Religion is a realization, not talk, not doctrines, nor theories, however beautiful these may be.
Religion is being and becoming, not hearing or acknowledging.
It is not an intellectual assent; but the transformation of one’s whole life.
Swami Vivekananda

Dear Parents and Staff

Thank goodness this week we have been able to settle into a more regular routine without the many extra-curricular activities which, though important, do interrupt the general programme. Late last Term and early this Term the Teachers conducted a range of assessments with the children. The analysis of these assessments has provided us with a range of information so that we are able to target the particular needs of the children during this Term to ensure that they have the best possible opportunity to be well prepared for their next year of education. This has been a very thorough process and I thank the teachers for the time and effort that this has taken.

PRC/P&F

Please take time to read the information from the working party that has been considering the move from our current Parent Representative Council structure to the more traditional Parents’ and Friends’ Association style. In general terms there will be little difference seen by members of our community as the dual purposes of engaging families in community events and fundraising to provide additional school resources will remain the same. The main difference will be in the structure of governance of the association which we hope will allow us to be more efficient in operation.

SACRED SPACE

You may have noticed that some of the money raised at last Term’s Lap-A-Thon was to be allocated for the development of a Sacred Space. We have much to remind us of our Catholic heritage in classrooms and offices but there is little in the school grounds that is an outward sign of this. As I’m sure you are well aware, at Notre Dame, we have dual Charisms due to the two schools that were amalgamated being founded by different Orders of Sisters, Mercy and Presentation. So as to acknowledge both Orders we have commissioned a supplier to build two crosses, each approximately two metres tall which will be erected in the garden beds nearest to the School Crest in the central courtyard. Our plan is to have these illuminated by
WEEKLY EVENTS

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER

MERIT

FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day
Assembly PPM

UPCOMING EVENTS

16 November
Grandparents Day Mass @8.45am
followed by morning tea.

18 November
Year 5 Leadership Day

22 November
Class lists on website

23 November
Whole School Mass
Feast of Nano Nagle
@ 8.45am

Choir singing Christmas Carols - Faulkner Park Retirement Village @ 10am

25 November
Class Transitions
K-Yr 5

floodlights so that they will be a focus during evening events. Each year our graduating Year Six classes will be invited to donate a rose that will be planted in the gardens as a reminder of their time and contribution to our school and a plaque will be placed on the limestone wall of the garden bed to remind us all of the significance of the area.

SCHOOL OVAL UPDATE
Last Term I advised that we have been looking at options to improve the condition of our school oval. This may appear to be a simple task but it is actually quite involved. We have spoken to a number of experts in this field and have received a wide range of opinions. The only things that are consistent across all of the advice is that there is no guarantee that what they suggest will be sustainable and that any possible solution will be very expensive. So we are still searching for the answer and hope to make a decision in the next couple of weeks so that work may commence as soon as the children finish school on 9 December.

MY APOLOGIES
I was remiss in last week’s newsletter in not thanking all who were involved in organizing the Movie Night on 22 September. This was a great family event enjoyed by all who attended and Arosha Goonawardena’s curry was sensational. As Arosha will be co-ordinating our Welcome Back to School Night Market evening on 10 March next year I’m really looking forward to this event.

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY
Grandparents often play such a significant role in children’s lives and we would like to recognise this by inviting them to attend Mass followed by morning tea and class visits on Wednesday 16 November. Specific details will be in next week’s newsletter.

AGMs
The AGM for both the PRC and the School Board will be held in the School Library on Wednesday 30 November at 6.00pm.

STUDENTS 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 as soon as possible as we have families on our waiting list.

Darryl Winsor
Principal
PARISH WEBSITE

Members of the Notre Dame community are encouraged to view the Parish website. Forms relating to various enquiries are available on the website. These forms include:

- Venue Booking Request Form
- Parish Priest Reference Form
- Parish Registration Form
- Application for a Wedding Ceremony
- Becoming a Catholic Application Form
- Baptism Application Form

Parishioners and members of the community are requested to complete the appropriate form to assist the Parish Office with their enquiry. All completed forms to be provided to the Parish Office.

The website can be viewed at www.ndparish.org.au/

Family Fair

A Fair has been organised at Schoenstatt (9 Talus Drive, Mount Richon) on Sunday 6 November 2016, 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. Bouncy castle, Christmas shop and international foods will be available for the family.

