Dear Parents and Staff

Jesus said to them, "I am telling you the truth: if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in yourselves. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them to life on the last day. For my flesh is the real food; my blood is the real drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me, and I live in them. The living Father sent me, and because of him I live also. In the same way whoever eats me will live because of me. This, then, is the bread that came down from heaven; it is not like the bread that your ancestors ate, but then later died. Those who eat this bread will live forever." (John 6:53 – 58)

Last Sunday a number of children from Notre Dame, along with other children from our Parish, received the Sacrament of First Eucharist. All looked fantastic and were very well prepared to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time. I was very impressed by the children’s respectful understanding of the significance of this event and the reverence that they maintained throughout the Mass. This weekend our second group of children will receive the Sacrament and I ask you to keep them and their families in your prayers.

**SR ROMUALD**

Recently, along with Carmel Cutri, one of our Assistant Principals, I was privileged to meet with Sr Romuald who was one of the foundation staff members of Holy Name School in Carlisle. Now ninety-nine years of age, Sr Romuald entertained us with many anecdotes of the early years, remembering many of the names of the children from as far back as 1938. The passion for teaching that Sr Romuald has possessed throughout her life was evident in everything she said and it is obvious that she was a bit of a radical for her time insisting that her students were taught to think rather than learn everything by rote. Testament to the relationship that Sr Romuald established with her students was that many of those from her early teaching years surprised her by attending a celebration of her ninety-sixth birthday. When Carmel commented that she was surprised to learn that Sr Romuald was ninety-nine and not ninety-six, as she had thought, Sister responded with a cheeky grin, “I wish!”

It was a rare opportunity to meet with such a remarkable lady whose legacy of challenging children to think lives on in our school today. It is through the work of teachers such as Sr Romuald that our school has built such a strong reputation as a caring community which values the ability and fosters the potential of all of its members.
SEMESTER REPORT MEETINGS – 2 JULY
At 9.00am last Tuesday our online booking system went live for parents to book meeting times with their children's teachers. There were a few initial teething problems but these appear to have been sorted out and the feedback that I have received has been very positive.

It is essential that all parents attend these meetings as the reports are limited in the information they provide. It is through discussion with your children’s teachers that you gain a far greater understanding of your child’s progress and future needs.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
At our recent Professional Development day on 2 June the staff took time to consider what a Notre Dame student will look like as they leave our school. The day was divided into three main parts:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- How are we going to get there?

We have developed a poster of the attributes that we will be working towards developing in the children during their time at Notre Dame and this will soon be displayed throughout the school.

PYJAMA DAY – 17 JUNE
The low nightly temperatures haven't gone unnoticed by me. Whilst it’s important to raise the children’s awareness of the plight of the homeless, that doesn't make the prospect of sleeping out much more inviting. For me though, it is only one night of discomfort but for many this is a nightly event. Not only do they have to sleep in the cold but often, this is done on a very empty stomach and in fear of being attacked during the night. My evening meal of cold baked beans and night of discomfort will be a distant memory when I’m back in my own bed the following night.

I look forward to seeing everyone in their PJs on Wednesday. Please send in a gold coin donation that will be forwarded to the Society of St Vincent de Paul in support of the homeless.

TUNING IN TO KIDS
Please see all of the information on the following pages regarding this great parenting course that will be held at Notre Dame early next term. Holy Name Early Learning Centre will be providing crèche facilities free of charge on site at Notre Dame during the sessions.

YEAR SIX PARENTS
A reminder that there will be a meeting for the parents of Year Six children in the Parish Hall next Wednesday, 17 June, at 7.00pm to discuss the Graduation.
Dear Parents,

As a follow up to first semester reports, parent-teacher interviews will be held for Pre-Primary to Year Six students from 12:30pm to 6:00pm on 1 July 2015.

Interviews will be of 10 minutes duration.

For these interviews we are introducing a new internet-based booking system called Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). It will save time for parents, staff and students!

Using this system you will be able to book the interview times that suit you best from any internet-connected computer. Please see Administration staff if you do not have Internet access at home or elsewhere.

Please access the system as follows:
- Go to the school’s home page: http://web.nds.wa.edu.au
- Click the PTO icon as shown here …
- Click “Obtain PIN/Password” and enter your email address. Your PIN will be emailed to you. The email you receive will include a link that can be clicked on to log straight into PTO, bypassing the login screen.

