FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Assumption Mass

Today we celebrated a lovely Mass for the Assumption of Mary. We also welcomed Father Antony Suresh to our school community as he celebrated his first Mass for us as our new Parish Priest. The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is a chance for Christians to celebrate the heavenly birthday of the Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and a day when Christian denominations are obliged to attend church services/Mass and observe this special day. In some places around the world they celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary with festivals that have music, food, and dancing. I know that in many Italian towns there are many of these festival days that occur from now throughout September. All of which will be dedicated to various Saints.

WELCOME FATHER SURESH

I would like to welcome Father Suresh to our school community and wish him an enjoyable and memorable time with us. I am sure that as you all meet with Father Suresh along the way you too will welcome him. I look forward to us continuing to have a very strong and healthy relationship with the Parish and also look forward to working with Father.

CONGRATULATIONS

Last week we had 3 of our Year 6 students represent the school at the 2015 Speak Up Awards semi-finals in Doubleview. I would like to congratulate, Sana Feast, Kiarn Linaker and Mason Houlahan for all progressing to the preliminary finals in early September. Twelve students presented on the morning from 5 different schools and 4 students were selected to progress to the next stage. To have all 3 of our students progress was unbelievable and a credit to them for their presentations. We now wish them all the best for the preliminary finals.

GOSSIP, RUMOUR AND ANONYMOUS LETTERS!

One of the most destructive elements that can exist in any community is the scourge of gossip. Sadly, from time to time, some people can engage in destructive and hurtful comments about others. Half-truths, hearsay and inaccurate recollections cause trust to be diminished. “Did you hear....” or “You wouldn’t believe ...” are invitations for a climate of innuendo.

From time to time we will all have differences of opinion or varying positions on matters. What is critical is that when a point has been reached, respect for both parties must be maintained. Making unsubstantiated claims against people, and/or not giving the other party the opportunity to present their point of view is wrong and inherently not fair.

When it comes to the school, balanced and appropriate feedback is always welcomed. Of course, this feedback should be in the first instance, directed to the people concerned and be provided in a spirit of fairness. Making comments to third parties about issues will clearly not lead to any resolution, only mistrust and suspicion.

During the week I received an anonymous letter. I presume that this was from a member of our school community. The letter made some observations in relation to others within our community and I feel that it did not carry the Catholic values and ethos that are the foundation of our school. I would have welcomed the opportunity to discuss these issues with this person, however, sadly, because the person has not identified him/herself I can’t appropriately address the concerns raised.

Mary’s Mount Primary School is an extremely supportive and positive environment. This was reinforced and emphasised to us by Father Greg at his farewell Mass last week. In his words, “in my 34 years of priesthood, Mary’s Mount Primary School is the best school and community that I have been involved with”. Our community will continue to grow and flourish when we witness honesty, integrity and openness.

LEAD ENGAGEMENT

What will I do today to promote engagement?

CHRIST + WISDOM + COMMUNITY + TRADITION + RESPONSIBILITY
AFTER SCHOOL
At the moment we have a great number of students playing after school when there is no play after school. They are running in and out of gardens destroying some garden beds, knocking on classrooms when teachers are having meetings and so on. Again I ask the parents to PLEASE support us in controlling the behaviour of their children and to obey the school rules.

CHOIR DANCE TRouPE
This coming Tuesday evening, 18 August, our Year 5/6 dance troupe will be performing at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. The students have been preparing for over 14-15 weeks. They have done a fantastic job at remembering their moves and now prepare themselves to perform in front of 1500 –2000 people. A big thank you to all our dance troupe students and a special thanks to our dance teachers; Olivia Zaffino and Chloe Smith for their voluntary time and effort preparing the children.

LEARNER/S OF THE WEEK
Every week our Year 6 students award a student/s with a certificate for outstanding work or effort in their school work. This is an initiative that the students have put together from their Ministry Leadership Groups. With the assistance of the class teacher, the Year 6 students gather names from classes then select one or more students to receive a certificate. This Week’s Winners were: Blake Bombardieri, Georgina Appleby and Lachlan Underwood.

