FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

As we come to the end of another eventful and successful term I really struggle to fathom how fast the days are travelling. I would like to thank all our school community for the kind support that you have given our school. This has been evident in so many ways. Parental and grandparents participation is greatly encouraged at Mary’s Mount. I especially would like to thank our Parent Volunteers who consistently help our classes on a weekly basis with Literacy and Numeracy assistance. I know that the teachers and children certainly appreciate it. There is solid evidence that with this assistance and the work covered in class, students are making great progress in their work.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable break with your children. Lets recharge the batteries and prepare for another busy term in term 4, knowing also that it will be a short term.

For all of our AFL supporters I hope your team performs well over the next few weeks. The Hawks looked dangerous last week and the Dockers will no doubt have their work cut-out for them this week, while North Melbourne are also looking ominous. However, over all of this, there seems to be a winged shadow cast over all of these teams just circling, circling and circling ready to pounce on its prey.

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READING
Are you listening to your child read? Are you asking questions of what they read? If not, I encourage you to start listening to your child/ren read, no matter what level they are at.

SPEAK UP AWARD
Congratulations to Mason Houlahan for representing our school on Tuesday 15 September at the Grand final of the Speak Up Awards. You made us all very proud Mason.

MISSIONS—SOCIAL JUSTICE
From time to time we are asked by the Sister’s of St Joseph of the Apparition to help out in certain areas they are involved in. Last week we received a letter and phone call from the Sisters to ask if we could assist with their Mission to refurbish and renovate a Hostel in Thailand. This will be for poor families within the area. The SSJA will be running the hostel and therefore will need our assistance. Over the remaining time this year we will donate any mission money towards this appeal. Today’s ‘Footy Dress’ day and yesterday’s Talent Show money of $450 will go towards this appeal. Many thanks to all our wonderful children for helping with this cause.

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS
Congratulations to our Interschool Athletics squad for their brilliant performance at the recent Interschool Athletics carnival. Many thanks to the parents who came along to support the children and to those who may have helped in any area. Congratulations to Mrs Pollaers for having the children primed up to perform. Well done, Denise!

Sincerely Yours,
Sandro Coniglio
Principal

THOUGHT FOR THE FORTNIGHT
The one who falls and gets up is so much stronger than the one who never fell.

SPORTS NEWS
On Friday 18 September a wonderful group of enthusiastic athletes represented Mary’s Mount at the Interschool Carnival at Matthew Gibney Primary School.

The weather was perfect and it was a fantastic day of fun and competition. All of the children put in their best effort and competed in a very sportsmanlike manner. The children cheered each other on throughout the day and their team spirit was commented on to me by other teachers. I was extremely proud of them.

Our little people tried their very best and after the junior section of the carnival Mary’s Mount was one point ahead. Then the senior students continued their great work and at the end of the day Mary’s Mount came equal first place with St Maria Goretti.

WELL DONE to all the competitors on their competitive efforts, sportsmanship, support of their team mates and behaviour.

Denise Pollaers
Physical Education Specialist
Christian Unity: Every person knows how distressing it is when children fight. A fractured family is an open wound for all. How much our heavenly Father must despair over the lack of unity among Christians. This weekend’s Gospel reminds us that no one group has a monopoly on God’s grace. As the Church strives for unity, let us begin in our own family, school and workplace.

Prayer Space
Symbol: Broken Heart
Lord Jesus,
We know how you long for us to be one. Give us the grace to seek unity with others.
Amen

Family Discussion
Where in your own family do you need to seek reconciliation?

Did You Know?
St Therese of Lisieux is famous for her title ‘little way’ of holiness, taking every opportunity to make small daily sacrifices. It is said that wherever St Therese answers a prayer, a faint scent of flowers is left behind!

First Eucharist
It was great to see many Year 4 students at Mass over the weekend receiving their First Eucharist certificate. What made it extra special was that many of them came in their beautiful dresses and dapper suites!
Father Suresh will hold on to the certificates for the next few weekends and hand them out to children as they attend.

Confident & Courageous!
Every time I start to write my little post for the fortnight I have a bit of a chuckle to myself as the staff ask me ‘What’s in the homily this week?’ When I do sit down to write however, I always look for a connection to our students, staff and parents here at Mary’s Mount. This week I came across the quote, ‘Be humble in your confidence yet courageous in your character’. There are so many examples I can think of from the last fortnight that demonstrate this quote.

A humbleness in our confidence and courage in our character is something we aim to instil in our students here at Mary’s Mount. I got to see this in abundance last week at the grand final for the Speak Up Awards. Miss Smith and I had the privilege of attending the grand final as one of our Year 6 students, Mason Houlahan was a competitor on the night. All of the students that presented on the night were the epitome of the quote above. What stood out to me though was the humbleness of Mason. Although he was not one of the ‘winners’ on the night he went up right away and congratulated those who were, by his own accord. That was an extremely proud and special moment for both Miss Smith and I.

I also think about one of our teachers who asked Mr Coniglio to record her teaching a lesson. What made this even more courageous was the fact that she then shared the video with the staff at a recent staff meeting. How humble, yet also confident and courageous! I cannot think of too many professions out there where you film...
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yourself teaching and then share it with fifteen other people asking them to give feedback on how the lesson went, whether positive or constructive. This bravery however, demonstrates the commitment this teacher has in developing their own practice for the students in her class.

I am sure that if we take the time to stop and look we would see many around us who are humble and courageous. They are the people that never get ahead of themselves or think they are above others. The message of Christ when he was on earth seems to highlight this, that treating others with respect and maintaining their dignity is what it is all about. In fact, I have noticed, if I do it, it seems to lift others!

