FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars. You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else.

Pope Francis

Dear Parents and Staff

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

Throughout this year the Leadership Team has been collaborating with the School Board, staff, parents and a range of Information Technology consultants to review the school’s current ICT programme. We are very close to having everything finalised and I hope to send a detailed letter to all families early next term. In the interim, I am able to advise that the laptop programme that exists in Years 4-6 will be phased out over the next two years and will be replaced by a tablet device programme that will provide all children from Years 1-6 with access to a one to one programme. This will be funded through an annual levy that will both replace the current $170 IT levy and the expense of purchasing the laptop as children enter Year 4. It is envisaged that this levy will be between $330 and $350 per annum. Whilst this represents an increase in what parents are currently paying annually, across each child’s time at Notre Dame, it represents a saving of approximately $700 - $800 with a device available to all children from Years 1-6. Parents of children who will be in Pre Primary and Years 5 and 6 in 2017 will only continue to pay the current levy.

FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We’ve all been looking forward to our Athletics Carnival for some time now. Mr Webb has spent a significant amount of time ensuring that the children are well prepared for their team games and individual events so that the children can perform to the best of their ability.

There will be three team trophies presented at the carnival:
- Junior Team Trophy – Presented as the children from PP to Year Two who leave the carnival at lunchtime.
- Senior Team Trophy – Presented at the conclusion of all events.
- Overall Team Trophy – Overall combined scores from both Junior and Senior carnivals.

Mr Webb will publish the results of the winning teams and the individual champions and runners up in next week’s newsletter.

MERCY DAY

What an amazing day we all had last Friday, celebrating Mass, learning about our founding Sisters, participating in our mini-fete and playing sports games with our buddies. Whilst all of this was a lot of fun, the main purpose of the day was to be aware of those who are less fortunate than us and to raise some funds to support them. Due to the generous donations from families we were able to raise almost...
$2000 to support the Mercy missions. Thank you to all of the staff for embracing this event and devising so many very creative stalls for the children to enjoy.

**FAREWELL**

Last week I received notice from Imelda Tassone of her desire to resign from the staff at Notre Dame. Imelda has served our school well in her role of Administrative Assistant for the past four years and we wish her all the best with her future endeavours.

**SPELLING BEE**

We all experienced a very tense afternoon and evening last Thursday as the finalists from Year Three to Six went head to head in the school’s annual Spelling Bee. Whilst the competition was intense the children were very supportive of each other which is a credit to them. Congratulations to our winners and runners up who received a trophy and will represent Notre Dame at the regional final at Queen of Apostles School, Riverton, in fourth Term.

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A very special thanks to Miss Amanda Sagrera who coordinated the entire programme and to the many staff who helped out.

N.B. At least the competition at the Spelling Bee was intense unlike what Eagles supporters experienced at Domain Stadium.

**NIGHT OF THE NOTABLES**

It has been an incredibly busy term at Notre Dame and things don’t appear as though they will lighten up much before the end of term. Yesterday, I joined many parents to be treated to the wonderful presentations by the Year Five children on their chosen notable figures, some from the past, and others from our contemporary world. It was amazing to hear all of the significant information that they had gathered and to witness their very clever and entertaining ways of presenting this. Thank you to the Year Five teachers for providing the children with this excellent opportunity.

**NATURE PLAYGROUND**

Thank you to the following for assisting at the Busy Bee last Saturday 10 September and getting the playground to the point where it is very near to completion: Michael Holtmeulen, Daniela Boyle, Nicolle Achmad, Justin McAullley, Adam Ciccarone, Stephanie Bradshaw, Linda Harland, Nannette Pethick, Mike Safe, Deborah Pobke and Stuart Pobke

**END OF TERM/ BEGINNING OF TERM**

- A reminder that this term concludes on Thursday 22 September. The children are permitted to wear neat casual clothes to celebrate the end of term. No donation is required.
- Term 4 commences for children on Wednesday 12 October as the staff will be involved in Professional Development on the Monday and Tuesday. Children are to wear summer uniform from the beginning of Term 4.

Darryl Winsor
Principal
**MERCY DAY**

"This is the best day ever!" exclaimed students as they roamed the fete stalls and participated in an assortment of activities set up by our creative teachers. Thank you to the parents who donated resources and prizes for their child’s stall.

We started our day with a whole school mass where we acknowledged the Extraordinary Year of Mercy as declared by Pope Francis and also our Mercy and Presentation charisms. The Year 3 teachers and students organised a wonderful celebration. Fr Quynh reported that he was very pleased with the mass and especially the decorations in the church.

The students then got to choose a cake to eat for morning tea. Thank you to the Year 5 teachers, students and parents who organised and donated cakes for the cake stall. They were all delicious!

