For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’
(Matthew 25:35-40)

Dear Parents and Staff

Next Tuesday morning Sr Ailsa McKinnon, Executive Director of Mercy Works, will visit our school to tell us about the work that is being done by her society. The excerpt below is from the Sisters’ website:

““The poor need our help today, not next week”
Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy

Through our work with the most challenged people in Australia and the South-East Asia Pacific, everyone at Mercy Works is continually reminded of these words from Catherine McAuley. We support long term development projects that engage in partnerships with communities. The needs of people who are denied access to basic resources like education, health care and social welfare are often urgent. However, for sustainable change, it’s important that they make informed decisions about their future and play a driving role in determining the support they receive. For that reason, we only respond to requests for help – we never impose what help we might think people need. That is the only way to foster meaningful and enduring change in people’s lives.

Across our region of the world there are so many people living in desperate circumstances. We believe it is our duty to do something to help today and every day – to make, as Catherine McAuley also said, “some lasting efforts for the relief of the poor and suffering.”

Ailsa McKinnon RSM AM
Executive Director, Mercy Works

We look forward to welcoming Sr Ailsa and hearing of the wonderful work that is being done to assist those who are less fortunate that us.
**TECHNOLOGY**
It was wonderful to see so many families at our Information Technology Curiosity Evening last night learning with the children about some of the ways that technology is used in the classes. Technology is not the future for our children, it is very much their present, and for them to grow into confident, capable members of society it is crucial that they are aware of, and exposed to, a wide range of technological capabilities. Whilst, at Notre Dame, we remain committed to ensuring that children are given the opportunity to become technologically proficient, it is important to recognise that the devices that we use are just that, a device, and that the most important resource in each classroom is the teacher and ancillary staff who develop and implement the programmes of work that ensure that the children are well equipped to participate fully in this ever-increasingly complex world. Thank you to all who attended and to the staff for their continued dedication and diligence towards the children’s education.

**PERFORMING ARTS**
Congratulations to our Year Three children and Mr Loiacono for their excellent performance in the Liturgical Choir section of the Performing Arts Festival yesterday. I may be biased but I think ours was by far the best performance and the very positive marks and comments from the adjudicator were well deserved.

**NAPLAN**
Hopefully families will receive copies of their children’s NAPLAN results later this month. I have been sent some preliminary data which shows that our overall results have been very good.

**NATURE PLAYGROUND**
I was remiss in last week’s newsletter in not thanking the dedicated crew who completed work on the playground on Saturday 30 July. Works completed included filling the sandpit, building a log and stone balance path and preparing the platform to accommodate access up to the slide.

Thank you to the following who gave up their time:
Justin McAullay, Deb & Stuart Pobke, Adam & Renee Ciccarone, Liam South, Brian Nuich, Nannette Pethick, Daniela Boyle and Brett Webb.

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Darryl Winsor
Principal
Year 6
It has been a wonderful start to the term for our year six students who have settled well into class activities and routines.

At the end of last term, the students went on an excursion to Parliament House, the Constitutional Centre and a self-guided tour of Kings Park. The students were instructed on the history of the Western Australian Parliament and how, over time, some aspects of Parliament change and some stay the same. The students were also taught about how members of Parliament, who have been elected by the people of Western Australia, work to represent our State.

The self-guided tour of Kings Park, allowed the students to explore the State’s Botanic Garden and State War Memorial Precinct and reflect on how the role of Kings Park has changed over time.

This weekend, the students will be attending their Confirmation Commitment Mass. On 10 September, our Year 6 students will be receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as part of their Confirmation. Their preparation throughout the term, aims to lead the students who are being confirmed towards a more intimate union with Christ. The Sacrament itself strengthens and confirms what happens in Baptism, completing the grace of Baptism and further initiating the individual journey for faith; empowering our young people to go and proclaim the word of God.

This week, the students were involved in reading ‘Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes.’

