



# Mary's Mount Primary School

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WEEK 2

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## Important Dates:

### Monday 17 February

Swimming Lessons

Commence

P & F Meeting

### Friday 21 February

Canberra Camp Fund-  
raiser Movie Night

### Monday 3 March

Public Holiday

### Saturday 8 March

School Commissioning

Mass

Sacramental Enrolment

Mass

### Sunday 9 March

Sacramental Enrolment

Mass

### Tuesday 11 March

Volunteers Workshop

9.10am

### Wednesday 12 March

Yr 5 Assembly

### Sunday 16 March

Breakfast in the Park

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I mentioned last week, we have had a smooth start to the year and the children have certainly settled into their work. I would like to thank our teachers for preparing their classrooms with bright colour, and making them inviting for the children. I have been fortunate in these first two weeks to spend a large amount of time in some of the early years classrooms and support the teachers while they administer various assessments. It has been encouraging to see the enthusiasm that the children are showing towards their work. We aim to keep this engagement on going!

## PRAYERS

We started off the year with some sad news. Mr. Payne's wife was diagnosed with breast cancer in the week that we commenced school. I would ask that you please keep Corinne, Clinton and the girls in your prayers as she commences her first course of treatment next Friday.

## HOLIDAY WORK

Over the holidays we had a little bit of work carried out at school. You would have noticed that our entrance into the Admin has had a bit of a change. This will continue to develop over the next few weeks. Our carpets and vinyl in all rooms also a good clean. I would like to thank Denise Goodall for maintaining the vegie garden over the break. She has done a magnificent job. A big thank you to Paul Oorschot and Quinton Hoffmann who erected our garden shed over the holidays as well. We now have a sturdy shed to house our tools and other material for the vegie garden. Thanks also to Justin, Lara, Chloe and Sophie Smith for donating material and labour for a new clean platform for our waste bins near the cottage. All your efforts are greatly appreciated.

We have also had TV screens and speakers placed in the Chapel for the children's services and two new air-conditioning units as well. Many thanks to our P&F commitment from 2013.

We have been experiencing electrical and wiring problems with our reticulation system and we continue to work on this.

## NEW STAFF

At the end of last year we said goodbye to Mr Tony Luttrell (grounds person). I would like to welcome to our staff Mr Damian Shack as a our new grounds person. Damian has a good knowledge of our school as he has maintained our oval over many years.

## PARENT INTEREST

Recently I found a very good Youtube on Twitter through an educational link. I would like to share this link with you and encourage you to have a look at it at your leisure. The link takes you to a TED talk site which some of you may be familiar with. The Youtube search is:

**Let kids take risks: Griffin Longley at TEDxPerth**

***HOMEWORK CLUB COMMENCES NEXT THURSDAY 20 FEB IN THE LIBRARY. (3.20- 4.00PM)***



## STUDENT/FAMILY HOLIDAYS

I would like to remind parents (as I did last year) to please refrain from organising family holidays during school time. Occasionally we have a big influx of families who miss a large amount of school time due to holidays during the term. I believe that we all have more than our fair share of opportunity to have holidays throughout the year in school holiday time, therefore I ask all parents to please keep this in mind.

*Sandro Coniglio*  
*Principal*

## IPADS NEW, NEW, NEW...

This year we are thrilled to implement an exciting new programme in our Year 6 classroom!

Mary's Mount Primary School, with the assistance and vision of the school board, have deployed 32 iPad Air's to all Year 6 students. The sole intention of this pilot is to 'improve learning outcomes for students through differentiated learning, higher engagement levels and a learning style that does not end at 3pm when they walk out the school gates!' These iPads will be the students' personal learning devices for the remainder of the year, which they will utilise both in their learning at school and at home.

