Dear Parents and Staff,

Reflecting on what has been a busy yet productive Term 3, it constantly amazes me how many various learning opportunities our students have at school these days. Some of these have included...

**CATHOLIC PARISH INVOLVEMENT**
- Mercy Feast Day and Pilgrimage.
- Year 6 Confirmation, Commitment Mass and retreat.
- Installation of our new Parish Priest Father Quynh Do.
- Class liturgies, whole school masses.
- School presentation by Sr Ailsa McKinnon, Executive Director of Mercy.

**LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**
- Book Week
- Year 3/5 Bishop’s Religious Literacy Assessment.
- IT ‘Curious’ Evening.
- Performing Arts Year 3 Choir, School Choir and Notre Dame Dance Group.
- Edu-Dance.
- Year 5 Night of the Notables.
- Spelling Bee
- Athletics Carnival.
- Class assemblies.
- English and Mathematics ICAS competitions.
- Before and after school sporting programs.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**
- School Lap-a-thon.
- Eagles Rock my School presentation and football clinic.
- Father’s Day Breakfast.
- Olympic Game sausage sizzle.
- Paul Litherland ‘On-line Surfing’ presentation.

*Wishing all families God’s blessings during the term break*

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**Core Value**

**INTEGRITY**

With Christ as our guide, our community strives to do everything to the best of our ability by using our gifts and talents.

**Thought for the week**

The EARTH “is protesting for the wrong that we are doing to her because of the irresponsible use and abuse of the goods that God has placed on her.”

POPE FRANCIS

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These and many more learning experiences are only possible due to:

- Father Quynh Do and the school community who guide and nurtures our spirituality.

- our dedicated staff who provide these opportunities and are committed to developing the students in their care.

- our amazing parent community who support and encourage our school.

- our students who willingly apply themselves to all learning experiences with creative energy and youthful enthusiasm.

Lord, for all that has been Thanks!
For all that will be Yes!

EDU-DANCE CONCERT
This term, our students were given the opportunity to experience Dance as a subject of the Arts learning area. The benefits of dance in education are vast. The physical requirements improve children's gross and fine motor skills and cognitive development by improving self-confidence and body awareness and most importantly children having fun! Congratulations to all students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 who, in eight weeks, were able to confidently present their skills and talents in front of family and friends at the final Edu-Dance concert.

A special mention must go to Miss Jenna who choreographed the dance routines. Her creativity and enthusiasm this term has been warmly received by students and teachers alike.

ATHLETICS FACTION CARNIVAL
Last week, we experienced two wonderful days of team work and sportsmanship. On Tuesday 13 September, our Year 4-6 students demonstrated their athleticism in the annual Jumps and Throws carnival. Selected students represented their factions in the long jump, shot put and turbo throw. This was followed by our annual whole school Athletics Carnival where all students from PP-Year 6 participated in team games and running events. The students, again, were fantastic with their participation on the day. Congratulations to McAuley the winning faction.

Thank you to our PRC who volunteered their time to make delicious food and provide refreshments for the large crowd of parents and grandparents who attended on the day to support the children. Congratulations to Mr Webb who has spent a large amount of his own time preparing for these events. To Mr Webb, a big thank you for making the day run smoothly and to the staff and parent helpers who assisted on the day.
WHEELCHAIRS FOR KIDS

Throughout the school year, students are asked to come to school in free dress and to donate a gold coin to one of the many charitable organisations that seeks funding in order to help needy people locally and globally. Earlier this month, we received a letter from Brother Olly Pickett who in 1996, established the Wheelchairs for Kids Inc. Wheelchairs for Kids is a non for profit organisation entirely run by volunteers Australia. The Perth based organisation, situated in Wangara, assists in making and distributing up to 300 wheelchairs per month to poor disabled children in developing countries. I would like to share with our Notre Dame School Community the letter sent by Brother Ollie thanking us for our donation.

To the Principal, Staff and Students of Notre Dame Primary School

On behalf of disabled children in developing countries, I would like to thank you so much for your kind and generous donation of $600. You have enabled another three disabled children in Uganda to have a much better life by getting off the ground, having dignity as well as mobility. Thanks for being such a caring and compassionate school community.

Sincerely

Brother Olly Pickett (Christian Brother)

Further information can be obtained from this website [www.wheelchairsforkids.org](http://www.wheelchairsforkids.org)

SUMMER UNIFORM

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, next term all students are expected to wear their Summer Uniform.

