Dear Parents,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well.

MASS
Yesterday we celebrated Mass of The Ascension which was planned by our Year Two class. Many thanks to Miss Thresher, Mr Smith and the students for organising such a lovely mass for us. Thank you to the parents, grandparents and parishioners who were also able to attend on the morning.

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord or The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, commemorates the moment Jesus ascended into heaven 40 days after Easter. His departure from Earth was watched by His Disciples in Jerusalem who had spent the period after his resurrection being prepared for his departure. Acts 1:1-11 is a good reading to follow and share with your children in relation to this Feast Day.

I would also like to thank Sarah Harper, for preparing our morning tea after mass. It was greatly appreciated Sarah.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Congratulations to our Year 3 students on receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation last night at our parish Church. Many thanks to the Priests who assisted Fr. Suresh, Fr. Quynh Do, Fr. Millen and Fr. Xuan.

The students were well prepared and were reverent throughout the ceremony. Many thanks to Jo DeBarro, for preparing the students so well and also many thanks to the fantastic staff who assisted and helped Jo throughout the program and on the evening. Unfortunately Mrs DeBarro has been unwell the past few days and wasn't able to attend last night but I know she would have been very proud of her students last night. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Branche, Mrs Bignell, Mrs Smith and all our staff who assisted yesterday and helped finalise last minute details, as well as set up the church, assisted with a final practice, as well as helped during the event.
As you are aware, the Listening and Dialogue phase which was the first phase of the Plenary Council is now complete. The National Centre for Pastoral Research is continuing the deep listening process by conducting a qualitative and quantitative analysis of the submissions received. Using best practice in research methods they will identify the key themes that have emerged.

The second stage of the preparation phase of the Plenary Council begins on June 9, 2019. This phase will be about “Listening and Discernment”.

Discernment in communities and in preparation towards the Plenary Council will help to ensure that the Church is listening to God, listening to one another and considering the way forward as the people of God in Australia.

In May, the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, the Plenary Council Executive Committee and the Facilitation Team will work together with the National Centre for Pastoral Research to finalise the National Themes for Discernment.

Archbishop Costelloe SDB has announced that in the Perth Archdiocese, the Plenary Council Phase 2 Launch will take place at Masses on Sunday 2 June 2019. Materials have been prepared for parishes and schools to support the Launch.

IMMUNISATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOLS - KINDERGARTEN
This week I received a letter from the West Australian Health Department outlining important information regarding the status of your child’s immunisation, with the focus on kindergarten enrollment 2020. I have highlighted the important points below.

Immunisation information for parents/guardians with children enrolling into kindergarten programs or schools.

The Western Australia Department of Health is undertaking an awareness campaign to remind parents/guardians to ensure their child’s immunisations are up to date and that they need to prove their child’s Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement upon enrollment into kindergarten programs and school.

**Current Regulations:**
From 1 January 2019, new regulations under the Public Health Act 2016 (WA) require the parents/guardians of children enrolling into kindergarten programs and schools to provide their child’s Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement to the person in charge.

When requested to do so, persons in charge are required to report children whose immunisation status is ‘not up to date’ to the Department of Health where this information will be used to support families to get their child fully vaccinated.

**Further proposed legislative changes:**
Legislative changes are also in progress that, if passed, will require (with rare exception) a child’s immunisation status to be ‘up to date’ as a condition of enrollment into child care services (long day care and family day care) and kindergarten programs.

Parents are encouraged when enrolling their children into kindergarten programs in 2020 to ensure that their child’s vaccinations are up to date to avoid enrollment being declined.

Further details of these immunisation requirements will be made available should the legislation be passed in Parliament.
We thank you for your support with this important initiative.

**BUSY BEE... BUSY BEE... BUSY BEE**

We are looking for a strong team of dads for a 2-3 hour block on **Saturday 15 June**. We are aiming to commence work at 8.00 am and our goal is to remove the soft-fall from the upper playground near the oval.

If you can offer a hand on the day, please leave your name with our administration staff, (Jane or Gabby).

God Bless you all and your families.