For lunch, the students enjoyed a sausage sizzle cooked by our amazing parent volunteers. Thank you to Kayleen and the parents who helped cook and deliver over 500 sausages and rolls to the classrooms for students, teachers and parent volunteers to enjoy.

After lunch, the students participated in tabloid sport activities organised by the amazing Mr Webb. Everyone had a smile on their face as they had fun competing in three legged races, sack races, tug-o-war, and wheelbarrow races to name a few.

The day was a huge success! We look forward to 2017 where we will celebrate Presentation Day.

Nicolle Achmad
Acting Assistant Principal (Religious Education)
PARISH NEWS

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 18 September 2016 in the Parish Centre, commencing at 11.15 am. All Parishioners are welcome to attend the meeting after the 10.00 am Mass.

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 2016, 9.00 am – 4.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

CHURCH CLEANERS REQUIRED
The Parish Office is reviewing the Church Cleaning Roster. If you are interested in assisting with the cleaning of Notre Dame Church, please contact Leonie Blake, Administrative Assistant, at the Parish Office for further details.

George Sekulla
Chairman
Notre Dame Parish Council

CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations are in order to the choir for their fantastic singing at the Confirmation Mass on Saturday night. They certainly led the congregation with great capability and confidence. I received many compliments from staff, parents and parishioners. So well done children, I am extremely proud of you all!

Thank you to the staff who assisted with the choir, and a special thank you to Mrs Notte our choir assistant. The presence and assistance of the staff was greatly appreciated!

Thank you parents for the sacrifice you made to get your children there on Saturday evening.

Finally, thank you to Fr Quynh for his support of the choir, and his beautiful singing in French and Vietnamese. That added so much to the Confirmation Mass on Saturday evening.

May God bless us all for our efforts!

Mr Alessio Loiacono
Music Specialist
YEAR 3 CLASS NEWS

Term 3 has proven to be a busy yet rewarding one for Year 3 with excursions, assemblies, performing arts choir and Mercy Day to name a few. It has been wonderful to see so many of our parents and caregivers supporting us during these events and we would like to say a special thank you to them for their love and support.

Much of the learning that occurred in Year 3 this term was centered on the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Our interest and excitement over both games has meant that we have found opportunities to integrate it across all learning areas.

In literacy, we researched and wrote a biography about our favourite Australian Olympian. We also took some time to write a letter of support and encouragement to our favourite Australian Paralympian Tristan Knowles. Tristan will be representing Australia in the wheelchair basketball and we hope that our letters inspire him to play his best on the day. Good luck Tristan!

In Art, we created different versions of the Olympic torch. Some students used paper while others created oil paintings. We think they look great!
To tie in with our Olympic theme, the Year 3 students went on an excursion to Willetton Basketball Courts. We had an opportunity to test our sporting skills across a variety of games including Tee-Ball, Indoor Cricket, Badminton, Table Tennis, Basketball and Soccer Hockey. It was great to try out sports that we had never played before.

During book week, Year 3 visited Belmont Library and listened to Aboriginal storyteller Josie Boyle. Josie shared Dreamtime stories through sand drawings, sang in her traditional language Wangkatha and read some stories from her books. The Year 3 students did themselves proud when they were invited by Josie to join her and create their own stories.

Year Three Teachers
Mrs Achmad, Mrs Pirie, Miss Lyons and Mrs Crabbe

As we are at the end of term we would like to ask parents and students to please collect items from the lost property belonging to them. Thank you.
Next week's roster:

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If you are available to volunteer next term your help would be appreciated even half an hour is a huge help.

Hope to see you at the canteen soon.

Kayleen McLean
Canteen Manager

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, 30 August – Items of Interest

- List of purchases made by teachers with PRC discretionary funding of $8,800 was presented.
- Nature playground progressing – another working bee was held on Saturday, 10th September.
- School to investigate quotes for oval turf replacement. PRC may fund.
- Drop-off/Pick-up areas discussed again. Reminder for parents to use the carpark at all times and observe No Drop-off/Pick-up signs. To discuss with leadership team whether the gates on Daly Street should be closed.
- Update to the PRC on the progress of the review of IT and motivating factors – educational uses; control/ownership; cost to parents. Possibility of moving to tablet devices from 2017. Current Years 4 and 5 to retain 1:1 laptop programme.
- A workshop for parents and PD for staff on emotional resiliency to be held in early 2017.

Upcoming Events

- Food stall at Athletics Carnival - Thursday 15 September.
- Family MOVIE AND CURRY NIGHT on Saturday, 22 October.
- Welcome Back to School Night Market – Friday, 10 March 2017.

Expenditure Agreed

- $650 for Lapathon prizes and drinks
- $1,000 for Athletics Carnival drinks, sausages, hamburgers, rolls

Meeting of the PRC on Tuesday, 30 August – Items of Interest

- Update on the transition to new P&F in 2017 – executive roles discussed including management of finances under the new structure.

