FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

RECONCILIATION

Over the last few weeks our Year 3 students have been preparing for their Sacrament of Reconciliation. Last week they participated in a beautiful retreat held here at school along with the catechist children. Many thanks to Miss West, Anna Van Eck and Jo Doyle for organising the day for the children. I ask all our school community to please keep these students in our prayers over the next few weeks as they receive this very important Sacrament over the next few weeks.

PARENT NOTES

I would like to start this newsletter thanking those parents who have refrained from parking across the road along Davies Cr at drop-off and pick-up times. However, we still have some parents parking along this area and still asking their children to cross the road to the car. I have seen many near misses in other schools and unfortunately I have also seen a child being hit by a car when this practice continued to be carried out. Therefore, I ask you again, for the safety of your children and our children to please park on the school side of Davies Cr.

Over the last two weeks I have received two anonymous letters from (I presume) someone within our school community. Unfortunately I cannot reply to these letters because they are not signed, therefore I really cannot take action on the issues in the letters. I urge all our parents to please come and see their Teacher, the Assistant Principal, the Principal, the Admin Officers, the netball coach, the dance teachers or who ever, if you ever have a query. This is the same when I or staff speak with members of our community who say that, ‘lot’s of people are saying this...’ or ‘everyone thinks...’. The problem then becomes ‘who are these other parents and why don’t they come forward?’.

Again, we can only act on the one person bringing up a point.

Although the issues that have come through these letters are not severe, it is disappointing that members of our community cannot come in and talk. This is the way a community creates a trusting and functioning environment. Our doors are always open!

MANY THANKS

I would like to thank our P&F Committee for the purchase of new educational games for the children. These games are stored in the hall for extreme weather conditions when the children are in the hall throughout recess and lunch.

MAGGIE DENT

While watching the news the other evening I was interested to see that Maggie Dent was featured on a section that dealt with boy’s behaviour. Maggie was making reference to the alarming increase of boys’ behaviour on an international scale and how it has degenerated over the last few years.

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A Message from The Board

You may have noticed the new Chapel doors that were installed this week. Thank You to Fraser North for the workmanship and the P&F for the funds to do this as was committed to in 2013.

Fraser North has also been working on the adventure playground and sealed the decking that was erected at last year’s busy bee to ensure our new play area is around for many years to come.

In addition, last week Sandro Coniglio and Mr Harris (our Groundsman) spent some hours in the Cottage giving it a new coat of paint and freshen up. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

Simon Di Rosso, School Board Chairperson

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Maggie was also stating that parents from an early age need to take more control of their children. Useful hints for parents that I managed to take down were:

Maggie’s tips for parents dealing with boys:
1. Know that you’re going to make mistakes and be realistic;
2. Don’t over police or control;
3. Love your kids unconditionally;
4. Relax and give them freedom; and
5. Lighten–up.

READING ALOUD AT HOME

Some interesting facts on Reading that I found through some recent research which I would like to share with you says that; more than half of children aged 0–5 (54%) are read aloud to at home 5–7 days a week. This declines to only one in three kids aged 6–8 (34%) and to one in six kids aged 9–11 (17%); four in 10 children aged 6–11 who were read books aloud at home (40%) say they wished their parents had continued reading aloud to them.

When it comes to being read aloud to at home, more than eight in 10 children (83%) across age groups say they love(d) or like(d) it a lot—the main reason being it was a special time with parents.

CHAPEL DOORS AND ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Many thanks again to our P&F for our new Chapel Doors. This is the final stage of our Chapel renovations which began with our P&F in 2013. Many thanks to the past committee and current committee. We have also sealed the decking in the Adventure Playground. This is so that we do not have the wood starting to splint in future years.

PARENT HELPERS

Parent volunteers are such a major part of our school!

Many thanks to our Kindy mums; Sarah Griffiths, Natalie O’Brien, Marina Raschella , Elsia Silvestri for making resources for our ECE classes. Also a big thank you to those parents who volunteered to help out in classes on parent rosters. The roster commenced this week and classes were buzzing with learning. Thank you to you all!

Please continue to keep all those in need or ill at the current time in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely Yours,

Sandro Coniglio

CONGRATULATIONS

to

Marcus Menara

who placed First in the Under 10’s sparring Taekwondo tournament last weekend.

Well done Marcus!

Don’t forget to let the office know of any special achievements by our students.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT!!!

We can observe the Fourth Commandment by loving visits to our aging grandparents.

