NOTRE DAME NEWS
FOUNDATIONS FOR LIFE-LONG LEARNING

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Staff

**NAPLAN**
I’m sure the children, parents and teachers from Years Three and Five all feel a little more relaxed now that the NAPLAN assessments have been completed. I have been impressed with the attitude of the children to put their best effort into the testing but, at the same time, recognize that it is just another assessment. All children complete numerous assessments throughout the school year and it is through the analysis of these results that teachers tailor their programmes to accommodate the needs of the children. NAPLAN does, however, provide us with valuable data about how we are progressing compared to other schools. We are also able to track children’s progress longitudinally by comparing results across the assessment years. We are even able to view the data of many of the children who attended Notre Dame and are now in Year Seven. Whilst we are not in a position to change things for these students this data can highlight areas of both success or in need of improvement in our school.

**Semester Report Interviews**
Classes will conclude at 12.00pm on Wednesday 1 July for parent meetings with teachers to discuss their child’s Semester Report. These are important meetings as they provide teachers with an opportunity to expand upon what is written in the report. They also allow parents to seek clarification and ask questions about their child’s progress. The meetings will be for 10 minutes each and it is important that they do not go beyond this time to allow all parents the opportunity to meet with teachers and not disrupt the timing of meetings with other teachers. We are in the process of arranging for the meeting times to be booked online so that all families have equal opportunities to secure times that suit them. Details of when this will be “live” will be advised later. The meetings will commence at 12.30pm and conclude by no later than 6.00pm.

N.B. These meetings are for PP to Year Six. Kindergarten classes will continue for the full day as per normal.

Scan to view our mobile microsite.
Kindergarten Meeting
The initial offers for Kindy 2016 have been sent out. The criteria for placement is clearly defined by Catholic Education WA.

- Catholic students from the parish with a Parish Priest reference
- Catholic students from outside the parish with a Parish Priest reference
- other Catholic students
- siblings of non-Catholic students
- non-Catholic students from other Christian denominations
- other non-Catholic students

A meeting for parents who have received offers of placement will be held at 6.00pm on Wednesday 27 May. The meeting should run for approximately one and a half hours.

Mathematice Challenge
Each week Mrs Nicolle Achmad (Year Three Teacher) has a fun mathematics problem for the children in Years Three to Six to solve. Children who are up for a challenge should see Mrs Achmad before school on Mondays.

Year 6 Leaders
At the beginning of this year we introduced a new Student Leadership model. This provides some of the students with particular Leadership roles and allows all children leadership opportunities through the Student Councils. The children have fully embraced this programme with each group (Pastoral Care, Social Justice, Community Service and Environment) organizing events during the first term. I hear that the Environment Council has an interesting plan for some of our garden areas and the Social Justice Council will be asking our community to assist with a plan to assist the homeless. I congratulate all of the children and their teachers for making this programme such a great success and look forward to the many events still to come this year.

2016 Pre Kindy Applications
If you wish to enrol your child in Pre Kindergarten, application forms may be picked up from the front office.

Darryl Winsor
Principal
LifeLink
LifeLink was established by the Archdiocese of Perth in 1994, as the name under which the many welfare and social service agencies supported by the Catholic Church would be funded and promoted.

Each agency supported through LifeLink represents an essential part of the Church’s mission - to reach out to those in need, and in doing so, express faith in a direct and tangible manner. As Catholics, we believe that it is through service to others that we see and experience the true face of Jesus.

“It is not only in what we believe and what we say, but in what we do, that we come to fully know and understand the message of love which Jesus brought to the world.” Pope Francis

Just as Jesus walked with and reached out to the poor, the lonely, the isolated and the abused, we too are called upon to give concrete expression to our Faith through our active service to others.

Children from all year levels will be making a ‘paper link’ with messages to raise awareness of the different needs of people within our community. These links will then form part of a chain, which will be displayed outside each classroom on Wednesday, 3 June.

Daniel (7:13-14):
Year 4 News

Term 2 started with 4P hosting the first assembly. We thoroughly enjoyed performing and presenting our items to the whole school. Our theme was friendship and we were happy to send out a very clear message of the importance of loving and caring for our friends each and every day.

The Year 4 group is preparing for First Holy Communion and next week we will be visiting the Schoenstatt Shrine in Armadale, for a retreat. We are all really looking forward to spending time with Sr Lisette who will be facilitating the day for us.

Each Friday, the Year 4 classes combine to participate in maths groups. With the help of some fantastic parents, students are broken into smaller groups and carry out a number of hands on maths activities. The children really look forward to Fridays and are learning a great deal during these sessions.

Both classes are becoming more competent in using their laptops and the learning opportunities that arise on a daily basis are endless. Recently we have used our computers to play battleship to help us understand decimal numbers, type up reports, research Aboriginal culture and artworks, take photos of our buddies and complete Studyladder and Mathletics tasks.

Miss Sagrera, Mrs Pethick and Mr Webb

RISING STARS

Rising Stars Waste Audit

On Wednesday April 24 the Rising Stars worked with Bronwyn from the Red Hill Waste Facility and Miss Sagrera for a waste audit.

A waste audit is where you empty a rubbish bin and sort its contents to collect data of what is inside. It was a tough job but we got through it.

The Rising Stars found out that in one green lid waste bin there was 14.64kgs of organic waste, 3.8kgs of recyclable non-organic waste and 6.64kgs of non-recyclable waste.
From this data we found out that many children are wasting healthy whole foods and food scraps. This means wasted money for parents!

Please watch this Rising Stars space for further action.
- Rising Stars 2015.