*Sandro Coniglio*
Principal

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**IMPORTANT DATES - WEEK 5**

**Monday 3 June**
Public Holiday. School Closed.

**Tuesday 4 June**

*NO MAZENOD TUTORING - Mazenod have 2 weeks of exams.*
7.45am - Running Club - Years 4,5 and 6
8.30am - Bendigo Student Banking (Library)

**Wednesday 5 June**
8.15am - Choir Practice
6.00pm - Eucharist Parent Workshop @ St Joseph’s Hall

**Thursday 6 June**
7.45am - Running Club - Years 1, 2 and 3
All Day - Interschool Cross Country Carnival

**Friday 7 June**
8.50am - Merit Assembly

**Saturday 8 June**
3.00pm - MMADs Bonfire
Click here to view the full Term 2 Planner (last updated 29 May 2019)

** Note additions / changes to the Term Planner **
Saturday 15 June - 8am Busy Bee
Friday 5 July - 8.50am Year 1 Assembly

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 3 STUDENTS ON RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE A RAFFLE TICKET!

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS YET? GET IN QUICK BECAUSE THEY ARE SELLING FAST AND THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS AVAILABLE. Purchase a RAFFLE TICKET for your chance to WIN $1000 towards your school fees. (Conditions apply).
**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know... every Friday, the staff at Mary's Mount Primary School wear jeans or casual dress in exchange for a donation to our school's mission fund. We have a jar in the staff room that we are jingle coins and some notes into each Friday.

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**RECONCILIATION WEEK**

For National Reconciliation Week the Pre-Primary students have been learning about Aboriginal Culture. We have been face painting dots with traditional Aboriginal colours, immersing ourselves into dot painting art of Aboriginal symbols and enjoyed listening to Dreamtime stories.
For many years we have been doing this, and each year we donate several hundred dollars to a mission. This year, we are once again on track to donate.

Sustainability at MMPS sustainabilitymmps.blogspot.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LAPATHON DONATIONS!!

Thank you to everyone who returned their Lapathon donations on time and have contributed to a whopping $4,411.50 that has been raised for our school so far!

This morning at assembly we rewarded those students who had already returned their Lapathon money and our P& handed out over 40 small prizes to students as a thank you.

Congratulations to our major prize winner Cordell Antoine in Year 1 who won the major prize of One Term of classes from Kalamunda Kickboxing valued at $250. Thank you to Kalamunda Kickboxing for donating this fantastic prize!

It's not too late to return Lapathon money. If you still have some at home, please bring it to the school office next week.

Thank you everyone for another great Lapathon event at Mary's Mount Primary School.
HOT CHOCOLATE HELPERS NEEDED

*Update* Without helpers, we cannot run hot chocolate. If you can help out, please let Gabby know.

When the cold weather hits, we have a tradition of hosting a few hot chocolate and fruit toast morning teas for our students to help warm them up on cold winter days. Our students love it and look forward to the special treat.

As it is all hands on deck, we are in need of three to four parent helpers who can assist on Monday 17 June between 9.30am and 11.30am to prepare and serve hot chocolate. If you can lend a hand for a few hours, please let Gabby know in the school office or email admin@mmps.wa.edu.au. Please note, it is a busy morning, so it is best to not bring small children along.
THANK YOU MRS CROFT FOR LOOKING AFTER THE CANTEEN!

A special Thank You to Mrs Gina Croft who has been quietly running our canteen every Friday while Grandma Shirley has been travelling. We really appreciate Gina taking on this role for the last few weeks and keeping our student's bellies full.

We also hope Shirley had a wonderful trip away, and we are looking forward to seeing her back next week and hearing all about her holiday.

GUMNUT CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2

Week 6 - Friday 1 June
Canteen Orders (9am to 11am) Lyn Breadsell
Volunteer 1 (9am to 1pm) Gina Croft
Volunteer 2 (11am to 2pm) Patricia Wakeman

JOB VACANCY

Administration Officer – Catholic School Parents WA
If you're passionate about helping parents and parent communities in Catholic schools, and if you would enjoy a varied and challenging role, then this may be the job for you!

The position is for 15 hours per week, during school terms only. The full advert and job description can be found on our website www.csp.wa.edu.au. Applications close 5pm on Friday 14 June 2019. Initial enquiries and applications can be directed to Siobhan Allen (Executive Director) on 0409 025 683 or email siobhan@csp.wa.edu.au.

Mazenod Presents OLIVER!
Mazenod College presents Oliver! As the first school in WA to have built a theatre-in-the-round it is sure to put a twist on the well-loved classic, that you won’t want to miss. Mazenod ups curtains on its rendition of Oliver! on 20 July for seven shows. Tickets are available at https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=506582. If you would like to know more about Mazenod College, follow us on Facebook.