Dear Parents and Staff

After a number of months of hard work by a small but very committed group, our Nature Playground was opened on Monday morning. It has been very rewarding to see the children explore and enjoy all of the different aspects of the playground and to witness their creativity in how they play, invent and interact with each other. A major consideration during construction has been to create a safe environment which has the potential to challenge children at a range of levels. By building the tyre steps up to the slide ramp, we thought we had fulfilled our brief, but many of the children had other ideas; ignoring the tyres and scampering up the rocks around them to create their own challenge and interest. Of course, there was only one place to be, on the log climbing frame in the sandpit, the highest possible point. Some of the younger children are still building up the confidence to emulate their older counterparts but I’m sure we’ll soon see them enjoying the view from the top. The creek bed has also been a hit but caused a few problems for the Kindy and Pre Primary staff with them needing to deal with some soggy shoes and socks. Yesterday, the amazing percussion music machine, created by the Holtmeulen family, was installed and I’m looking forward to hearing some interesting thong compositions today.
In all, this has been an excellent community project that has produced a wonderful facility for our school, that I’m sure, the children will enjoy and appreciate for many years to come. On behalf of all members of our community I thank those who provided their expertise and gave up so much of their time to bring this idea to reality. A thank you BBQ sundowner will be held for all who assisted and their families this Sunday afternoon at 5.00pm.

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

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| FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER   | INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS  
Gerry Archer @ 9.20am                                           |
| MONDAY 31 OCTOBER   | SOCTOBER                                                              |
| TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER  | ALL SAINTS DAY  
Combined schools Mass @9.30am                                      |
|                    | Year 1 Liturgy @ 10.00am                                              |
|                    | PP Excursion AQWA                                                      |
| WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER| Year 1 Liturgy @ 10.00am                                              |
|                    | Yr 5 Parents Meeting  
2017 leadership and camp @ 6pm                                     |
| THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER | 2017 THREE YEAR OLD ORIENTATION 1.00-2.00pm                           |
| FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER   | Merit Assembly                                                         |

**INTERSCHOOL EVENTS**

- Yesterday children from Years 4-6 competed in the Interschool Field Events Carnival. Mr Webb has all of the results in his report next week.
- Today our champion spellers will compete against Catholic schools from our region in the Interschool Spelling Bee at Queen of Apostles School in Riverton.
- Also today, children from Years 5-6 are competing against other regional champion schools in the WACA T20 tournament at Yokine Reserve.
- Tomorrow children from Years 1-6 will represent our school in the Interschool Track Carnival at Gerry Archer Athletics Centre in Cloverdale.

We are very proud of our Interschool representatives and look forward to them representing Notre Dame with great distinction at the respective carnivals.

**DATE CHANGES**

- The AGM for the PRC and the School Board will now be on 30 November.
- The 2017 Class Lists will be on the school website on 22 November.

**SOCTOBER**

On Monday, 31 October, we will be ‘socking it to poverty’. This is a day to raise awareness of poverty in our community. Encourage your child to come to school in your school uniform wearing your brightest, craziest, most colourful socks. Wear them on your feet, elbows, or even in your hair... if you DARE!!!

**NOT RETURNING**

If your child or children will not be returning to Notre Dame in 2017, it is important that you advise the school office by Monday 31 October as we have families on our waiting list.

Darryl Winsor  
Principal
Outdoor learning
NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL will be ‘socking it to poverty’ on Monday 31 October.

Come to school in your school uniform wearing your brightest, craziest, most colourful socks. Wear them on your feet, elbows, ears or even in your hair... if you DARE!!!!
Next week’s roster:
- Monday 31 October VOLUNTEER NEEDED; 2M class roster for term 4
- Wednesday 3 November Dorina Hortin; 4P class roster for term 4
- Friday 4 November Amanda Millington 8.30-10; Dani Lawrie 8.30-9.30
  Dorina Hortin 9.30-1.30

If you are able to help in the canteen this Friday, 28 October, even for an hour your help would be appreciated as my regular Friday volunteers are helping with the sports carnival.

Hope to see you at the canteen soon.

Kayleen McLean  
Canteen coordinator

THANK YOU EVENING FOR CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS  
WEDNESDAY 23 NOVEMBER  
6.30 onwards  
FINGER FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS SUPPLIED  
SORRY NO CHILDREN

This invitation is for anyone who has helped in the canteen for 2016 no matter how often you have volunteered as a huge thank you. Without you giving me your precious time, the canteen wouldn’t be able to run as efficiently or be such an enjoyable experience.

Parents, please check the ‘Lost Property Box’ located outside Administration if you have lost any uniform items. There are a number of items with no names.