On Saturday, 6 August, is the 71st anniversary of when the atomic bomb was dropped in Hiroshima.

It is the story about a young girl named Sadako, who was exposed to radiation as an infant when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. Although she survived the bomb, she was diagnosed with leukemia by the age of 12.

Sadako decided to fold 1000 cranes, hoping that her wish to live would come true. Unfortunately, she only was able to fold 644 cranes before she passed away. Her classmates then continued to fold cranes in her honour and she was buried with a wreath of 1000 cranes to honour her dream.

There is now a statue of Sadako in Hiroshima Peace Park – a little girl standing with her hand outstretched, holding a paper crane. The Year 6 students, together with Mr Winsor, folded paper cranes in memory of all those who suffered and died and for PEACE in our WORLD.
Book Week 2016

Theme: Australia! Story Country

Come dressed as your favourite book character on
WEDNESDAY 24 AUGUST
The parade will commence at 9.00am in the Multi-Purpose Hall.
Parents and friends are welcome to attend.

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the library from
Monday 22- 24 August.
So come along to the library to purchase books, posters and other book week items.
AN INVITATION!
FOR STUDENTS TO VISIT THE LIBRARY DURING WEEK 5 AT LUNCH TIME

THE CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK TITLES WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE LIBRARY AND YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE ON THE BOOK YOU THINK MIGHT WIN AN AWARD

THERE WILL BE COMPETITIONS INCLUDING COLOURING THE BOOK WEEK POSTER AND NAMING AS MANY OF THE 36 BOOK TITLES THAT SHAUN TAN HAS ILLUSTRATED

ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE YEAR 6 LIBRARY MONITORS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE

ENTER THE COMPETITIONS AND YOU COULD WIN A $10.00 VOUCHER TO BE SPENT AT THE BOOK FAIR DURING WEEK 6

SPELLING BEE

In week 5, classes from year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be participating in a year level spelling bee. All students will participate in their class spelling bee and the top 12 finalists will progress to the annual Notre Dame Catholic Primary School Spelling Bee held on Thursday 8 September. Further details will be provided closer to the event. Please encourage your children to participate in good spirit.

Any questions please speak with your classroom teacher or Miss Sagrera.

Amanda Sagrera
YEAR 3 CHOIR

Congratulations to our Year 3 class who represented our school in the Liturgical Music section, of the Performing Arts Festival on Tuesday this week, at Saint Benedict’s Church in Applecross. They performed with confidence, energy and commitment.

The adjudicator’s report was glowing of their singing, appearance and posture. The children certainly made the words of the hymns come alive.

Thank you to those parents who were present for our performance on Tuesday afternoon. We greatly appreciate your presence.

Thank you to Mrs Pirie, Mrs Achmad and Miss Lyons for their assistance at the performance and also to Mrs Evans for accompanying the children on the keyboard.

Mr Alessio Loiacono
Music Specialist

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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
**PRC NEWS**

Thank you to all the people who have volunteered or placed their name on term 3 roster, there are still a number of days available if you have some spare time your help would be appreciated.

Next week’s roster

- Monday 15 August: Dorina Hortin
- Wednesday 17 August: Karon Russell
- Friday 19 August: Julie-Anne Beasley

3P class roster

Danielle Lawrie 8.30-9.30  Amanda Millington 8.30-10

Hope to see you at the canteen soon.

Kayleen McLean
Canteen coordinator

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**FOOTY TIPPING**

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

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Order forms for entertainment books are still available at the front office. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thanks
Danielle Laurie

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**KINDY M & P**

Visit to the City
On 6 July 2016, students from Kindy M and P enjoyed a visit to the original Perth Central Fire Station. The refurbished historic Station is located on Murray Street in Perth. Students enjoyed dressing up and playing on the vintage fire engines. The heritage trail provided the students with an opportunity to interact with the displays featuring stories about fire brigades, hazards and emergency responses.

After the Station, students made their way to the Perth Mint located in the original historic building in the east end of the city. Students enjoyed a look inside the Mint before playing and relaxing in the grounds of the historic building.

