FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I would like to welcome all our school community back to another year at Mary’s Mount Primary School, and trust that you all had a restful and enjoyable break with your lovely children. I especially would like to welcome:

**Our new families:**
- Sargent Family
- Townsend Family
- McRae Family
- Mars Family
- Neal Family
- Tekeyan Family
- Giancono Family

**Our new staff members:**
- Mrs Basinski (Yr 5)
- Mrs Giancono (3K and 4K TA)
- Miss Morisco (Yr 4)
- Mr Harris (Grounds)

We hope you all have a happy and pleasant experience in this wonderful community.

PRAYERS

Over the holidays it came to my attention that Danielle Kilmurray is not well. Danielle will be undergoing surgery in the very near future and I would ask all of our school community to keep her and others in our daily prayers.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday this year falls on Wednesday 18 February. Because of our swimming times on that day we have moved our Paraliturgy to the afternoon. Please note that we will now have a service at 2.30pm after the students have completed their swimming for the day.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Parents please note that due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to move our school photo day from the Friday 6 March to Monday 16 March.

HOLY FAMILY DIAMOND JUBILEE MASS

This evening we will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Holy Family Parish. Archbishop Costello will be celebrating Mass for us with a host of guests. If you are free come along and help celebrate this very important occasion.

SWIMMING

As you are aware we will be commencing our swimming classes in week 3. Swimming will last for two weeks and will be carried out at Swan Park, as it was last year. Swimming is part of our sports program in the school as well as assisting the children with their swimming levels.

Our swimming carnival will then follow up on 26 March at La Salle College. You will receive more notification later in the term regarding this.

UNIFORM

A big thank you to all our parents for ensuring that the children are in correct school uniform. An even bigger thank you for having the correct sports shoes! Please ensure that the students are always in correct uniform. If parents are not sure of the correct footwear for the students please visit our school webpage and look under the Uniform Shop link.

PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL PHOTOS CHANGE OF DATE IS NOW MONDAY 16 MARCH
HOLIDAY WORK
By now you would have noticed the fantastic facelift to the school. Over the holidays we had painting carried out, both internally and externally around the school. It was fantastic to see the children react with great excitement to the different colours in individual classes. I must also congratulate and thank our staff for their hard work in organising and preparing their rooms for the children’s first day. This meant having to come in a few days earlier than normal because of furniture movement.

We have also had new signage done around the school with a little more to come over the next few weeks. Our new, ‘Welcome’, sign and school crest at the front of the Admin block, our 5 Pillars displayed on pencils in the main entrance to the school and also in the hall, plus we have had added signage to the current school signs on the corners of College and Davies Crescent and Noel and Davies Crescent.

I would like to thank Denise Goodall for again maintaining the vegie garden over the break. As usual Denise has done a magnificent job.

PARKING IN THE MAIN CARPARK
I ask parents to please be very vigilant when parking in the main school car park. The car park is out of bounds to parents during drop-off and pick-up. Parents may use the bays during the rest of the day. Although this may sound odd, the safety of the students is our main concern. This week we had a very close call with two cars nearly colliding and then another backing out and just missing a child. Hence, because of this we ask all parents during drop off and pick up to not park in this area.

With the Year 1 class moving across to the main class area we have had a buildup of traffic through the main entrance. I would encourage parents to still use Noel Road car park during these times. There is a disabled car parking bay outside the Admin area which you may use in the event that you or your child has a disability. Please keep this in mind and be vigilant around the children.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Sincerely yours
Sandro Coniglio
Welcome back to the new year. An email was sent home on Wednesday 4 February outlining all the details you need to know regarding the canteen this year.

We look forward to seeing as many helpers as possible this year so that we can continue to provide healthy, tasty lunches and treats for your children. Please consider helping out for either part of a day or a whole day. See the attached roster and if you are able to help please let the canteen or school office staff know. Thanking you in advance.

Cathy, Shirley and the Canteen Team

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Brochures for the Book Club went home earlier this week. Orders need to be placed in the box in the school office prior to Wednesday 18 February. If you are paying by cheque please make them payable to Scholastic.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Chandra Staltari
Book Club Coordinator

Mary’s P&F News Mount

6 February 2015
Dear Parents
The first P&F meeting for 2015 is this coming Tuesday, 10 February at 9.15am in the Multi-purpose room.
Come along to the meeting, meet the committee, have a cuppa. All welcome.

Agenda Items:
- Reports: President, Principal & Treasurer
- Parent Representative Nominations
- P&F Fundraising Objectives 2015
- P&F Fundraising Idea for 2015
- Breakfast in the Park

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Tuesday.

Merrisa McDougall
P&F President

Next P&F Meeting
Tuesday 10 February 2015
9.15am in the Multi-Purpose Room
(St Joseph’s School Hall)
ALL PARENTS & FRIENDS WELCOME
Meeting agenda will be made

For the Calendar . . .
Breakfast in the Park 2015
Sunday 15 March
8am to 11am
A fantastic fundraising event which showcases our school spirit in the wider community.

P&F Committee 2015
Email: pfmarysmount@gmail.com
President: Merrisa McDougall
Vice President: Amanda Tallon
Secretary: Michelle Sanderson
Treasurer: Sacha Upton
Committee Members: Naomi Holly, Maree Ferritto, Paula Rafferty, Fiona Wittenbaker, Elisia Silvestri
The Cottage Playgroup
The first session for 2015 is
Monday 9th of February.

The Playgroup sessions are Monday mornings
(of each school term)
in the Cottage at Mary’s Mount Primary School
from 9.00am to 11am
(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 some fun.
New families welcome.

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

Cost
Annual Membership of $30 - Playgroup WA (Inc)
Cottage Playgroup Term 1 Fee of $10

Enquiries to Cassandra.
Mobile 0473 190473 or email cottageplaygroup@westnet.com.au

Play Equipment Donations: If you have any pre-loved, excellent condition items that need a new home, please let us know.

The Cottage is also in need of a vacuum cleaner.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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PARISH NEWS
HOLY FAMILY MASS TIMES
Please note that the Holy Family Parish Saturday evening Masses will commence at 6.00pm as from Saturday 21 February