Girls’ Summer Uniform
- School check summer dress.
- Black lace up school shoes with white school socks.
- Navy school hat.

Boys’ Summer Uniform
- White shirt short sleeved with school logo
- Navy school shorts.
- Black lace up school shoes with navy school socks.
- Navy school hat.

TERM DATES

Catholic Day Friday 23 September
Pupil Free Days Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 October

A reminder to all parents that Term 4 resumes for all students on Wednesday 12 October.

Wishing all families, a happy and safe holiday.

Mrs Daniela Boyle
Acting Assistant Principal
PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Annual General Meeting was held in the Parish Centre on Sunday 18 September 2016. Thank you to those Parishioners who attended the meeting. Your contribution during the meeting and ongoing support is sincerely appreciated.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES
Congratulations to all recently confirmed children who received the sacrament during the weekend 10 and 11 September 2016. Confirmation Certificates were presented by Father Quynh during Mass held on 17 and 18 September 2016.

PARISH CURRY NIGHT
The Dinner Night will be held on Saturday 8 October 2016 in the Parish Centre, commencing after the 6.00pm Mass. All curries will be authentic with side dishes. Cost is $10.00 per person including sweets or $8.00 per person takeaway.

For further information, please refer to the Church notice board.

COUPLES FOR CHRIST - CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR
Parishioners are invited to participate in this spirit filled seminar and experience spiritual renewal that has touched the lives of thousands of families worldwide. The seminar will be held on Saturday 24 September 9.00 am – 4.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact the Parish Office on 9277 4094 for further details.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - POOR MAN’S MASS
A leaving collection will be conducted after Mass during the weekend 1 and 2 October 2016. All money collected will assist families in need of financial assistance. Please give generously.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY MONTHLY MASS
The Monthly Mass will be celebrated at Notre Dame Church on Sunday 25 September 2016, commencing at 3.00 pm. Fellowship will follow the Mass in the Parish Centre.

George Sekulla
Chairman
Notre Dame Parish Council
This term we have been studying India. We have learned some amazing things. We researched and wrote about Mother Teresa and what a wonderful person she was. She loved God so much and devoted her life to caring for the poor in India. On September 4 she was declared a saint – Saint Teresa of Kolkata.

In Art we talked about the importance of henna in the Indian culture. Indian women often have a temporary tattoo on their hands for special occasions. It is brown and very detailed. We created our own designs and decorated a hand shape with brown texta representing the henna dye. We also learned about the Taj Mahal. We looked at images of this beautiful building which is made of white marble and then we drew our own Taj Mahal.

We were lucky enough to have a visit from two of the Eagles squad – Joe and Brad. They taught us hand passing and other football skills. We then played a fun game called “rob the nest”. We had to collect as many footballs as we could from the middle of the field and also from the other teams.
We felt very special to have the very first liturgy with our wonderful new priest Father Quynh. The theme of our liturgy was ‘Beautiful World, Beautiful Me’. Jesus showed that one important way of loving God is by showing appreciation for all the beauty in creation. Here are some prayers of gratitude.

“Thank you God for space. It is like heaven.” Ashton Godinho 2M
“Thank you God for the wonderful flowers and their beautiful aroma.” Alyssa Walliss 2M
“Thank you God for the pretty trees that you have made.” Indiana Browne 2P
“Thank you God for the beaches.” Coby Jones 2P

Mrs Carlton, Mrs Hennessy, Mrs Flexman and Mrs Poole

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**2016 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)**

An optional assessment for students in Years 4 - 6
The results of the English assessment have arrived. Congratulations to all students who attempted these challenging assessments. Special recognition goes to the following students who demonstrated significant personal achievement.

MERIT
Vedika Chouhan Yr 4
Paige Hotchkin Yr 4
Niamh Brown Yr 4

CREDIT
Kimi Lazarte Yr 4
Matthew Donovan Yr 4
Ryley Redfearn Yr 5
Amalie Momus Yr 6
Brittany Rodrigues Yr 6

DISTINCTION
Kane Taylor Yr 4

HIGH DISTINCTION
Sunwoo Nam Yr 6
Alice Law Yr 6
Last Thursday, students from Pre-Primary-Year 6 participated in the annual whole school athletics carnival at Langford Sporting Complex. Year 4-6 students also participated in a jumps & throws carnival held at school last Tuesday. Students were well prepared due to their sporting lessons, as well as the before school training run by Mr. Webb, Mr. Seers, Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Lawrie. It was fantastic to have a huge level of support from the PRC and parents who assisted on the day. It was also great to see so many parents and family members there for the students.