A special thank you to the parents who accompanied the students to the city.

**By the Swan**

On 12 July 2016, students from Pre-Kindy (M) enjoyed a fun morning at Riverside Gardens in Bayswater. Students had a fabulous time on the exciting play equipment and running around on the grassed area. A great time was had by all at the shady riverside park.

Thank you to parents for supporting the social activity.

Dianna Panzich-Sekulla
PRC Pre-Kindy and Kindy (M) Representative
**TRINITY COLLEGE**
If you are looking for a holistic, quality Catholic education for your son, Trinity College in East Perth may be the school you are searching for. We strive to provide the highest level of teaching and learning in an environment that keeps expanding to meet the physical and emotional needs of all students. To learn more about the extensive things on offer such as our state-of-the-art robotic observatory or our Design and Technology centre using the latest equipment in technology laboratories, please visit our website for further information. Our virtual tour and online application makes the process of enrolling your son as simple as possible. Interviews are now taking place for Year 7 in 2018, with limited places available for Year 7 next year. **[www.trinity.wa.edu.au](http://www.trinity.wa.edu.au)**

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**CATHOLIC ARTS - 2016 FESTIVAL CONCERT AT PERTH CONCERT HALL**

- **Date**: 12 September
- **Place**: Perth Concert Hall
- **PHONE BOOKINGS**: Call (08) 9231 9999 9.00am-5.00pm Monday-Friday
- **BOX OFFICE**: In person from the Perth Concert Hall box office 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday

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**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.

**TEE-BALL**

**Tee-ball cost** - $110 per player (30 deposit payable on registration)  
*Save $20!*

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

**Registration fee includes**: Team shirt, pants for games, insurance, team photo, in season events, trophy and fun-filled end of season wind up.

**Age Groups**: Registrations can be made for children aged 3 or 4 years (depends on child's ability to listen and participate) to 12 years old. Players should not turn 13 by 30 June 2017.

Games are played on a Saturday morning, with one training session per week (usually Tuesdays) at Redcliffe Park, Redcliffe.

All tee-ball or softball enquiries to:  
Deb Taylor (Registrar) - 0417 175 774 or Olivia Mayo (President) - 0422 889 811  
email: registrar@cloverdalecomets.com.au  
www.cloverdalecomets.com.au & cloverdalecomets.tidyhq.com

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**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.
SISTER OF ST JOSEPH OF THE SACRED HEART
This year the Sisters are celebrating the 150 years of their foundation. The Sisters are inviting all relatives, associates, friends and past pupils to gather, to share refreshments and listen to Dr Michele Connolly as they celebrate 150 years of God’s faithfulness.

Where
La Salle College
5 Salle Avenue, Middle Swan

When
Saturday 13 August 2016
9.00am cuppa for a 10.15am start
Concludes 3.00pm

(Refreshments and lunch provided)

Transport
If you are using public transport take the Midland Line from Perth, or Transperth buses to Midland Station. Transport to the College will be provided from 9.00am until 9.45am.

If using this service please indicate when you RSVP to Laura 9334 0999. laura.mccarthy@sosj.org.au

ENROL NOW FOR VACSWIM OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS

It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills.

VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. To enrol or find out more visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming. ENROLMENTS CLOSE ON MONDAY 29 AUGUST

VACSWIM OCTOBER 2016

Enrol your children for swimming lessons during the October school holidays.

9 DAY PROGRAM
40 minute lessons every weekday from Tuesday 27 September to Friday 7 October.
Prices from $13 per child or $35 for a family of three or more (plus pool entry).

5 DAY PROGRAM
35 minute lessons every day from Monday 3 to Friday 7 October.
Prices from $7 per child to $18 for a family of three or more (plus pool entry).

Enrolments close Monday 29 August

Find out more and enrol online at education.wa.edu.au/swimming or telephone 9402 6412.