Dear Parents and Staff

He was still a long way off when his father caught sight of him. His father was so deeply moved with compassion that he ran out to meet him, threw his arms around his neck and kissed him. The son said:

“Father, I sinned against Heaven and before you. I no longer deserve to be called your son”.

But the father turned to his servants.

“Quick, bring out the finest robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and kill it. We shall celebrate and have a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has come back to life.”

The Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32) is an excellent Gospel reading for us to reflect upon, especially during the Lenten Season. In the spirit of reconciliation it may be a good time to examine our own lives to see if there is anyone who we have excluded. To span a gap we build bridges. Perhaps if you start to build the bridge someone on the other side may respond and make the coming together occur twice as fast.

RECONCILIATION
This weekend many of our Year Three children will attend their Reconciliation Commitment Mass which is another step along their Spiritual journey towards making their First Reconciliation later this term. I ask all members of our community to keep these children and their families in their prayers at this very special time.

MASS
I was very impressed by the reverence shown by the children from Years Three to Six at our celebration yesterday morning. The Year Four children read beautifully after approaching the Sanctuary with great reverence and the hymn singing, led by our choir, was a delight to hear. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Mass.

ASSEMBLY
Be sure to be at the Year Six assembly tomorrow morning to find out what really happened on their recent camp to Albany.
VOLUNTEERS
At Notre Dame we are blessed to have many parents and grandparents who voluntarily assist us in a range of activities such as class reading, class rosters, canteen, school banking, School Board, PRC and sport and excursion help. Without this generous assistance we would not be able to offer a wide range of activities for our children without fee increases. I'm sure you all join with me in thanking the many who give so generously of their own time to help out at school. They ask for nothing in return taking great joy in seeing the opportunities that their efforts create for the children.

If you know someone who volunteers at school take the time to tell them how much you appreciate it as we all benefit from their involvement.

REMINDER
Swimming lessons for Years Four to Six commence next Monday and conclude on Friday 11 March.

Darryl Winsor
Principal

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT
If your child is turning three years between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017, please ensure you get your enrolment forms into the office before the end of term 1.

If you are unsure as to whether you have completed a form please check with the office.

2016 FEES
This is a reminder that in order to qualify for the 5% discount which is based on the tuition fee only, fees will need to be paid in full by Monday 29 February 2016.
**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.

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**CLASS NEWS**

**YEAR 6**

It has been the most amazing start to the school year for our Year 6 students, who commenced the term preparing and packing their bags for their first camp.

The students travelled 418 km to Camp Quaranup in Albany, which, in 1875, started out as a Quarantine Station. It has since become a campsite for students to experience activities centred around outdoor education, team building and developing leadership skills.

The engaging and interactive programs experienced by the children in Albany, provided links between the classroom program and the Australian Curriculum. This connection has allowed us to further develop the program at school. We are so proud of the students who displayed courage, determination, and were respectful to their peers, teachers and excursion leaders during all the camp activities.

The leadership shown on camp, continues to resonate in the classroom with our current Faction Captains, Library Monitors and Council groups being announced at our recent merit assembly. Our council groups include: Environmental Council, Social Justice Council, Pastoral Council and Community Service Council. Congratulations to all our Year 6 leaders!

**Faction Captains 2016**

- **Prendiville**
  - Alice Plumbley
  - Kade McKeown

- **Nagle**
  - Sasha Whittaker
  - Caleb Yende-Emoko

- **McAuley**
  - Charlotte Vivian
  - Cameron Marin

- **Mercy**
  - Maddison Gough
  - Ethan Johadi

- **Library Monitors 2016**
  - Samuel Lolin
  - Nelson Ellis
  - Daniel Markovski
  - Madison Holtmeulen
  - Melody Mancuveni
  - Patrick Ohnphay

- **Omar Junaid**
- **Jack Dickson**
- **Gifty Osei-Afriyie**
- **Jessica Chapin**
- **Flora Iwansantoso**
- **Mina Wyder**
- **Dhruv Sajnani**
- **Brandon Xie**
Albany Adventures

On the 8\textsuperscript{th} of February, 2016, we, the Year 6 students of Notre Dame Catholic Primary School went on a camp to Albany. I was so excited to go to camp because we were going to see awesome stuff, like the Brig Amity, Old Strawberry Farm, The Wind Farm and Whale World!

