FROM THE PRINCIPAL
I cannot believe that we have come to the end of another year! The last few weeks have just been a blur with so much happening. From AGMs, Orientations, Volunteer’s Morning Tea, Christmas Concert, Graduation Mass, reading reports, the list goes on. All this in a matter of two to three weeks. However, in saying this I would not have it any other way. An important part of what we do is to build community and spirit and continue the tradition in our school.

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA
On Thursday 4 December we celebrated a morning tea for all our volunteers who have contributed to the school in one way or another throughout the year. It was also pleasing to have a couple of our local business supporters attend on the morning as well. Many thanks to the staff who organised, prepared and served the morning tea.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
What a beautiful night we witnessed and celebrated last Friday, 5 December. Our Christmas Concert was again a great success. The children were outstanding and performed beautifully. Many thanks to the staff for preparing the students so well. Many thanks to Father Greg for celebrating our Liturgy prior to the concert. We must never forget the true meaning to Christmas and Father Greg’s Homily certainly reminded us of this. The choir also performed beautifully along with Mr Leeder. Many thanks to our P&F for supplying the material for our Choir’s robes and many thanks to Mrs Debarro for organising and coordinating the making of these robes.

REPORTS
As you are aware, the students reports will be sent home tomorrow Friday 12 December. Please note that we still have the old crest and school mission on the reports. Unfortunately, with the old program which will be replaced in 2015, we cannot make changes to these areas. Our new reporting system next semester will have a new look, up to date crest and school commitment.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION
We celebrated a beautiful and emotional evening on Tuesday night 9 December. Our Year 6 cohort celebrated a beautiful Mass and graduation ceremony. I would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 students on graduating from Mary’s Mount and thank them for being such wonderful leaders within the school this year. I wish all our students and their families God’s blessings for the future. A special farewell to the families who leave our school community. Thank you all for your contributions over your time at our school.
STAFFING 2015

Last Friday you would all have received our 2015 staffing list. This is also available on our website for our parents to view.

SCHOOL BOARD and P&F

I would like to congratulate the following Board members and P&F members for 2015:

SCHOOL BOARD:
- Natalie Boyd-Ratcliff
- Simon Di Rosso
- Quinton Hoffmann
- Travis Linaker
- Anna Scanlan
- Jarod Avila
- Father Greg
- Sandro Coniglio

P&F:
- Merrisa McDougall—President
- Sacha Upton—Treasurer
- Michelle Sanderson—Secretary
- Fiona Wittenbaker—Committee member
- Elisa Silvestri—Committee member
- Paula Rafferty—Committee member
- Naomi Holly—Committee member
- Maree Ferritto—Committee member
- Cassandra Underwood—Committee member

I wish to also thank you all for your commitment to our school and sincerely look forward to working with you all in 2015.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

I would like to make our community aware that the money that was raised at our mini-fete earlier this term has been donated to the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Apparition, Holy Family Parish, Kururrungku Catholic Education Centre—Billaluna Station, Halls Creek and St Joseph’s Wyndham. The two schools mentioned each received $200 worth of reading books for their school. Many thanks to everyone! We have just made someone’s Christmas a little brighter!

I would like to wish all our school community a safe and Holy Christmas over the festive season and holiday period. I encourage our parents to ensure that the real message of Christmas is relayed to your children. May the light of Christ shine within you all!

Thank-you to all those community members who have supported our school in any way. Your involvement in the school is GREATLY appreciated.

Sincerely yours

Sandro Coniglio

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

At a brief assembly on Monday morning 8 December I presented the Athletics Champions for Years 3-6 with their well deserved medals. The recipients were as follows:

Year 3
- Champion Boy- Blake Bombardieri
- Runner Up- Christopher Glass
- Champion Girl- Vienna Wincomb
- Runner Up- Elizabeth Thornton

Year 4
- Champion Boy- James Bidstrup
- Runner UP- Toby Boyd-Ratcliff
- Champion Girl- Amelia O’Neill
- Runner Up- Sofie Perrelia

Year 5
- Champion Boy- Noah Pilatti
- Runner Up- Brady Rafferty
- Champion Girls- Georgia Hischar & Elle Hilder
- Runner Up- Layla Marchant

Year 6
- Champion Boy- Dylan Pilatti
- Runner Up- Jake Hill
- Champion Girl- Georgia Smith
- Runner Up- Melissa Chester

I would like to congratulate these students on their efforts and achievement.