One of the very special parts of the day was seeing the Pre-Primary students compete in their first race at Notre Dame. It was great to see the kids so excited and the whole school being able to witness some very talented runners. There were some very close races over the course of the day. Thankfully Miss Nelson was ready to go with her photo finish app which proved to be worthwhile with lots of very close calls, the human eye could not pick up.

There were some fantastic individual performances on the day, as well as at the Jumps & Throws carnival. Ben Whelpdale, Jarreth Morales & Sandra Ayad (year 5) showed fantastic consistent performances finishing in the top 5 for every event they took part in over the course of the two days. Caleb Yende-Emoko (year 6) won all 3 field events and placed highly in all of his running events.

There was fantastic effort and sportsmanship shown by all students on both days. In the end there could only be one winner - the points and positions for each faction are below:

1st – McAuley 2138 points
2nd – Mercy 1884 points
3rd – Prendiville – 1757 points
4th – Nagle 1739 points
Congratulations to McAuley on winning back-to-back Athletics Carnivals! Many thanks again to all the parents and staff who assisted with jobs at the carnival; these days could not run without your help. Interschool training will be resuming next term, Wednesday 19 October. All students involved in the training would have received a note. All events will be finalised by the end of Week 1, Term 4.

McAuley winning faction captains!

CHAMPION BOYS & GIRLS

Year 4 Girls – Lara Jordan & Niamh Brown

Year 4 Boys – Travis Lee & Caius Padua
Year 5 Girls – Sandra Ayad & Bella Meloncelli

Year 5 Boys Ben Whelpdale & Jarreth Morales (Tied 1st)

Year 6 Girls – Maddy Gough & Amanda Gabriel

Year 6 Boys – Caleb Yende-Emoko & Kade McKeown

Brett Webb
Physical Education Teacher

SPELLING BEE - CORRECTION
The runner-up for Year 3 is Chloe Kirsten Perez. Inadvertently the surname was left out and we apologize.
PRC NEWS

Maggie Dent is giving a talk at Ursula Frayne in October. The event is now open to the public now and the link is below.

http://www.maggiedent.com/node/856

COMMUNITY NEWS

CRICKET AUSTRALIA

“Cricket is Australia’s favourite sport – so let’s play! Visit www.playcricket.com.au to join in all the fun! There are programs and competitions across a range of formats for boys and girls, including MILO in2CRICKET for 5-7 year olds, MILO T20 Blast for 7-11 year olds & Junior Cricket for those 9 years and older. #schoolscorchers”

RELATIONSHIP AUSTRALIA

A six week parenting course (daytime) is being held at the Fremantle branch for interested parents. The address is 1 Ord Street, Fremantle from Wednesday 26 October to 30 November from 10.00am to 12.30. Cost $110.00. The program is for anyone - parents, teacher and others - with responsibility for children. It introduces the five strategies that may enhance moral growth. For more information please contact Relationship Australia on 61640200.

MOUNTS BAY SAILING CLUB

Experience the wonder and amazement unlocking the puzzles of sailing in an ever changing environment of wind and water, rules, strategy and tactics, friendships that last a lifetime. Squads sessions run each Sunday 8.30am for a 9.00-12.00 session at Australia II Drive, Pelican Point Crawley. Commencement date : 8 October. Contact Telephone: 9386 5839. Email: sailing@mbsc.com.au or visit the website: www.mbsc.com.au
BELMONT OASIS MASTERPLAN
The City of Belmont is undertaking a Masterplan for the Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre to provide a new vision that will capture the priorities of the community and users of the centre.

As members of the wider Community, the City wants your input.

Share your thoughts online at http://connect.belmont.wa.gov.au/BelmontConnect

The results of Community Consultation will be collated and presented to Council in late 2016.

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Mazenod College offers a learning community where students are valued and staff make a difference.

Opportunities are provided for students to harness their unique talents and skills in their pursuit of personal excellence.

Mazenod College continues to pursue excellence in providing quality education for boys.

Enrolments are invited for students entering the College in 2019 and beyond.

For more information or an application package, please contact Lyn McDonald on 9291 1500, mcdonald.lyn@mazenod.wa.edu.au or visit www.mazenod.wa.edu.au

Don't leave it too late - if your son is in Year 4 enrol NOW!

Enrolments for Year 7 2019 close October 31, 2016.

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“Learn what you are in the eyes of God”