For a project of this magnitude (and cost) to be successful, much research, education and lengthy discussions were undertaken before the pilot commenced. To give you a rough idea of how this came about, here are a few steps that have taken place:

- Every teacher was given an iPad in 2012 in order for all staff members to familiarise themselves with the devices and their educational capabilities.
- Multiple staff visited primary schools who were currently implementing iPad programmes.
- In 2013 the wifi and school infrastructure was upgraded, in order for the network to be able to handle the influx of demand.
- The education team and associated technicians came out from Apple to discuss with us the most effective way to deploy and succeed with our project.
- the ICT team from the Catholic Education Office also visited us to render non-bias assistance in the purchasing and set up of the iPads.
- The school has adopted the expertise of Mrs Jenny Jongste (Apple Educator and Education Lecturer) to work with Miss Smith and the students regularly throughout the year. This will ensure the devices are appropriately integrated and enhancing the Year 6 curriculum in the most effective way. Jenny will also educate the students in becoming appropriate 'digital citizens', preparing them for their teenage years and high school.
- A parent information session was held at the beginning of 2014 to answer any questions the Year 6 parents may have.
- The school has ensured there is sufficient 'writing time' daily, as we do not want to see the skill of handwriting hindered.
- Apple TVs and VGA connectors have been purchased for all classrooms to 'push up' work or apps from the iPads onto the smart boards. This will give great functionality for all teachers with iPads, to use them with **their** classes in new and exciting ways.
- The school is using a Mobile Device Management programme (Meraki) to configure all iPads with restrictions, apps and to monitor the student usage both at home and at school.

Our goal with this pilot is to enhance the teaching and learning opportunities for our students. The focus is not around which particular 'device' we chose to deploy, rather it is how these devices can enhance, differentiate and engage our learners in new and exciting ways! Which as a result, should increase the outcomes these students can achieve.

Throughout the year we hope to share with everyone in the Mary's Mount community, the many wonderful learning opportunities that these iPads have brought to these students. If any parents are interested in seeing this pilot in action, feel free to pop into Year 6 before school and speak with some of the students who would be more than happy to show you some of their current iPad projects.

"Man's mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions."  
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Sarah Wright  
Assistant Principal



## CANTEEN

Hi Mums and Dads and all our wonderful students.

I hope everyone is refreshed and all your tastebuds are ready for some new experiences. At the Canteen we have lots of new ideas and recipes, hopefully we can deliver them all, as it depends on a couple of hours of your time once a term.

It's great to be back and I wish you all a happy and safe term.

*Cathy*

*Canteen Manager*

### General Canteen Information

The school canteen is open Mondays and Fridays. Orders for lunch and recess can be placed online via [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au) by 8.30am that day. For new families who haven't used the system, it is simple to register online. If you need help please contact the canteen. Specials in the canteen change frequently, so be sure to check under the category '**daily specials**' to see what is currently in season and available for recess and lunch. Children from Year 1 onwards are also able to bring money to the canteen window and purchase items over the counter at recess and after eating their lunch. These items change all the time but can include fruit cups, smoothies, slushies, jelly cups, ice cream, small sweet treats/slices, pikelets, savoury snacks etc. and range in price from 20c to \$1.50.

### 2 weeks of Swimming

Please note that there will be cold food such as sandwiches, salads, cake slices and fruits available for students to order and take to swimming this next two weeks. Please indicate time of pick up in the "Comment" field if ordering on line to ensure that orders are prepared in time.

We realise students may come back hungry after swimming so we will have healthy snacks for them to purchase over the counter.

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Please make note of the new opening hours for the Uniform Shop:-

**Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 8:30 am – 9:00 am**

Don't forget if you cannot make it to the Uniform Shop during opening hours you can place your order online via the website:- [ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://ouronlinecanteen.com.au). Your orders will be filled and sent to your child's classroom for them to bring home.

If you would like to try uniforms on outside the normal opening times please contact either Tracey or Kelly by email to arrange an alternative time: Tracey: [thischar@westnet.com.au](mailto:thischar@westnet.com.au) or Kelly: [ph182821@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ph182821@bigpond.net.au)

### Exciting News

The new Tracksuits are due to arrive at the Uniform Shop in early March. So please come and have a look.

