FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I would like to congratulate the students for their behaviour throughout the last two weeks during swimming lessons. I received a call from the coordinator to let me know how good the students were. Having ventured down to Swan Park myself a couple of times I can personally vouch for that.

SCHOOL BOARD 2015

Last week we held our first Board meeting for the year. I would like to specially welcome Anna Scanlan and Jarod Avila to our Board for the first time. To all our Board members I thank you all for your commitment, time and dedication that you give to the Board and the School.

I would like to congratulate Mr Simon Di Rosso on being voted in as our Board Chairperson. Please see Simon’s section on page two of this newsletter in regards to our Board members.

We are very fortunate to have such a hard working P&F and School Board that together work tirelessly to resource, maintain and govern this great school.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

Over the last few weeks I have met with a couple of students to discuss their general behaviour in the school. Although this may sound serious, it is not. The issues we face within our school are minimal in relation to other schools. However, in saying this, if we do not address negative behaviour in its early stages it can escalate into far greater consequences.

You will also be aware that if there is some behaviour that is considered serious or inappropriate, you as parents will be notified either by the class teacher, Assistant Principals or myself. I also want to reiterate that when a matter like this is brought to a parent’s attention, we need to work it out together gathering both sides of the story. I encourage parents to follow our grievances flow chart, found on our website, to work with the school to help resolve the issues at hand. All issues that have come to my attention thus far, and with the help of parents, have been resolved quickly resulting in positive outcomes. I stress the importance of hearing both sides of the story and I urge all parents not to make judgements until then.

I am currently reading a fantastic book on Pope Francis, 'Lead with Humility'. What a great insight into a great human being. Part of the book talks about Pope Francis being questioned and challenged on many delicate issues. The Pope's response to these issues is to say, "Who am I to judge?" "There is one greater than I that will judge one day". For us as adults and as parents of young children, I would like to encourage you all not to make judgement on any other child or person. We do not always know what is occurring in other people's lives or why they are behaving the way they are. That is why you as parents must make contact with the school so that we can work together.

Sometimes I have students tell me that their parents have told them to hit back at someone who hurts or annoys them. I believe this advice may cause more harm than good. Stephen Hawking, recently said, "the human failing I would like to correct is aggression...it threatens to destroy us all."

Here at Mary’s Mount we encourage all of our students to treat each other with love, care, respect and compassion just as Jesus taught.

I thank you for your support in the matter.
BREAKFAST IN THE PARK
As you all know Breakfast in the Park is just around the corner. I encourage you all to attend the event and secondly to put your name down on the rosters to help out on the day. Even half an hour would be great. The P&F committee have done an outstanding job in organising and preparing this event. We all know how great this event is so all we have to do now is to MAKE IT HAPPEN!

LILY BOISVERT - CONGRATULATIONS
I would like to congratulate our Year 6 student, Lily Boisvert for receiving a highly commended award at the Jam Packed Film Festival on Friday 20 February. It was also encouraging during the question and answer time that Chris Veerhuis, (producer of Red Dog), referred to Lily’s film on a few occasions. It was fantastic to see so many Mary’s Mount families at the event supporting Lily.

PARENT CANTEEN WORKSHOP
Last Wednesday we had a very informative workshop for parents and student on healthy eating. This was presented by the Western Australian Canteen Association. While our parent numbers were down it was rewarding to hear from those who attended how beneficial the presentation was. It certainly opened their eyes to good foods and those not so good for our children.

YEAR 6 CAR WASH AND MINI FETE
Saturday 21 February, what a magnificent day this was. A big congratulations to all those year 6 parents who organised and prepared for this event. Like everything that our parent body do in this great school, it was first class. The VIBE was alive and well! A big thank you must also go to the parents and students who helped in washing cars, cooking sausages, serving coffee, working on the stalls or playing music. This all added up to an enjoyable and fun filled day.

SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENT MASS AND COMMISSIONING MASS
A reminder that this weekend we have our Sacramental Enrolment Masses on Saturday evening (6.00pm) and Sunday morning (9.00am).

