NOTRE DAME NEWS
FOUNDATIONS FOR LIFE-LONG LEARNING

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Core Value
INNOVATION

With Christ as our guide, our community encourages creativity in others and pursues alternative solutions. We aspire to be enterprising and open-minded in the human endeavour of life-long learning.

Thought for the week
"What you can do, we cannot do, and what we can do, you cannot do, but together we can do something beautiful."
Mother Teresa

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

(Acts 2:1-4)

Dear Parents

On Saturday many of our Year Six children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is a very special time in their lives as they commit to taking a more active role in their own Faith journey. The analogy I use is that it’s like going on an overseas trip; at Baptism the children’s parents and Godparents booked their ticket for the flight and now, at Confirmation, it is up to them to confirm their commitment to take the journey into the future. I ask for all members of our community to keep these children and their families in their prayers at this most significant time in their Spiritual journey.

MERCY DAY

Tomorrow we have a full day of activities related to our school charism, most particularly, our Mercy background and history.

- Our day commences with Mass at 8.30am so please ensure children are at school by no later than 8.20am to allow us to be settled in the church. At the conclusion of Mass Jian Chilton, Ryllie Mack and Albin Manoj will present a short Powerpoint about Ursula Frayne, the first Mercy Sister to come to Australia 170 years ago, and their experience at the Ursula Frayne Pilgrimage that they attended last week.
- Between Mass and recess the children will be completing tasks relating to our founding Sisters, Catherine McAulay, Ursula Frayne and Nano Nagle.
**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**

**MERCY DAY**
Whole School Mass 8.30am  
Led by Yr 3  
Mercy Day Celebrations

**SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**

**Yr 6 Confirmation 6.00pm**

**MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER**

**EDU-DANCE**

**TUESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER**

ATHLETICS JUMPS AND THROW  
YR 4-6 @ 8.30am-10.30am  
Board Meeting 6.00pm

**WEDNESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER**

PP Liturgy 10.00am  
Night of Notables Yr 5  
3.30-6.00pm

**THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**

2016 NDCPS Athletics Carnival  
Langford Sporting Complex  
9.20am-2.10pm

**FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER**

**ASSEMBLY YR 3M**  
**EDU-DANCE CONCERT**  
P CLASSES @ 2.20pm

• Between recess and lunch the Staff and Year Six children will host a mini-fête that all children will be able to attend. We ask that children bring $5.00 to school so that they may participate in a range of activities. The funds raised will be sent to Mercy Works, the Mercy Sisters aid fund, so that they may assist those in need throughout Australia and Papua New Guinea.
• At morning tea there will be free cakes and slices for the children and for lunch they will receive a free sausage sizzle.
• In the afternoon the children will participate in sports activities with their buddy class.
• Children are permitted to wear free dress. *(No gold coin donation)*

**NAPLAN**

Due to an error at the post office our NAPLAN results were returned to the eastern states. They arrived at our school on Monday and were sent home to families via post on the same day. Hopefully all parents of Year 3 and 5 children will now have received their reports. If this is not the case please contact the school office.

**SPELLING BEE**

Thank you to the teachers, and particularly Miss Amanda Sagrera, for the work they have done in conducting the initial rounds of our school Spelling Bee. The finals will be held in the multi-purpose hall this afternoon/evening as follows:

• Year 3 – 4.30pm – 5pm  
• Year 4 – 5.15pm – 5.45pm  
• Year 5 – 6pm – 6.30pm  
• Year 6 – 6.45pm – 7.30pm

I wish all of our finalists the best of luck.

**ATHLETICS**

Over the next week we have our Faction Athletics Carnivals. Mr Brett Webb, along with class teachers, has been preparing the children for the past few months and we look forward to all of them competing to the best of their ability next week.

• Tuesday 13 Sept. - Thrown and jumps at Notre Dame and Miles Park.  
• Thursday 15 Sept. - Track events and games at Langford Sporting Complex, Langford Avenue, off Spencer Road

**PRC**

Our PRC regularly holds events to strengthen our school community. Most recently they hosted our Lapathon at Miles Park last Friday afternoon, which we all thoroughly enjoyed, and last night they arranged for Paul Litherland to speak to us about Online Safety. Paul is a very engaging speaker who managed to give us all quite a scare about the potential dangers of online activities. Whilst he was in no way crusading that children should not have access to technology he did suggest that the best way to try to keep your children safe was to take control of the technology use that your children are exposed to. We monitor this at school and are constantly looking for new ways to ensure children’s safety whilst they are in our care. Paul’s suggestion was for parents to limit the times and program access that the children have. He talked about how children will tell you that they are the only one who doesn’t have access to a particular program or is limited in their usage however, this is not the case and we all need to take a stand if we are to protect our children.
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**MERCY DAY – Friday 9 September**

Pope Francis declared this year to be an Extraordinary Year of Mercy. For schools such as ours, with a Mercy Charism, this is a particularly significant year because it also coincides with the 170th Anniversary of Sr. Ursula Frayne’s arrival in Western Australia.

