Dear Parents & Staff

We all had a lot of fun wearing our pyjamas to school yesterday, but the real purpose of the day was about raising everyone’s awareness of the plight of those less fortunate who don’t have a secure, warm, safe place to sleep each night. I was very happy that it wasn’t too cold last night with the temperature dropping to a reasonable 9 degrees so, other than the hard floor in the undercover area, I wasn’t too uncomfortable and managed to get some sleep.

Thank you to Alex Woodley (Carmel Cutri’s partner), Jacob Cottrell (Year One Student Teacher) and his brother, Vinnie, for braving the elements and joining me last night. The invitation is always open for others to join us next year! Through our gold coin donation we raised the fantastic total of $672 which will be presented to Mr John Harbinson from the Notre Dame chapter of the St Vincent de Paul Society at our Monday morning assembly on 27 June.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Our last two groups of children from the School and Parish will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend. Please remember to keep them and their families in your prayers.

FATHER NELSON

We were recently advised that our Parish Priest Fr Nelson Po has been appointed to the Applecross Parish. This has all happened very quickly and Fr Nelson’s last masses at Notre Dame will be this coming weekend. Fr Nelson has been a wonderful pastoral leader in both the Parish and our
School and will be missed by all of us. His gentle nature and acceptance of all, along with his ability to engage with the children at their level have established and maintained a strong bond between the Parish and our school. I thank Fr Nelson for all that he has done in support of our school and wish him every blessing as he moves to his new Parish. We have not yet been told who will be replacing Fr Nelson but I will inform the community once an appointment has been made.

NATURE PLAYGROUND
You will undoubtedly have noticed the progress made on the Nature Playground last weekend. I thank Deb and Stuart Pobke, Justin McAullay, Stuart Doncon, Adam Ciccarone, Mick Holtmeulen, Liam South Danielle Smith, Pat Bewley, Linda Harland, Lydia Bordoni, Nannette Pethick, Daniela Boyle and David Shumack who assisted with the creek bed, speaking tubes and platforms last Saturday morning. A small group is meeting at 8.00am this Sunday to complete the erection of the platform over the tunnel and then the cladding to both of the platforms. I’m sure they would appreciate any assistance that parents may be able to offer.

ASSEMBLY
We look forward to hearing about many of the things that the Year 4M class have been learning at their Assembly tomorrow morning.

SEMESTER REPORTS
Teachers have been working on these for the past couple of weeks and I am currently working through the final proofing of the comments. Whilst it is necessary for the teachers to commence working on the reports some weeks before they are made available to parents, the final grade is not determined until a few days before the reports are released for parents to view online. In this way the children receive a grade for the full semester of their work.

EARLY CLOSURE
School finishes at 12.00pm for the children on Wednesday 29 June so that the teachers may commence Parent Interviews at 12.30pm. It is important that parents attend these meetings so that the teachers may elaborate upon their child’s progress.

• Please ensure that children are collected promptly at 12.00pm.
• The Drive-Through Pick Up will operate from 12.00pm.
• The Kindy classes will operate as normal, however parents are welcome to collect their children early if they wish.

MISSING
Sometime between lunchtime on Friday 3 June and Thursday 9 June a boy’s bike was taken from the area behind the Multi-Purpose Hall. If you have any information regarding this would you please contact the school office.

FOR THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN
Please adhere to the 40kph speed limits around our school and do not collect children along Daly St by double parking.

Darryl Windsor
Principal
Last Wednesday, the Year Five children went on the best excursion ever! We were guided through the history of St Mary’s Cathedral and toured Elizabeth Quay. A special thank you to our parent helpers who are an integral part of the success of these days.

Mr Safe, Mrs Bradshaw and Miss Cutri

On Wednesday, 7 June, the Year 5 classes went to Elizabeth Quay and St Mary’s Cathedral for an excursion. We went to these places for a great experience and because we are writing an information report about an Australian landmark and Elizabeth Quay is a landmark.

The first thing we did was get on the bus. I sat next to Jian on the bus and it was really fun. All the sights we saw out the window were very old and rustic. When we arrived at St Mary’s Cathedral we had recess on a patch of green grass. After this, we were split into groups. Each group had a tour guide. My group stepped foot into St Mary’s Cathedral first.

We sat down and listened to the history of the Cathedral. Then, we had a look at the Stations of the Cross. Each station was carved individually. We then looked at the organs and the different places you could pray. The floor was mosaic. When the Meckering earthquake happened in 1969 some of the tiles were destroyed. Some people tried to fix them up, but there was still a cracked line remaining. So we could remember what happened.

When we finished the tour, we went back on the bus to Elizabeth Quay. As soon as we got to Elizabeth Quay we had lunch. All the seagulls were trying to take our lunches. Then we split up into our groups again and walked to the Spanda. The Spanda was huge and had 6 different rings, each gradually getting taller and thicker. Then we made our way to the BHP Billiton Water Park. It was closed because of the bacteria in the water.

Next, we went to the First Contact. The First Contact is a huge art sculpture of a bird on a boat. We then walked along the 110 metre footbridge and headed to the nature playground to play. We answered the questions in the activity book. Then we headed on the bus back to school.

Going to these places was really fun and interesting. It was a great opportunity and learning experience for me.
By Harmony Dique

**Our Excursion to St Mary’s Cathedral and Elizabeth Quay**

On Wednesday 8 June we went on an excursion to Elizabeth Quay and St Mary’s Cathedral with Mrs Bradshaw, Mr Safe, Ms Cutri, Miss Gollner, parents and Year Fives. Most of the Year Fives went on the excursion, however, a few people were away. The reason we went to Elizabeth Quay is because we learnt about it in Term 1 for geography. Now we are learning about Australian landmarks and I chose to learn about the Shrine of Remembrance.

