FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

MARY’S MOUNT WEEK

Next week we celebrate a special event in our school calendar, Mary’s Mount Week. We always celebrate this week at this time because it falls during St Emilie’s Feast Day.

SAINT EMILIE DE VIALAR (1797-1856)

Founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition

Emilie de Vialar. She was born to money in 1797. Her father, a physician in Gaillac, in south-western France, sent her to school in Paris when she was seven years old. Eight years later, he brought her back home after the death of her mother. Emilie’s father wanted her to find a suitable husband, but she had a different goal: to enter religious life and serve God and the poor and marginalized in society. Emilie began this work as a young woman in her father’s home. She delivered medicines, clothing, and hot soup to people in her town. Sometimes she did not even leave home to do this, for people came to her front door. St Emilie and her father argued over their differing visions of her future, but Emilie was focused on the mystery of the Incarnation and its implications for her life. She was determined to serve God in those around her.

In 1832, when she was 35 years old, her grandfather died and left her a large inheritance. She used it to found her order, the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Incarnation, and began with one house and a few sisters. By the time she died, on August 24, 1856, the number of houses had grown to forty, located in Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. These were twenty-four years of service and struggle. For example, St Emilie and some sisters lent aid during the 1835 cholera epidemic in Algeria then commenced missionary work there. St Emilie was bankrupt by 1851 due to mismanagement by her financial advisor. She and her sisters themselves now became like those they sought to help. Fortunately, Eugene de Mazenod, Bishop of Marseilles, rescued them and enabled them build up the order again.

Pope Pius XII beatified the Emilie in 1939 and canonized her in 1951. Today the sisters of the order continue the good work that Emilie commenced. Among other things, they participate in foreign missions, provide nursing services to the sick, visit the bereaved, take the Eucharist to the sick, instruct converts, and offer psychological counselling.

On Wednesday 17 June, we have a special mass to celebrate St Emilie’s Feast Day commencing at 9.00am. This will follow with a grandparents morning tea in the hall as we do every year. Mrs Blair will be holding historic tours of the school throughout the week. As you are aware, parents are invited join onto their child’s tour as well. For more information see Mr Payne’s section in this newsletter.

LIFELINK

Over the next few weeks and in particular next week we will also place focus on the Archbishop’s Lifelink Appeal. This is one of our major Social Justice events for the year. I invite parents to spend 5min listening to the Archbishop’s message in relation to Lifelink. You can find this on our school website under Upcoming Events. Follow the links from there. As part of this we will have our senior students shaking cans throughout the week so please bring along any loose coinage you may have and give to this very worthy charity. Thank you!
A Message from The Board

Dear School Community,

We have recently installed covers for the air conditioning outside the staff room and Early Learning classes. This is a safety requirement and also hides the equipment making it look a lot neater.

Sincerely Yours,

Simon Di Rosso,
School Board Chairperson
Mary’s Mount Primary School has registered for The West Australian Schools’ Wish List competition. This means we need your help to collect coupons.

So ask your parents, grandparents and neighbours—or anyone who has a newspaper—for their coupon and drop them into the box into the school office.

We could win some cash for our school!

Mary’s Mount Week Activities
Mon 15 June—Fri 19 June

**MONDAY**
- 12.00pm Year 5 History Tour
- 1.20pm Year 4 History Tour
- 2.10pm Year 3 History Tour

**TUESDAY**
- 2.00pm PP History Tour

**WEDNESDAY**
- 9.00am St Emilie’s Mass in St Joseph Hall—parents, grandparents and family invited
- 10.10am Grandparent’s Morning Tea in St Joseph Hall / Classrooms open for Grandparents to visit

**THURSDAY**
- 11.10am Year 6 History Tour
- 11.50am Year 1 History Tour
- 1.20pm Year 2 History Tour

**FRIDAY**
- LifeLink Day Gold coin Donation. Free dress & Crazy Hair.

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Award for Excellence
**Term 2**

A well-deserved “congratulations” goes to Logan Witt this week in Year 5 for demonstrating an act of excellence in the LEAD area of Discipleship.

Fantastic, and well done Logan!

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Celebrating 94 Years
Be sure to also check out the Mary’s Mount display in the office!
Look Closer – The Kingdom of God

Jesus reminds us that every little act of kindness, love and caring (like a mustard seed) grows into a greater presence of God in our world.

Share it: As a family, discuss what small act of kindness you did this past week.

Prayer Space

Symbol: Seedling

We give thanks, Lord God. In you we are planted. Grow our faith. Amen

Did You Know?

Have you noticed that our Church and Chapel are full of ‘things’: bells, incense, candles, holy water...? Our faith, Catholicism is a very ‘earthly’ religion. In becoming human through Jesus, God has shown us that material realities are not to be scorned but embraced as part of our loving response to Him. While we know that no ‘thing’ can truly capture the presence of God, we also recognise that people need to express themselves in a human way.

Reconciliation

Our first group of Year 3 students received their first Reconciliation last Saturday night. It was also fantastic to see some of the parents participate in this special Sacrament on the night, what wonderful modelling for your children. Fr. Greg also wanted to thank the few families that stayed for Mass. By attending Mass we take a very active stance in living out our faith. The reason we have a Parish based Sacrament is that it gives the children the opportunity to receive the Sacrament at the Parish they attend and also to give our parents the opportunity to attend Mass immediately after Reconciliation. We encourage all students making their Reconciliation and their families over the next two Saturdays to stay for the Mass and join in with the celebration.

There is an enormous amount of time and effort that goes into preparing students for a sacrament. Miss West has worked tirelessly with Fr. Greg and the Parish to ensure that the children are reverently prepared to receive this most beautiful sacrament. Thank you to Miss West for the dedication and guidance you give to your students.