The Uniform Shop’s opening times:
- Monday 1.30pm to 3.30pm
- Thursday 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Danielle Lawrie  
Uniform Coordinator
HAVE YOU NOTICED???

Take a look at the noticeboard near the canteen. It’s now the spot to get all the latest news from your Parent Representative Council. The minutes from the most recent meeting of the PRC will be posted here along with flyers and information for upcoming events.

Meeting of the PRC on Tuesday, 18 October – Items of Interest

- Lapathon raised approximately $6,200. THANK YOU for your support!
- Nature playground almost completed – another working bee on Saturday, 22nd October and it may be open for business on Monday, 24th October!
- School to further investigate quotes for oval turf replacement. PRC may partially fund.
- A workshop for parents and PD for staff on emotional resiliency to be held in early 2017.
- Paul Litherland (Surf Online Safe) to present to students in 2017.
- Letter re ICT equipment and levy for 2017 to go out shortly.
- Movie Night logistics finalised. At least 100 curry orders.
- Request to move AGM to 30 November. Board to consider.
- Safe 4 Kids parent workshop to be held in 2017. Possible student program to be investigated.
- New P&F constitution almost finalised. Flyer for parents, nomination forms, and role information reviewed.

Expenditure Agreed

- Additional $150 for Lapathon.
- Additional $1,000 for Movie Night.
- $6000 for Emotional Resiliency workshop.

Upcoming Events

- Welcome Back to School Night Market – Friday, 10 March 2017.

The next meeting of the PRC will take place on Tuesday, 22nd November from 6.30pm. Please come along.

Julie-Ann Beasley
Meeting Chair

PRC MOVIE/CURRY NIGHT

A big thank you for your wonderful support. We had a wonderful evening topped up with the delicious curries from Chef Arosha Goonawardena. Thanks to the volunteers who assisted the Master Chef with the preparation of the curries. We appreciate all everyone did to make the night such a great success!
MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

Watch the race on the Big Screen
Door Prize and Best Dressed Prizes
Includes glass of sparkling wine on arrival

$55.00 p.p

Entée

Confit duck leg, smoked ricotta, spinach, brown butter agnolotti

or

Seared scallops, celeriac milk, pancetta, plum, Sittella tawny port caviar.

Main

Wild salmon, smoked, grilled and cured, garlic pureed and fried, caper berries, turkish grissini, white anchovies,

or

Margaret River Venison, house dried venison, pomegranate three ways, hashbrown, fennel fresh and braised.

or

Roasted chicken breast, pumpkin puree, white and green asparagus, triple cooked chips, fried egg.

Dessert

Belocade chocolate fondant, Fiori coffee soil, vanilla mascarpone, freeze dried fruits, pistachio.

or

Fried crema fritta, almond biscuits, spring fruits compressed and pureed.

Bookings essential
www.tavolo.com.au
9478 4412
Mercedes College Alumni

You're invited to celebrate over 170 Years of history, friendship and memories made at Victoria Square for the inaugural

Mercedes College All Year's Reunion

Saturday 11 February, 2017
2pm-5pm
Mercedes College Hall
Victoria Square, Perth

RSVP to Joanna Creighton at mca@mercedes.wa.edu.au or 9323 1366
NOVEMBER SCHOENSTATT EVENTS
9 Talus Driver, Mt Richon, Armadale
9399 2349

www.schoenstattwa.org.au

FAIR SUNDAY, 6th November 2016
from 10am – 2 pm
Family fun Bouncy castle, Christmas shop, International food and more......

A special invite for mothers who are expecting a baby are invited to consecrate their unborn child to Our Lady.

Please contact Sr. M. Lisette if you wish to do so or if you know of a mother who would like consecrate her unborn child to Our Lady. (Mob phone: 0400 234 910)

25th SHRINE JUBILEE
Sunday, 27th November 2016
3 pm Holy Mass
Celebrant Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton.
We warmly invite you to join the Sisters and the Schoenstatt Family to celebrate and give thanks for 25 Years of Blessing from the Shine. We are looking forward to seeing some community members from each school who has visited the Shine since.
VACSWIM
Summer will soon be here – enrol now for swimming lessons
Enrolments for December/January lessons are now open. It is important for every child to learn vital swimming and water safety skills. VacSwim offers affordable school holiday swimming lessons run by qualified instructors at a range of locations throughout the state.

For further information and online enrolments visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

South of the River Branch of Save the Children are holding a book sale at their book depot, please come along and support them in raising funds for vulnerable children.

When: Saturday, 12th November 9am - 4pm
      Sunday, 13th November 9am - 1pm

Where: Unit 8a
       18 Milford St
       East Vic Park

Any queries contact Barbara Gunther on barbaragunther@bigpond.com