Catholic Youth Event: Ignite Live

The event is organised in partnership with CYM and will be held on Friday 18 November 2016 at the Quarry Amphitheatre in City Beach. For further information please visit igniteyouth.com/Perth

25th Shrine Jubilee

The Silver Jubilee will be celebrated on Sunday 27 November 2016 at 3.00 pm. Mass will be celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxton. Parishioners are invited to celebrate and give thanks for 25 years of Blessings from the Schoenstatt Shrine (9 Talus Drive, Mount Richon).

SVDP Christmas Appeal

The Appeal will commence this week. A box will be placed in the Church for donations of non-perishable food items that can be placed in Christmas hampers. Thank you for your support.

George Sekulla
Chairman
Notre Dame Parish Council
YEAR SIX
We’re in Term 4 and it’s hard to believe that our fabulous Year Sixes are nearing the end of their primary school journey. This term will be an opportunity for the students to reflect on their time at Notre Dame and appreciate all the experiences they have enjoyed and shared with one another.

The Council Groups are up and running again with all the students keen to take on their final leadership role for the year and continue to contribute to the school community. Our learning focus for numeracy this term is financial mathematics and patterns in algebra, as well as revision from our MTS results. Mrs Jennings has kindly purchased some study notepads for all of the Year Sixes, so that they can begin to take important notes during maths lessons in preparation of their transition into high school. In literacy, the Year 6 have already had an opportunity to create a poem of their choice. They were able to select and choose from a range of poems, some of which included a cinquain, a haiku and a limerick poem. Here is an example of a cinquain poem written by one of our talented Year 6 student!

The Ocean

Blue Waves;
Crashing on shore;
The sunny, sun so bright,
All the sea creatures surfacing;
The beach

By Sasha Whittaker

Finally, the Year Sixes can sense the end of the year is coming and are becoming very excited about preparing for graduation, preparing for the end of year Christmas concert and enjoying a trip to Adventure World.

Mr Seers, Mrs Boyle & Mrs Jennings
INTERSPORTS FIELD EVENTS - WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER, Gerry Archer
Selected students from years 4-6 competed at Gerry Archer last Wednesday for the Interschool Field Events carnival. Students were selected based on our school carnival results, as well as participation in P.E lessons and athletics squad training. Students came in to the day nervous but excited to test all the skills they have been working hard at for the past term. The day started off with the forever daunting 400m race. Our year 4s were first and got the team off to a good start with consistent places. The year 5s then had some fantastic performances from our pumped up girls, with Sandra Ayad the standout. The year 6 group continued with impressive placings. There were some excellent efforts on the day, with our year 6 leaders taking charge in the shotput and long jump events. This year showed a lot more consistency in results throughout the years with higher placings across all year levels. Notre Dame ended the day in 3rd place leading into the Track/Team games carnival to be held on the Friday.

INTERSPORTS T20 CRICKET METRO FINALS - THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER - Yokine Reserve
Selected students from Year 5 & 6 competed in the metro regional T20 finals at Yokine Reserve. Teams were selected for the carnival based on winning their interschool divisions at the start of the year. Notre Dame had a boys’ and girls’ team represented at the carnival. Over 30 schools were involved on the day with staff from the WACA and SEDA students running the carnival. Students came into the day excited for the challenges that awaited them as a game at the WACA was up for grabs. The teams competed in four matches on the day, competing against other schools in our metro division. The girls provided some fantastic highlights on the day, with our year 5 students, Sandra Ayad & Bella Meloncelli, providing some big highlights with both bat and ball. The first game for the boys had a great feel to it, with Sean Melvin almost getting a hat trick! The students represented the school with great sportsmanship and effort for the entire day. The boys had a fantastic day, finishing 2nd in their division to a very impressive Melville PS outfit. The girls were very consistent the whole day, coming up with a win in their last game, finishing 4th. Many thanks to Mr. Dowling who helped with coaching duties for the Notre Dame girls’ team. Well done to all students involved on the day. We will be looking to go one better next year!

