FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Staff

Throughout the Gospels there are many instances of Jesus’ ability to forgive. This is particularly evident in the Gospel about the woman at the well. Her accusers wanted to trap Jesus by having him say something that was against the law of the land. Jesus said nothing but wrote in the sand with his finger. We are led to believe that he wrote the sins and faults of the woman’s accusers. Whatever he wrote, the accusers all left, deciding not to continue their attempt to have the woman stoned and to trap Jesus. Sometimes not saying anything resonates far louder and longer than any words.

Then Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go away and don’t sin again.”

(John 8: 10-11)

FIRST EUCHARIST

In just over a week the first of our children will be receiving the Blessed Eucharist for the first time. This is a very special time both for them and their families. It is through this intimacy with Jesus we are all drawn closer to the Father. Over the next few weeks I will be publishing the names of the children from our school who will be receiving their First Eucharist and ask you to consider choosing one of these to remember in your family prayers.

KINDERGARTEN MEETINGS

The meeting for the parents of children who will be commencing 4 Year Old Kindergarten next year was held last evening. Thank you to all of the parents for making the time to attend. I hope the information will be useful in ensuring your child’s transition to Kindergarten is both exciting and stress free. Unfortunately there was a problem with technology which hindered the presentation from the teachers but I was impressed with their ability to pass on the information in such a bright and interesting manner.
CULTURAL WEEK ACTIVITIES
There has been high excitement throughout the school this week as the children from Pre-Primary to Six have participated in a range of cultural activities. All of the children enjoyed the food that they helped to produce and the staff enjoyed some of the samples too. Thank you to Signora Morlotti for arranging such engaging activities and to all of the parents who volunteered to help. We now look forward to the Cultural assembly tomorrow.

SEMESTER REPORTS
This year, for the first time, our Semester Student Reports will be available electronically. A letter, which you should receive in the next couple of days, will be posted to all families with children in Pre-Primary to Year Six. This letter contains all of the information that you should require to logon and be ready to access your child's report which will be available online from Friday 26 June. We will also email a copy of this letter to families early next week. If you do not receive the emailed copy by Wednesday it will probably be because we have incorrect email contact details for you and we request that you contact the school office if this is the case.

If you experience any difficulties with logging onto the parent portal please contact the school office and we will assist you.

YEAR SIX COUNCIL UPDATE
The Year Sixes have had a wonderful time recently planting vegetables in the garden beds in the central courtyard. This is part of their commitment to improving our environment and I look forward to seeing the fruits of their labours in around 12 weeks time. Hopefully “Bob”, their not too scary scarecrow, will keep a watchful eye on the garden! Many thanks to Mr Evan Pethick who has assisted the children in getting the garden started.

REMINDER
Next Monday is Western Australia Day and the staff have a Professional Development day on Tuesday 3 June at which they will be completing some long term planning.

Darryl Winsor
Principal
Pope Francis has captured the world’s imagination. As his papacy unfolds many people detect within themselves and in the Church community, a new sense of hope and a renewed interest in the faith.

One of the reasons for this is the Pope’s constant call to all of us to return to the basics. Both through the witness of his actions and the simplicity of his language the Pope speaks to us in ways we can understand and reminds us of those things which are at the heart of our faith.

At Notre Dame, all classes will create a ‘paper link’ with messages to raise awareness of the different needs of people within our community. These links will then form part of a chain, which will be displayed outside each classroom on Wednesday, 3 June.

**SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST**

Next weekend, our Year Four students, along with candidates from St Maria Goretti and the parish will receive First Communion. This will be held over three weekends. The children, their families and their teachers have been preparing for many weeks for this important occasion. The Sacrament of Eucharist is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation in our Catholic faith – the other two are Baptism and Confirmation.

The Eucharist is the continual celebration of our Christian life.

In Holy Communion, Jesus comes to each one of us. Sharing this mystery together makes us one with each other and one with Jesus. We are joined in a special way with Jesus and the family of God. First Communion for these candidates will be a special time when Jesus comes to be one with them as they continue on their faith journey and grow into strong and loving people in the family of God.

As a school community we keep in our prayers the students and their families from the school and parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist over the coming weekends and celebrate the communion it brings to us all.

Miss Cutri
Assistant Principal
KINDY NEWS

This term in Kindy we have made our Mothers’ Day gifts, cards and paintings. For our gifts we made a decorated cork coaster with our picture on it and a lovely card. Our mums really enjoyed their gifts.

We have been very lucky to be given some tyres for our outdoor playground. They have been fun to play with and build towers and roll on the ground. A kind family has donated some wonderful wooden logs for our outdoor area which we have enjoyed climbing on, jumping off and building things. We have also planted some flowers and are looking forward to working with Bunnings to develop our outdoor area.

Miss Smith and Mrs Harland
Language Week – Italian

As part of Language Week, students from PP to Year 6 at Notre Dame Catholic School participated in variety of cooking activities. Students had the opportunity to make Italian bread, biscotti, pizza, and Italian hot chocolate. The students enjoyed the cooking activities, especially the Italian food. It was yummy!

Meals are a very important part of Italian culture, usually shared with family and friends. Meals are an opportunity for groups to come together and talk; while enjoying some great food. A big thank you goes to all the parents who came along to help with all the cooking activities. We couldn't have done it without you! The students also participated in a hunt-the-dot competition and won prizes.

Italian Teacher
Natascia Morlotti

Delizioso! delizioso! cioccolata calda
To raise awareness of **Homelessness** in our society, the Year Six students from the Social Justice Council are asking for donations of **blankets** and **sleeping bags** to donate to St Vincent de Paul Society. Please give generously to needy families. Bring all items to your classroom teacher.
Thank you to all the lovely ladies who popped into the canteen on Friday. Your time was appreciated, it certainly makes life easier with extra help.

This week’s roster

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Please remember to write your child’s name, class and order on the lunch bag and to have separate bags for lunch and recess orders.

Hope to see you at the canteen.

Kayleen McLean
Canteen Coordinator

Opening Times

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Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Coordinator