FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls’ Day is a day of prayer for the dead, particularly but not exclusively one’s relatives. In Western Christianity the annual celebration is now held on 2 November and is associated with All Saints’ Day (1 November) and its vigil.

These two events are two of the most important days in the Catholic calendar to observe. Please read more in Mr Payne’s section, in this newsletter.

What age is appropriate to join social media?

Just recently I was reading an article in The Age newspaper written by Michael Carr-Gregg and thought that it would be a good article to share with you. This will be a two part article, this newsletter and the next newsletter:

Teyalee opened her first social media account when she turned 10 years old. "I wanted to keep in contact with my friends in Darwin and school," she explains.

She now has two Instagram accounts – one private account just for friends and one public to promote her dance skills. "The only other one that I wanted to join was SnapChat. I just think Facebook is too common for bullying and all that," she explains. All her friends aged between 11 and 13 also have accounts.

Teyalee sought permission from her mother, Lauren Trewin, who carefully explained the potential dangers of social media and monitors her activity online. They block anyone inappropriate from the public account and Teyalee takes down photos if her mother doesn’t like them. Trewin admits she didn’t know there was an age limit for Instagram, but neither of them recall having to tick an age box.

Asked why there might be an age limit, Teyalee responds with more wisdom than expected for an 11-year-old.

"At 13 you are a bit more mature than what you are at 10 or 11. There can be people out there who can stalk you and see where you live and all that and people who are not appropriate for people under the age of 13, or even under the age of 20."

It is difficult to know what age is appropriate for children to open their own social media account. But what is clear is that expert advice – and even rules imposed by social media companies – are being largely ignored by parents and by children desperate to join their friends online.

While parents like Trewin allow social media accounts at a young age, others try – and fail – to delay it until the 14th birthday.

Age limits and expert advice

Technically, the minimum age for opening a Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, Tumblr, or Snapchat account is 13, while Kik users under 17 need parental permission. And it is even older for Vine, Tinder, Yik Yak and YouTube.

One cyber security expert bluntly states “kids can’t be on social media sites” under the age limit.

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ACCOUNTABILITY

How will I take responsibility for my work quality today?
"However, if you ask the man responsible for keeping our sons and daughters safe online, he will tell you the answer lies in your child's social skills and that 13 might not be old enough. The Children's eSafety Commissioner, Alastair MacGibbon, said the technical age limit is arbitrary and it is a parent's responsibility to assess when their child has the social skills for social media, such as judging what to share and with whom. 

"[Social media] might not be appropriate for some 13-year-olds," MacGibbon says. "Certainly parents should be pretty careful about allowing their kids to open social media accounts younger than that. It is the same question of when you allow a child to cross the street under their own guidance or when you allow them to go down to the park by themselves. It is potentially dangerous, it is not 100 per cent. Both MacGibbon and the Australian Federal Police have recently revealed that millions of photos posted on social media have later been found on websites sharing child-exploitation material. Images may be innocent and naive, but can be sexualised or Photo shopped to indulge titillation, they warn.

Research about online safety suggests parents remain engaged and involved with their children's online behaviour by asking how new applications work and creating their own account. If your child joins Snapchat, so should you.  (Continued next newsletter)

ITALIAN FIESTA DAY
Yesterday we had a fantastic Italian Fiesta Day which was organised by our Italian teacher Sara Leahy. All the children came dressed in a variety of costumes ranging from traditional dress, sporting club uniforms and other quirky and clever costumes. There was a wonderful parade at 9am in the school hall showcasing the fabulous costumes. All the children received a special treat of an ice cream cone or jelly cup after lunch. Thank you to Sara for all her work organising this great day and also to the wonderful helpers who volunteered their time to help serve the ice creams.

AGM REMINDER
I would like to remind you all that the Annual General Meeting of the P&F Committee and the School Board will be held on Tuesday 17 November commencing at 7pm. This is a very worthwhile meeting to attend as you will be able to see how the school has progressed over the last year and the direction it is heading in for next year. It is also a time where new Board and P&F members are selected and an opportunity for your to put yourself forward for selections to be a part of these two worthwhile entities.

