"God doesn't require us to succeed; He only requires that you try."

Mother Teresa

Dear Parents and Staff

With the cool start to the Term I’ve been thinking about the request I received last Term about boys wearing their shorts during the winter months and whether they would still be so keen. Well, I’ve been surprised that whilst some have reverted to the long trousers, the absolute diehards are still in their shorts. I congratulate them on their commitment but I’m certainly rugging up and you won’t be seeing me in shorts any time in the near future. It reminds me of the story about the baby polar bear who repeatedly asked his mother what kind of bear he was. His mother constantly reassured him that he was a polar bear, not a black bear, brown bear or a panda. Eventually she asked him why he thought he may be a different kind of bear to which he replied “Well, if I’m a polar bear, why am I always so cold?”

The cold start to the Term hasn’t dampened the children’s enthusiasm and they’ve all returned full of energy after, what appears to have been, a very relaxing holiday. We all look forward to the many exciting events that we have ahead in Term 3.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

During the first week of the holidays Joanita Stapleton’s mother passed away in Sydney. Joanita was able to see her mum in her last few days and is now sorting out the issues associated with her mum’s estate. We look forward to her return to Notre Dame next week.

A SAD FAREWELL

Early this week I received notification from Mrs Judy Jedrzejewski, our Library Technical Officer, that she intends to retire later this Term. Judy commenced at Notre Dame on 30 June 1995 and has seen many significant changes over the past 21 years. She has developed and maintained a high class collection of books and made the Library an inviting place for the children to visit for their weekly book exchange and during their recess and lunchtime breaks. The process to employ Judy’s replacement has already commenced and Judy has kindly agreed to stay on until this has been finalised. I thank Judy for her long-time commitment to our school and wish her relaxation and many happy times in her retirement.
UNIFORMS
Our school uniform is a sign of our identity and it is an expectation that it will be worn correctly and with pride. It is also quite costly to buy and some parents have expressed concerns about clearly labelled items of their children’s uniform going missing. Whilst children need to take responsibility for the care of their uniform, we need to remember that they are children and sometimes items of clothing end up with the wrong owner. This is particularly evident with hats, jumpers and sports jackets. I would appreciate all parents checking that the items of uniform that their children have are the correct ones and that all items are clearly labelled so that they may be returned to their owner if and when they do go missing.

NATURE PLAYGROUND
I thank David Shumack, our Bursar, and Paul Caridi, our Maintenance Officer, for putting the slide in place and completing some of the decking on the large platform during the school holidays. Deb and Stuart Pobke have maintained the rage by tracking down many of the items that we will need to keep the project moving ahead and Anne Hindmarsh has assisted by providing logs and some large stones. Thank you all for your generous support. We plan to have another busy bee on Saturday 30 July commencing at 8.00am. There will be a range of tasks, both skilled and manual, so if you are able to assist please advise the school office. I will list the tasks in next week’s newsletter once we are sure of the materials that we have which will provide us with a better understanding of the tasks that we hope to complete.

Darryl Winsor

Shaun Tan Art Exhibitionist

Congratulations to Ashton Godinho.
Ashton’s artwork, ‘The Minecraft Battle’ was awarded one of the top ten best entries in the lower primary category and is on display at the Subiaco Library from July 18 to August 14 2016. Why don’t you get along and see Ashton’s fantastic artwork as well as the other State exhibitionists, chosen from hundreds of entries. Well done Ashton!

Congratulations also to Ashton’s Year 2 classmates in 2M and 2p for displaying wonderful creativity and participating in the Shaun Tan Art Award.
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## OZSCHOOLS CHESS CHALLENGE

During Term 2 many students from Years 4, 5 and 6 at Notre Dame have been pairing up and competing against each other in the OzSchools Chess Challenge.

This challenge has been taking place using the computers in the library during lunch time. Congratulations are in order for all 26 students participating as they have all achieved a high standard. Over the upcoming holiday break we now wait to hear of news that our students may be chosen to play off against students from other schools in the finals.

All credit goes to Mrs Pirie (Year 3M Teacher) for setting up this challenge for the students. Mrs Pirie has given up a lot of her personal time for this challenge to succeed and she too is to be congratulated.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Next week’s roster:

- Monday 25 July: Lindi Sugiarto
- Wednesday 27 July: NO VOLUNTEER
- Friday 29 July: Dorina Hortin

Keep an eye out in August for canteen specials. We will be having HEALTHY BONE WEEK, OLYMPIC GAMES and BOOK WEEK themed specials.

Hope to see you at the canteen.

