FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

EUCARIST

This Sunday 13 September, our Year 4 class will celebrate a very special occasion in their faith journey. Our students will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist, the most important Sacrament within the Seven Church Sacraments. First Eucharist is a Holy Sacrament by which we as believers eat the Holy Body and drink the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, presented by the Bread and Wine.

While a child’s first Communion is indeed a cause for celebration and should be beautiful and memorable, the true focus of this holy and special day must remain the Sacrament itself as the children are welcomed to the table of the Lord.

As a school community we pray for these children and wish them God’s blessings.

CONFERENCE

Next week I will be away at a national conference as part of the Australian Primary Principal’s Association. I know the fort will be held in good hands with Mr. Payne.

SPEAK UP AWARDS

Congratulations to our three preliminary finalists who represented our school with distinction at the recent rounds of the Speak-Up Awards. Sana Feast, Kiarn Linaker and Mason Houlahan presented beautifully in the competition with fourteen other students. I was so proud of the students’ efforts and their outstanding presentations.

The great news is that we now have Mason going through to the Grand Final this coming Tuesday night, 15 September, with his speech on, ‘A child’s voice in today’s society’. We wish Mason all the best for the final.

FATHER’S DAY MASS

Our Father’s Day Mass last Friday was again very well attended. My thanks to all those who were able to attend and continue our close community spirit at Mary’s Mount. Many thanks also to Father Suresh who had to wake up a little earlier to celebrate Mass for us. We had a small committee of staff who organised and prepared the refreshments after Mass and with the kind donation from Liz Appleby at Baker’s Delight we were also able to enjoy some beautiful pastries with our coffee and tea. Many thanks to you all for your hard work.

P&F EVENING

What a great night we had on Saturday 29 August at our Hoe Down! Congratulations to our P&F and their helpers for organising a fantastic evening of fun and dance. Clint Eastwood along with Wyatt Earp were also in attendance. My back is just getting better after an awesome time on the bucking bull. Mr. Payne, although, seems to be okay! Wonder why?

Thank you to those who were able to attend the event and create a fun atmosphere. The band was a hit and the roast was magnificent.

‘COME AND EAT…’

DON’T FORGET BUSY BEE SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

CHRIST + WISDOM + COMMUNITY + TRADITION + RESPONSIBILITY

LEAD ENGAGEMENT

How will I build stronger relationships today?
BUSY BEE

A reminder to our parents that we have a ‘Many Hands Needed Busy Bee’ coming up next term on 31 October. Please keep a few hours free in the morning.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Over the last two weeks we have held the longest carnival in history. We commenced the carnival on Friday 28 August and finished it on Wednesday 2 September. Congratulations to all our students for again, competing with such great sportsmanship as always. I know the first day was dampened by rain but you were all so resilient. Many thanks to the parents and grandparents who turned out in great numbers on both days to support the children. Many thanks again to Mrs Pollaers for her organisation and preparation along with Mr Harris.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT FOR 2016

As you already know Mrs Williams is on maternity leave and therefore we have had to advertise for a new Assistant Principal to replace her in 2016.

We held interviews on 3 September and have been fortunate enough to be able to offer the position to Mrs Loretta Hackner. Loretta has accepted the position and will commence in 2016. Loretta has 20+ years experience in Catholic education and we look forward to welcoming her to the Mary’s Mount Primary School Community in 2016.

READING

At a recent staff meeting we had a very fruitful discussion on our students’ reading progress to date. Every teacher was asked to talk at length and discuss their class’ progress. It seems that we have a great number of students working extremely hard and moving along from level to level with big gains at times. This is also a credit to our parent volunteers who come in weekly and help students with their reading. These discussions that we have as teachers also help us to understand that we all take ownership of the students’ reading. I ask parents to please keep in mind that reading should be carried out every night at home. Please do not see it as homework. Reading should be seen as an enjoyable pass time for the children. Once they get into this good habit it will remain with them, however, we as parents need to drive this. Also I encourage ALL parents to please see the importance of listening to your child read every night or if that is unachievable, every second night. This is also the case for our more senior students who are reading novels. Children still need someone to listen to them read.

Sincerely Yours,
Sandro Coniglio
Principal

THE GREAT AUSSIE
CRUNCH AND SIP

On Monday 14 September we will be taking part in the Great Aussie Crunch for Fruit and Veg month.

Please encourage your children to bring in a piece of fruit or some fresh veggies and we will all meet in the Hall at 10:40am so we can have our Crunch & Sip together.

Don’t forget your own fruit or veg!

We can win some great prizes for our school just by participating in something we do every day (Crunch & Sip).