The new look navy sport shorts are on order and should arrive shortly. We are selling off the royal blue sport shorts at \$15.00. There will be a phase in period of 2 years before the navy shorts and tracksuits become compulsory.

We are currently out of stock of school hats. We should receive new stock in about 2 weeks.

We will be sending out a survey soon to seek parents' opinion on changes to our uniforms. Please take the time to fill out the survey and add any other suggestions you may have.

**HELP:** The Uniform Shop is in need of plastic shopping bags and coat hangers (wire or plastic). If you have any you would like to donate please bring to the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

**ONLINE ORDERS:** – if you place an order and you do not receive it, it means the items are out of stock and will be delivered to the classroom once they become available.

## P&F NEWS

Welcome back everyone. The committee is all refreshed and ready to start a new, fun filled year of fundraising.

We have some great events planned for this year. The first one being our annual Breakfast in the Park. This will be held on Sunday 16 March 2014 in Stirk Park. Preparations for this are currently underway and we look forward to another successful breakfast with lots of fun activities throughout the morning which we hope you will support. More information regarding this will follow in the coming weeks. Please mark this date in your diaries as well as the other events throughout the year which are as follows:

- Term 1: Breakfast in the Park – Sunday 16 March 2014
- Term 2: Lapathon – Friday 16 May 2014
- Term 3: Quiz Night/Dance – Saturday 30 August 2014
- Term 4: Disco – Friday 24 October 2014
- Art show- Friday 14 November 2014

To help us throughout the year we may call on the class representatives to assist. If you would like to nominate as a representative for your class, please let your class teacher or the Principal, Sandro Coniglio, know as soon as possible.

Our first P&F meeting for this year will be held on Monday 17 February in the Multi Purpose Room at 9:10am. We look forward to seeing you there.

**P&F Executive Committee**

### Mary's Mount Netball Club (MMNC)

Welcome to 2014. Mary's Mount Netball Club would like to welcome existing players and new players to Season 2014. This year all registrations will need to be completed online using a new system called My Netball, which our local association- Kalamunda and Districts Netball Association (KDNA), has taken on board. Existing players should have already received an information pack by email, and will be able to logon and complete their details. For all new players, there will be a MMNC information pack available in the school office- this will outline our club details in regards to games, training, uniforms, fees and code of conduct. If you are interested in your child playing netball in 2014 please collect one of these information packs and have a read. If your child is a new player to the sport and would like to register, we will need you to contact Alan Barnett at [abarnett@cjd.com.au](mailto:abarnett@cjd.com.au), with your child's name and your current email address. We can then add them to the database, and issue them with a login and password to complete the registration process. We look forward to seeing you on the court in 2014. If you have any questions or difficulty in registering your child online, then please feel free to contact Alan Barnett ([abarnett@cjd.com.au](mailto:abarnett@cjd.com.au)) or Christine Barnett ([acmbarnett@bigpond.com](mailto:acmbarnett@bigpond.com)).



## The Cottage Playgroup for 2014 has begun

The Playgroup sessions are **Monday**  
mornings  
(of each school term)  
in the **Cottage at Mary's Mount**  
**Primary School**  
from **9.00am to 11am**  
(after school drop-off)

Playgroup is a great opportunity for  
Mums/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).

Enquiries to Cassandra.  
Mobile 0428 133041 or email [cottageplaygroup@westnet.com.au](mailto:cottageplaygroup@westnet.com.au)

**Play Equipment Donations: If you have  
any pre-loved, excellent condition items  
that need a new home, please let us know.**

## MOVIE NIGHT – FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Hosted by the Sydney/Canberra 2014 Year 6 Tour Fundraising Committee  
Cost \$5.00 including a drink & popcorn

Session 1: Kindy to Year 2 / 5.00pm to 6.30pm / Snow Dogs (G)  
Session 2: Year 3 to Year 6 / 7.00pm to 9.00pm / Cool Runnings (PG)