Full instructions are provided to you after log in. Please note the following points:

- When you log on, the system displays only your own child/children. Bookings are made for individual parents/guardians. If two parents/guardians wish to attend a single interview time slot, one parent/guardian should make the booking then both can attend.
- If two separate time slots are needed, for various reasons, each parent will need to book a time.
- You will only see time slots that are available at the time you are using the system. As time slots are booked for teachers, those time slots are no longer displayed as available. PTO prevents double-booking of teachers or parents/guardians.
- When you have made all the bookings you require, you can download or email a report of your bookings in time order for printing. You can log in and change bookings any time up to the day prior to interviews, 30 June.
- If you see this symbol displayed alongside the class name, it means this teacher recommends that you book an interview. However, the expectation is that all parents are required to attend an interview.
- Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a time slot is displayed to you as available, but is then booked by another parent shortly afterwards. If you then attempt to book this time slot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate this.
- If you encounter any problems using PTO please contact the school office by phone on 6272 7100, or by email to admin@nds.wa.edu.au

I am sure the system will be of benefit to students, parents and staff. Any feedback you may wish to provide will be most welcome.

Yours sincerely,

Darryl Windsor
Principal

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Parent-Teacher Interviews 1 July 2015

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Tuning in to Kids

A six session parenting program

Would you like to learn how to:

- be better at talking with your child?
- be better at understanding your child?
- help your child learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?
- teach your child to deal with conflict?

Tuning into Kids is a group parenting program. The ideas and techniques taught in the program will be useful for parents of children of all ages, but are particularly relevant for pre-schoolers.

Next term, Kristy McAvan, Psychologist from the Catholic Education Office will be offering this program to parents. Sessions will be conducted at school from the 28th July until the 1st September. The program runs for 6 weeks in the mornings, from 9 am to 11.30 am. It is a requirement to attend all 6 sessions.

*Morning tea will be provided and we ask that any parents wishing to participate in the program pay $30 to cover the cost of workshop materials and the booklet.*

If you would like to participate in this program, as places are limited to a maximum of 12 participants, please register your details below and return your slip to the school office by Friday 3 July. You will be contacted to confirm your enrolment and to collect payment.

Run by Catholic Education Psychology Team

Tuning in to Kids

I would like to register for the Turning in to Kids parenting program

Parent’s Name: ________________________________

Children’s Names and Ages: ________________________________________________

Phone Number: ____________________________________________________________
Neve McCullough
Ella Corbett
Benjamin Whelpdale
Jarreth Morales
Gion Escape
Charlton Empleo
Sofia Addy
Harrison Steele
Rose Zinnah
Aaron Borja
Isabel Menzies
Jaiden Brame
Maria Alcantara
Thomas Rigby
Mitch Kindmarsh
Tahlia Schofield
Holly Katherayson

Saturday 6 June/Sunday 7 June
This term, Year Five have been very busy with all their subjects and we are going to tell you all about it!

We made delicious Italian chocolate biscuits (biscotti) for Language Week. We can bet you that all the students loved them! We have learnt this term about Italian drinks. Not just one but 19 different drinks!

In maths, we have been learning about angles and length with some really fun ways to learn about maths. The students all participated and really enjoyed learning about measurement.

This term we had NAPLAN. All the teachers were really impressed and proud of all the hard work we did.

In religion this term, we did a sheet called eye-witness account of the Last Supper. In this we had to pretend we were at the Last Supper and write about what our senses felt. We really got into it and really felt like we were at the Last Supper. This helped to show all the teachers how much we’ve learnt.

In English, we have had a big test of all our spelling words. It was really hard but we kept going at it. We also did some practise for our NAPLAN tests.

In science, we have been learning about all the different phases of the moon. We got to do fun craft activities and we really enjoyed it.

In history, we have learning about big events in Australia’s past. We have been assigned to a project on researching a particular event.

Thanks for reading this news and we hope you enjoyed reading all about our term!

By Alice Plumbley and Alice Law
YEAR 2

Last Wednesday Year 2 went to the World of Maths Incursion. We had a lot of fun going from activity to activity. We even learnt a magic trick. We had to build shapes with blocks, add our scores from the pin ball machine, tesselate shapes and so much more! It required great teamwork and perseverance! We were very fortunate to have some willing parent helpers to assist us with our activities. Thanks mums and dads!

In religion we have been discussing how Jesus treated people: He treated children as special; He treated people with disabilities as special; He treated the elderly as special; He treated those who had done wrong as special; He treated those who were rejected by others as special. What a wonderful example Jesus is to how we should treat others.

We have been learning about Aboriginal culture in geography. We have listened to Dreamtime stories and have each painted our own boomerang in a traditional Aboriginal style.

