Dear Parents

As we approach the Second Sunday of Lent it is a good time to reflect on our Lenten promises. What did we decide to offer by way of Prayer, Penance or Almsgiving? Have we been true to ourselves in honouring our commitment? Maybe not, as the best of intentions may be overlooked in the busyness of our lives. If this is the case it is not a time to be hard on ourselves, but to reassess and revisit our intentions. Our God is all loving and aware of our humanity. He is always prepared to forgive if we are truly sorry. This is what we teach our Year Three children as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and it is equally applicable to each of us. In the words of Mother Teresa:

God doesn’t require us to succeed; He only requires that you try.

MERIT ASSEMBLY
Our first Merit Assembly of the year will be held tomorrow at 8.45am and I look forward to hearing about all of the excellent work that many of the children have been doing. At the Assembly we will be announcing our Year Six Faction Captains and Library Monitors and introducing all of our Council Groups for first Term.

YEAR SIX CAMP
Our campers returned safely last Friday after their wonderful week of activities in Albany. They have many great memories of their time spent together and they will periodically revisit these throughout the year as camp experiences are woven into the curriculum. A very special thank you to Mrs Boyle, Mrs Jennings, Ms Gollner, Mr Seers and Mr Webb who gave up time with their families and friends so that the children could enjoy such a well organised and fun-filled, educational camp.
**PRC SUNDOWNER**
Congratulations to the PRC for their very well organised Sundowner last Friday evening. It was so pleasing to see our community sharing each other’s company on such a pleasant afternoon. I’m not sure what connections the organisers have but they must be significant to have arranged such perfect weather after the extreme heat of the few days before the Sundowner. Some parents even told me that they were feeling a little cold!

**YEAR 3-6 MASS**
All parents are invited to attend our Mass next Wednesday in the Church at 8.45am, which will be hosted by the Year 4 classes.

**REMINDER**
Swimming Lessons for the children in Years Four to Six commence on Monday 29 February until Friday 11 March.

Darryl Winsor
Principal
PARISH NEWS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be every Friday evening at 7.00pm

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT: 27 February - 3 March 2016
Fr Gilbert Carlo SVD, a Divine Word missionary, will conduct the retreat at Notre Dame Church. He will preach at all Masses on the weekend 27/28 February. From 29 February to 3 March, Fr Carlo will celebrate Mass at 7.00pm followed by a talk and reflection.

RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS
Children in the Parish who are preparing for First Reconciliation are requested to attend the commitment Mass either on Saturday 27 February at 6.00pm or Sunday 28 February at 10.00am.

CLASS NEWS

YEAR 4
The year 4 students have leapt into the New Year by creating individual goals for Term One. We are focusing on being more independent and setting personal goals that will help us to be organised, try our best and achieve success with our learning activities. Both classes are working on learning our times tables through fun interactive activities, as we want all students to be times tables masters by the end of Term 1!

This term we are investigating Aboriginal culture and are very excited to be going on an Aboriginal Cultural excursion in Week 7, to Kings Park. We have already started to create some wonderful artwork. Here is a photo of two very proud artists who are displaying the start of their wonderful masterpieces.

I liked using the Aboriginal colours. I am excited to write about Aboriginal culture. – Bella Bianchini

I am excited to learn about how the Aboriginals used to live and how they crafted boomerangs and spears. I liked that I got to paint a frilled lizard. – Toby Mansfield

Mr Webb, Mrs Pethick and Miss Sagrera
HOMEWORK CLUB NEWS

Homework Club will commence in Week 4 on Tuesday 23 February at 3.15pm-4pm and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday. This is open to all students from Years 4-6 who need help completing homework. A reminder to please be prompt with picking up your child at 4pm through drive thru.

CANTEEN NEWS

Next week’s roster

Monday 22 February: Dorina Hortin
Wednesday 24 February: Danielle Lawrie morning, need help from 11.00am-1.00pm.
Friday 26 February: Dorina Hortin and Luan Dique

Thanks once again to my regular volunteers without you the new menu wouldn’t work. I still need volunteers to help keep the canteen running smoothly, so if you have a spare hour or two please pop in and help. Everyone is welcome mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles even older sibling

Hope to see you at the canteen soon.

