FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all were able to enjoy a restful and enjoyable break with your children.

This term as you are aware will be a longer term than usual with 11 weeks seeing it go through to the 3rd of July. With Sacraments, Mary’s Mount Week, Cross Country, Year 6 Canberra/ Sydney Tour, NAPLAN and many other events we can see how busy it will be. As usual before we know it, it will be the end of term, however, in between we will have lots of fun and lots of work will be carried out. I, as always, ask all our school community to maintain their support of the school.

ANZAC DAY

As you are aware, last Friday we celebrated a very special ANZAC service in the school quadrangle. We were fortunate to have Mr Colin Jobling from the Kalamunda RSL attend the assembly along with Father Greg, and a bugler, Matthew Knight, from Mazenod College who played the Last Post and Rouse for us. Matthew was magnificent and added to the reverence of the whole assembly. I would like to thank Mazenod College for allowing Matthew to participate in our service. Our students’ behavior was outstanding throughout the duration of the service. I would also like to thank our school leaders, Sana Feast, Maddison North, Brady Rafferty and Mason Houlahan who represented our school at the Kalamunda Dawn Service on Saturday morning. We were very proud of the students who laid a wreath on behalf of our school community. Many thanks to the parents of these students for the early morning start too!!! Please see further in the newsletter for another example of the wonderful poems written by our Year 6 students.

NEW LUNCH INITIATIVE

This week we have commenced a new process for our lunch times. The students will be going straight to play when the lunch bell sounds, 12.40pm, and then coming in at 1.05pm to eat their lunch before going back into class at 1.20pm. We have seen this being a huge success at a few other schools and asked/surveyed the students for their thoughts. We had 95% of the students who wanted to trial the new initiative. This allows the students to settle down after playing, go to the toilets and wash their hands before going into class They will also be settled going into class rather than rushing around.

HOMEWORK CLUB

By now you will all be aware that Homework club has changed slightly this year. After great discussion with the teachers, Homework Club will now be held in individual classrooms. If you have not been notified as yet, please see your child’s class teacher.

BUSY BEE

PLEASE KEEP SATURDAY 16 MAY FREE. WE WILL BE HOLDING A BUSY BEE IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. THE MAIN FOCUS FOR THIS BUSY BEE WILL BE MAINLY IN THE GARDENS. MORE NEWS ON THIS WILL FOLLOW IN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO. THE BUSY BEE WILL RUN FROM 8.00AM—11.30AM. IF YOU HAVE SOME SPARE TIME WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE.
FAREWELL ASSEMBLY
Next Wednesday 6 May our Year 2 class will be holding their assembly in the hall commencing at 9.00am. This assembly will be a very special assembly devoted to Assunta and Michael Giovanazzo who will be retiring as our cleaners after 49 and 25 years service respectfully. I would like to invite all our school community to this assembly and farewell this amazing and much loved couple. There will also be a morning tea following assembly.

PARENT VOLUNTEER SUPPORT GROUP
By now you should have received a flyer advertising for parent volunteers in the classrooms. This will be for support in Numeracy and Literacy. We will be running a workshop next week, Tuesday 5 May from 9.10am—9.40am for these volunteers. This will be held in the Multi Purpose Room.
I encourage you to please support this initiative if you can. Even if you only have 20min to spare!

MOTHER’S DAY LITURGY
On Friday 8 May we will be celebrating a special Mother’s Day Liturgy in the Hall commencing at 9.00am. More information will be sent home soon by our committee for this event. Please note that straight after the Liturgy we will be holding our annual Lapathon on the oval. We ask all mothers and grandmothers to stay for the Lapathon and then invite you all for morning tea in the hall commencing at 10.30am.

NEW BUS STOP
Last week our new bus stop was repositioned to the corner of Davies Crescent and College Road. This now allows us to have a few more car parks for families to use along Davies Crescent.
I would ask parents to be vigilant of where you park in the afternoons to pick up your child. Please do not park across the road and then ask your child to come to the car. This is a very dangerous practice. Also be aware not to park across neighbour’s driveways, please. Thank you for your support in this matter.

CONGRATULATIONS
On behalf of our school community I would like to extend our warm and best wishes to Sarah Correia who will be celebrating her wedding day tomorrow. Sarah, we wish you and David God’s blessings and best wishes for a ‘happy ever after life together’.

Sincerely Yours
Sandro Coniglio
Principal

A Message from The Board
Welcome back to all our school community.
This term we will be holding our first Busy Bee for the school on Saturday 16 May. This will commence at 8.00am and we will look to conclude at approximately by 11.30am. If you have any time spare through the morning please come along and give a hand. We will be focusing on the school gardens for this Busy Bee. I look forward to your support in this and other events that will be held throughout the term within the school.

Sincerely Yours
Simon Di Rosso
School Board Chairperson

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!!!
When you choose to forgive those who hurt you,
you take away their power.

We invite you to fill out a nomination form if you have witnessed any person within the Mary’s Mount Primary School Community demonstrating an act of excellence in any of the areas of LEAD.
Anyone within our school community can nominate, students, parents, care givers or staff.
Nomination forms can be filled out and returned to the front office. All nominations received will be considered for a LEAD Award.
YEAR 6 ANZAC POEMS

Congratulations to the Year 6 students on the wonderful poems they wrote depicting their impressions of the war. Please see below an example of their fantastic work.

HIS WORLD WENT SILENT

It was his very first day at war,
In the Australian Defence Force Core.
He was hit by a bullet, that went straight through his heart,
He knew he had a role to play, but this was not his part.