Jo DeBarro
Coordinator

NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

Last week we celebrated National Literacy and Numeracy Week.

On Friday we celebrated the importance of literacy and numeracy with a number of activities throughout the day. The Great Book Swap was a success and we all enjoyed the Book Week incursion in the afternoon.

We met with our buddy class to read together during the day and we also investigated patterns in mathematics by creating a tessellation. What a fun-filled day!

Jasmine O’Brien
Literacy Co-Ordinator
Look Closer
Living Faith. In this weekend’s second reading St Paul challenges the believers to demonstrate their faith through good deeds. A living faith will foster a yearning to do acts of kindness and care for others.

Prayer Space
Symbol: Living Faith Beads
Lord Jesus,
You love us so much that you died for us. Give us living faith.
Amen

Family Activity
In the spirit of St Therese of Lisieux, make a set of living faith beads to remind you to do 10 kind deeds daily. Thread 10 beads on a string, leaving space to slide the beads. Carry it in your pocket and for every kind deed, move a bead to the other end.

Did You Know?
St Robert Bellarmine was a bishop with an unusual job title; he was the ‘Master of Controversial Questions’. He presided over the first trial of the famous scientist Galileo Galilei. St Robert answered those controversial questions so well that he became a Doctor of the Church.

First Eucharist
This Sunday our Year 4 students along with some Parish students will make their First Eucharist. This is such an important day in our students’ faith development. As a community we pray that they will be open to the guidance of Jesus who helps us to become closer to God in our everyday lives.

All First Communicants are encouraged to attend a weekend Mass the following week to receive their First Eucharist certificate. All students are invited to wear their special First Eucharist clothes to these Masses.

The Second Undemanded Mile
One of the websites I visit regularly is a website called GIVEMORE.COM. This website provides you with motivation to act and think more positively in your life.

One of the motivational quotes that really stood out to me over the last few days is the one I have included here, about going the ‘second undemanded mile’. I have had the privilege of witnessing this at school a number of times.

The first instance that comes to mind is our beautiful Pre Primary assembly. Many of you would be aware that we have had many students away from that class due to illness. As you can imagine this caused Miss O’Brien and Mrs Henderson some extra stress! Not only did they have an assembly but also their performance at Carnevale. What the Pre Primary students showed us though, is their willingness to go that undemanded mile. The way students stepped up and took on readings on the day without practising, something even as adults we would find difficult to do. Even when it came to ‘swinging their partner’ during the song, the students whose partners were away just got on with it. The joy on their faces made that not only beautiful to watch, but also motivating to us!
Mary’s Mount Catholic Identity

As for our staff here at Mary’s Mount, they go the undemanded mile regularly. Recently we had a number of staff away also due to illness. One of the ‘lucky’ jobs I get to do is look for relief staff to carry out the daily duties of staff away. Sometimes this can be very easy, but others, like Monday night, can be a real struggle. That night it felt like I made 1000 calls, all of which were unsuccessful. My last resort was to ring our staff and ask if we can make changes to their normal roles to help cover staff away. All staff agreed. What was a very daunting situation became very affirming as our staff just got on with it. Again, it is going that extra undemanded mile.

As Jesus reminds us, if we want to thrive, then let’s look for the second undemanded miles in our life. They are opportunities that are missed if we sit back and do not step up. Stepping up takes courage, but there is no better place than here to do it. There is so much goodness in our school and parish. We should not focus on the things that hold us back from serving and being there for others, this can only bring us down. We can deal with those separately.

Keep the pillars and traditions of our school clear in your thoughts and minds within your daily lives. Travel that second undemanded mile and take the opportunity to serve others. You will be so proud of yourself and those around you doing it.

Wishing you a blessed fortnight.

Clinton Payne
Assistant Principal

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where the Sticker Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week, please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they may be stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!

TALLY TO DATE: 14,520 STICKERS - PLEASE BRING YOUR STICKERS INTO THE OFFICE BY MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER SO THEY CAN BE SUBMITTED TO WOOLIES

Uniform Shop

Please come to the Uniform Shop before the end of term to see our new school hats. The hats are reversible with the colour of your child’s faction on the inside – Price: $12.00.

Next term is summer uniform. Please come and visit us early to stock up on any summer uniform items you are in need of.

