FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to all our school community. In talking with the children it seems like there was a lot of gardening over the break while we also had a few families travel down south. It has been pleasing to see the children settle right into work from day one this term and working hard. I am looking forward to this continuing throughout the term.

I would also like to officially congratulate Mrs Sarah Williams (ex-Wright) on her marriage over the holiday break.

MAGGIE DENT

On Monday 13 October our staff attended a Professional Development Day here at Mary’s Mount. Our guest speaker was Maggie Dent with the topic being on Resiliency in Today’s Children. We also hosted four other regional Catholic schools. Over 140 teachers attended the day. Many thanks to Gabby Hoffmann for organising the morning tea and lunch. Many thanks also to Liz Appleby, owner of Bakers Delight Kalamunda and The Forrest Café, for the catering.

As a follow-up our P&F then organised for Maggie to present an information night for our parents on Wednesday 15 October. What a tremendous turn out we had. Besides our own community members, we also had families from the other regional schools, families from Gooseberry Hill Primary School and general community members. Over 200 parents were entertained by Maggie, and at the same time, received some invaluable strategies and information. Many thanks to our P&F committee for organising the evening and a special thanks to the families who also brought in a plate for supper. A great night was had by all!

CONGRATULATIONS

Last term some of our students entered a writing competition, ‘Write 4 Fun’. This was organised by Mrs Smith in the Library. From those entries we had three students who received commendations for their work in short stories and poetry. Congratulations to Ellen Van Beek (Midnight Max) Matthew Giuttari (World War I) and Mason Houlahan (The Magic Pencil). All three students will have their work published in a book. No doubt we will get a copy of the book and will be able to place it in our Library. All three pieces of writing are in this newsletter, please have a read.

AGM

A reminder to all our school community that we will be holding our Annual Community Meeting on Tuesday 18 November. This will be held in the St Joseph Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

BUSY BEE

Hopefully you would have kept Saturday 8 November free for our next Busy Bee. We would be looking to start by 7.30am and finish by 11.30am. I hope you will be able to spare some time and come and join us.

EARLY TO SCHOOL

Parents, at the moment we have a few families dropping their children off very early in the morning before school. Some are here as early as 7.30am!

Please be aware that even though some staff are here at that time, they are preparing for the day and NOT on supervision.

Supervision does not commence until 8.20am. I ask you please to take note of this and have your children at school closer to commencement time.
HOLIDAY WORK
Over the holiday break we have had some work going on in the school. Many thanks to Frazer North, Paul Oorschot and Travis Linaker for their time and effort in commencing the construction on our slide landing in the new adventure playground near the vegie garden.
This is an area that will become a focus over the next year or two as we add new play stations for the children. We have asked the children to come up with suggestions of play areas that they would like to have in this area. So we now eagerly await their ideas!!!
We have also had some electrical work to the gardener’s shed. There has never been power to the shed so this was added over the break. Mr Harris is a very happy man!!! Construction of our new storage area has also commenced. The new storage area is next to the uniform shop. All we need to finish off with now is the internals. This area will house our archives/records which have to be kept for a period of time.

CANTEEN
A big thank you to the parents/grandparents who have been working and volunteering in our Canteen. Your efforts are truly appreciated and valued by us all. Through your efforts we are finding that our financial position is very promising. Again, helpers I thank you all and PLEASE keep it up. As you can see in this newsletter we still require a few more helper! Have you got some time to spare???

God Bless
Sandro Coniglio

FROM THE BOARD...
A big welcome back to you all.
As you have read in Mr Coniglio’s notes we have been busy over the holidays with lots of work being carried out in the school. Along with this a small committee from the Board together with Sandro met with representatives from Transperth and the Kalamunda Shire to discuss the parking bays and bus bay along Davies Crescent. We are hoping that from this on site meeting we will be able to have more parking bays along this stretch of road. Stay tuned!
By now you all would have received your AGM notes. I encourage you to attend this meeting and also I ask our community to please have a think about nominating for the School Board.