Notre Dame Boys’ Team
Kade McKeown (Co-Captain)
Marshall Gott (Co-Captain)
Caleb Yende-Emoko
Sean Melvin
Samuel Deane
Stefan Vucinic
Jack Dickson
Harrison Steele
Ben Whelpdale
& Hayden Waters.
Notre Dame Girls’ Team
Alice Plumbley (Co-Captain)
Desiree Baxter (Co-Captain)
Amity Dowling
Melody Mancuveni
Sasha Whittaker
Mina Wyder
Amanda Gabriel
Sandra Ayad
& Bella Meloncelli

Interschool Track/Team Games Athletics Carnival - Friday 28 October, Gerry Archer
Selected students from years 1-6 competed at Gerry Archer last Friday competing at the annual Interschool Track/Team Games Athletics Carnival. Students were selected based on our school carnival results, as well as participation in P.E lessons and athletics squad training. The day started off with the 200m races run by years 4-6 students. Again we had some consistent placings in the top three across the year 5 & 6 grades. The year 5 girls and 6 boys being the standouts with 3 first place finishes in the year 6 boys and 2 first place finished in the year 5 girls. The day was extra special when our pumped up year 1 students got their chance to race on the big stage. It was easy to see this was the highlight event for all staff and parents at the carnival. One of the main focus points for our group was an improvement in team games. This proved to be the case with a much improved performance across all team games in each year group.

The day culminated with the year 1-6 baton relays, with our year 6s proving to be the highlight event for Notre Dame, coming in 1st position. This year showed a great improvement across the grades with Notre Dame placing their highest finishing position at any Athletics carnival to date, finishing in an impressive 3rd position behind the power houses of Sacred Heart and St Josephs. Notre Dame had a champion girl in year 5, Sandra Ayad, winning all of her running events and proving pivotal to our overall position. A special thanks to Mrs Lawrie, Mr Seers, Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Donovan-Flintoff for their help with Athletics squad over the past term. We are hoping to continue our improvement and maybe even taking out the crown in years to come. Thanks again to Mrs Tampalini, Mrs Crabbe, Mrs Mack, Mrs Lawrie, Mrs Millington, Mrs Sheehan & Mrs Dwyer for their help with roles on the day. Well done to all students on the day, the whole school community is very proud of you all.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL - POSITIONS

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Brett Webb
Physical Education Teacher
INTERSCHOOL SPELLING BEE

On October 27, six extremely talented spellers attended the Southern Schools Interschool Spelling Bee Competition held at Queen Of Apostles. Mr Winsor and I accompanied the students and we are very proud of each of them for their sportsmanship behaviour and their dedication to learning such difficult and challenging words.

We competed against seven schools, Queen Of Apostles, St Jude’s, St Jeromes, St Munchin’s, Star of the Sea, St Benedicts and Yidarra and Andrea Jancik from Year 5 was awarded a second place for her competition which is an amazing achievement.

Congratulations, Andrea and to all competitors.

Amanda Sagrera
If you have any spare time there are still days requiring volunteers for Term 4 even if you are only able to do one hour, any time you can spare is an enormous help.

Next weeks roster:
- Monday 7 November: Nola Horne
- Wednesday 9 November: Julie-Anne Beasley
- Friday 11 November: Amanda Millington 8.30-10; Danielle Lawrie 8.30-9.30; Dorina Hortin 9-1.30; PPM class roster

Hope to see you at the canteen soon.

Kayleen McLean

REMINDER

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.

FOR CATERING PURPOSES COULD YOU PLEASE LET KAYLEEN KNOW IF YOU ARE ATTENDING BY FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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

Danielle Lawrie
Uniform Coordinator
At the beginning of Term 4 letters went home to every family advising the PRC (Parent Representative Council) was changing to a P&F Association from next year.

Below you will find descriptions for the new roles to form 2017 P&F Committee and the nomination form. All of the roles have been carefully considered with the aim to work together to fulfil the objectives of the Association, as stated in the Constitution. You can also find hard copies of these documents along with the new Constitution in the Administration Office.

If you would like to nominate yourself for a Committee position, completed forms need to be returned to the Administration Office by Wednesday 23rd November. 2017 positions will be voted on at the AGM the following week. If you have any questions about the new P&F please speak to your Class Representative.

The Association is a group of parents and guardians, supportive of one another, who form an inclusive community of engaged people, assisting in the provision of a Catholic education for the children.

All of the roles below aim to work together to fulfil the objectives of the Association, as stated in the Constitution.

**CHAIR**

Successful meetings very much depend on the Chairperson. S/he must uphold the Constitution of the P&F Association with which they should be conversant.

**Role:**

*To ensure that the meeting is properly convened in accordance with the Constitution. This includes giving proper notice of the meeting, a quorum is present, and that s/he is properly appointed to the Chair.*

That all rules and regulations pertaining to the P&F's constitution are observed including sub-committees. (See P&F Constitution).

Review the Agenda of a meeting prior to distribution.

That the meeting begins and ends punctually pointing out major changes to the agenda.