EUCHARISTIC PARENT WORKSHOP
Many thanks to our Year 4 parents who attended the Eucharistic parent workshop/meal on Tuesday 4 August. We had a fantastic evening with the shared wisdom of Father Greg and some great conversations around the dinner table. My thanks again to Father Greg for leading us throughout the evening. I also would like to remind the parents to aim at carrying out some of the activities on the sheet that I gave out on the evening. This will help your family make this occasion even more special.

CONFIRMATION and RETREAT
Next Friday evening 21 August our Year 6 students will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will take place at Holy Family Parish commencing at 6.00pm. On behalf of all our school community I would like to wish our Year 6’s God’s blessings for this special occasion in their faith journey. The students will also be taking part in a retreat day on Wednesday 19 August here at school prior to receiving their Sacrament.

FILL WANTED
Mr. Daniel Harris, our grounds man, is after some clean fill. If you can help in this regard or know of someone who has some clean fill, please come and see me or Daniel. Thank you!

PERFORMING ARTS
Some of our classes have commenced participation in the 2015 Performing Arts Festival. Our Choir performed beautifully with some great feedback from the judges on Monday and we now wait for our dance troupe and other classes performing throughout the term. Individual class teachers will keep parents up to date with times and venues of their performances. Thank you to Mr. Leeder for organizing and coordinating our Choir on Monday.

Sincerely Yours,
Sandro Coniglio
Principal

THOUGHT OF THE FORTNIGHT
Sometimes you Win and sometimes you Learn

TALENT SHOW—YEARS PP—6
THE DATE FOR THE TALENT SHOW HAS BEEN CHANGED DUE TO THE DISCO BEING ON THE FRIDAY EVENING AND THE HALL NEEDS TO BE SET UP.
IT IS NOW IN WEEK 10 ON WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER
AUDITIONS START IN WEEK 8 IN INDIVIDUAL CLASSES
TEACHERS WILL SEND HOME INFORMATION REGARDING AUDITIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE

BRIGHT SPARKS RECYCLE THEIR BATTERIES AT SCHOOL
A couple of weeks ago the batteries that you all have been bringing in were collected and they weighed in at a massive 40.9 kilos. That is fantastic. Keep up the good work and keep collecting those batteries. Think of the difference it will make to the environment and landfill with all those batteries being
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Look Closer

BE WISE! St Paul warns us against wasting our lives doing things that don't bring us closer to God. Bad habits like gossiping, eating too much or being dishonest are all things he mentions in his letter that stop us being good disciples. St Paul reminds us to make the best use of everyday to give glory to God.

Prayer Space
Symbol: Musical Note

Lord God,
We bless and praise you. Help us not to speak evil but always praise your name.
Amen

Did You Know?
From the earliest days of Christianity, water was used in Baptism as a symbol of life and cleansing. When Catholics use holy water to make the Sign of the Cross as they enter a Church, it reminds them of their Baptism. Holy water is water that is blessed by a Priest.

Preparing for the Sacraments
This term many of our Year 4 students will be receiving Jesus for the first time when they celebrate their First Holy Communion. Similarly, our Year 6 students will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation at the end of August. This is such an important time of preparation in the lives of these students and their families. We ask that our school community prays for all of these students and their families over the coming weeks. We pray that they will be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit who helps us to become closer to God in our everyday lives.

Gratefulness
As I reflect on St Paul’s letter above, it is easy to point out all the bad things that happen in our world each and every day. However, when you take the time to look around there are just as many good things that truly reflect the teachings of Jesus and the values of Mary’s Mount Primary School. Therefore, this week I would like to focus on ‘gratitude’ for the good that happens each and every day here at Mary’s Mount Primary School.