To celebrate this significant occasion, a Mercy Day of Celebration has been organized for **Friday 9 September**. All children are invited to wear **free dress**.

We are asking all children to arrive by **8.20am** so that we can begin our celebration with **Mass in the church at 8.30am**.

From **9.30am to 10.30am** there will be **classroom activities** focused on Presentation and Mercy values that Catherine McCauley, Ursula Frayne and Nano Nagle promoted.

After recess, students will be involved in a **mini-fete** whereby, teachers with the children have organised stalls with activities for the children to participate in.

Students will be provided with a **free sausage sizzle** lunch.

After lunch, students will participate in sport activities with their buddy class.

**Nicolle Achmad**  
Acting Assistant Principal (Religious Education)
INSTALLATION OF NEWS PARISH PRIEST
Notre Dame Parish welcomed its new Priest, Fr Michael Quynh Do, on Sunday 28 August 2016.

Archbishop Timothy Costelloe presided at the Sunday morning Parish Mass, which included the installation of Fr Michael as the new Priest for the Parish.


The Mass was well attended by Parishioners together with representatives from the various Parish committees, including: Parish Council – George Sekulla (Chairman), Ron Padua (Deputy Chairman), Velma Erskine (Secretary), Martin Barrett (Principal - SMGS), Joan Boyce, Cecilia Concepcion, Julie Manning, Sandra Robinson, Sunil Rodrigues, Anne Semaan, and Darryl Winsor (Principal – NDCPS); Finance Committee – Dianna Panzich-Sekulla and Natasha Waterford; Liturgy Committee – Daniela Boyle, Shirley D’Castro, John Harbinson, Joanita Stapleton and Sr Maureen Willans; and Social Committee – Rosemary Bennett, Leonie Blake and Eileen Daly.

A special morning tea, organised by the Social Committee, followed the Mass. Parishioners had a wonderful opportunity to welcome Fr Michael to the Parish and to meet Archbishop Costelloe.

Thank you to all Parishioners who attended the Mass and our two Catholic schools for their continued support.

George Sekulla
Chairman
Notre Dame Parish Council

RCIA PROGRAMME
This programme prepares adults who are interested in the Catholic faith for the sacraments. Any community members interested in learning more about the Catholic faith are invited to attend sessions on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.

The introductory session will take place on Tuesday 13 September at 7.00pm. For further information please contact the Notre Dame Church parish office or SMS Ann on 0400 736 180.

PARISH FEAST DAY MASS AND LIGHT SUPPER - THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER
On Our Lady’s Birthday, a special Mass will be celebrated at 6.00pm on Thursday 8 September followed by a light finger food supper in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to the service and we would appreciate you bringing a plate to share.
HISTORY
In history, Pre-Primary children are learning about family and community events that we celebrate throughout the year and the importance they have in our lives.
Year Ones have looked at various significant occasions that indicate the passing of time that are celebrated throughout the world and in our multicultural Australian society.
Year Twos have been focusing on understanding the importance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Dreamtime stories and their connection to places of significance such as Uluru.
The Year Three children have been learning about migration. They have explored the experiences of people from China and Vietnam moving to Australia.
The history topic for this term in Year Four is the First Fleet. The students have been reading about and investigating the experiences of convicts and other members of the first colony of Australia.
Year five have investigated the reasons people migrated to Australia from Europe and Asia and the experiences and contributions of particular migrant groups.
Year sixes have learnt about the push and pull factors of migration and are completing an individual project where they interview and report on someone who has migrated to Australia.

All of the children throughout the school are using their history lessons as an opportunity to develop and improve their investigation and research skills. We are all learning interesting things about the people who have lived in our country over many, many years and the rich heritage of Australia.