From Perth to Albany was 416km which is a long way. The journey started and we had our morning tea at Williams; there we met a nice pair of alpacas named Andy and Robbo. Andy was a white alpaca and Robbo was black. While we were there Andy spat on Yasmine and Nelson but Robbo was fine and he didn’t do anything but walk around. Next we did a drive all the way to Kojonup and we had our lunch there. It was a great place. It had swings, a sand pit and two slides, just to name a few. We ate there and it was a lot of fun. Then we had another long bus ride all the way to Camp Quaranup located in Albany. There, we were greeted by a man named Paul. He talked about the campsite and how old it was. Then the next thing that we did was reorganising. We did our best to find as many letters as we could but we came second last. After that we had a shower and had dinner.

On the 9\textsuperscript{th} of February, 2016 we went for a bushwalk/beachwalk. We saw amazing views and also some big waves. We walked from one beach to another. We came back just in time for breakfast. Then we went canoeing. We saw the Cheynes II an old whaling ship turned into a shipwreck. It was sold to a research group then sold again to a man who turned it into a floating restaurant but then he went broke and the ship just stayed there. We went really close to it. Then we did a race back to the launching pad. We won which was pretty good considering that we were just new to it. After that we had some fruit for afternoon tea. Then we did the raft building which was quite fun. We tested our rafts but they all failed to stick together because we all did the same design of the raft. At least we cooled down! Next we went to the W.A Museum and saw the majestic Brig Amity. Fun fact, Amity means friendship in French. We then went back to Camp, had a game of spotlight but I was absolutely terrible. Next we had journal writing and then fell asleep really quickly.

On the 10\textsuperscript{th} of February 2016 we went fishing for a while because my group had to set up for breakfast. After that we did the bush activity and baked some lemonade scones which were yum. Anyways we built a shelter that had seats and a clothesline. We won the shelter building competition.
Next we went to the wind farm to answer questions on our camp book. I answered all of them. We saw some islands in the sea and we all shouted out Tazzy even though it isn’t Tazzy. We went back to the bus to go to the Princess Royal Fortress which had heavy artillery and it was awesome! Next we went to the ANZAC Museum which was right next to the Fortress. We learned about WWI there and found out about some soldiers. My soldier was from New Zealand and he also survived the First World War which was great but died after. We then came back to Camp Quaranup and did our journal writing. After that we did games night which was fun and then went to bed.

On the 11th of February, 2016 we went fishing and tried to catch the fish that bit the bait. We nearly caught one but we failed. We had breakfast then we went on the bus and saw Dog Rock. We went to the Old Strawberry Farm. Fun Fact- it wasn’t called “Strawberry Farm” because it had strawberries, the Spencer family actually called it that. We played games from the 1800’s which was fun. One of the games was the hoola hoop. We tapped the hoola hoop and had a race down to the bottom of the hill. Petter Pritchard (from the WA Museum) gave us a house tour of the Spencer’s house. The Spencer’s house was old. Next we went to the veggie garden to get some tomatoes, potatoes and carrots. We also pulled out some weeds. After that, we had lunch at Frenchman’s Bay and we also a sandcastle building competition. We made an actual castle next to a volcano. Next we went to Whale World which was fun. We learnt about the whaling ships Cheynes I, Cheynes II, Cheynes III and Cheynes IV. Cheynes IV was the only one that actually survived.

Cheynes III is in the middle of the ocean, Cheynes II turned into a floating restaurant but the owner ran out of money and stayed near our Camp. We saw the blue whale’s skeleton. That was pretty awesome. We saw a 3D movie about whales. Next we went back to Camp and had a quick shower for the talent show. My favourite act was the ANZAC Soldiers because everyone ended up dead except Ethan which was funny. It was a really tiring day.

On the 12th of February, 2016, we dressed up quickly and then packed because we were leaving. We were really tired though. We had breakfast and then went to the bus. We stopped for recess at Kojonup. Then we had lunch at Williams. We saw Andy and Robbo again. No one got spat on I think. We had wraps for lunch, which was yum. Then we went back to the bus and watched a movie. I slept for one hour then woke up at school. We finally got back to school. Camp was really fun but we had to say goodbye to Camp Quaranup.

