Dear parents & Staff

If we really want to love,
We must learn how to forgive.
Mother Teresa

The new Term has commenced with a noticeable drop in the temperature which I’m sure the children appreciate as they are now wearing their winter uniforms. Our first event for the Term was our ANZAC remembrance service which was held yesterday morning and led by our Year Six leaders and the school choir. It is important that we acknowledge the sacrifice of the many women and men who have served our country and given us the opportunity to experience peace in our daily lives. I was very impressed by the respect that the children displayed throughout the service and thank all who were involved in preparing and leading it for us.

The following quote about the ANZACS killed at Gallipoli, attributed to Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the first President of Turkey, is a beacon of hope that with time and effort we can learn to embrace those whose ideals differ from our own.

_Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives ... You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side here in this country of ours ... You, the mothers who sent their sons from faraway countries, wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land they have become our sons as well._

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**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**SATURDAY 30 APRIL**
Communion Commitment
Mass 6.00pm

**SUNDAY 1 MAY**
Communion Commitment
Mass 10.00am

**WEDNESDAY 4 MAY**
Whole School Mass
Mother’s Day led by Yr 6
8.45am

Ian Lillico Seminar 7-9pm

**FRIDAY 6 MAY**
Assembly Yr 4P

**REMINDER**

**THURSDAY 12 MAY**
First Communion
parent/child workshop
6.00pm

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**SAD NEWS**

Last year I wrote in the newsletter about Sr Romuald Brosnan, who was one of the foundation staff members at Holy Name School and the wonderful opportunity that Carmel Cutri and I had in meeting with this amazing 99 year old. Sadly, Sr Romuald had a fall a couple of weeks ago from which she did not recover. Sr Romuald passed away last Thursday and I attended her funeral Mass this afternoon at Santa Maria College. In my article last year I wrote,

*It was a rare opportunity to meet with such a remarkable lady whose legacy of challenging children to think lives on in our school today. It is through the work of teachers such as Sr Romuald that our school has built such a strong reputation as a caring community which values the ability and fosters the potential of all of its members.*

Vale Sr Romuald

Jenny Paul, a much loved and admired member of the ‘old Notre Dame’ school, passed away on the 11 April 2016. She was a passionate and dedicated teacher and taught at the school for 22 years. Mrs Paul was also an active and respected member of the Notre Dame Parish. I was fortunate enough to have Jenny as a mentor as a student teacher and she remained a close personal friend of mine over the years. Her faith formed the essence of her life and her generous, kind and gentle nature touched the lives of children, parents, teachers and members of the wider school community. I am sure her family would appreciate our prayers at this difficult time.

Mrs Pethick

**DR IAN LILICO**

On Tuesday the school staff attended Professional Development focusing on boys’ education facilitated by Dr Ian Lillico. Ian is an outstanding presenter who has many practical ideas to engage both boys and girls in their education and to foster positive relationships with them. The Parent Representative Council has organized Ian to present to our school’s parents next Wednesday at 7.00pm. I highly recommend that you attend.

**WELCOME BACK!**

We are very pleased to welcome back Velma Erskine after her two Term secondment to St Luke’s School in Woodvale. Velma returns to her Assistant Principal role with a particular focus on support in the Kindy to Year Two classes. This will allow Mary Tampalini to focus on support for the Year Three to Six classes.
**SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY**

It is important that we, as a school and an education system, regularly check our progress with our stakeholders. To do this we periodically survey students, parents and staff with the data collated and analyzed to assist us with future directions and planning. The survey is voluntary and a random selection of students from Year Three to Six, 60 parents and all staff are invited to participate. The higher the response rate that we receive, the more valid the data that we collect will be. Survey details will be sent to the randomly selected parents next Monday. I encourage you to take the time to complete this to ensure we have the most relevant data. The surveys for the children will be completed during school time.

**NATURE PLAYGROUND**

Well there’s no turning back now! Over the holidays Mr Mike Dumps, whose children Jesse and Summer are in Years Three and One, arranged for the large pipe to be put in place and a large section of the ground to be dug out so that we can move ahead with the project. Thank you to Mike for all of the work that he has done and for arranging the donation of the pipe through Mr Craig Donaldson from Rocla Industries.

Last year I called for support from our community in working on the playground and received a fantastic response. I will be contacting each of those who responded to attend a meeting on Monday 9 May at 6.00pm in the school library so that we may arrange working teams to complete the different elements of the playground. Of course, anyone who did not respond last year is very welcome to join us as well.

Darryl Winsor  
Principal

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**FIRST COMMUNION COMMITMENT MASS**

Saturday 30 April at 6.00pm  
Sunday 1 May at 10.00am

Please bring the signed ‘Sacramental Pledge’ when you come to one of the Commitment Masses.