Kayleen McLean
Canteen Manager

UNIFORM NEWS

The uniform shop opening times :

Monday 1.30pm-3.30pm
Thursday 1.30pm-3.30pm

Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Coordinator

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

SCHOOL BANKING
Don’t forget that Thursday is School Banking Day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. School banking is in the library from 8.00am every Thursday morning.
PRC SUNDOWNER
Another great night last Friday at our Welcome Back to School Sundowner. There was a great turn out from both families and staff, with the children enjoying the bouncy castles and singing and dancing to the music. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Erin Hunter
ND Netball 2016

We will again be coordinating netball and NetSetGo teams for ND students in Years 2-6. Games are held throughout terms 2 and 3 at Belmont Netball Association (BNA), Kooyong Rd Rivervale. We will field Netball teams for year 4-6 students and NetSetGo (modified rules) teams for year 2-3 students. For year 1 students interested in learning netball skills, BNA runs a NetSetGo skills program.

This year registration for all members is online via the MyNetball portal. All existing members will need to log in using their MyNetball log on details, which will be emailed out to existing ND families shortly (please check your junk inbox). If you don’t receive an email or are new players, go to the appropriate web address below, click “Get Started” and follow the on screen instructions. Registration closes 4 March 2016. Training begins Wednesday 9 March 2016 (for year 5 training date TBA).

**Year 4-6:**

**Year 2-3:**

**Year 1** BNA offer a NetSetGo Skills program, (all enquires and fees to BNA)

Complete the registration form. When you submit the form it will automatically be sent to the club (or BNA). The system sends an automatic email confirming your registration as well as giving you payment details.

A reminder that if you are interested in coaching an ND team or managing a team this year to please return the slip on the information sheet to classroom teachers. This will allow us to select children appropriately and ensure all teams have a coach and a manager.

Thank you also to all the parents for encouraging your children to play netball. It is a fantastic team sport and gives children the opportunity to exercise in a group environment and socialise outside the school setting. Extra information sheets are available at the office.

Many thanks

Tanya Steele & Karen Aravena
redcliffe junior football club

is looking for players
(boys & girls)
from PP to Year 12
(4 years old to 17 years old)

REGISTRATION DAY
@ Middleton Park
Sunday 21st Feb 10am—1pm

For more information please call our registrar,
Tamara on 0407 033 333
or go to www.rjfc.com.au

AWARDED ......
CLUB OF THE YEAR (voted by the umpires) for 2015
CHAMPION CLUB OF THE YEAR for Demon’s District in 2015

ST NORBERT COLLEGE

OPEN DAY
Friday 4 March 2015
St Norbert College warmly invites prospective students and their parents to tour our excellent college, its contemporary facilities and extensive grounds. Tours will be conducted at 9.00am and 1.30pm

Enrolments for Year 7 in 2018
The college has commenced enrolments for 2018. Application forms may be obtained by phoning the Enrolment Officer, Mrs Hughes on 9350 5433.
Belmont Junior Football Club (Inc)

CONTACT US:
Club; Peet Park, Kewdale
Cnr Armadale and Sydenham Streets
PH: 0451 992 316
www.belmontjfc.com.au
www.facebook.com/BelmontBombersJFC

REGISTRATION EVENT DATE:
Date: Sunday 21st February 2016
Time: 9:00am – 1:00pm
Venue: Peet Park,
then same day at “Junior Sports Expo / KidzFest”
Time: 3:30pm – 6:30pm
Venue: Faulkner Park City of Belmont

*All 2016 registrations completed online. Can be done from website or at registration event

- Grades -

AUSKICK PP - Yr 2
Commencing TBA 2016
Training Days: Thursday
Times: 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Game Days: Sunday Mornings

Youth Yr 7 - Yr 9
Commencing TBA 2016
Training Days: Tuesday & Thursday
Times: 4:30pm - 6:00pm
Game Days: Sunday Home and Away Games

Juniors Yr 3 - Yr 6
Commencing TBA 2016
Training Days: Thursday
Times: 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Game Days: Saturday Mornings Home and Away Games

Youth Yr 10 - Yr 12
Commencing TBA 2016
Training Days: Wednesday and Friday
Times: 4:30pm - 6:30pm
Game Days: Sunday Home and Away Games.