Tracey & Kelly
Dear Parents and Families,

The Wild West Hoedown went off without a hitch on Saturday 30 August! Many thanks to our wonderful MC Jarrod Avila for keeping the crowd entertained and informed throughout the night! Thank you to Adrian Martin for hosting a friendly game of ‘Heads and Tails’ to kick the night off. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal and sweet treats while listening to the tunes of the Wesley Goodlet Jambouree Scouts and were kept entertained by those who dared to try their luck on the Bucking Bull. The longest rider managed to stay on for 58 seconds! Congratulations to the raffle winners who walked away with prizes donated by The Good Guys Midland - Silvestri Family, Cellarbrations Superstore and Whistlers Chocolate Company - Sargeant Family. Many thanks to all who attended and supported the school and P&F. Thank you to the businesses within our school community and the local community for your time, donations and support, it is much appreciated.

The school disco is scheduled for Thursday 24 September which is the last day of this term. The theme is Hollywood! Entry fee is $5.00 which includes water and popcorn. Please order tickets via the order form sent home if your child wishes to attend.

Please note the Annual Art Show is now scheduled for Friday 20 November.

P&F Committee
HELP IS NEEDED!!! I AM STILL IN NEED OF 2 HELPERS FOR MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Firstly I would like to thank all my helpers. Unfortunately due to the large number of sick children and parents, lots of my helpers have been unable to come and help on the day they have committed to. It was with regret that the Canteen had to be closed today, however the decision needed to be made early enough so I could organise my ordering.

I WOULD HATE FOR THE CANTEEN TO HAVE TO CLOSE AGAIN ON MONDAY SO PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING OUT, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME, SO THAT WE CAN KEEP THE CANTEEN OPEN. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE PHONE ME ON 0418 927 177 OR 9454 5686.

Thanks again to everyone for your support and help.

Shirley Shaw

Faction Athletics Carnival News

After having to abandon the Athletics carnival on Friday 28 August due to the rain, we were able to complete the remainder of the program in much better weather on the following Wednesday. Much fun was had on both days and the children all behaved beautifully and supported their team mates with great gusto. The children all tried their hardest and displayed wonderful sportsmanship.

I extend my thanks to all the parents who helped out on the Friday, especially when the rain came down and they all pitched in to help pack up. Thank-you.

The final results were extremely close with McKenna finishing the day as the overall winning faction.

- Fraser - 795 points
- Nicholson - 900 points
- Walsh - 1011 points
- McKenna - 1016 points

Nicholson was awarded the Team Spirit Trophy for their wonderful cheering and encouragement for their team mates.

The Interschool Athletics Carnival is to be held at Matthew Gibney Primary School on Friday September 18. The children who have been chosen to represent Mary's Mount will have received a note yesterday.

Denise Pollaers
Physical Education Specialist
## Congratulations to the 2015 Footy Tipping Winners!

1st $750 to Fatty  
2nd $350 to The Shanahans  
3rd $200 to Sando  
4th $100 to Lisa & Carlos  

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

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MAZENOD COLLEGE

ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 7 2018

Important Message to Prospective Parents

Applications for the Year 7, 2018 enrolment intake closes in Term 4 on FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2015.

Enrolments are invited for students entering the College in 2018 and beyond. As Mazenod College conducts interviews two years prior to prospective students’ commencement year, it is imperative that parents make application to enrol their son/s to avoid the disappointment of not being offered an interview.

For more information, please contact Mrs Lyn McDonald on 9291 1532 or mcdonald.lyn@mazenod.wa.edu.au

A Presentation by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB

Title: ‘Catholic Schools Today - What is the Point?’
Venue: Thomas More Exhibition Centre, John XXIII College, Mt Claremont
Date: Wednesday 16 September
Time: 7pm-8.30pm
Cost: Free Bookings via TryBooking

RSVP Murray Graham 93830444 or graham.murray@johnxxiii.edu.au

Understanding Stepfamily Relationships

Stepfamilies and blended families operate in a different way to intact biological families. The dynamics of a stepfamily are more complex and there is a need for special understanding and management from both biological and stepparents working together for a healthy stepfamily growth to happen.

In this workshop you will challenge some myths about stepfamilies:
- find out what has proven to be helpful and unhelpful
- learn how to grow a strong and loving couple relationship
- learn how to manage discipline and understand the needs of the children
- have an opportunity to address particular issues within the group

WEST LEEDERVILLE
22 Southport Street, cnr Cambridge Street
Friday/Saturday/Sunday
11 12 13 September
20 21 22 November 2015

Times: Friday 6.30-9.00pm / Saturday 1.00-5.30pm
Sunday 10.00am-1.00pm

Fee: $75 per person/$120 per couple
Places are limited so book now on 9489 6322
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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.

Bakers Delight Dough Raiser Program

Don’t forget to mention Mary’s Mount Primary School when you make a purchase at Bakers Delight Kalamunda or High Wycombe. They will donate 5% of the purchase amount back to the school.