Sincerely Yours
Sandro Coniglio

FROM THE BOARD CHAIRPERSON
Dear Parents
It is an honour and a privilege to serve on our School Board and especially as Chairperson. I would like to thank my fellow Board members for the time and commitment that they will give to our school.

Our Board for 2015 is:

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THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT
What would Jesus Do??????

Simon Di Rosso
Mary’s Mount Primary School Board Chairperson
Breakfast in the Park

Breakfast in the Park is nearly here! The preparation is going well and it looks like its going to be a fantastic day! There will be the traditional hot breakfast, hot donuts, stalls, local dance groups, ponies and our very own school choir will also be performing! We still need your help to make the day a success!

Please have a look at the volunteer roster up outside the library and place your name next to any stall and time you prefer.

Tickets will go on sale outside the library Wed, Thurs and Fri mornings and afternoons next week. Eftpos will be available. Alternatively you can order tickets via the Pre Order Form sent home last week. Thank you for your donations and support of this wonderful community event!

Tickets:
$12 Adults—$5 Children
$30 Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)
Pre-Paid $2 & $1 staff coupons available

P&F Committee

Mary’s Mount

Next P&F Meeting
available via the school website.
Tuesday 17 March 2015
9.10am—Multi-Purpose Room
(St Joseph’s School Hall)
ALL PARENTS & FRIENDS WELCOME
Previous minutes and meeting agenda available via the school website.
www.marysmount.wa.edu.au

P&F Events 2015
TERM 1
Breakfast in the Park
Sunday 15 March
8am to 11am
Hot Cross Bun Fundraising
TERM 2
Lapathon
Friday 8 May

On the second Sunday of Lent (last weekend), the Gospel reading proclaims the story of Jesus’ Transfiguration. This event is reported in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The story of Jesus’ Transfiguration on the mountain is a preview of great things to come. With his amazed disciples looking on, Jesus is suddenly dressed in dazzling white and his face shines like the sun. He is speaking with the long-dead prophets Moses and Elijah. These two Old Testament figures represent the Law and the Prophets. They are interrupted by a majestic voice from a cloud. And the voice says that Jesus is God’s beloved Son. The disciples are told to “Listen to him.”

Like us, Peter, James, and John could not understand everything about Jesus overnight. It was only after his death and resurrection that they understood the meaning of his Transfiguration. Only then did they realise what it meant for the Son of Man to rise from the dead.

Reflection

How are you responding to God’s command to "Listen to him" during Lent? What message from Jesus’ words or actions do you most want to share with the world? How do you show that you care about others who are experiencing difficult times? What does the experience of the three disciples tell us about the process of coming to know and believe in Jesus? What has helped your own relationship with Jesus to grow over the years?

Clinton Payne
**MARY'S MOUNT IS NOW RECYCLING**

Household Batteries

- Bring in your household dry cell batteries. Single use. These include AA, AAA, C, D, button batteries, 9V and 6V. (not mobile phone batteries)
- Put them in the container in the classroom or in the big yellow bin in the front office.
- They will be collected throughout the year. They will be weighed and this will be recorded on a chart. Watch how quickly the chart will be filled.

The school can win prizes for the most collected, most improved etc, in their school category.

After collection the battery components are recycled into new products such as street lights, steel frames and car parts.

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**BOOK CLUB**

The brochures for Issue 2 were sent home yesterday. Orders need to be in to the office no later than Friday 13 March.

Please make cheques payable to Scholastic. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Chandra Staltari
Book Club Coordinator

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**BRIGHT SPARKS RECYCLE THEIR BATTERIES AT SCHOOL**

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**A WORD OF THANKS**

Words can’t begin to express the gratitude I feel towards the whole of the MMPS community. The outpouring of love and support shown to me and my entire family over the past few months, has been truly awe inspiring and I am so grateful to each and every one of you.

Recovery has been made all the more easier knowing that you are all there along the way; offering meals, soups, a chat, an email, a prayer, a hug, a laugh... the list is endless...

From the bottom of my heart, thank you, thank you, thank you so much.

Love

Danielle, Dean, Ella, Flynn & families xxxxx

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