Dear Parents and Staff

Welcome back to the new school year. Schools can be very quiet, even sad, places during the school holidays so it was so nice to see all of the children return yesterday full of energy and excited about the year ahead. Over the past couple of days, I have visited each of the classes and it is evident that the children kept their parents very busy throughout the holidays, going to the movies, travelling, cooking and a myriad of other activities. I’m sure many parents are quite happy to see the children back at school so that they can have a break from being social directors.

Mid last week we received news that Mrs Velma Erskine, Assistant Principal, had been appointed Acting Principal at St Brigid’s School in Middle Swan for 2017. This is a great opportunity for Velma and I’m sure she will do an excellent job in this role. Velma’s move meant that we needed to make some changes to the teaching staff in a few classes and a letter was sent to the parents of the children in the affected classes yesterday.

- Mrs Daniela Boyle has been appointed Assistant Principal for 2017.
- To facilitate Mrs Boyle’s administration time (2 days per week) Mrs Bree Jennings has been appointed to teach Year 6M on Thursday and Friday of each week.
- Mrs Jennings’ has been replaced in Year 4M by Mr Brett Webb who will teach the class on Monday and Tuesday of each week with Mrs Annette Flexman teaching the class for the remainder of each week.
- Mrs Nannette Pethick will now teach the Year 4P class full time.
- Mrs Christine Padua will teach the afternoon sessions in the 3 Year Old Kindergarten.

I thank all of the staff for being so accommodating by taking on their changed roles at such late notice.

I am a little pencil
In the hand of a writing God
who is sending a love letter
to the world.

Mother Teresa

A person who thinks only about building walls,
wherever they maybe and not building bridges, is not
Christian. This is not in the
GOSPEL.

POPE FRANCIS
**WELCOME!**
This year we welcome three staff to our Notre Dame team.
- **Mrs Dianna Panzich-Sekula** rejoins our school, teaching Kindergarten, after being on maternity leave for the past 5 years.
- **Mrs Caroline Mullins** joins us as our Technology Support Teacher, a role in which she will support the staff in gaining effective use of the technology devices that the children use.
- **Brother Stephen Barker** joins us in an Assistant Principal (Pastoral Care) role through the National Chaplaincy Program. Br Stephen’s background is in teaching with additional qualifications in Pastoral Care and extensive experience in school leadership.

I’m sure all members of our community join with me in welcoming these teachers and wishing them happiness and success at Notre Dame.

**PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION MEETINGS**
These will be held next Monday (Pre Primary) and Wednesday (Years 1-6) evening as listed below. At the meetings the teachers will outline their class policies, procedures and expectations. Whilst teachers may be able to answer questions of a general nature, the meetings are not intended to be for discussion of individual children. If you would like to speak with the class teacher about your child’s specific needs, please arrange to meet with them at another time.

**Monday 6 February**
3.15pm – 4.15pm Pre Primary

**Wednesday 8 February**
5.00pm – 6.00pm Years 3 and 6  
6.00pm – 7.00pm Years 2 and 5  
7.00pm – 8.00pm Years 1 and 4

**WHOLE SCHOOL MASS**
Our first whole school Mass for the year will be on Wednesday 8 February at 8.45am in the church. During the Mass all staff will be commissioned in their various roles as a sign of our commitment to working with the children and their families in 2017. Parents are invited to join with us as we officially open our school year.

**DAILY TIMETABLE CHANGE**
As outlined in the newsletter late last year, the daily timetable has changed. There is no change to the beginning and end of school but we have extended the morning sessions while the children are at their most receptive.

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**
These will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 14 & 15 February. Information regarding orders and which classes will have their photographs taken on which of the days will be sent home tomorrow.
PARENTS’ AND FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION
The first meeting of our newly re-formed P&F will be held next Tuesday evening at 6.30pm. The main goals of the Association are to arrange social events which engage members of our community, to offer relevant child related educational opportunities for parents and carers and to raise funds to assist the school in maintaining and acquiring resources. All parents are welcome to attend.

CRUNCH & SIP
This year we will be adopting the Crunch & Sip program which is promoted by the Health Department of WA. Essentially, parents are asked to provide fruit, vegetables which the children may snack on during the morning to recess session each day. Teachers will speak about how the program will operate in their class at the Parent/Teacher meetings next week.

Darryl Winsor
Principal

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PARENTS’ AND FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION

CRUNCH & SIP

The Uniform Shop’s NEW opening times:

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Danielle Lawrie
Uniform Coordinator

CANTOEN NEWS

Canteen will be open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The canteen menu can be found online or you are able to get a hard copy from the front office or canteen.

Just a reminder that the canteen is not available from kindergarten and is only available to Pre-Primary for lunch. Once again I am on the lookout for help if you are able to volunteer even for an hour please come and see me with your details, everyone is welcome.

Hope to see you soon at canteen.

Kayleen McLean
Canteen Manager.
Friday, 10 March 2017

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT MARKET

Food Vans, Jazz Band, Bouncy Castles, Zorb Balls, Face Painters

HOLY NAME EARLY LEARNING AND CARE CENTRE

Holy Name provides Long Day Care for children from birth to 5 years of age as well as offering care for school aged children before and after school and school holiday care.

Holy Name is part of the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia. The Centre delivers a program that follows both the Early Years Learning Framework and the My Time Our Place Framework.

For further enquiries about enrolment, please contact the Centre in Carlisle on 9366 7401.

Dianna Panzich-Sekulla
Secretary
Parent Advisory Committee
KIDSPORT CHANGES FOR 2017
KidSport engages eligible youth 5 – 18 years in sport and recreation by providing financial assistance of up to $200 towards club fees.

From 1 January 2017 the following changes will be in place:

1. Applicants listed on a valid Health Care or Pensioner Concession card should now:
   • Apply online at the Department of Sport and Recreation website OR
   • Submit a KidSport application form and a copy of the card to their local government.

2. KidSport no longer has referral agents.
   • Applicants NOT listed on a valid concession card need to meet one of the new KidSport Financial Exceptions listed on the DSR website.
   • If you meet an exception you can apply for KidSport through a KidSport Financial Assessor.

For more information visit www.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport or contact your closest local government office.

Please help to advise your local community by circulating the attached flyer or putting this on your website or facebook page.

Thank you and Kind Regards,

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Ascot Kayak Club
Fauntleroy Ave, Garvey Park Ascot
Saturday 11th February, 2017  9.30am - 12.00 midday and
Sunday 12th February, 2017  9.30am - 12.00 midday
Be introduced to basic paddling skills and most importantly have a heap of fun on the river! Suitable for boys and girls aged 10 and above (must be able to swim 50 metres). Boats and equipment provided. Wear bathers, shorts and a rashy, a cap and suncream. Morning tea provided. Enquiries to Jenny Vogel 0427 449 824.
Register at ascot.canoe.org.au/club-activities
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