Recently we celebrated the feast of Mary MacKillop. She lived a life of gratefulness by not only appreciating everything she had, but also by serving those who needed her care and compassion. This is emphasised in her famous quote that Mr Coniglio reminded us of last week; “NEVER SEE A NEED WITHOUT DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT”. Those words sum up what Jesus taught us during His time on earth.

So, I would like to share with you the top five things I have been grateful for since our last newsletter!

1. **Attending Mass**

Last week our Year 2 students lead us in a beautiful Mass to commemorate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Although I was busy controlling the laptop, a very stressful job, I was continually drawn into a calming space. I was drawn to think about all the things that make my life as an Assistant Principal, a husband, a dad, a son, a brother, an uncle and a friend. It is good to think about who we are from time to time!

I was drawn into the Mass and started to think about what Fr Greg had talked about at our recent Eucharist Parent Workshop where he discussed and reconnected us with the core of the Mass. Mass provides us with a connection that is beyond our earthly existence. I find myself yearning to go to Mass to simply ‘be’. It truly does make a difference. I am truly grateful that I am in an environment that promotes this continually.

2. **Parents**

I have the privilege of chatting with parents in the playground, after assemblies, pretty much anywhere. I mention this because our community is a truly special place. Each and everyday I get to have many positive conversations. While there are at times difficult conversations, the amount of positivity that comes from the parents at our school is extraordinary. I know for a fact our staff thrive on this positivity.
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Again, I make mention of last week’s Mass because it was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents present. As a school we are continually grateful for parental involvement and see this as a means for enhancing your child’s time at Mary’s Mount Primary School.

3. **Staff**
The way our staff go about their daily work is truly inspiring. It is important to acknowledge the ever increasing demands that are placed on them and how they are so committed to our school. As an Assistant Principal I get to visit classrooms and witness the amount of effort that goes into planning each and everything the students do each and everyday. Never underestimate how committed our staff are to our students here at school. I am so grateful to be surrounded by a group of people that work hard and push me to be an even better Assistant Principal!

4. **Our Students**
As part of the fun that goes on in the office, Mr C, Mrs Williams and I have the privilege of working with a number of students. Recently you would have thought we were having a huge party as we celebrated a number of Year 1 students counting to 100 in twos, a very difficult task for any 6 year old! Seeing the pride in their faces as they reached that magic ‘100’ was amazing! I guess you just needed to witness it. I am truly grateful for the effort our students put into their schooling each and everyday. We really do have super kids at this school!

5. **Importance!**
Finally, I am forever grateful for my job! Corinne seems to get very annoyed that I get to have fun each day and get paid for it! One of the best things about my job is seeing students and families outside of school. Although I do not live in the area, I still manage to bump into a number of families. It is one of the privileges I have, where students and families make me feel important! Just last weekend I bumped into a student near my neck of the woods and was greeted with a ‘huge’ hello! It made me feel like I was a member of One Direction! I also felt very important this week when Grandma Shirley put some extra special treats in my lunch bag!! I am forever grateful for the generosity and care I am shown.

Over the next fortnight, I urge you all to look for the little things in life that are the many blessings that God gives us each and everyday!

Wishing you a blessed fortnight.

Clinton Payne
Assistant Principal

***Use the Pope’s Five Finger Prayer each night as a family***

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**Pope Francis’ Five Finger Prayer**

1. **The Thumb**
   - The Thumb is the Smallest Finger. It is the person we use to touch others. It is the person we touch to say hello, goodbye, or to show affection. The Pope says that the Thumb reminds us to be gentle and kind to others.

2. **The Index Finger**
   - The Index Finger is the First Finger. It is the finger we use to point and direct others. The Pope says that the Index Finger reminds us to be truthful and honest.

3. **The Middle Finger**
   - The Middle Finger is the Strongest Finger. It is the finger we use to support and protect others. The Pope says that the Middle Finger reminds us to be strong and to support those who need our help.

4. **The Ring Finger**
   - The Ring Finger is the Second Strongest Finger. It is the finger we use to show respect and honor. The Pope says that the Ring Finger reminds us to be respectful and to show honor to others.