By Arian Alcantara (6M)
Next week’s roster

Monday 29 February: Lindi Sugiarto
Wednesday 2 March: Marcia Whitaker
Friday 4 March: Dorina Hortin

Hope to see you at the canteen

Kayleen McLean
Canteen Manager

The uniform shop opening times:

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

REMINDER:
Winter uniform orders for Term 2 are due on Monday 29 February. Any orders received after this date will be at the increased pricing listed below.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Effective 1 March 2016, there will be a price increase on the items listed below. This is due to our suppliers increasing prices on these items as of July 2015.

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The good news is that you can call into the Uniform Shop before 1 March 2016 to purchase these items at the current price. You can find current uniform prices on the school website nds.wa.edu.au.

Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Coordinator

SCHOOL BANKING
A reminder that Thursday is School Banking Day and students should bring in their weekly deposit with the completed bank slips. The banking hours are from 8.00am to 8.25 am in the school library.
PARENTS AND FRIENDS FEDERATION OF WA

Save the Date!

PFFWA Conference and AGM 2016

“Congratulations! We Hear You’re Engaged!”

The Parents and Friends Federation of WA are excited to be putting the last touches to our conference program for this year. As usual the conference opening dinner will be held on Friday evening 20th May at Crown Perth.

The conference will commence the following morning and go through until 5.00pm. Refreshments including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided on the day of the conference, along with great speakers, interactive sessions and the usual fantastic networking opportunities.

With both Federal and State elections on the horizon, PFFWA have invited politicians from the major parties to attend and you will have the opportunity to hear what their vision is for education in Western Australia in the foreseeable future.

Dates for your diary – 20th & 21st May 2016

At Crown Perth

For more information, please keep an eye on the PFFWA website and our Facebook page or contact admin@pff.wa.edu.au telephone 9271 5909
City of Belmont
Harmony Week
Concert
Celebrate Harmony Week with the community

Sunday, 20 March 2016
3pm to 6pm
Tomato Lake, Corner Oats Street and Scenic Drive, Kewdale

Get together for a free family outdoor concert to acknowledge and celebrate the City’s cultural diversity, unique heritage, recognise local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ contribution to our community and to support and commit to Closing the Gap.

Free entertainment and activities!
• Culturally diverse entertainment
• World Harmony Walk
• Fun kids games and rides
• Face painting and henna
• Photo booth
• Jewellery making and much more!

Food and refreshments available for purchase. Limited vouchers will also be available for water or ice cream.

For more information contact
Cultural Diversity Engagement Officer
Clare Ferreira on 9477 7453 or clare.decarvalhoferreira@belmont.wa.gov.au

MERCEDES COLLEGE - Open Day Monday 14 March 9.30am - 11.30am
To register please go to : www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/openday Telephone 9323 1323
The Palmerston, Outcare, and DAWN Capacity Building (PODCaB) Project proudly presents

Methamphetamine Community Forum

ICE | SPEED | BASE

A free community event bringing families and health professionals together to explore the impact of methamphetamine, and the supports available to individuals and families.

Master of Ceremony
Malcolm Dix

Malcolm Dix is a Comedian, MC, Speaker and Facilitator with more than 20 years of experience in presenting to diverse, wonderful and challenging audiences across Australia and overseas.

Wednesday, 23 March 2016
9.30am - 3.00pm
The Boulevard Centre
99 The Boulevard, Floreat
FREE! With lunch and morning tea provided.

Funded by the Australian Government, Department of Health through the Substance Misuse Service Delivery Grants Fund

RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA
The ‘Rock and Water’ Program – Saturday 12 March 8.30-12.30. $60 per pair. West Leederville Primary School, 58 Northwood Street, West Leederville.
Physical exercises are constantly linked with mental and social skills. The Rock and Water program leads from simple self-defence, boundary and communication exercises to a strong notion of self-confidence. The program offers a framework of exercises and ideas to assist boys and girls aged between 8 and 14 years to become aware of the purpose and motivation in their life. Topics include: intuition, body language, mental strength, empathic feeling, positive feeling, positive thinking and positive visualising. For further information and to enrol please phone 6164 0200.