Mrs Poole and Mrs Pethick
Our theme at present is The Olympic Games. Students of Italian are very enthusiastic in class and are now working on:

Years 5/6 : Language Perfect on the computer, Role-plays about themselves and a sporting hero from any sport.
Year 4 : Language Perfect on the computer, Role-plays about themselves using sport as the talking point.
Year 2/3 : Role plays about themselves, including games and songs.
Year 1 : Greetings, numbers, colours, the Italian alphabet, the Rio 2016 Olympic Mascots including games and songs.
Pre- Primary : Greetings, numbers, colours, the Italian alphabet, the Rio 2016 Olympic Mascots including games and songs.

Students in all years enjoyed making a Father’s Day card or poster in Italian.

Signora Jenny Nicolao.
Italian Teacher

FATHER’S DAY

2016 Father’s Day Breakfast

Thank you Dads
Edu-Dance Concert

It has been wonderful to see our students working so hard to prepare for their Edu-Dance concert this year. Outlined below is the schedule for ‘M’ and ‘P’ classes. Please note the date for each concert.

EDU DANCE Friday 16th September
‘P’ classes only

Concert Running Order
Start time: 2.20pm

Item
1. Year 5P - “An invitation to chill and dance”
2. P/P P – “Disco dudes”
3. Year 1P – “Wreck it Ralph”
4. Year 2P – “Ghostbusting Ninja Turtles”
5. Year 3P – “Emoji”
6. Year 4P – “Welcome to Planet Earth”
7. Year 6P – “Good Feeling”

EDU DANCE MONDAY CONCERT- Monday 19th September
‘M’ classes only

Concert Running Order
Start time: 2.20pm

Item
1. Year 5M - “An invitation to chill and dance”
2. P/P M – “Disco dudes”
3. Year 1M – “Wreck it Ralph”
4. Year 2M – “Ghostbusting Ninja Turtles”
5. Year 3M – “Emoji”
6. Year 4M – “Welcome to Planet Earth”
7. Year 6M – “Good Feeling”
EAGLES FOOTY CLINIC YEAR 2

On Thursday the 1st of September, two of the Eagles players named Brad and Joe came to our school to teach the Year 2 students how to hand pass. We did some football games. One of the games was rob the nest, where you had to take the football from other people’s nest. We had a great time.

by Miles Fernandes-Dodsley - Yr 2P
Next week’s roster

Monday 12 September: Lindi Sugiarto & Caroline Wyder
Wednesday 14 September: Karon Russell
Friday 16 September: 8.30-9.30 Amanda Millington; 8.30-9.30 Danielle Lawrie
9.30-1.30 Dorina Hortin; 3M class roster

Hope to see you at the canteen soon.
Kayleen
Canteen coordinator

LAPATHON

The Lapathon organised by the PRC was a great success but most importantly the children and parents had so much fun. We would appreciate all sponsorship money to be sent to the class teacher by Monday 12 September.
MENTAL WEEK 8-15 OCTOBER 2016

EVENT DETAILS
Date : Sunday 9 October
Time : 11.00am-3.00pm
Venue : Elizabeth Quay
(located on the edge of the Swan River, between Barrack and William Streets in the heart of Perth, CBD. Look for the Bell Tower to find Barrack Street Jetty.
Activities : Hula Hooping - Bubble Soccer - Netball - Volleyball - Yoga Fitness - Face painting - giant knitting and much more.

For more information visit the website: mhw.waamh.org.au

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE 2016/2017 SEASON
This year we are moving to online registrations. You can pay by credit card online, direct deposit, cash or by KidSport.

Bring along a new player to join and go into the draw to win free registration for the season!

Tee-ball cost - $110 per player
($30 deposit payable on registration)

Register on line at: https://cloverdalecomets.tidyhq.com or come down to a registration day.

Saturday 13 August 2016
9:00am - 4.30pm
Belmont Forum Shopping Centre

Saturday 10 September 2016 & Sunday 11 September 2016
11.00am - 1.00pm
Redcliffe Park Clubrooms
Cnr Morgan Rd & Field Ave, Redcliffe

** Minis Tee-ball **
This season we will once again be offering modified tee-ball for younger players to teach the basics of the game. Minis fees are only $50.00 for the season.
All “Minis” players who register and pay in full will receive a Minis starter kit valued at $35, which includes a glove.

Season starts October 2016, with a Christmas break, concluding March 2017.

Women’s softball - players welcome
We have women's softball teams that play in a summer social competition in Langford on Friday/Monday evenings. If you are interested in playing please contact a committee member.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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** Early bird registration discount if you register & pay in full by 12 September you only pay $90 per player **

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