Sincerely Yours,
Sandro Coniglio
Principal

PERFORMING ARTS AFTERNOON
The performing arts afternoon is on Tuesday 3 November. This is a great opportunity to see what the children have achieved over the year in their music lessons, and to showcase the talent of the students here at Mary’s Mount. The afternoon will commence at 1.30pm and we invite all parents, carers and grandparents to come along and see what our students can do. Mr Leeder

MINI FETE
FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER
11:15 TO 12:30
DONATIONS FROM CLASSES HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY LOW SO FAR. THE MINI FETE CAN ONLY GO AHEAD WITH YOUR SUPPORT PLEASE SEE YOUR CHILD’S CLASS TEACHER IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF WHAT YOU NEED TO DONATE OR SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER.
Mary’s Mount Catholic Identity

Look Closer
Eternal Joy: Jesus challenges us to seek true and lasting happiness. He points to the virtues of gentleness, humility, justice and peacemaking as the way to eternal joy. These are the qualities of the saints who have gone before us.

Prayer Space
Symbol: Halo
Lord God,
We rejoice with all the angels and give honour to the saints in heaven.
Amen

Family Time—All Saints Day Party
Celebrate all All Saints Day by inviting friends and family to contribute to a ‘sainty trivia’ game.

Did You Know?
It is important for Christians to turn to one another for support and encouragement. The Catholic way of ‘praying’ to the saints is exactly like simply calling on our Catholic brothers and sisters in heaven for help in being better Christians. Devotion to the saints strengthens our love of God.

All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day
All Saints’ Day is a solemn day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on the 1st November. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church. All Souls’ Day is observed on the 2nd November. It is a holy day set aside for honouring all who have died. Catholics believe that through prayers of the faithful on Earth, those who have died are cleansed of their sins and may enter heaven. During the month of November, we remember in prayer all our friends and relatives who have died. We entrust them to God’s care.

Social Justice—Mini Fete
A reminder that our annual Mini Fete will be held on Friday, 13 November. The Year 6s have been working extremely hard preparing their stall. Unfortunately, donations from classes have been extremely low so far. The Mini Fete will only go ahead with your support. Please see your child’s class teacher if you are unsure of what you need to donate.

Reflection

The Saints Before God
Mt 5:1-12
I, John, looked and there was an enormous crowd, impossible to count! The people were from every race, tribe, nation and language, and they stood before the throne of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms. One of the elders asked me, “Do you know these people dressed in white and where they come from?” Then he said,
You may be looking at the above quote from Michael Jordan wondering why I decided to use it in this week’s Newsletter. I was inspired to use this quote for a number of reasons. Firstly, I was inspired by watching all the major sporting events that have been on TV over the last few months. I was especially inspired when I watched Hawthorn beat West Coast. I discovered that failing is okay because that is what leads us to success. Disappointment is good for us, as it builds character. Last year West Coat finished 9th, this year they were in the Grand Final, at this rate we will be premiers next year!

This is what Michael Jordan is talking about. When we fail we are left with a heavy heart and feelings of disappointment. What is motivating however, is that you get the opportunity to go at it again, you get another chance! Failing therefore, can be seen as a good thing, as it will be the driver for success, whether it is winning a premiership or something else in life.

I have also been motivated to use this quote by one of the Year 6 students. In my job I get the opportunity to hang out with children each and everyday. In my many years of teaching I have never met a more humble student as this young person. Over the year this student has experienced many set backs with their reading results. They have been a real life example for me of what disappointment feels like. Nevertheless, this young person put the disappointments and setbacks behind them and recently doubled his reading level. Failure led him to set goals, work hard and achieve them. What an inspiration to us all!

May Christ encourage us to use our setbacks and disappointments to strengthen who we are.

Wishing you a blessed fortnight.

Clinton Payne
Assistant Principal

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**BOOK FAIR**

The books will arrive on Wednesday 11 November and the children will view the books on this day and Thursday 12 November.