Denise Pollaers

Phys Ed Specialist
Vegie Garden Update

The School Vegie Garden should be winding down now that we are heading into holiday mode, however the tomatoes and zucchinis the Year 3 class planted last term have grown prolifically over the last few weeks. Daniel Harris will be tending to these over the holidays and probably enjoy them with his Christmas lunch.

The Canteen have been using our lettuces for the last few months and the children have enjoyed picking the strawberries throughout spring. Today I pulled up some beautiful little carrots and gave them to the Year 1 students for recess, which they loved.

The garlic planted by the Year 4 class in the middle of winter is now HUGE and very potent! If you would like to take a massive organic bulb home please see me after school – a gold coin donation would be most welcome.

I would love a helper or two next year so if you have a green thumb (or don’t but would like to learn about gardening) then please make contact with me next year. It is so much fun growing our own produce and teaching the children about gardening!

Merry Christmas from the School Vegie Garden

Thank you for all your support this year we have really appreciated all your help and orders.

We look forward to providing you with the same quality and service next year when we re-open on Monday 2 February 2014.

Cathy, Shirley and Team

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday 29 January 2015 from 10.00 am to 12.00pm for anyone needing school uniforms before the start of the new school year.

We are selling school jumpers (royal blue) for $20 and white sport shirts for $12 while stocks last. These two items can be used for the 2015 and 2016 school years. In 2017 we will see the navy blue jumper and sport top become compulsory.

We also have limited stock of royal blue school bags for $20 as the new school bags are now navy blue.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holidays.

Tracey & Kelly

BAKERS DELIGHT DOUGH RAISER PROGRAM

Don’t forget to show your card or mention Mary’s Mount when you make your purchases at Bakers Delight Kalamunda or High Wycombe. They will donate 5% of the purchase amount back to the school.

Please support this program and help us raise funds for the benefit of the students at Mary’s Mount. Additional cards are available from the School office.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property in the school office. Please come and check that none of these items belong to you.

Any unclaimed/unnamed uniform items will be donated to the uniform shop.

Other items will be donated to a charity.

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Dear Parents

Breakfast in the Park 2015 planning has commenced!

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting this week to discuss the planning of our main annual fundraising event. If you would like to help whether it be big or small, with the planning committee, please let us know, it will be greatly appreciated!

The new email address for the P&F 2015 is pfmarysmount@gmail.com.

Don't know what to do with all the unwanted toys before Christmas? Donate them to us! We are looking for toys in good, working condition for our second hand toy stall at Breakfast in the Park! If you have any please keep them aside for us and we will advise of a drop off day and location in the new year.

The P&F committee would like to thank the school community for their continued support throughout the year!

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Merrisa McDougall
P&F President

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**P&F Events 2015**

**TERM 1**
- Breakfast in the Park
  - Sunday 15 March
  - 8.00am to 11.00am

**TERM 2**
- Lapathon
  - Friday 8 May

**TERM 3**
- Evening Event
  - Saturday 29 August
- Student Disco
  - Thursday 24 September

**TERM 4**
- Art Show
  - Friday 13 November

(Dates are subject to change.)

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**Next P&F Meeting**

Tuesday 10 February 2015
9.00am in the Multi-Purpose Room
(St Joseph’s School Hall)

ALL PARENTS & FRIENDS WELCOME

Meeting agenda will be made

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**The Cottage Playgroup**

**Expression of Interest for 2015**

First session for 2015 will be Monday 9 February – New families welcome.

The Cottage Playgroup sessions are Monday mornings (of each school term) in the Cottage at Mary’s Mount Primary School from 9.00am to 11.00am (after school drop-off).

Playgroup is a great opportunity for Mums, Dads & carers with bubs and toddlers to meet for a cuppa, a chat and fun activities.

First session for 2015 will be Monday 9 February – New families welcome.

For further information email cottageplaygroup@westnet.com.au.

The Cottage Playgroup is a member of Playgroup WA (Inc).

**Play Equipment Donations**

If you have any pre-loved, excellent condition items that need a new home, please let us know. The playgroup is most appreciative of all donations received.
Small group lessons from 6 months to school age.
Pool heated 32º for optimum concentration.
Teachers trained by Austswim and Australia’s best Swim School Consultant: Coach Cameron Roberts

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Thank you to these businesses for supporting our school.
We wish you a Merry Christmas & Prosperous New Year.