We got on the bus at 9.30am and arrived at 10am at St Mary’s Cathedral. The first thing we did was eat morning tea and we ate on a big, grassy hill area. After we ate we had a tour of the Cathedral. My group’s guide was Anne. One of my favourite places was the crypt which is where the remains of previous Bishops and Archbishops of Perth are kept.
At 11.30am the tour ended and we got on the bus and drove to Elizabeth Quay. Once we got to Elizabeth Quay we ate lunch in front of the Bell Tower. When we finished lunch we started doing activities in our activity booklet. While we were working on our activities we also explored Elizabeth Quay. The places we visited were: The big paperclip, the bird in the boat, the closed waterpark and the nature playground. We had to draw different parts and answer questions about each section.

The last place we visited was the nature playground, which we loved playing in. We then had to leave Elizabeth Quay and come back to school. When we left I was tired and glad to leave and come back to school, only because I was exhausted.

By Swil Gwizhi
This term we have been looking at how the stories of families and the past can be communicated, for example through photographs, family treasures and stories.

YEAR 1

The students have been learning about the differences and similarities between students' daily lives and life during their parents’ and grandparents’ childhoods, including family traditions, leisure time and communications. We have been able to see and play with an old telephone and compared it to the ones we use now.

YEAR 2

In history this term the Year 2 students have been thinking about the history of a significant person, building, site or part of the natural environment in the local community and what it reveals about the past. We compared how the use may have changed or stayed the same for some historical buildings.

YEAR 3

Over the semester the Year 3 class has been looking at days and weeks celebrated or commemorated in Australia, e.g. Australia Day and ANZAC Day, and the importance of symbols and emblems. We have also researched, using the ipads, celebrations and commemorations in other places around the world; for example, Bastille Day in France and Independence Day in the USA and chosen our own funny world celebration to research.

YEAR 4

This term Year 4 have looked at 400th anniversary of Dirk Hartog and then chosen the journey(s) of a world navigator, explorer or trader up to the late eighteenth century to research.

YEAR 5

The impact of a significant development or event on a colony has been the base for a study of Eureka and the gold rush. The students have considered the different points of view of Peter Lalor and Lieutenant-Governor Charles La Trobe in regards to the miner’s licences and written an imaginary letter about the daily life on the goldfields.
YEAR 6

We have continued with term 1 theme of the key figures and events that led to Australia’s Federation, including British and American influences on Australia’s system of law and government. This term we specifically looked at comparing the USA and Britain influence on Australia's system of government and identifying key elements of Australia's system of law and government and their origins (for example the Magna Carta; federalism; constitutional monarchy; the Westminster system and the separation of powers - legislature, executive, judiciary; the houses of parliament; how laws are made).

Helen Flack
History Teacher

CHOIR NEWS

We have had a busy term in the music classroom this term. Students in Years 4-6 have been learning to play tunes using tuned percussion instruments. As such they are reinforcing their music reading, rhythm and notation skills. The next step will be to create tunes as a class, notate and play them in class.

The Year 3 children have begun learning the two hymns which they will perform at the Performing Arts Festival next term; Jesus, Now we come to You and Led by Your Spirit. We are in the process of learning these hymns off by heart and refining our performance skills. Similarly, the choir children have been learning the songs they will perform at the festival next term, When will we learn and Step in time. When I have information about our performance times and dates I will forward that to parents.

The choir is looking forward to singing at the end of term Mass when we will be able to hopefully 'christen' the new microphone, which Fr Nelson kindly purchased for the use of the parish and the school. It should make a positive impact to our singing.

Just before Fr Nelson moves on, I would like to acknowledge and thank him for his support and encouragement of all things musical here at Notre Dame, especially of the choir.

Mr Alessio Loiacono
Music Specialist

PROFESSOR MATHS

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Last Wednesday and Thursday the children in Pre-Primary to Year Five were given the opportunity to participate in some hands on mathematical games from Professor Maths. These games were problem solving tasks and the children were encouraged to work collaboratively to solve the answers. Positive feedback was given from students, parents and teachers.
Comments:

I liked that there were some fun games. I liked the one where we put the marble into it to see who came first.
(Jay - Pre-Primary P)

Math is complicated but fun! 3M loves solving math problems. Last week, Professor Maths came to our school. We really enjoyed doing the math games. Our favourite part was doing the super challenges!
(Sally, Kristel and Madeleine – 3M)

The Year Five students loved the activities Professor Maths had set up for them. There were plenty of different activities that made the mind boggle and lots of activities that allowed all of the children to experience success. The best part of the incursion was seeing all the students work together to come up with an answer for each activity.
(Mrs Stefanie Bradshaw 5P Teacher)

Thanks again to those parents who came to help out with the Pre-Primaries.

Mrs Tiffany Donovan-Flintoff
Next week’s roster

Monday 20 June: Lindi Sugiarto
Wednesday 23 June: Megan Ballantine
Friday 25 June: Dorina Hortin

PRC volunteer roster

Monday 20 June: 5P
Wednesday 22 June: 1M

Hope to see you at the canteen soon.

Kayleen McLean
Canteen coordinator

Round Winners PRC Footy Tipping 2016

Round 9  Gavin Dwyer
Round 10  The Millington Family
Round 11  Julie Howe
Round 12  Julie Howe

Congratulations to all the round winners.

If you haven’t handed in your entry money please leave it at the front office because it's overdue. Good Luck for the rest of the season.

Danielle Lawrie

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To raise awareness of HOMELESSNESS in our society, the year six students from the Social Justice Council are asking for donations of blankets and sleeping bags to donate to St Vincent de Paul Society. Please give generously to needy families. Forward all items to your classroom teacher.