Miss Sagrera

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**ITALIAN**

**LANGUAGE WEEK**

**Week 6: Monday 25 May, Tuesday 26 May and Wednesday 27 May**

To All Parents,

As a part of Language Week, this year we have decided to create an Italian day during language week. The Italian day will consist of cooking activities all day, for all classes from PP to Year 6.

The schedule is as follows:

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| **Tuesday 26 May** |       |                          |
| 8.50 – 9.40 | YEAR 5P | Italian Biscotti          |
| 9.40 – 10.30 | YEAR 5M | Italian Biscotti          |
| 11.40 – 12.30 | YEAR 4M | Italian Biscotti          |
| 1.15 – 2.05 | YEAR 2P | Italian Bread             |
| 2.05 – 2.55 | YEAR 2M | Italian Bread             |

| **Wednesday 27 May** |       |                          |
| 9.40 – 10.30 | YEAR 4P | Italian Biscotti          |
| 10.50 – 11.40 | YEAR 6M | Italian Pizza             |
| 11.40 – 12.30 | YEAR 6P | Italian Pizza             |
Parents are invited to come and assist with their child’s group. If you think you can help, please send an email to our Italian teacher, Signora Morlotti, at morlotti.natascia@cathednet.wa.edu.au, or alternatively, see me on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday in the teachers’ study located next to the library.

**IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY KIND OF FOOD ALLERGIES COULD YOU PLEASE LET ME KNOW OR THE CLASS TEACHER.**

Italian Teacher
Natascia Morlotti

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**EAGLES CUP FRIDAY 15MAY**

*Notre Dame vs St Munchin’s*  
(away game)

*Games commencing at 1:15pm*

*All welcome!*

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Due to the chaos caused by ordering juice boxes, these will now only be purchased from the canteen and not preordered.

Next week’s recess special is BACON AND PUMPKIN SOUP $2.50 served with 3 cheese fingers.  
**N.B. Soup is served tepid to avoid injury from accidental spillage.**

There are still dates available if you are able to volunteer, please come and see me in the canteen on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Fridays are hectic so if you’re available first thing even for half an hour to help with order collection your time would be greatly appreciated.

Next week’s roster

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Hope to see you soon  
Kayleen McLean - Canteen Coordinator
Kindy polos are now in stock!!

They come in sizes 4, 6, 8 and in red or navy. These are not a compulsory item.

Opening times are Tuesdays 8.15am to 10.30am and Thursdays 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

Thank you.
Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator

Vinnies Good Works

Knitting Stall

Notre Dame Church

Sunday 17 May
(after all morning Masses)
Tuning in to Kids

A six session parenting program

Would you like to learn how to:

• be better at talking with your child?
• be better at understanding your child?
• help your child learn to manage their emotions?
• help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
• teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning into Kids is a group parenting program. The ideas and techniques taught in the program will be useful for parents of children of all ages, but are particularly relevant for pre-schoolers. Next term, Kristy McAvan, Psychologist from the Catholic Education Office will be offering this program to parents. Sessions will be conducted at school from the 28th July until the 1st September. The program runs for 6 weeks in the mornings, from 9.am to 11.30 am. It is a requirement to attend all 6 sessions. Morning tea will be provided and we ask that any parents wishing to participate in the program pay $30 to cover the cost of workshop materials and the booklet.

If you would like to participate in this program, as places are limited to a maximum of 12 participants, please register your details below and return your slip to the school office by Friday 3 July. You will be contacted to confirm your enrolment and to collect payment.

Run by Catholic Education Psychology Team

Tuning in to Kids
I would like to register for the Turning in to Kids parenting program

Parent’s Name: _____________________________________

Children’s Names and Ages: _______________________________________________________

Phone Number:________________________________________________________
**The Fathering Project**
The Big Campout offers fathers the chance to spend quality one-to-one time with their child in a unique campout experience at WA’s premier cricket ground, the WACA and camp under the Stars.

**Date:** Saturday 16 May  
Gates open at 4.00pm  
Event will end 10.00am Sunday 17 May

**Location:** Gate 3 at the WACA, Nelson Crescent, East Perth  
ENTRY IS STRICTLY THROUGH GATE 3

**Entry:** $75.00 for Dad and 1 child (Age restrictions children 5-12 years)


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**Mother’s Day Raffle**

The winners are:

1st prize  
$250 Revive Day Spa Voucher  
Won by Jett Thompson PPP

2nd prize  
$100 Coles/Myer Voucher  
Won by Chloe Menzies - 1M

3rd prize  
$50 Spore Expresso Bar Voucher  
Won by Azeriah Borgia 1P

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Thank you for your support.  
Congratulations to the winners!
Notre Dame Cookbook
Now only $20! Please support the fundraising efforts of our PRC and purchase a copy of our fantastic community cookbook. There are lots of yummy recipes to tempt all tastebuds.

Copies of “Around Our Table” can be purchased by credit card online at the following link
http://www.trybooking.com/GKDU (for next day delivery to your child’s

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Mercedes College
Due to the extreme weather conditions forecast for this weekend the College has made the decision to postpone this Sunday’s Open Day. It is unfortunate but the forecast is for a storm to come through with heavy rain, strong winds and the possibility of thunderstorms. Given our young students are given the task of escorting families around the College on tours, and the fact that some of the activities are outside, we feel this is going to be too difficult to manage. We will be in touch very soon to confirm a new date where families will be able to enjoy the beautiful atmosphere of this College.

Kerrie Fraser
Principal

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Lisa Brannan has over 28 years coaching experience having coached in both Sydney and Perth. She has played the State League Comp here in Perth for the past 8 years, Winning 4 Finals, 3 Runners-Up & 1 Semi Final. Lisa has coached ALL AGES and ALL STANDARDS, and is happy to help you with not only your tennis game, but also advice on any TENNIS matters.