FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

END OF TERM
To say that this term has flown by would be a complete understatement. I honestly cannot believe how quick it has gone. The children have been tremendous throughout the whole term, in the work that they have produced in class and I have also been impressed with their attitude to learn. It gives me great pleasure visiting the classrooms and at times working with various students. You really get to see and know how students are progressing.

I would like to wish all our families a Holy Easter and a safe break.

HOLY WEEK
Holy Week is the last week of Lent. It is a special time for all Christians and I believe the most important time on our Church Calendar.

This is a time for us to stop and reflect on the life of Jesus Christ, especially through the suffering that he had to endure during this week. It is a time for us to commemorate the Passion of Christ.

Mr Leeder led us with the Year 6 class through a very touching and special Easter Story assembly on Wednesday afternoon. Many thanks to Mr Leeder and the students for a beautiful assembly.

GREAT NEWS - NAPLAN
Last week we received some great news from Catholic Education WA, (CEWA).

Recently Catholic Education was advised by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) that 25 of our schools achieved an above average NAPLAN gain, compared to other similar schools in 2014.

The Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) looked at the comparative gain of each school to the previous reporting period, the relative starting point of students at a similar level, as well as the school’s ICSEA rating.

Dr. Tim McDonald our Executive Director congratulated all of the CEWA schools that have been acknowledged by ACARA. Dr. McDonald said that this is a significant achievement, which is the result of many hours of hard work by school leadership teams and classroom practitioners.

I am very proud to say that our school was one of the 25 schools that were acknowledged and we rated 6th overall.

I would like to congratulate our staff for the work they carry out with the students and it also gives us encouragement with the latest programs/initiatives that we have introduced in the classrooms.

PARKING PERMISSION
Unfortunately we still have some parents who choose to park in the main car park during drop off and pick up times. This is the car park outside the Admin Office. As mentioned on a few occasions now, it is becoming more dangerous and a real safety hazard for our students. Therefore, I ask those families who do not have my permission to park in this area to please restrain from parking there. This will apply between 8.30 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 3.30pm Monday - Friday.
PARENT TEACHER—INTERVIEWS

I would like to thank all those parents who attended the parent/teacher Interim Report Interviews this week. I also would like to thank our teachers who have been so flexible with their times to meet with parents.

Meetings such as these are very important for both teachers and parents to come together and discuss the students’ progress and to maybe set future goals if needed. Both parties have a chance to stress their concerns if there are any and also to look at the strengths that the student is displaying.

I would like to reiterate, as I have mentioned this so many times before, that we as teachers and parents are on this journey together and our common goal is to do the best we can for our children. Therefore, I urge all parents that if you have any concerns or are unsure about any issue in the class to please get in touch with your child’s class teacher. Don’t be hasty and do not remain silent! Come and talk it over with the teacher. As teachers we will always keep in touch with parents to discuss your child’s progress. This happens so that when we have mid semester reports and end of year reports there will be no surprises.

Teachers have also mentioned that some students have tutors at home, which is great for extra assistance. However, I would like to ask parents that if their child does have a tutor, to please have the tutor get in touch with the class teacher. If this does not occur we then have the tutor teaching one thing and the class teacher another. A great way to confuse a child!!! Normally the tutor would get in touch with the class teacher and common concepts are covered both at school and at home.

A note on READING:- reading is not homework. Reading should be an everyday occurrence for children. It is still vitally important that parents continue to listen to the children read at home. If you cannot do this every night try to find 3-4 nights per week. This should be from K – Year 6!!!

ASSUNTA AND MICHAEL GIOVINAZZO RETIREMENT

After 49 years and 25 years service respectfully, both Assunta and Michael have decided to retire.

Assunta has served at the school originally working for the sisters in the kitchen and laundromat (in the cottage) and in recent years as our cleaner. Michael has been the school’s gardener and maintenance man and also recently as our cleaner. We will miss these two dear people immensely.

We will be sending home more information early next term inviting our community to say farewell to both Michael and Assunta.

CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to congratulate Sarah Williams and her husband Shaun on the great news of the expected arrival of their new family member come September. We wish both Sarah and Shaun all God’s Blessings.

Sincerely Yours

Sandro Coniglio
Principal

A Message from The Board

Hello from the Board to all of our Wonderful Parents.