5. **The Little Finger**
   - The Little Finger is the Smallest Finger. It is the finger we use to remind us to pray for our own needs in a better way.

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Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015

Shop at Woolworths and you’ll get 1 Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 you spend.

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Mary’s Mount P&F News

Dear Parents and Families,
Planning is well underway for the Wild West Night! Tables of ten are available for $25 each. Ticket price includes dinner, dessert and live music! There will be a bucking bull, games, silent auction and raffle prizes! Tables will need to be finalised early next week for catering purposes.

Breakfast in the Park
We are still looking for committee members for the Breakfast in the Park committee. Please let us know if you are interested so planning can commence this term. A file has been compiled to handover to assist with planning.

Fathers Day Stall
The Fathers Day Stall will be running again this term. Information will be sent home in the next few weeks.

School Disco
The school disco is scheduled for the last day of this term. The Year 6 students have decided the theme for the disco. Hollywood!

P&F Committee

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS BY TUESDAY 18 AUGUST SO WE CAN FINALISE TABLES FOR CATERING PURPOSES.
Volunteers/Helpers
Many thanks to the people who have offered to assist in the canteen this term and our on-going team of helpers, your help. Your help is always welcome and much appreciated. I would like to extend a special welcome to Lyn Breadsell (Grandmother to Shayla Yr 2) who has offered to help in the canteen on several days this term – Thank You Lyn. I still have a few blank spots on the calendar this term so if you are able to assist me, please add your name to the roster on the canteen door or call me to discuss further on 0418 927 177 or 9454-5686.

Congratulations
I would like to congratulate Natasha Hansen and family on the new arrival of their baby boy “Noah”. Natasha has been a long term helper in the canteen and is sadly missed while she takes maternity leave from the canteen roster!

Menu Update
I have added Hot Meatball and Cheese Rolls with Sauce (Meatball Subs) to the lunchtime menu ($4.00) along with Apple, Banana & Date Muffins and Muesli Slice. Please look for these NEW items now appearing on the on-line menu.

Shirley Shaw

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
FRIDAY 28 AUGUST

SPECIAL LUNCH MENU
MORE INFORMATION TO COME NEXT WEEK

**NO RECESS ORDERS ON THIS DAY**

Hot Chocolate and Fruit Toast
Warm up on these cold winter days
Tuesday 18 August at recess in the hall
$2 for a Hot Chocolate and a piece of Fruit Toast, or $1 each.

(PREPRIMARIES TO YEAR 6)
A huge THANK YOU to all the families and businesses for being part of this year’s footy tipping competition!

DON’T FORGET TO GET YOUR TIPS IN BEFORE THE FIRST GAME OF EACH ROUND.

Leaderboard posted on the P&F notice board located outside the school library.

Mary’s Mount P&F Footy Tipping 2015

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Swan Districts Junior Baseball Club in association with Baseball WA and the Alcohol.Think Again Perth Heat Have-A-Go Registration Days
Baseball WA is bringing Major League Baseball’s (USA) Pitch, Hit & Run initiative to Australia! Pitch, Hit & Run is an extremely simple, skills based competition that boys and girls can take part in, exposing them to baseball. Come down and test your skills at the Swans Have-a-go and Registration Days. All participants will be on a short list to participate before a Perth Heat game during the 2015/2016 season

Ellenbrook registration
will be conducted at:
Swan Valley Anglican Community School
Swanleigh Parade, Aveley
On School Oval Behind Swan Aquatic Centre
15th August 2014 10am to 2.00pm

Midland and Surrounds registration
will be conducted at:
Ron Jose Oval
Grey Drive, Midvale
2nd and 29th August from 10.00am to 4.00pm

Age groups - Aussie Teeball, Machine Pitch u/10, Little League u/13, Junior league u/15 and Colts u/17 and u/19
For more information please contact registrar Tina – 0438 920 205 or PRESIDENT Marina 0422 522 463

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