Julie Carlton, Margaret Hennessy and Tiffany Donovan

SPORTS NEWS

EAGLES CUP FRIDAY 12 JUNE

Notre Dame vs St Joseph
(home game)

Games commencing at 1:15pm

All welcome!
2015 NDCPS CROSS COUNTRY – TOMATO LAKE

Last Thursday, students from Year 3-6 competed in the annual school cross country carnival, held at Tomato Lake. Our little Year 3 students got us started with some fantastic running efforts. It was great to see the amount of cheering and celebrating by all our faction members for the juniors.

The competition between the factions was fierce all day, with the lead changing numerous times. Prendiville ended up trumps, taking out the win by 23 points. There were some fantastic individual performers throughout the grades, here they are below.

Year 3
Champion Girl - Paige Hotchkin
Champion Girl R/UP - Maja Vucinic

Champion Boy - Lawson Wittenbaker
Champion Boy R/UP - Lucas Chaplin

Year 4
Champion Girl - Sofia Addy
Champion Girl R/Up - Harmony Dique

Champion Boy - Ben Whelpdale
Champion Boy R/UP - Ryley Redfearn

Year 5
Champion Girl - Alice Plumbley
Champion Girl R/UP - Amanda Gabriel

Champion Boy - Samuel Deane
Champion Boy R/UP - Kade McKeown

Year 6
Champion Girl - Zoe Dowse
Champion Girl R/UP - Jaime Penales

Champion Boy - Jonas Gott
Champion Boy R/UP - Bryce Johnson
All top five students from Years 4-6 will be competing in the interschool carnival next term. They are asked to join the Cross Country Club, held on Tuesday mornings (7:05 – 7:45am) for the next two weeks, held at Tomato Lake. They will also be sent a note home outlining the day, which will be on the 31 July next term (Week 2 of Term 3). Many thanks to the fantastic parents who were able to help out on the day, as well as our fantastic teachers.

Well done to all students and well done Prendiville!

Mr Brett Webb

MATHS NEWS

FUN WITH MATHS!!!

This term we have been treated to some exciting mathematical activities for the students, parents and staff.

WORLD OF MATHS:
The children were all given the opportunity to participate in some hands on mathematical games aimed at group problem solving. Positive feedback was given from students, parents and teachers.

Comments:

I really liked how we had to build the shapes out of the blocks. I found it a challenge because we had to do two layers and had to match all the shapes. (Martina 6M)

World of Maths was fun because there were activities and games that people could play. I really liked the Mouse Trap game because you needed to find out which box fitted the mouse trap shape. (Kai 3M)

The children were engaged and the mathematical tasks were hands on. They also loved his magic trick at the end of the session. We really appreciated the great response of parent help on the day.
**DR PAUL SWAN:**

Paul Swan is a respected educator in the field of mathematics. He has formulated many hands on games and tasks to guide teachers in developing the use of tools for learning a hands on fun approach, whilst meeting the curriculum set for teachers today.

We were lucky to have him come to the school. Congratulations to the teachers who joined in the after school fun!

**Teacher’s comments:**

The Paul Swan PD was hands on, informative and fun. It reiterated that a great deal of learning in the area of mathematics comes from simple tasks that can be moderated for students at different levels. The language surrounding mathematics can be developed around activities that are engaging and enjoyable because we all know that is how real learning takes place.

(Mrs Nannette Pethick Year 4P Teacher)
This week's roster

Monday June 15
  Luan Dique

Wednesday June 17
  Dorina Hortin
  Michelle Thomas

Friday June 19
  Dorina Hortin
  Andrea Bellis

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Monday 15 June
Pikelets 20 cents each

Wednesday 17 June PJ Day
Hash browns 80 cents each
Warm Milo $1.00 per cup.

Both Specials are for recess only and available for Year 1-6 students.

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I would like to thank all of the new volunteers who have popped in to help or to put their names down for the coming weeks. Your help is appreciated and is taking the pressure off myself and gives the regular volunteers a well deserved rest.

Kayleen McLean
Canteen Coordinator

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UNIFORM NEWS

Opening Times

  Tuesdays     8.15am to 10.30am
  Thursdays    1.30pm to 3.30pm

Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Coordinator
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.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**URSULA FRAYNE CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

Arts Extravaganza - Thursday 25 June 2015 - 3.30-5.30pm
Interactive Art from 3.30pm and concert from 4.30pm
Drama Acts, Band Performance, Dance Groups, Choir; Snapshot from the 2016 College Musical ‘Oliver.’ Entry is via the gymnasium, off Teague Street, Victoria Park.