good the children were in each of the lessons.
We now look forward to the swimming carnival on March 24.

KEEP THESE DATES FREE!!!
This year our P&F, in conjunction with the school administration, have organised for two excellent speakers to address our school community. *Keep June 10 and October 15 free.*

On **June 10** we have Dr Ian Lillico, (Dr Ian Lillico (father of three sons) is the former Principal of City Beach High School in WA (recently retired) and international consultant in gender, boys’ education and middle schooling. He has done action research in gender throughout Australia and New Zealand from 1992 and in the Northern Hemisphere during his Churchill Fellowship in 2000. He has been with the Education Department of WA for 31 years and has held the positions of Teacher, Head of Department, Deputy Principal and Principal.

Ian is the founder and CEO of the Boys Forward Institute. He has a PhD (Education), is a National Fellow of The Australian Council of Educational Leaders (ACEL) and was the ACEL 2006 National Travelling Scholar. He now provides professional development for teachers, parents, students and a host of other organizations throughout Australia and internationally.

On **15 October** we will have Mrs Maggie Dent speaking to us on ‘Real Kids in a Real World’.

Maggie Dent is an author, educator, and parenting and resilience specialist with a particular interest in the early years and adolescence. Maggie is a passionate advocate for the healthy, common-sense raising of children in order to strengthen families and communities. She has a broad perspective and range of experience that shapes her work, a slightly irreverent sense of humour, and a depth of knowledge based on modern research and ancient wisdom that she shares passionately in a common-sense way.

Sandro Coniglio
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
ONE SMALL POSITIVE THOUGHT IN THE MORNING CAN CHANGE YOUR WHOLE DAY.

VOLUNTEERS WORKSHOP
Please see attached to the newsletter a flyer outlining the details of the Volunteers Workshop which will be held on Tuesday 11 March at 9.10am

*Please note: If you have already attended a ‘volunteer workshop’ and would like to continue to volunteer in the school you do not need to attend again, let us know and we will put your name on the volunteers list for 2014.*

Sarah Wright
Assistant Principal
Dear Parents,
As Part of Shrove Tuesday the Canteen will be open during recess only, to celebrate Pancake Day.

As dated back to biblical times, in the Christian calendar it is the day before the start of Lent, traditionally a period of abstinence before Easter. Pancakes were cooked on Shrove Tuesday to use up the rich food items (like sugar, butter and eggs) before Lenten fasting. So the Canteen Team have decided to celebrate on this day.

Please see a student order form, sent home today, which will have to be returned to the school by 3:00pm tomorrow, Friday 28 February. Orders are also available to be placed on line via www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au.

Thank you
Cathy Audino

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ENROLMENTS FOR 2015

SCHOOL TOURS FOR NEW FAMILIES CONSIDERING ATTENDING MARY’S MOUNT
If you know of any families considering Mary’s Mount Primary School who would like a tour of the school and our facilities, please ask them to contact the school office to register their interest. We are currently planning one tour a term for new families.

4 YEAR OLD KINDY APPLICATIONS FOR 2015
We will shortly be reviewing applications for 4 year old Kindy for 2015.
If you haven’t enrolled siblings for 2015 please come to the office for an application form. Enrolment for siblings is not automatic so an application must be made.
If you are unsure if you have already submitted an application, please ask the office staff to check for you to ensure you have done so.
Enrolment for 3 year old Kindy does not guarantee a place in 4 year old Kindy. A separate application must be submitted for each of these years.
P&F NEWS

BREAKFAST IN THE PARK
SATURDAY 16 MARCH
8AM TO 11AM

Please check your child’s school bag for notes regarding Breakfast in the Park donations and ticket pre sales

Keep your eye open for the volunteer rosters posted around the school

Other fundraising events for this year are as follows. Please mark these dates in your diary.

Term 2: Lapathon – Friday 16 May 2014
Term 3: Quiz Night/Dance – Saturday 30 August 2014
Term 4: Disco – Friday 24 October 2014
Art show- Friday 14 November 2014

Thank you for your ongoing support.
P & F Committee

YEAR 6 CANBERRA CAMP FUNDRAISING

Thank you to all of the families who supported our Movie Night last week. We hope the children who attended enjoyed themselves.

The next activities we have coming up are:

Fri 7 and Sat 8 March - Corymbia Festival
The Year 6 families will be running a Fairy Floss stall. Pop in to say hello and buy some fairy floss.

Sat 29 March - Car Wash and Car Boot Sale
What better excuse to let your car get dirty? Is there junk and unwanted treasures piling up at your house? Save the date to have your car expertly washed by the Year 6 students. At the same time there will be a car boot sale on the school oval. More information will follow, but if you need details sooner please call Helen on 0412 446 725.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS YEAR 7, 2015

La Salle College invites applications for Year 7, 2015 Academic Scholarships. The scholarship offers successful applicants’ tuition through to Year 10.

The Scholarship Selection Test will take place at La Salle College on Saturday 15 March at 9:00am.

The closing date for registration is 5 March 2014. No late applications will be accepted.

Registration for the Scholarship Selection Test can only be accepted online via http://scholarships.acer.edu.au/intro/227 the Scholarship Selection Test is run by the Australian Council for Education Research (ACER) and incurs a fee.

For further enquiries, please call Ms Angela Johnson, Learning Area Coordinator – Learning Support on 9274 6266 or ajo@lasalle.wa.edu.au

ENROL NOW

SWIMMING LESSONS
BABY/PRE-SCHOOL/SCHOOL AGE
25% DISCOUNT OFFER
on swimming lessons for the month of February (excludes private lessons)
Enrol before 1st February 2014
Discount vouchers available in Marys Mount Primary School office