The end of Term 1 is here! We have so much to be thankful for already. I think back to what has been, and am amazed at what we have been able to ‘fit in’: camps, sports days, the primary swimming program, information nights and parent teacher meetings are just some of the highlights. I’m sure you will have a number to add also.

Over the Term 1 holidays, I encourage you to reflect on the following passage, particularly as we prepare to celebrate Easter. This passage is one that moves me every time I read it. It can be found in John 20: 10-16

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head, the other at the foot. They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”

“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” At this she turned and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus. “Woman,” he said, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).

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We look forward to seeing you all next term!

Jason Riding

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

Hello Mountain District Christian School community. I trust you are all travelling well as we approach the end of term 1; the holidays and Easter.

Did you know that Easter has it’s roots in the Passover meal and the Exodus story, and that our modern day word Easter is derived from the Hebrew word Pesach meaning ‘to pass over.’

I wonder what the phrase ‘to pass over’ means to you? For me it speaks of passing from death to life, from hate to love, from indifference to commitment, from selfishness to gracious inclusion, from arrogance to humility, from despair to hope.

I wonder what you and I need to ‘pass over’? Do we need the timeless Easter message of new life, redemption, transformation and renewal to speak to us anew and afresh?

I pray that your term break is both restful and safe, and that you and your precious household will experience a ‘passing over’ this Easter.

Rich blessings til next term.

Elissa White
Chaplain

Forms and Letters sent home this week:

• Yr 7-11 House Cross Country
• Nurture magazine

Reminders:

• Tuckshop & School Banking Tomorrow
• Yr 9/10 Canberra Camp forms
• Yr 6 Commemorative Shirt orders FINAL DAY!

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That which was lost is found!!!
Lost property
Last chance tomorrow to check the lost property and ‘peruse and claim’ before it goes for a nice trip to the Op-Shop over the term holidays!

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Just wanted to say a quick thank you to everyone who donated back packs for us. We were able to take over about 90kg of clothes, toys, books, school supplies, linen, etc... which was distributed between two local Fijian orphanages! Thanks again, Sue Gemmill.