*RSVP inc payment to your teacher by Monday 17 Feb.*

Don't forget to register our school for, 'Barbie in the Burbs' (94.5FM, competition). It would be appreciated if families could enter the competition to win this fantastic prize. Please see the link below

[www.mix.com.au](http://www.mix.com.au)

When you register the schools address must be entered as this is the venue where it will be held. It is judged on venue/site and we have a great one. More than one person can register and I think the more that register the better our chances. Address to be used is Mary's Mount Primary School, 47 Davis Crescent, Gooseberry Hill WA 6076

### WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Last year we collected docketts from Woolworths to earn resources for our school. This week our resources have arrived and have been gratefully accepted by some of the junior primary classes. The resources include a drying rack, paint and Maths games, to name just a few.

Thank you to all those families who collected docketts for us. The resources you have helped supply will assist in the education of your children.

### **PARISH NEWS**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER  
"Streams in the Desert"  
Prepared by WDP Committee Egypt

Friday 7 March 2014  
10.30am  
Holy Family Church Kalamunda  
Morning Tea Provided Afterwards  
Everyone Welcome

### RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA

Dads Raising Teenage Girls –  
Thursday 27 February  
at 1 Ord Street, Fremantle 6.30-9pm  
\$25.00 per person.

The father-daughter relationship is particularly important during the teenage years to help girls navigate this difficult time.

Find out how you can build a more rewarding relationship with your teenage daughter.

For further information please ring 9489 6322

**Ouronline Canteen** has a new look which will be rolled out over the next few weeks and we have changed our contact number 1300 11 66 37. Please see the important information that needs to be attended too so that the correct details are up to date.

**IMPORTANT:** You need to ensure you update your child's profile. We cannot stress enough how important this is. Making sure your child's details are up to date ensures that firstly your children will receive their orders and secondly, get them without delay.

To Update Your Childs Details:

1. Go to <http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au/>
2. Log on and go to **children's** tab – orange tab far right tab
3. Select your child's name from the drop down box:
  - update the room numbers, teachers and the year for your child.
  - Click the **update** tab to save your changes.
  - Repeat this process for all your children.
4. Log out and log back in

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### After School Arts News

After School Arts enrolment is on Thursday 13 February at 4-5pm at Jorgenson Park in Kalamunda. Vacancies exist in all classes of Pottery, Painting, drawing and Hooked on Hessian. Classes commence 20 February from 4-6pm, Thursday afternoons for 8 weeks. Please phone Norma 9293 4486 for bookings and enquiries. Ages from 6yrs up.



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**ENROL NOW**  
**SWIMMING LESSONS**  
**BABY/PRE-SCHOOL/SCHOOL AGE**  
**25% DISCOUNT OFFER**  
*on swimming lessons for the month of February (excludes private lessons)*  
**Enrol before 1st February 2014**  
**Discount vouchers available in Marys Mount Primary School office**

### Kalamunda & Districts Basketball Association

The Under 20 Mens and Womens National Championships and The Ivor Burge Nationals (State intellectual basketball teams) are being held at Ray Owen Stadium in Lesmurdie from 16 to 22 February from 9am to 7pm. It's a great opportunity for you and your students to come and watch Australia's best talent and future NBL players.

Your students may like to help out at this event – they are welcome to do so! Let me know and I will organise it.

If you would like a fixture or more information, email me on [christine.saligari@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:christine.saligari@education.wa.edu.au) or [chrissaligari@hotmail.com](mailto:chrissaligari@hotmail.com) or phone 0439 936 536.

### PLAY SOCCER AT KALAMUNDA UNITED FC

For any boys or girls over 4 years of age who would like to play soccer this season, our Registration Information Day for new players is at Maida Vale Reserve clubrooms on Sunday 16th February, 10am to 1pm.

For more information please email [kalamundaunitedfc@gmail.com](mailto:kalamundaunitedfc@gmail.com), or call Chris on 0401 875 249, or visit [www.kalamundaunited.com.au](http://www.kalamundaunited.com.au)