Kayleen McLean
MEETING of the PRC on Tuesday, 13 June - Items of Interest:

- Session held with facilitator to provide input into the school's new strategic plan.
- A working party is to be set-up to examine a possible new PRC structure.
- PRC to present at the 2017 kindy parents information night including an invitation to a welcome morning tea on day 1 of 2017.
- Movie night will be held on Saturday, 22 October.
- Paul Litherland cyber safety seminar will occur on Wednesday, 7 September.
- Sausage sizzle to celebrate the opening of the Olympic Games will be on Thursday, 4 August.
- Sold 64 Entertainment Books. Thank you to everyone for your support.
- A Buddy Bench (good friendship initiative) has been ordered.
- Eagles Rock My School events booked for Aug/Sep.
- Drop-off/Pick-up areas discussed. Reminder for parents to use the carpark at all times and observe No Drop-off/Pick-up signs.

Expenditure Agreed

- $600 for sausage sizzle supplies.

The next meeting of the PRC will take place on Tuesday, 26 July from 6.30pm. Please come along.

Julie-Anne Beasley
Meeting Chair

FOOTY TIPPING
A reminder that the footy tipping money is now overdue. Please leave it at the front office for collection. Thanks.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
We are selling the entertainment books...... there are order forms in the front office.

Thanks
Danielle Lawrie

St Vincent de Paul Society

Knitting Stall
Notre Dame Parish
345 Wright St, COVERALL WA 6105

SUNDAY 31 JULY 2016
after 8.00am and 10.00am Mass
Performing Arts Festival
for Catholic Schools & Colleges

Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre

DANCE TICKETS

FRIDAY
26th AUGUST
7.00pm

PHONE TICKETEK ON: 132 849
OR
www.ticketek.com.au

ADULTS: $22
STUDENTS: $18

Dance tickets on sale to general public
Monday 25 July 2016
Workshops for Parents & Carers
Term 3, 2016

Bookings are essential – Please phone 9351 8266, unless otherwise stated

Circle of Security Parenting:

Children need to feel safe and secure to grow into well-adjusted adults. Would you like to:

- Understand how children feel safe?
- Learn how your children respond to you?
- Help your child to feel comfortable in the world?
- Remember what you do well as a parent?

From a basis of observing and understanding a child's needs, this course emphasises how a parent's relationship with their child is key to success in everyday parenting matters. Course includes viewing of DVD sections, presentation of some content, group discussions, reflections and some group work. Please note this course consists of 7 sessions.

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123 Magic & Emotion Coaching:

Learn strategies for managing challenging behaviour and increase skills in encouraging and promoting positive behaviour in children aged 2 – 12 years.

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Tuning into Kids

In this six week course you can learn how to:

- communicate with your child more effectively
- understand your child better
- help your child learn to manage their emotions
- prevent behavioural problems in your child
- teach your child strategies to deal with conflict

Venue: Brookman House Child and Family Centre
25-27 Brookman Ave Langford

Dates: Wednesdays 17, 24, 31 August & 7, 14, 21 September

Time: 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Cost: free

Crèche: Limited crèche available

SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT, National Child Protection Week

Protective Behaviours Parent Workshop

As part of National Child Protection Week, help children identify unsafe situations and arm them with the tools to either seek appropriate help or protect themselves.

Venue: Leisure World – Thornlie
Corner Culross & Thornlie Avenue, Thornlie 6108

Dates: Thursday 8th September 2016

Time: 9.30am - 11.30am

Cost: free

Bookings: 9397 3126

Parenting Thought: “Let’s raise children who won’t have to recover from their childhood”

(Pam Leo, author of “Connection Parenting”)

Parenting WA – Cannington
25-27 Brookman Ave Langford WA 6147
Tel: (08) 9351 8266 Fax: (08) 9350 6076
Email: tina.nughe@dlgc.wa.gov.au
Freecall: 1800 654 432 (support and information for parents)
www.dlgc.wa.gov.au
WRAP in Langford
Perfect for Parents

Brookman House Child & Family Centre
25 - 27 Brookman Ave, Langford

Starts Thursday, September 1, 2016
9:30am-12:30pm

4-week COURSE only $40
If you pay before 1/9 you receive $10 discount

Wellness Recovery Action Plan
Peer-led Course

Do you experience anxiety, depression or any other mental health difficulties? Would you like to learn simple skills and strategies to improve your mental health and wellbeing? Then WRAP is for you!

3 hours per week for 4 weeks
Facilitated by people who share a lived experience of mental health issues

Free Crèche!

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To register or for more information:
email: wrap@ruah.com.au or phone 9485 3939