I am really pleased that the Easter break falls during the term this year as it allows us to focus on the true meaning of the Season without the lure of the term holidays. All too often we become tied up in the *busyness* of the holiday ahead and the Easter ceremonies can become secondary to this. Easter is a time of reconciliation and reconnection. I encourage you all to take the time to attend some or all of the ceremonies over the next few days and to reconnect with your family. Time is the most precious gift that we can give to others and when this is given it is amazing how often it is the giver who receives the greatest reward.

Each afternoon throughout the past week Miss Cutri, assisted by Year Six students, has led us along Christ’s journey towards His death on the cross on Good Friday. When we return to school next Wednesday we celebrate Jesus’ victory over death as we remember His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday which marked our reconnection with our Father in heaven.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

During the past week we received some very exciting staff news:

- Mrs Helen Flack, our History teacher, has become a grandmother for the fifth time with the recent arrival of Elani Grace in Brisbane.
- Miss Amanda Sagrera’s feet have barely touched the ground all week after her partner, Peter Edwards, proposed to her last Sunday.

Congratulations to both Helen and Amanda on these great milestones in their lives.
INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING
We wish our interschool team success at the carnival at the Aqualife Centre 42 Somerset St, East Victoria Park next Wednesday. We are confident that all of the children will give their best effort and make all of us at Notre Dame very proud of them.

ADVANCED NOTICE – FREE DRESS
To celebrate the end of term, children may wear neat casual clothes on Friday 8 April. We would appreciate a gold coin donation, which will be forwarded to the missions, for this privilege.

NO NEWSLETTER
Due to the short week there will not be a newsletter next week.

Wishing all families a happy, Holy and safe Easter break.

Darryl Winsor
Principal
LITURGICAL SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT NOTRE DAME CHURCH

| Holy Thursday | Mass of the Lord’s Supper (WHITE) | Thursday 24 March 7.00pm |
| Good Friday   | Stations of the Cross (RED)      | Friday 25 March 9.00am & 11.00am |
|              | The Lord’s Passion (RED)         | Friday 25 March 3.00pm |
| Easter Sunday | Easter Vigil Mass (WHITE/GOLD)   | Saturday 26 March 7.00pm |
|              | Easter Sunday (WHITE/GOLD)       | Sunday 27 March 8.00am, 10.00am & 6.00pm |

One way to enter more personally in these ceremonies is to try and wear clothes of the liturgical colour:

- Palm Sunday – RED, Holy Thursday – WHITE,
- Good Friday – RED, Easter Sunday – WHITE OR GOLD

All the children are welcome to come and join in our reflection of the Stations of the Cross at

9.00 am GOOD FRIDAY 25 March 2016

Children wishing to participate in the Stations are expected to arrive at 8.30am.
YEAR 4 EXCURSION

This term we have been studying Aboriginal Culture. We went on an excursion on 10 March and we participated in a cultural experience called, “A little bit of this, and a little bit of that.” This was an educational program celebrating Aboriginal Australia and helps children to learn more about culture, language, art, music and bush tucker. We also participated in Aboriginal Heritage Walks guided by our wonderful parent helpers and teachers. Please read our thoughts on the excursion and look at our awesome photos!

It was the best excursion I’ve ever had because we got to eat bush cake – Noah
I think that we learnt a lot about Aboriginal symbols and about animals. Also, I really liked playing and doing sports at Kings Park – Brooklyn
I discovered more about Aboriginal culture and it was really fun – Vedika
I learnt a lot about what Aboriginal people used to make things out of nature – Clarice
I really liked the excursion because when we got to play on the playground we played ‘King of the Pack’ – Grace Mc
I really enjoyed our excursion because we got to play sport, go on a bush walk and eat cake – Kai
I liked how Jeremy the presenter sang and I learnt that some rocks Aboriginals make into body paint is good for your skin - Callum
I had fun playing the didgeridoo and dancing like the Australian animals - Gemma

Miss Sagrera, Mrs Pethick and Mr Webb
Year 4-6 Swimming Carnival – Bayswater Waves 17 March

Last Thursday students from years 4-6 participated in the annual Notre Dame Senior Swimming Carnival held at Bayswater Waves. All students are to be congratulated on the way they participated on the day. I would also like to congratulate the faction captains for their fantastic leadership and hard work preparing for the carnival with their chants and assistance with marshalling their faction members. This helped create a really positive environment for the carnival, as well as a bit of a healthy rivalry between the factions.

There were some outstanding individual performances throughout the day. Here are the champion boy & girl results for the respective year groups and genders.

**Champion Boy & Girl Results**

Year 4 Champion Boy – Kai Millington
Year 4 Champion Boy R/UP – Damian Oee

Year 4 Champion Girl – India Prestige
Year 4 Champion Girl R/UP – Gemma Melvin

Year 5 Champion Boy – Hayden Waters
Year 5 Champion Boy R/UP – Ryley Redfearn

Year 5 Champion Girl – Bella Meloncelli
Year 5 Champion Girl R/UP – Jian Chilton

Year 6 Champion Boy – Cameron Marin
Year 6 Champion Boy R/UP – Sean Melvin

Year 6 Champion Girl – Brittany Rodrigues
Year 6 Champion Girl R/UP – Lesley-Ann Woods

We also had a few records broken on the day.