I will begin selling books at the times listed below:

- **Friday 13 November**
  - 8.30am—9.30am
  - 3.00pm—3.30pm

- **Monday 16 November**
  - 8.30am—8.50am
  - 3.00pm—3.30pm

- **Wednesday 18 November**
  - 8.30am—8.50am
  - 3.00pm—3.30pm

- **Thursday 19 November**
  - 8.30am—8.50am
  - 3.00pm—3.30pm

The book fair will also be open on Friday 20 November for the Art Show 6.00pm—8.00pm.

Angela Smith
Library Assistant
Please see below the roster for the next fortnight. I have some helpers which should ensure that the canteen remains open, however, an additional set of hands to help with the morning preparation or lunch time distribution would be much appreciated. If you have an hour to spare after school drop off or at lunchtime (12-1pm) on one of the days listed below please contact me on 0418 927 177 or email on shawjosh@bigpond.com. All help is welcome and much appreciated. **Please note: I still need a helper on Monday 9th November.**

**Gumnut Canteen Roster**
**Term 4, 2015**
(Please Contact Shirley Shaw 9454-5686 or 0418 927 177)

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**Summer Menu Update**
I added the following items to the Summer Menu and the Online Canteen Menu at the beginning of Term 4.

- Ham and Salad Wraps - $3.50
- Chicken and Salad Wraps - $3.50
- Salad Wraps - $3.00
- Chicken Nuggets and Sauce (Either serves of 3 - $1.50 or 6 - $3.00)

Shirley Shaw

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**BRIGHT SPARKS RECYCLE THEIR BATTERIES AT SCHOOL**

Keep those batteries coming in. The batteries were collected yesterday Thursday 29 October. We will let you know how what the weight was as soon as we are notified.

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**Ice-cream Sunday at Holy Family Parish is 8th November**

Celebrate the warmer weather with an ice-cream from Collodel.

All children attending Mass on Sunday, 8th November, can collect a voucher for a free ice-cream from the Children’s Liturgy team after 9am Mass.

*Thanks, Collodel!*
Dear Parents and Families,

We are busy planning for this year’s Art Show! We look forward to seeing the children’s art work displayed for all of the community to see!

We still have a few stall bay spaces left for the business expo at the Art Show. If you would like a stall but are unable to stay the duration of the Art Show please feel free to still book a stall and set up your products and promotional material as we will be overseeing the area. We encourage all small businesses to book a stall, it is an easy and inexpensive way to promote your business while supporting our school’s Art Room at the same time.

To book a stall bay please email the P&F on the above email address.
Thank you for your support!

P&F Committee

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**SCHOOL VEGIE GARDEN**

Last week the Year 6’s dug up the Kipfler potatoes that had been growing throughout winter resulting in each child taking home a small bag for dinner.

There was much fun in unearthing them and trying not to spear them with the pitchforks!!!

Many vegetables will be ready later this term for harvesting so watch out for our regular vege sales.

Denise, Finette and Elena (The garden “Gnomes”).
COMMUNITY NEWS

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St Brigid’s College Lesmurdie Community Weekend

St Brigid’s College has 2 wonderful events coming up to which we’d like to extend an invitation to all families

Friday November 13th 7pm – Official Opening of the Art Exhibition and Sale. Tickets $20
Enjoy works from over 100 of W.A.’s most prominent artists, fine wines and canapés. Bookings essential on 9290 4245.

Sunday November 15 – SBC Community Fair on the Grounds of the Junior Oval. Over 50 stalls and amusements for all ages.
10am -3pm, all welcome.

All enquiries to Annamaria Cream 9290 4205.

Spiritually Open? Would you describe yourself as spiritually open, but perhaps not the most frequent Mass-attender? You may enjoy the short, live online course called “The Lowdown on the On-High for Parents” being offered by the Centre for Faith Enrichment. Over three sessions, the course will give you the opportunity to discuss topics such as faith, meditation and spirituality – or you can just listen! It’s soul food you can enjoy at home – with a glass of wine! Thursdays 5th-19th November, 8pm-8.30pm. For more information about this and other online courses, visit www.cfe.org.au, or call 9241 5221.