That all motions and amendments are put in clearly understood terms and related to the business of the meeting.

That control of the meeting is maintained.

That an issue is thoroughly discussed, that those wishing to speak can do so, uninterrupted and that private discussions among members does not take place.
Note:
The Chair must not take any side in a discussion. S/he must ensure that all points on both sides are raised and thoroughly debated. If the issue being discussed is one that the Chair feels very strongly about s/he should step down from the chair for that particular discussion which enables him/her to speak from the floor. The Vice Chair can take the chair. In the case of a tied vote the Chair is advised to vote to maintain the status quo. This is because a change in status should not occur by the majority of one vote particularly that of the Chair.

VICE CHAIR

Role:
In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair leads the meeting in accordance with the role set down for the Chair.
- Maintain the P&F Association Dropbox access for the Committee.
- Responsibility for P&F communications:
  P&F Association Noticeboard
  Inclusions to the School Newsletter

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

The Administration Officer is central to the efficient operation of the P&F and responsible for the record keeping of the Association. The role requires organisational skills, initiative and an ability to work with the Chair.

Role:
- To ensure the Agenda for P&F meetings is prepared and distributed as per the Constitution.
- Ensure the minutes are taken at each meeting, distributed in a timely manner and filed for record keeping.
- Maintain Dropbox folder filing.
- All correspondence received is reviewed and distributed as appropriate.

FINANCE OFFICER

Maintain the Accounting records of the Association in conjunction with the School Bursar.

Role:
- Be responsible for the receipt of all monies paid and received by the Association.
- Correctly record and explain the financial transactions and financial position of the Association and keeping its accounting records in such manner as will enable true and fair accounts of the Association to be prepared from time to time.
- At each meeting, present the bank account statement, submit a report, balance sheet or financial statement and any other report as directed by the Chair.
- Prepare an Annual Budget for the P&F Association.
- Submit to members, at each AGM of the P&F Association, accounts of the Association at the end of the immediately preceding financial year.
SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

- The P&F Board Representative requires the availability to attend both P&F and School Board meetings and act as liaison between the Board and P&F.
- Report to the P&F on matters discussed at the School Board meeting which affect the P&F Association and are not of a confidential nature.
- Direct the Board’s attention to appropriate matters that the P&F Association wishes to have raised at Board level.

CLASS LIAISON CO-ORDINATOR

*The Class Liaison Co-ordinator filters information from the P&F Committee and meetings to the Class Liaisons to ensure consistent information is distributed throughout the school/classes.*

Role:
- Ensure new Class Liaisons are aware of their role.
- Create and maintain a contact list of all Class Liaisons.
- Update welcome letters for the new year.

P&F CLASS LIAISON

*The Class Liaison is the face of the P&F within the class group.*

Role:
- Create and maintain a class contact list.
- Attend P&F meetings whenever possible.
- Welcome new parents to the class/school.
- Read weekly School Newsletter for articles applicable to their class/year level and communicate with their class.
- Communicate applicable matters as directed by the Class Liaison Co-ordinator.
- Liaise with the class teacher on matters pertaining to their class.
NOMINATION FOR A COMMITTEE POSITION 2017

I wish to nominate for election to the P&F Association Committee

Name:__________________________________________________________

Mobile:_________________________Email:____________________________

Signature:________________________________________________________

Position Nominating for:

Chair
Vice Chair

Administration Officer
Finance Officer

School Board Representative
Class Liaison Co-ordinator

Note: By nominating yourself for a Committee position you are agreeing to attend all P&F meetings for the year.

Reason for nominating:

______________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

Nominated By:____________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

Signature:________________________________________________________

OR

I wish to nominate myself as a Class Liaison

Year Level:_______________

Class:_______________

Note: Class Liaisons are not obligated to attend all P&F Meetings but are encouraged to do so whenever possible.

Thank you

Please return this form to the school office by Wednesday 23rd November 2016
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

Have your child learn to play the Scorchers way at #TheFurnace these school holidays!

Over two action packed mornings, participants will take part in MILO T20 Blast skill sessions, be involved in social cricket games and have the chance to meet our mascots Blaze and Amber!

Registration is open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5-14 years old. The focus of the clinic is to have fun, participate and develop your child’s cricket skills.

When: Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 Dec 2016
Time: 9am - 12pm
Where: #TheFurnace (WACA Ground)
What to Bring: Hat, water bottle, sport shoes, cricket gear (if owned)
Cost: $80
Please note: A healthy morning tea will be provided

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
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