Pope Francis
The Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who dressed up yesterday! It was fantastic to see so many kings, queens, princesses, some knights, dragons and many more great costumes.

A special thank you to our wonderful actors who came and performed Cinderella! It was a very lively performance and they were so good, we are considering asking them back later in the year for a different performance. The step sisters were a particular standout!

The book fair is open today after school as well as Wednesday and Thursday next week—before and after school—so don’t forget to drop by and have a look at the huge selection of books. There are books for all levels of readers and interest.

Proceeds raised from the book fair are used to purchase more books for our library, so it is a great event and opportunity to support our school resources.

Happy Reading!!

Angela Smith

Collect Coupons for Mary’s Mount Primary School and we could WIN!

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!
**CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

What a day !!!!! The weather was all we could have asked for and the children's efforts were sensational.

The K-2 carnival started our day off very well. The juniors ran their little hearts out and their faces were all smiles as they finished and collected their ribbons. Although there were a few small spills and stacks, those children involved picked themselves up, brushed themselves off and continued their race. Children from the older classes lined the track and cheered the runners on their way. A wonderful sense of participation was demonstrated by all our little ones.

The 3-6 carnival in the afternoon proved to be inspirational. Once again, all the children put in their best efforts with over 75% of students recording a personal best time, many of them finding me and letting me know. It was fantastic to be part of their obvious delight in their achievement. A couple of spills and one 'Cinderella incident' did not deter competitors from pushing themselves to show how much they had improved over the term.

The children cheered along and encouraged both their classmates and children from other year levels, a sign of the wonderful support the children have for one another.

I was extremely proud of all the children and my cheeks were aching by the end of the afternoon from smiling so much :)

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to the wonderful mums who helped me at both of the carnivals. I appreciate your help very much.

The winning faction will be announced and certificates presented to winning students from each faction in Years 3-6 at the assembly on Wednesday 10 June.

I have chosen a squad to represent Mary’s Mount Primary School at the Interschool Cross Country Carnival to be held next Friday 5 June and these children will bring a note home with them today.

Denise Pollaers

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**VEGIE GARDEN UPDATE**

Our Year 6’s and Year 4’s have been extremely busy in the garden this past week. We have planted:

- Peas
- Potatoes
- Beans
- Silver beet
- Lettuces
- Flowers
- Carrots

Many thanks to Dawson's Nursery Forrestfield for providing all our seedlings and to Bunnings Kalamunda for the donation of manure to replenish our garden beds. A special thank you to our volunteers for their hard work.

Denise Oorschot
At this week’s assembly the students were presented with new board games for the wet weather season and new dress up costumes for the early years.

These items were purchased from the profit that was made from the Mothers Day Stall. We would like to extend our thanks to Toyworld Midland for providing us with a generous discount when purchasing the games! Thank you!

Thank you to the parents who have completed the online P&F survey. Your feedback will now be collated and presented at the next P&F meeting.

Thank you for your time, it is much appreciated.

P&F Committee

Email: pfmarysmount@gmail.com
## Canteen Roster Term 2, 2015

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*If you are unable to make your roster day, please arrange a substitute or swap and email Lourdes on lourdes.beneditos@gmail.com*

From The Canteen Team

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## Mary’s Mount P&F Footy Tipping 2015

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**P&F — $1000**

**Prize Money**
- 1st — $750
- 2nd — $350
- 3rd — $200
- 4th — $100

**Sponsors Draw**
- $500

A huge THANK YOU to all the families and businesses for being part of this year’s footy tipping competition!

Congratulations to all our round winners so far this season.

Leader board posted each Monday on the P&F notice board located outside the school library.
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and other handyman work. If you have any to donate, please
bring them to the school office.
Thank you.

Mercedes Reunion : Class of 1976

With the weather being the reason for the cancellation of the Mercedes All class reunion on Sunday 17th May 2015, nothing damped these girls from the Class of 1976 who decided to make the most of the opportunity to catch-up, some not having seen each other for 39 years with drinks and lunch at the Grosvenor Hotel. Memories shared and lots of laughter was had, leading to a decision that the Class of 1976 was a great group and we would love more to recontact to share in the fun.

Plans have commenced for a 40 year reunion of the Class of 1976 to be held in 2016. We are wanting to hear from all from the Class of 1976 (and those who may have left in 1974 who would have graduated in 1976.) Please contact Viv 0422171978 or email vivlemon@yahoo.com.au or mesa@mercedes.wa.edu.au

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