We will shortly be letting you know more about our first Busy Bee for the year scheduled for 16 May 2015. We know we have such a wide variety of incredibly talented Bees out there, so we are really looking forward to seeing you on the day! With your dedication and ongoing help, we can continue to make our school an incredible place for our kids to learn (and have fun!). It’s also a great photo opportunity!

The Board continues to work from the Strategic Plan for Mary’s Mount that you would have seen when it came out in Term 2, 2014.

We take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and Happy Easter and look forward to seeing you all once again in Term 2.

Sincerely Yours

Simon Di Rosso
(School Board Chairperson)
Holy Week

Last Sunday, Palm Sunday we were invited to “remember with devotion” Christ’s entry into Jerusalem, words that apply just as well, it seems to me, to this entire week. In other words, Palm Sunday sets the stage for the drama that would follow in Christ’s last days on earth.

On Holy Thursday we gather with the Disciples around the Lord’s Table to celebrate the Last Supper and to thank God for the holy gifts He gave us on that occasion – the Eucharist, His own body and blood which would be sacrificed on Calvary the next day.

On Good Friday we enter into the Passion of the Christ who endured rejection, humiliation and intense physical pain for the forgiveness of our sins. We follow Jesus as He carries His cross and with Mary we stand at the foot of the cross to witness the sacrificial death of the Lamb of God. How can we not be moved if we recognise our responsibility for the death of Christ.

During the Easter Vigil, in the darkness of the night, we await at the tomb of the Lord for His promised Resurrection. We immerse ourselves in the symbols of the liturgy – the new fire, the word, the water, the holy oils, and the bread and wine – all of which point us to Christ and help us to understand and share in the reality of His death and resurrection.

And finally on Easter Sunday we join with the Christian Church all over the world to proclaim and rejoice in the new life of Christ. It is the event that refreshes our spirits and gives new hope. It is the event that speaks to us of living forever.

Free Dress Day

A huge thank you to all students and staff that participated in our free dress day today. All money raised will be sent to Caritas through their Project Compassion initiative.

Sacramental Candles

Father Greg has recently informed me that he has seen many children attending mass on the weekend as part of their Sacramental preparation, this is fantastic! He also said that it is great to see so many children and parishioners lighting candles in our special Sacramental space in the Church.

Just a reminder, that if you are lighting a candle in that space, you are to use a tea light candle and not the Sacramental candle the children received at their enrolment. That candle was for your child to use at home while they say their own personal prayers as part of their preparation.

Clinton Payne
Assistant Principal
Swimming Carnival

Last Thursday 26th March, we had our swimming carnival. In the morning we hopped on the bus and headed to La Salle College. The Years Three, Four, Five and Sixes were involved in age races and some fun novelty races. All of the students swam well and everyone looked like they had lots of fun. At the end of the day, Nicholson was the winning team. That’s four years in a row! Walsh faction was judged as cheering the most and received the Team Spirit Award. Everyone did a great job to cheer each other on.

We would like to thank Mrs Pollaers for running a great carnival. We would also like to thank the parents and volunteers for helping us on the day.

*Georgia Hischar and Hayden Smith - Nicholson Captains
Joshua Bewick and Sean Mort - Walsh Captains*

Swimming Carnival Results

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The team results are as follows:

- Walsh won the Team Spirit
- 4th Fraser 379
- 3rd Walsh 398
- 2nd McKenna 424
- 1st Nicholson 486
Year 6 T20 Cricket Carnival

On Thursday March 12 the Year 6 class headed out on a bus to Raphael Park in Victoria Park to participate in a T20 Cricket Carnival. There were nine schools in total participating. The Tuesday before Matt from the WACA came to Mary’s Mount to teach us some important tips for playing cricket. We learnt so much and had a great time.

On the day we came second on the combined boys and girls teams’ points. We had loads of fun and we would like to give a big thanks to Matt for giving us some winning tips. We would also like to give a big thank you to Miss Smith and Mrs Pollaers for taking us to the carnival.

Mason Houlahan, Brady Rafferty, Sana Feast and Maddison North

Uniform News

As many of you know we have been patiently awaiting the arrival of our new navy blue sports tops which were due on 28 January 2015. They have just arrived and will be available on Tuesday morning, the first day of Term 2 from the uniform shop.