Pope Francis frequently speaks about being humble. He recently said, “When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things”. Pope Francis believes a life of humility has a positive impact on others. He stresses that if we are humble and express a genuine concern for others, the environments where we live, work or play will become places of great joy. Sounds a lot like Mary’s Mount to me!

This last fortnight Mr C was away attending the Australian Primary Principals Conference. This meant I was sitting in the big chair! The ride was not all smooth, in fact it was bumpy quite a few times! What I got to witness however, was the care demonstrated by many exceptional people towards our staff, students and parents. This made the fortnight extra special for me.

I would like to thank all members of our community for a wonderful term, one filled with many blessings especially for our Year 4 and 6 classes in receiving the sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation. May we find time to rejuvenate over the break and come back as people inspired to make those around us better. Enjoy the time with your children.

Wishing you a blessed fortnight.

Clinton Payne
Assistant Principal

REQUEST FROM THE ART ROOM

The art room is running out of recyclables. If you could save your cardboard rolls, yoghurt containers, margarine containers, tissues boxes, biscuit boxes, cream cheese containers, 500ml water bottles, small alfoil pie plates and anything else you may think can be used in the art room.

If you have any items please bring them to the art room or office it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Wendy Hull-Deane
Art Specialist
Dear Parents and Families,

The P&F would like to thank the school community for their support and donations during Term three. It has been a busy term!

Thank you to Paula Rafferty and Tamara Feast for conducting the Footy Tipping within the school community. There are some excited winners within the school and the money raised is much appreciated!

The school disco will finish the term’s events commencing at 4.30pm today for the lower primary. We look forward to seeing all the students there with their dancing shoes on!

We have some exciting plans for the next event the Annual Art Show and look forward to sharing them with you next term!

Have a safe and happy holidays!

P&F Committee
VEGIE GARDEN UPDATE

With the start of the warmer weather, the vegetable garden is really blooming.
Most of the classes have visited the garden over the last week and the children have enjoyed learning about the different vegetables and edible flowers we are growing and hunting for worms in our special worm garden.

Our Year 6 garden bed is especially exciting this term with potatoes, garlic, beans, rhubarb and silver beet all thriving.
Our spinach, silver beet, lettuces, onions and herbs have been utilised in the canteen for most of this term with some produce also being sold to parents.

We welcome parents who wish to buy our organic produce as all donations are utilised for purchasing more seedlings, seeds, straw and fertiliser.

Denise, Finette and Elena.

STUDENT TALENT SHOW

On Wednesday this week the Year 6 community leaders ran a 2015 talent quest. There were 3 prizes available, 1st and 2nd judges awards and a people’s choice award.

_Tahlia Redgwell_ was awarded 2nd place from the judges, she preformed a song called Naughty.

First place was awarded to a group of dancers in Year 6 called the **4 Fusions**.

The peoples choice award was to raise money for the St Emilie’s Hostel Project in Thailand. Over all we raised $259 toward the hostel. The winner of the people’s choice award, the **4 Fusions** raised $46 and 2nd place winner _James Bidstrup_ raised $40. We would like to congratulate everyone who participated on a job well done.

On behalf of the community leaders we thank you.
Year 6 Students
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INFANT JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, MORLEY - SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, 3pm
Catholic Mission presents an afternoon of beautiful music.
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KALAMUNDA COMMUNITY GARDEN INC
The Kalamunda Community Garden is located at 8 Lindsay Street Kalamunda. The facility operates on environmentally sustainable and organic principles and provides an opportunity for the local community to come together to learn how to sow, grow, cook, harvest and preserve their own food.

There will be an Open Day on the 31 October 2015 from 10.00am to 3.00pm and will be launched by ABC Gardening Australia celebrity Josh Byrne. There is a colouring in competition for the children. The winners of each category will be announced on the morning of the Open Day. All entries will be on display for the community to enjoy. There will be prizes provided for the winning entries. The picture to colour is attached to the email sent with this newsletter. All entries can be posted to Kalamunda Community Garden P O Box 1367 KALAMUNDA 6926.

MAIDA VALE TENNIS CLUB HOTSHOTS
Tennis Coaching: Maida Vale Tennis Club is running 4th term tennis coaching with fun filled hotshots group lessons on Sunday mornings and Thursday afternoons.
When: 9.00am Sundays (starting Oct 18)
3.45om Thursdays (starting Oct 22)
Special Offer: We are offering half price for Maida Vale junior club members for classes in 4th term—that is $75 for the 8 weeks of classes.
Contact: Please contact Jessica Chaine (MVTC Coach) to book a spot
Email: jbctennis@hotmail.com Mobile: 0403 333 236

Fathering after Separation –
22nd September at 27 The Crescent, Midland.
6.30pm—9.00pm $25.00.
It's important for fathers to distinguish between their parenting role and the relationship break-up. This seminar, held in a male-only environment, suggests ways in which fathers can keep in touch with children, even if hindered by formal access arrangements. For further information please phone 9489 6322 or click here
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Swan Districts Junior Baseball Club is currently taking registration in the following age groups:

- Teeball 4-7 year olds, Machine Pitch 8-10 year olds both of these are played on Friday nights
- Little League 11-12 year old
- Junior League 13-14 year old
- Under 17’s 15-16 year old and Under 19’s 17-18 year old all these are played on Saturdays.
- Season Starts 10th October.

For further information please contact Club Registration Tina on 0438 920 205 or Club President Marina 0422 522 463.