FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Loving God,
You are our friend always.
We are good people but sometimes we hurt one another.
We are sorry for the unearning things we do.
Thank you for loving us all the time even when we hurt one
another and make one another unhappy.
Help us to be more caring and thoughtful towards one
another.
Amen.

On Thursday evening, students preparing for First Reconciliation and
their parents and carers attended the sacramental evening at the Parish
and then at the school grounds. This is an important step in assisting students
and families to prepare and emphasise the Parish and school role in
supporting parents to develop the spiritual and Catholic growth of their
children. Thank you to all who attended and to Fr Nelson, Mrs Achmad and Mrs Pirie for their
outstanding efforts in facilitating the evening. We keep in our prayers the
students who will be making their First Reconciliation either this weekend, or the following weekend.

REPORTING
This week, students will be bringing home work samples pertaining to
mathematics, English and one other Learning Area for viewing. A
reflection sheet will also accompany these samples so that each child
can discuss their learning with their parents. This is an important
element of the learning process and assists students to develop a better
awareness of what they are required to achieve. It is beneficial to
discuss the areas of success and enjoyment and to set and share goals
for the remainder of the term. In the junior years, this is represented
using the two stars and a wish format.
**WEEKLY EVENTS**

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**FRIDAY 11 MARCH**

Swimming Year 4-6

Merit Awards

**SATURDAY 12 MARCH**

Yr 3 Reconciliation

**SUNDAY 13 MARCH**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**TUESDAY 15 MARCH**

Board Meeting 6.00pm

**THURSDAY 17 MARCH**

Yr 4-6 Swimming Carnival

**FRIDAY 18 MARCH**

Assembly Yr 1M

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**PARKING**

A friendly reminder that parking at school is first and foremost a safety issue above that of any convenience factors.

Please remember that all parking bays around our school designated for people with disabilities are for that purpose only. It is essential that only those with a valid ACROD sticker use these parking bays.

Parents, please be vigilant with the supervision of young children in the car park.

**ANTI-BULLYING DAY**

Please see information below, pertaining to the National Day Against Bullying and Violence on Friday 18 March.

**CAIAndroid**

At Notre Dame, we have a very affordable canteen which is mostly due to the efforts of our volunteers. The canteen could not run efficiently without the assistance of parents. If you would like to volunteer to help out in the canteen, please visit Kayleen in the canteen. Volunteering doesn't need to be for an entire session, even an hour of time makes a big difference. The canteen roster is published in the newsletter.

**GRIP LEADERSHIP**

This Friday, eight of our Year 6 Student Leaders will be attending the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Convention Centre.

The conference aims to train and develop the values of generosity, responsibility, integrity and people in preparation for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. We look forward to reading about their experiences in next week’s newsletter.

**SWIMMING**

This week marks the final week of swimming lessons for our Year 4-6 students. We are looking forward to the upcoming swimming carnival to be held at Bayswater Waves on Thursday 17 March.

Miss Cutri
Assistant Principal
PARISH NEWS

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

NOTRE DAME CARE (NDC)
Notre Dame Care, a parish outreach program, offers services in home support, transport, visiting and handyman/gardening. During Masses this weekend we will invite new volunteers to join the program and existing volunteers to recommit (and perhaps change the areas where they like to help).

As a parent of school-aged children you might consider helping NDC in any one of the following ways: (a) sign up as a volunteer, (b) pray for the success of the program, (c) be especially aware of others who may benefit from assistance, and, if you cannot help yourself, call the Parish Office; (d) call Ross on 0407 195852 if you have suggestions about how NDC might better service young families.

LITURGICAL SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT NOTRE DAME CHURCH

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One way to enter more personally in these ceremonies is to try and wear clothes of the liturgical colour:

- Palm Sunday – RED,
- Holy Thursday – WHITE,
- Good Friday – RED,
- Easter Sunday – WHITE OR GOLD
Whilst settling into Kindergarten we have been focusing on learning and discovering during outside play. We planted some beautiful flowers and discussed what plants need in order to grow. We have also been busy creating a worm farm and recycling our scraps to feed the worms. We have a new mud kitchen which is great for getting messy and mixing up some delicious treats! We also showed Miss Smith and Mrs Harland that we are going to be great in the house one day, look at us doing the washing and hanging it on the line!

Miss Smith, Mrs Harland, Mrs Langoulant, Mrs Smith, Mrs Davidson, and Mrs Bordoni
On **Friday 18 March**, our school will be taking part in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will participate in a prayer service at the conclusion of the Year 1 assembly. This will include a balloon release, signifying that Notre Dame Catholic School is founded on faith and we will draw on our faith and embrace our school values to help us become a community free of bullying. We want our school to be a happy, safe environment where all members are respected and treated with dignity. Following the service, students will move off into their classrooms to complete a variety of activities designed to improve their understanding of bullying in our society; an important teaching component of our Rock and Water program.

Parents and carers are asked to join us outside the library to take part in this important service on Friday morning 18 March after assembly.

At Notre Dame Catholic Primary School, we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

**If your child talks to you about bullying:**

1. **Listen calmly and get the full story.** Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they’ve told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. **Reassure your child they are not to blame.** Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, “That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.” or “I’m so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that’s not fair at all.”

3. **Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do.** A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. **Visit** [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) **to find some strategies.** The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.
5. Contact the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.

6. Check in regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

Rock and Water Committee

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

Week 7 roster:

- **Monday 14 March:** Luan Dique
- **Wednesday 16 March:** Marcia Whitaker
- **Friday 18 March:** Dorina Hortin

Please remember to put what flavour sushi your child is ordering not just SUSHI.

Thank you to the lovely ladies who stayed and helped on Wednesday after my melt down about no volunteers.

If you have even a spare half an hour please come and help in the canteen as I can't keep the new menu without help.

Hope to see you soon.

Kayleen McLean

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**UNIFORM NEWS**

The uniform shop opening times:

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

Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Coordinator
**CITY OF BELMONT**

**Harmony Day** - Sunday 20 March 2016 from 3-6pm - venue: Tomato Lake
To celebrate Harmony Week, Tomato Lake will come alive with a free outdoor family concert to acknowledge and celebrate our cultural diversity and unique heritage.

**Autumn River Festival** - Sunday 3 April 2016 - venue: Garvey Park 11.00am-3.00pm
Garvey Park will come alive with the sights, sounds and smells of the Autumn River Festival with a riverside location, delicious food and activities for the whole family.

**City of Belmont Community Race Day** - Saturday 9 April 2016 - venue Ascot Racecourse
Experience and thrill of thoroughbred racing at Ascot Racecourse. Belmont residents receive FREE general admission with proof of residency, a limited free food and drink offer, free entertainment and activities.

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**PRC NEWS**

**NDCPS ONLINE FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION 2016**
Footy tipping will be run as an online competition through footsteps.com.au on the internet administered by Danielle Lawrie.

**GREAT PRIZES, GREAT FUN AND A FANTASTIC FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED THROUGH PRC**

*Forms are available at the front office and must be returned with an entry fee of $50.00 by Tuesday 22 March.*

If you require any further information or assistance please do not hesitate to contact

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Email : dani.lawrie@hotmail.co.uk

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**
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