Justin Pavlinovich
School Board Chair Person.

Newsflash
Saturday 8 November
Busy Bee—please try and come along!
No experience needed.
Tuesday 18 November
AGM

VEGIE GARDEN UPDATE
In the last week of Term 3, our Year 3 class were very helpful in planting tomatoes and cucumber seedlings, more lettuces and replenishing our herb garden with basil, parsley and coriander. These are now coming along nicely.
We have many children visiting the garden before and after school and sampling the peas, broad beans, radishes and strawberries. This is fantastic and what the vegie patch is all about! Please encourage your children to come and visit the garden to keep them involved.
Welcome back everyone!

There are some new and exciting things coming up in the canteen this term including Wonton Dumplings and Tex Mex. Please make sure you check ‘Our Online Canteen’ for the specials. Slushy’s are back with new flavours, there are freshly baked fruit cakes, and we have a new flavoured milk. Please note that Banana flavoured milk is no longer available.

Cathy Audino

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Canteen Volunteers: Thank you to all the mums and grandparents who help out in the canteen each term. The canteen is not able to run smoothly without our valuable helpers. If you are able to come and help out for an hour or two either Monday or Friday please let the school Admin staff know ASAP. We need more helpers from week 5 onwards.

Joke Competition: The Cancer Council ran the ‘2014 Canteen Comedy Competition’ in which our school canteen participated as the ‘Crunch & Sip Joke Competition’ during Term 3. Thank you to all the students for submitting their jokes and thank you to all the parents and teachers for supporting the competition. Every student who entered received ‘crunch & sip’ stickers, bookmarks and pencils.

A winner was chosen from each year level and each winner was presented a Merit Certificate last Monday and a $10 voucher to spend in the canteen (valid for Term 4 only).

We would like to congratulate all the year level winners:

- PP Daniel Ferritto
- Year 1 Layla Barnes
- Year 2 Cristal Basioli
- Year 3 Mackenzie Houlahan
- Year 4 Emily Scanlan
- Year 5 Laila Marchant
- Year 6 No entries submitted

The over-all joke competition winner is Laurence Tenhave with this joke: Q. What happened when the grape got squashed? A. It gave a little wine.

His joke entry has been submitted to go in the national pool against all other school canteen competition winners, which could win our school canteen one of three major prizes.

All information can be found on the WASCA facebook and the Crunch & Sip website.
2015 Canberra / Sydney Camp Committee presents two exciting movie premieres for Mary’s Mount families and friends!

**Paddington** - From the producers of Harry Potter and starring Ben Whishaw as Paddington. Also stars Nicole Kidman, Julie Walters and Hugh Bonneville. A young Peruvian bear with a passion for all things British travels to London in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone at Paddington Station, he begins to realise that city life is not all he had imagined - until he meets the Brown family, who offer him a home. It looks as though his luck has changed until this rarest of bears catches the eye of a museum taxidermist.

**Paper Planes** - Paper Planes is an upcoming Australian family drama starring Sam Worthington, Anthony La Paglia and Ed Oxenbould. The film follows a young boy as he pursues his passion for flight and his dream to compete in the World Paper Plane Championship in Japan. Directed by Robert Connolly, the movie was shot in Perth and Tokyo.

Both new release movies will be showing at 

**Ace Cinema Midland, Sunday, 30 November @ 2pm**

A ticket order form is attached to this newsletter.

Don’t miss out, order your tickets now!

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**STORIES AND POEMS WRITTEN BY THE ‘WRITE 4 FUN’ COMPETITION WINNERS CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!!**

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**MIDNIGHT MAX**

Samantha Jones stared at the amazing shark, if you put him in a herd he would stand apart. All the sting rays and turtles came down to the reef’s edge, but the shark couldn’t fit he was as big as a hedge. A hungry shark, a daring shark, a shark called Midnight Max.