The most horrible words could never describe,
The gut wrenching feeling he felt inside.
The pain and the hurt felt so intense,
His life hung in the balance, his world was in suspense.

He thought of home, tears ran down his face,
“Here I am, stuck in this place.”
“What have I done?” his thoughts turned to his wife,
“Oh please let her be okay” he thought, as he clung to his life.

His heart was barely pumping, as he lay on the ground,
He thought of the love of his life that he had found.
“I wasn’t supposed to go, I wasn’t supposed to be here,”
He loved her so deeply, that was now clear.

He heard his friends shouting, “COME ON LETS GO”
He wanted to get up, but couldn't and shouted “NO”
He lay there like a statue and memories came to his mind,
When his mates came back for him what would they find.

He really could not hide what he was thinking,
He heard a BOOM, he couldn’t stop blinking.
Would this be his final chime,
Or would he see his wife one last time.

Thoughts were running through his head,
It was inevitable, he would soon be dead.
Then something happened, something violent,
He was shot again, and his world went silent.

Written by Sana Feast
Mary’s Mount Volunteer Workshop
We invite all parents to come along to the Volunteer’s Parent Workshop.
When: Tuesday 5 May
Time: 9:10-9:40am
Where: Multi-Purpose Room

We are looking for parents who are able to work with individuals or small groups of children within our Kindy to Year 6 classes. We will inform you of the types of literacy and numeracy activities you may be asked to assist with and other important information you will need to know when helping in the classrooms.

Thank you for your support with this initiative. We hope to see you there!

Kind regards
Jasmine O’Brien and Nicole Smith
Literal and Numeracy Co-ordinators

SPORT NEWS

It’s cross country running term again and the children are all primed and ready to do their best. There will be a note about the upcoming carnival coming home with the children shortly.

There will be early morning practice for children in Years 3 – 6 if they wish to come along and get some extra training in. It will be at 8:15 on Wednesday mornings. A practice session will also be held at lunchtime on Wednesdays at 12:40. Children are invited to attend one or both if they wish. Parents dropping children at school in the morning please be aware that there may be children running down the path on Davies Crescent and around the corner into Noel Road and into the car park near Kindy.

I have received some information regarding a Kids Marathon to be held at Burswood Water Sports Centre on June 14. Entry forms need to be in by May 14. If you would like further information please go to the front office where I have left an entry form and information sheet from which you are welcome to take a copy.

PE Tip for the week -
Parents/carers play a critical role in encouraging children of all ages to adopt a positive attitude towards physical activity. Role modelling an active lifestyle is just as important as giving them the time, space and materials for play. Children learn from watching, listening and imitating what happens around them. If parents/carers are active in their own lives, children will often want to join in or try the same activities. As parents and caregivers, the messages we give to children when they are moving and learning can either develop or harm their self-esteem, so is it important to be mindful of this. Children develop good feelings about themselves when adults say and do positive things while they are being active.

Denise Pollaers  Physical Education

Library News – Book Fair

Our BOOK FAIR is on again starting Wednesday 27 May. The children will view the books on this day and we will then sell books on these dates:

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This year, the theme for the Book Fair is CASTLE – Welcome to our Kingdom of Books! We will be having a dress up day for this on Thursday 28 May so get your costumes ready! We can’t wait to see all the Queens, Kings, Princesses, Princes, Knights, Jesters or anyone from a fairy tale. Please do not go to a lot of expense with the costumes. There will also be a special parade and performance in the Hall on Thursday 28 May at 9.00am.

Librarian, Angela Smith
This Thursday the P&F hosted the Mother’s Day Stall for the students to purchase a gift for their loved ones. Thank you to everyone for your support of the stall! It was a great success! The children were eager to buy their gifts and were so thoughtful and used their beautiful manners!

Next Monday the Kindy students will participate in the Obstacle-A-Thon. The students from PP to Year 6 will participate in the Lapathon on Friday 8 May. Please note the change of time to 9.30am after the Mother’s Day Liturgy. The canteen will be open for recess, however, will be closed for lunch as the P&F will be hosting a free sausage sizzle for students. Please email pfmarysmount@gmail.com if your child has any dietary requirements.

See you on the oval!

Email: pfmarysmount@gmail.com

UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE
SOCKS & TRACK SUITS HAVE ARRIVED
At last the boys grey socks and the sports socks have arrived and are ready for sale. We have also taken delivery of the track suits so we are nearly fully stocked except for the jumpers and ties which we are still waiting on delivery. We will let you know when these arrive.

We apologise for the delay in having these items available but we are at the mercy of the suppliers and unfortunately things have not gone as smoothly as we would have liked.

Regards
Tracey Hischar and Kelly Hilder

The Cottage Playgroup
meets every Monday morning
(of each school term)
in the Cottage at Mary’s Mount Primary School
from 9.00am to 11.00am (after school drop-off)

First session back for Term 2 is Monday 4 May 2015

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).

Email cottageplaygroup@westnet.com.au

If you have any pre-loved, in good condition toys, role-play or outdoor play equipment that require a new home, please let us know. All donations are greatly appreciated.
**Hi to all parents, students and teachers. Welcome back to term 2. I hope it is a safe and happy time for all.**  

Please keep an eye open for all specials in the Canteen, if you have a new recipe or great idea please let me know.  

As you can see on the roster above we still need lots of help. If you can spare any time, even if it is only an hour after drop off please let Lourdes or the school office know.  

A big thank you to the Canteen Term and to all the volunteers for their hard work.  

*Cathy Audino*

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