New ties were ordered (only change to the tie is the navy blue stripe) which were delivered today. Upon opening the boxes the ties supplied were the old royal blue colour. We have informed our supplier who will endeavour to get the new navy blue ties to us ASAP. In the meantime we are selling the royal blue ties for $7.00 and these can be worn for a further 2 years before being phased out completely.

We have contacted our supplier in relation to the new navy blue jumpers. These are due on 6 May 2015 (Fingers crossed). We have limited stock of the old royal blue colour which are being sold for $20.00 (sizes are limited mainly to size 6 and 7). They can still be worn for a further 2 years before being phased out.

We are currently out of stock of navy blue tracksuit tops in size 8 and 10. Tracksuits are on order and our supplier informs us we should receive them by the start of Term 2. Navy blue shorts will also arrive for the start of Term 2.

Due to the late delivery of jumpers, Mr Coniglio has advised us that students are permitted to wear their tracksuit jackets until the new jumpers arrive.

In relation to outstanding online orders, these will be filled and sent to the classrooms as soon as stock arrives.

Any further queries please visit us at the uniform shop during opening hours: Tues & Wed 8:30 am – 9:00 am. You can also contact us if you cannot make those times and we will be happy, where convenient, to meet you out of uniform shop hours. Tracey: 0418 937 151 / Kelly: 0428 282 039.

Position Vacant: Cleaner Temporary till 31 December 2015

This is a temporary part time position commencing Term 2, 4 May 2015 until the end of the year 31 December 2015.

Hours of work are 5 hours per day 5 days a week, either before or after school.

The position may be shared between two people at the Principal’s discretion.

Applicants must be fully supportive of the objectives and ethos of Catholic Education.

Applicants must submit a Curriculum Vitae, addressed to the Principal, including the names and contact numbers of three referees. A Crimtrac / 100 point identification check must be included along with a current Working with Children check.

 Closing date is Friday 17 April 2015
Applications can be sent to
Mary’s Mount Primary School
47 Davies Crescent
GOOSEBERRY HILL WA 6076
admin@mmps.wa.edu.au
Wow! Term 1 has flown by! We would like to say thank you to the school community for your support of the P&F during this busy term!

Thank you for supporting Breakfast in the Park, Hot Cross Bun Fundraising, Easter Raffle and Footy Tipping. It has been greatly appreciated!

We look forward to term two with our annual Lapathon event set to take place on Friday 8 May for students in PP-Yr6. For safety reasons, the Kindy students will participate in the Kindy Obstacle-A-Thon on Monday 4 May. All students from Kindy to Yr 6 will receive a complimentary sausage sizzle lunch on Friday 8 May to say thank you for their efforts. We will require parent help on Friday 8 May to assist in marking the students cards as they run laps past their faction flag. If you are able to assist please contact pfmarysmount@gmail.com at your earliest convenience.

We wish you a safe and happy Easter! Enjoy the holiday break!

Email: pfmarysmount@gmail.com

P&F Easter Raffle
Congratulations to our winners this year!
1st Prize Sarah Dale
2nd Prize Ava McDougall
3rd Prize Brayden Sanderson
4th Prize Kennedy Family
5th Prize Layla Barnes

All proceeds benefit the children of Mary’s Mount Primary School

Thank you Whistlers Chocolate Company for donating the prizes for this year Easter Raffle.

Canteen News
We would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter break and look forward to welcoming you all in Term 2.

We are very excited to be offering new specials so please keep an eye out for them in the canteen, if you have a new recipe or great ideas let us know.

A permanent new addition to SPECIALS items for Term 2 will be:

**Baked Potatoes with Baked beans $4,**

But, as usual, we cannot do all these things without the help of volunteers. Please let Lourdes know if you can help even if it is only one hour after drop off.

A huge **thank you** to the canteen team and all the lovely volunteers for their hard work and to all families for your support.

*Cathy Audino Canteen Manager*
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* If you are unable to make your rostered day, please arrange a substitute or swap please email Lourdes on Lourdes.benedictos@gmail.com with the details.
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Thank you to these businesses for supporting our school. If you would like to advertise here please contact the school office.

KANYANA WILDLIFE
Listen to a story, participate in craft, play a game, meet some animals and explore our Discovery Centre

30am-12pm: 4-7 year olds must remain
1-3pm: 8-12 years

Monday 13th April
Wednesday 15th April
Friday 17th April
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