*It is an expectation that all children receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist this year attend one of these Masses. If you are unable to attend either the Saturday 30 April or Sunday 1 May please make an appointment to see Father Nelson.*
SPORTING NEWS

Sporting Schools - Badminton (Year 1 - 3)
Sign up sheets are available in admin for sporting schools this term. Badminton will be held Thursday mornings (7.10am - 8am) in the Multi Purpose Hall, run by Badminton WA. If you are unable to get to school then please send me an email - webb.brett@nds.wa.edu.au.

Notre Dame Running Club - Tuesday & Thursday mornings at Miles Park (Starting week 3)
Notre Dame will be holding a running club Tuesday & Thursday mornings at Miles Park. This will be in preparation for the school and interschool cross country carnivals. There will be some sessions at Tomato Lake which will be mentioned in the permission notes. We also welcome parents to join the club, either by helping with sessions, or just joining in with the kids. The running club will commence in week 3. Please email or come and see me if you would be interested in helping.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thanks to all my volunteers who helped in the canteen last term and to those who have already put their name down for this term.

If you are able to volunteer this term please come and see me, even if you can only do half an hour your time would be appreciated.

Everyone is welcome mums, dads, aunts, uncles, older siblings and grandparents. Come by yourself or in small groups which ever you feel more comfortable with. I would like to thank Craig for being the first dad to be brave enough to come help in the canteen last term, I hope to see some more dads this term.

Next week’s roster
- Monday 2 May: Luan Dique
- Wednesday 4 May: Marcia Whitaker
- Friday 6 May: Dorina Hortin

The new winter menu has started and copies are available online, from the canteen and the front office. Hope to see you soon.

Kayleen McLean
Canteen Manager

UNIFORM NEWS

The uniform shop opening times:

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

Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Coordinator
DR IAN LILlico SEMINAR

The Notre Dame Catholic Primary School Parents Representative Council will be hosting a seminar presented by Dr Ian Lillico

Date and Time: Wednesday 4th May 2016 commencing at 7pm - 9pm

Location: Notre Dame Catholic Primary School Library/hall

Cost: Free for Notre Dame Catholic Primary School parents and carers

Please advise if you will be able to attend by completing the return form to class teachers or complete Trybooking to secure a place by 2nd May.

This seminar focuses on helping boys and girls to grow into great citizens. Dr Ian Lillico will outline strategies for parents to assist children in their development along the lines “It takes a Village to raise a child”. The role of still pictures, reading fiction, digital homework and many other facets will be examined during the evening. Dr Ian Lillico will explain why it is even more difficult for today’s kids to put their minds to reading, writing and numeracy without the assistance of calculators and computers. He will give many practical strategies for parents to use to better engage both boys and girls, improve their functional literacy and grow into fine young adults. Dr Ian Lillico will additionally be presenting to the staff at Notre Dame Catholic Primary School for their Professional Development early in Term 2.

Dr Ian Lillico is a former High School Principal and now an international consultant in gender, education, homework and middle schooling. He has completed action research in gender throughout Australia and New Zealand from 1992 and worldwide from 2000. He has been with the Education Department of WA for 31 years and has held the positions of Teacher, Head of Department, Deputy Principal and Principal. Ian specializes in gender-sensitive practice, special needs and boys’ education.

Dr Ian Lillico has a PhD in Education, is a Churchill Fellow, Founder and Executive Director of the Boys Forward Institute and the CEO of the Foundation for Educational Digital Development (FEDD). He is a National Fellow of The Australian Council of Educational Leaders (ACEL) and was the ACEL 2006 National Travelling Scholar. Ian is a University Supervisor with Edith Cowan University in WA in the Faculty of Education. His websites are www.boysforward.com.au and www.fedd.org.au.

I would like to attend the seminar by Dr Ian Lillico

Parent’s Surname: ____________________________ Class: ______
Number of parents/carers attending: __________________
Signature: __________________

Or Alternatively please book through TRY-booking URL links are: https://www.trybooking.com/KZXK and https://www.trybooking.com/193268
SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE
Southern Cross Cultural Exchange is once again seeking volunteer host families to host international exchange students arriving in July 2016 for a stay of one term, one semester, or two semesters.

Many families in Australia enjoy hosting student from other cultures whilst their own children are still young in order to help their children gain a cultural perspective.

Call 1800 500 501 (toll free). Email scceaust@scce.com.au Web: www.scce.com.au

CENTRE FOR FAITH ENRICHMENT
Grace-filled Parenting: The Centre of Faith Enrichment is excited to present “Grace-filled Parenting” - a series of workshops aimed at giving parents some time for faith growth in a way that nurtures home and family life. Thursdays 19 May - 23 June 10am-12.30pm (includes morning tea break) at the Newman Siena Centre, 33 Williamstown Road, Doubleview. Total cost is $45 and a free creche is available on-site. To register, for more information, or to see the full range of Term Two courses and events, visit www.cfe.org.au, or call 9241 5221. ALL are welcome (you don’t have to be Catholic!).

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