**Record Breakers**

Cameron Marin (Year 6) – Open Male 100m Freestyle, Open Male 50m Butterfly, Year 6 Male 50m Backstroke & Year 6 Male 50m Breaststroke

Brittany Rodrigues (Year 6) – Open Female 100m Freestyle, Year 6 Female 50m Backstroke & Year 6 Female 50m Freestyle

Bella Meloncelli (Year 5) – Open Female 50m Butterfly & Year 5 Females 50m Freestyle

Jian Chilton (Year 5) – Year 5 Female 50m Backstroke

India Prestige (Year 4) – Year 4 Female 50m Backstroke & Year 4 Female 50m Freestyle

This year produced another tight finish between the factions. There was only one winner though with McAuley faction again taking home the title.

**Faction Positions & Points**

1st – McAuley (1216 points)
2nd – Mercy (1153 points)
3rd – Prendiville (1021 points)
4th – Nagle (845 points)
Many thanks go to our teachers and parent helpers who worked tirelessly throughout the day. Events like this could not happen without their dedication and effort. Well done to all competitors and well done to McAuley!

**Interschool Swimming – Aqualife Aquatic Centre 30 March**

Notes have been sent home to students selected for the Interschool Swimming Carnival next week, held at Aqualife Aquatic Centre on the 30 March. It is important all notes are sent back ASAP to be eligible to be selected for the carnival.

**Swim Squad – Last session Thursday 23/03**

This notice is to inform parents and students that this Thursday will be the last session for swimming squad this term. Many thanks to Mr Loiacano, Miss Smith and our Tuesday Swimming coach, Chloe Escott. They have giving up their mornings to assist with the squad this term. Well done to all the students involved in training this term. Many thanks also to all the parents who have allowed their children to participate in the squad this term.

Brett Webb
Physical Education Specialist

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**NUDE FOOD WEEK**

During Week 10, the Environmental Council will be running a **NUDE FOOD WEEK**, to stop the amount of rubbish in landfill and to avoid floating rubbish around the school. From Monday to Thursday in Week 10, we are encouraging students to bring none packaged food. At the end of that week on the last day of the term the class with the least amount of rubbish will be treated to a healthy but delicious morning tea. There will also be other activities running throughout that week.
CANTEEN NEWS

Next week’s roster

Monday 28 March: Closed
Wednesday 30 March: Carley Chua morning, Luan Dique afternoon
Friday 1 April: Dorina Hortin

Hope to see you at the canteen

Kayleen McLean
Canteen Manager

UNIFORM NEWS

The uniform shop opening times:

Monday 1.30 - 3.30pm
Thursday 1.30 - 3.30pm

Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Coordinator

PRC NEWS

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you for your wonderful support. We raised $1500.00

Fundraising Committee - Parent Representative Council

ADVANCE NOTICE FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The following events will be organised by the committee:

1. Wednesday 4 May - Dr Ian Lillico from 7.00pm
2. Thursday 19 May - Walk or ride to school
3. Wednesday 7 September - Paul Litherland - Surf on Line Safe from 6.30pm.
You are invited to attend Netball Clinics to be held at Ursula Frayne Catholic College. The clinics will teach the fundamentals of the game in a fun and inclusive environment.

**When**
- Tuesday 22 March 2016
- Thursday 19 May 2016
- Monday 13 June 2016

**Time**
3.30pm – 5.30pm

**Where**
Duncan Street Campus, Victoria Park
(enter through the gates on Teague Street)

**Cost**
$5.00 per participant

The sessions are open to both male and female participants and places can be booked online through Trybooking at:

http://www.trybooking.com/KOJV

(please type exactly as seen above)

If you have any queries please email DeReus.Claire@cathednet.wa.edu.au
St Mary's School Donnybrook invites you to our 100th Anniversary Sunday 1st May 2016 10am Mass followed by an Open school event 11am—3pm (digital displays, memorabilia, time capsule) Morning tea & Sausage sizzle available for purchase or bring your own picnic. Please RSVP 08 9731 1496 or email admin@stmarysdbrk.wa.edu.au By April 1st 2016 Please tell all past staff and students about it. We would love to see you there! A centennial magazine will be available for purchase on the day.

FETE ATTRACTIONS
- Body Zorb Soccer
- Bouncy Castle
- Congo Line dancing
- Crazy hair
- Dance for Fun
- Demolition tear
- Easter crafts for kids
- Face painting
- Fairy costumes
- Fairy Fins
- Filipino food
- Hand knitted toys
- Home made cakes
- Hand crafted cards
- Jumping castle
- Get a haircut from qualified hairdressers
- Kids Crafts
- Lolly bags
- Lucky dips
- Mark Grima and band
- Pacific Combo
- Perth Heat Pitching Tent
- Plant stall
- Popcorn
- Pre-loved Treasures
- Sausage sizzle
- School Choir
- School of Music
- School Band
- Showtime Performing Arts
- Show bags
- Superhero costumes
- Tambola Jars
- Turbo Tub ride
- Vietnamese food
- Year Ones singing
- Wet sponge theme

WIN a Thermomix - $20 per ticket
WIN an air conditioner and install!
WIN one of 5 big raffles with FABULOUS PRIZES!

Unlimited Rides WRISTBAND $25 (excludes pony rides) These can be pre-purchased from school office (you can also buy these on the day).

You can PRE-PURCHASE Pack of FUNNY MONEY SHOW BAGS $20 THERMOMIX RAFFLE TICKETS from the School Office ahead of the fete.

Save the date!

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