His eyes glowed like blue sapphires and his grin was very wide, oh no, he is getting hungry I better go and hide. His fin was as big as a hook, and his final glance it was a nasty look. An angry shark, a daring shark, a shark called Midnight Max

As he swam he left a shadow of fear, fish darted, octopus hid, nothing came near. Samantha Jones prepared to dive, her main focus was to explore and stay alive. A scary shark, a daring shark, a shark called Midnight Max.

Samantha was an expert on sharks, you know, she swam with sharks when she was little, a long time ago. She adjusted her fins, snorkel and mask, she put up her dive flag - that was her last task. A mysterious shark, a special shark, a shark called Midnight Max.

3, 2 1, Splash she dived into the warm silky sea, rising up from the sea floor was a huge shark, as curious as can be. There was a constellation of dots on its back, this was no ordinary shark from a pack. A gentle shark, a special shark, a shark called Midnight Max.

They swam together, almost forever. For as long as sunlight would allow, They will be safe . . . . for now! A special shark, a Whale shark, a shark called Midnight Max.

By Ellen Van Beek
Year 6
WORLD WAR 1 [1914-1918]

It’s 1914 in the mud of the trenches.
Oh what a relief we would have just to sit on benches.
While I was on duty my teeth got knocked out so the doc gave me dentures.

Later that day the signal came to charge.
But all I heard was the deafening roar of the artillery barge
When it was over I didn’t know so I went to ask the Sarge.

Every day I would think about the blood that was shed.
It would be the only think I thought about before I went to bed.
It just wasn’t fair that my mates were dead.

Every day it would be a rally of onslaught.
The memories of each day will always daunt.
Surviving, our family’s and this dreaded war was our only thought.

Everyone knew it was pointless to complain.
The food shortages were like a stain.
Hopefully this war will come to an end one day.

By Matthew Giuttari
Year 6

The Magic Pencil
One cold, windy Friday, George was walking home from school through the park. He’d had a really bad day, people were bullying him because he was so short, even though he knew he was much smarter than those horrible bullies. George hated his life in year five, until that afternoon, when he stumbled upon a shiny, golden pencil. George loved art and always had a sketch pad in his backpack. He sat on a park bench and drew a big, sleek, red racing car with the pencil, and believe it or not it came to life.

The car zoomed around him and into the nearby bushland. “That’s incredible!” George said to himself. He followed the car curiously into the bushland where no one could see him. George drew a tiger, a soldier, an elephant and some friends he could play with. George forgot all about the time, and spent the afternoon happily playing with all the things he had drawn from his imagination. George realised he had better go home.

He arrived home and as he opened the door he saw a very red, angry face. “George I have been so worried, you should’ve been home hours ago!” “You are grounded for a week, and that means no party on Saturday”, Mum screamed. “What? That is not fair!” Sobbed George and he ran to his room. He was so angry he took out his sketch pad and drew his Mum with no mouth. Then a few seconds later he heard “Mmmmmm!” coming from down stairs in the kitchen. George suddenly realised his Mum could no longer speak. He knew he had made a big mistake, but he didn’t mean to do it. George quickly took out his eraser and rubbed out the drawing but it didn’t work. His Mum still couldn’t speak. George quickly ran down stairs to the living room, got the phone and tried to ring Dad, but his Dad wasn’t answering. George was so worried and didn’t know what to do. Then he thought about all the things he had drawn and that had come to life. ‘Where was the elephant now he wondered?’ “Oh no!’ Suddenly George knew on the inside what he had to do. He had to put the pencil back where he found it.

Even though it made his imagination come to life and made him happy to have friends, it was the right thing to do. He got up, sprinted for the door and left the house. George ran until sweat was dripping down his face. When he arrived at the park he put the pencil in the dirt and covered it up. Now the pencil would be waiting for the next person to find it.

by Mason Houlanah
Year 5
HOLY FAMILY PARISH NEWS

It is 'Ice-Cream Sunday' this Sunday at Holy Family Parish, Kalamunda. To welcome and celebrate the warmer season, the Children's Liturgy Team will be handing out a Free Ice-cream voucher to every child attending the 9:00am Mass. Thanks to Collodel Ice-Cream for your support.