The next meeting of the PRC will take place on Tuesday, 18th October from 6.30pm. Please come along. Meeting of the PRC on Tuesday, 30 August – Items of Interest.

Julie-Ann Beasley
Meeting Chair
NDCPS - PRC
Creative Kids Art Club

After School Art Classes now enrolling for children 5 to 10yrs. For more information or to enrol visit www.creativekidsartclub.com.au
email: jane@creativekidsartclub.com.au

TERM CLASSES FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN

DRAWING FOR YOUNG CHILDREN - 6-11yrs
with Michelle Culnane
Monday 4.15-5.15pm
Tuesday 4.15-5.15pm
Saturday 9-10am 10.15-11.15am 11.30-12.30pm
Cost: $130 BYO materials
Enrolment: 0404 926 381
michellensteve70@bigpond.com
Learn to draw using pencil, oil pastel, soft pastel and paints. Explore colour, art and design in a variety of mediums and techniques.

TUTORING CLASSES - Years 2-7
with Lana
Tuesday 4.00pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 4.00pm-6.00pm
Cost: $30 for 1 hour or $50 for 2 hours
Enquiries: 0431 467 964
lana@lifelonglearners.com.au
Tutoring for primary school students in Maths and English.

CREATIVE KIDS ART CLUB - 5-10yrs
Tuesday 4.00pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 4.00pm-5.00pm
Cost: $199 for the term - includes use of art shirt & all materials.
Enquiries: 0431 467 964
jane@creativekidsartclub.com.au
Online Enrolments: www.creativekidsartclub.com.au
Join us to design & paint an African mask, do some fun drawing activities & exciting craft projects.

CARTOONING
with Tim Wilson
Saturday 1.00pm-2.00pm
Commencement: 22 October
Cost: $80 for a 5 week course
Enrolment: 0416 061 596
timbowlison@gmail.com
Discover the secrets of cartooning technique in these fun workshops. Subjects include special effects, facial expressions, animals plus drawing games. No experience required.

FOR DETAILS ABOUT OUR EXHIBITION CALENDAR & SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE

Courses will only run if there are sufficient numbers. The tutor or art centre will confirm if there are sufficient numbers for a course to run.

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TERM CLASSES FOR ADULTS

CLAY PLAY Suitable for Beginners
with Sheryl Chant
Monday 12.30pm-3.30pm
Commencement: 31 October
Cost: $240 for 6 weeks
Enrolment: 0416 615 491
sherylchant@gmail.com
Hand building - exploring what you can create using a lump of clay, your hands and a few simple tools (tools supplied). Building methods include pinch, slab and coil using paper-clay enabling you to create your own functional and non-functional objects. A great opportunity to play with clay while developing your skills in a friendly and supportive environment.

IRAQI SINGING WORKSHOP All ages welcome
with Fadhila Sabiry
Monday 6.30pm-8.30pm
Cost: $180 for 8 weeks
Enrolment: 0405 485 870
Enjoy singing in Arabic an Iraqi folk song (Iraqi Dialect), listening to the uniquely joyful Iraqi Qud (original word for Lute) and Iraqi rhythms & claps.
September SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLASSES

FOIL FISH COLLAGE
8 years & older with Tim Wilson
Monday  26 Sept
10am-12.30pm
Cost: $30
All materials supplied
Enrolment: 0416 061 596
timbowlson@gmail.com

Create a beautiful sea or sky scene. First paint a watercolour wash, then collage a school of glowing alfoil fish. Made by cutting and embossing shapes and applying marking pen for a striking, glowing colour effect!

CLAY WINDCHIME WORKSHOP
with Sheryl Chant
Tuesday  27 Sept
10am-12pm
Cost: $32 per child
All materials supplied
Firing of clay at participant’s cost
Enrolment: 6454 1803
info@vicparkarts.org.au

Using terracotta paper-clay, explore the textures of natural and man-made objects. Develop your skills in using clay by making your very own wind-chime with experienced tutor and artist, Sheryl Chant, who will lead you on this creative adventure.

ACRYLIC LOTUS FLOWER ART
7yrs & up with Michelle Culnane
Wednesday  28 Sept
9am-12pm
Cost: $52 per child
BYO materials
Enrolment: 0404 926 381
michellensteve70@bigpond.com

Learn to paint a background in a modern style or could even be called impressionist style - blending the paints on the canvas with a particular movement of the brush. The lotus flowers will have light and dark coming through to give depth. This is a fun activity to do. You will have a beautiful art work for your wall.

GIFTS FOR THE GARDEN CLAY WORKSHOP
7-12 years with Sheryl Chant
Tuesday  27 Sept
10am-12pm
Cost: $32 per child
All materials supplied
Firing of clay at participant’s cost
Enrolment: 6454 1803
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