Please note, Reconciliation certificates will be given out on Saturday, 27 June at the 6pm Mass or Sunday, 28 June at the 9am Mass.

Congratulations!

On behalf of the school community we would like to congratulate Paola Tekeyan (Year 5) on receiving her First Reconciliation and First Eucharist on Saturday night.

Confirmation Parent Workshop

On Tuesday, the 23 June at 7pm Fr. Greg will be presenting an information workshop on the Sacrament of Confirmation for all parents of children receiving this Sacrament. Please note, there will be a light supper served at 6:30pm for us to gather before the workshop.
Mary’s Mount Catholic Identity

Altar Serving
Attached to this week’s Newsletter is a note regarding Altar Serving. We encourage all students in Year 4 or above wanting to become an Altar Server to read the note and return the slip to their class teacher by Friday, 26 June.

LifeLink – Crazy Hair Day & Free Dress
All students are invited to bring in a gold coin donation and style their hair (or wear a wig) and wear free dress for the Archbishop’s LIFELINK appeal on Friday 19th June. LifeLink helps thirteen agencies in Western Australia so the money raised goes back into our own community. They help families who are less fortunate than us.

On our CRAZY HAIR / FREE DRESS day each class will “link up” by making paper chains to show our support and solidarity for the people we will be helping. Also, in the coming weeks all families will receive the annual LifeLink envelopes to make their own personal donations to this worthy cause. If you are able to make a personal donation from your family or extended families, I know this would be greatly appreciated by the LifeLink agencies. As well as this, the Year 6 students will be shaking cans over the next few weeks before school. If you have any spare change, please donate to this very worthy appeal.

You are invited to visit the website at www.lifelink.com.au to find out about the agencies which are funded by LifeLink or head to our school website to watch a short presentation from Archbishop Costello.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity. We cannot wait to see the crazy hairstyles!

Whole School Mass – St Emilie’s Feast Day
All families, especially Grandparents, are invited to attend our whole school Mass on Wednesday, 17 June at 9am in our St Joseph’s Hall to celebrate the feast of St Emilie. All Grandparents are then welcome to stay for a special morning tea.

Puzzle
In the first reading at the weekend’s Mass, the Lord says something to Ezekial. Use the following words to find out what it was!

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Clinton Payne
Assistant Principal
INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

On the morning of Friday 5 June 40 excited children and 2 intrepid teachers (Miss Smith and Mrs Pollaers) boarded the bus and headed to Good Shepherd School in Kelmscott. The atmosphere was buzzing and everyone was positive – and a little nervous. I suggested the children calm down and think – about winning I I guess all that noisy chatter was actually them thinking – about winning – because that’s exactly what they did. And very convincingly at that!!

I was so excited as our runners continually came in near the front of their group race. Each runner put in their very best effort and I was so very proud of them all. It was wonderful to see our children cheer on their team mates and run to meet them and congratulate them on their run.

We had many medal winners on the day whom we congratulate!

- Lachlan Scanlan 1st Year 3 boys
- James Thornton 2nd Year 3 boys
- Isabella Haines 2nd Year 3 girls
- Brooklyn North 3rd Year 3 girls
- Harry Basioli 1st Year 4 boys
- Sienna Baines-Baker 1st Year 5 girls
- Georgia Hischar 1st Year 6 girls
- Elle Hilder 2nd Year 6 girls

A big thank you to the mums who helped out as track marshals and in our bay – Mrs Shanahan, Mrs Hilder, Mrs Pilatti, Mrs Basioli and Mrs Echeverria.

What a day! What a team! What a win!

Mrs Pollaers

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

1st - Walsh 459 points
2nd - Fraser 465 points
3rd - Nicholson 508 points
4th - McKenna 511 points

Congratulations to all Certificate Recipients and Walsh.
Dear Parents and Families,
Thank you for taking the time to complete our P&F Survey recently. We have collated the results and will be discussing them at the next P&F meeting.

Thank you for all of the Lapathon money that has come in. We raised a total of $4,700 which will be put towards some more additions to our Adventure Playground. Below are some photos from Lapathon presentations at assembly. If you still have Lapathon money at home, it isn’t too late. Please bring it into the school office.

The next P&F meeting is on Tues 23 June at 9.10am in our new Learning Hub. Sarah Williams will be showing us the new facilities, so please come along to have a look. Agenda items for this meeting need to be submitted by 12 noon Friday 19 June.

P&F Committee

Email: pfmarysmount@gmail.com

Vegie Garden Update

Thank you to everyone who purchased on our Market Day this week. The money raised from the sale of items from our garden is put back into seedlings and fertilizer for future crops. Keep an eye out for more days like this as we have produce ready for harvesting.

A special thank you also to the Kalamunda Shire for the donation of some strawberry plants to replenish our garden beds. We are always on the lookout for seeds, seedlings etc so be sure to let us know if you spot any bargains or offers.

Denise Oorschot
Please contact the Canteen on a Monday or Friday if you are able to help out on any days for the remainder of this term. Even 1 or 2 hours will be greatly appreciated and you will be warmly welcomed.

The Canteen Team

Let’s Increase Our Battery Total!
At Mary’s Mount Primary School our old and used batteries are being collected and weighed this month. Let’s give our battery weight a boost by bringing to school any old dry cell batteries you may have at home.
The main collection bin can be found in the front office or small collection tubs are in each of our classrooms.

Thank you for your continuing support and for helping to ensure a cleaner environment for everyone.

Collection Date: Monday 22 June

Mary’s Mount P&F Footy Tipping 2015

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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 each Monday on the P&F notice board located outside the school library.
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