Dear Parents and Staff

At our staff prayer this morning Nicolle Achmad and Carmel Cutri shared with us a reflection on the Old Testament reading from Jerimiah 18:6.

“One clay in the Potter’s hand
so you are in my hands”

Reflection
Have you ever seen a potter working clay? If you have you will see how carefully and tenderly the potter touches the clay, shaping it and re-shaping it until it has been created just as the potter imagined it to be. So it is with God and you. Like a potter, God is creating something beautiful in you, shaping and forming you, with love and tenderness. God is helping you to grow and become the wonderful person God sees in you. Just as the potter delights in his or her creation, so, too, does God delight in you.

As we near the end of this, my second term at Notre Dame, I reflect upon how blessed I am to have been appointed to lead such a wonderful community. As with any change, I was apprehensive about my move to Notre Dame, leaving the comfort of the known environment at my previous school. I’m sure many of you, too, were apprehensive about how I would lead the community; whether I would make wholesale changes, whether I would recognize and value the many great things that were already in place and whether I would have what is in the best interest of your children as my primary motivation. Hopefully I have allayed many of your concerns since my arrival and you see the future of our school as positively as I do. The strength of our community is in working together with a common vision that supports the needs of all. Since my arrival, I have experienced great support from the parents, the staff and the children and I am very thankful that I feel warmly accepted by the community. In my interview with the Executive Director of Catholic Education after my appointment to Notre Dame he stated that he thought I would be very good for the school. My response was that I felt that Notre Dame would also be very good for me, and it certainly has been. I thank all community members for their support for me in my first six months at Notre Dame and the confidence that you have placed in me.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE
I will be taking some long service leave from 3 August until the end of next Term to travel with my wife and son and spend some time with my daughter who lives in London. During my absence Velma Erskine will take on the Principal duties and Mary Tampalini will continue as Assistant Principal.
SEMESTER REPORTS
To date 299 families have registered for meetings with teachers to discuss their child’s progress and goals for the future. These are very important meetings as they add the flesh to the bones of the written Report. There is still time for parents to book an interview time online. If you require assistance to do this please contact the school office and Joanita Stapleton or Imelda Tassone will assist you.

A reminder that the interviews are for 10 minutes each and I ask you to adhere to this timing so that the interviews run smoothly and everyone is afforded an equal opportunity. A reminder bell will be rung every 10 minutes to help keep things on track. Should you feel that you need additional time after you have had your 10 minute interview please book an alternate time on another day for this.

Classes finish at 12.00pm on Wednesday for all children from Pre Primary to Year Six. Please ensure that all children are collected at this time so that teachers may commence their meetings.

IMPORTANT PARKING ISSUE
Next Wednesday, the day of our early close for Report interviews, there will be a funeral in our Parish Church commencing at 10.30am. This will mean that there is a high probability of congestion at, or just before, the school pick-up time of 12.00pm.

There will not be drive-through pick up on this day.
Staff will be asked to park either away from the school or near the school Administration. We hope that the funeral cortège will have left the church by around 11.45am, which would limit parking issues. I ask parents to be considerate of and sensitive towards the family and those who are attending the funeral.

MORE STAFF LEAVE
The following staff will be taking some leave during Term 3.

- Mrs Tiffany Donovan-Flintoff will be away for the first week of the term and will be replaced by Mrs Catherine Crabbe.
- Mrs Margaret Hennessy will be away for the first two weeks of the term and Ms Julie Carlton will be away for all of the term. Both teachers will be replaced by Mrs Annette Flexman.
- Mrs Velma Erskine will be away for the first three weeks of the term while she is the acting Principal at St Joseph’s School in Boulder.

FREE DRESS
Children and staff are invited to wear neat casual clothes to celebrate the end of another successful Term. As we had the collection for Pyjama day last week, there is no need for a donation for free dress.

Darryl Winsor
Principal
First Communicants
20/21 June

Sudan Shrestha
Uriel Seillier
Dion Peter
Sashya De Silva
Joshua Elms
Zijana Passalacqua
Olive Asquith-Flynn
Hayden Waters
Kayla Underwood
Joshua Nguyen

May God bless you all on your journey.

Congratulations to all our first Communicants!
Year 6

We have just completed a unit on Democracy and Citizenship. In the unit we looked at the lack of citizenship rights for Aboriginal Peoples and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Australia and investigated the story of one Aboriginal man’s fight for rights to own his own traditional land.

Year 5

The classes have learned how a significant development or event impacted on a colony; for example, frontier conflict, the gold rushes, the Eureka Stockade, internal exploration, the advent of rail, the expansion of farming, or drought.

Year 4

We looked at the voyages of world navigators and explorers, up to the late eighteenth century, including their contacts with other societies and any impacts. The students then chose an early navigator or explorer to research. They wrote inquiry questions to focus their research and then published their findings as a report or keynote.

Year 3

We have looked at celebrations and commemorations in other places around the world; for example, Bastille Day in France, Independence Day in the USA, including those that are observed in Australia such as Chinese New Year, Christmas Day, Diwali, Easter, Hanukkah, the Moon Festival and Ramadan. The students chose one to research using the iPads.

Year 2

This term we have been learning about significant people. We wrote some questions to find out about a famous person then used the iPads to locate some of the answers. We used our notes to write a paragraph about why we chose the person and what makes them famous.

Year 1

We finished off a unit we began last term about the differences in family structures and roles today, and how these have changed or remained the same over time. We also looked at kinship as an important part of relationships and family structures in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies. Over the last couple of weeks we started a new unit on how the present, past and future are signified by terms indicating time, as well as by dates and changes that may have personal significance, such as birthdays, celebrations and seasons.

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The Pre Primary classes have looked at how families in other cultures, such as Aboriginal and Chinese, enjoy being together as a family. We discovered that all families may look different but they all work and play together to make the family a loving group to be part of.
**Tennis Hot Shots**
Due to the amount of school entries for the hot shot t-shirt and racquet initiative we won't be receiving our equipment until next term.

**Cross Country Club**
Well done to all members who braved the freezing cold on Tuesday for our last cross country training session this term. A breakfast will be held at the school next Tuesday (Week 11 - 30 June) at 7:30am. All students and parents involved in the club are welcome to come and grab a warm breakfast. Many thanks again to our fantastic teachers and parents who braved the cold each morning and helped out with the club. A new running club will be starting next term with details coming out later next week.

**Eagles Cup & Lightning Carnival**

**AFL**
1st St Munchin's
2nd Notre Dame

**Soccer**
1st Sacred Heart
2nd St Emilie's

**Netball A**
1st St Emilie's
2nd Sacred Heart

**Netball B**
1st Notre Dame
2nd St Joseph's

Well done to Mrs Bradshaw and our Netball B side for winning their comp! AFL were pipped by percentage, but a great effort by the team and Mr Seers.

Well done to all students involved this year. Many thanks to Mrs Boyle, Mr Seers & Mrs Bradshaw for your tireless efforts with the teams this year. The Eagles Cup competition will culminate with the all day lighting carnival held at Maida Vale Reserve this Friday. Parents are more than welcome to come along and cheer on the teams.

Brett Webb
Physical Education Teacher

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**Lighting Carnival**
**Friday 26 June**

*Maida Vale Reserve*
15 Ridgehill Road, Maida Vale
Next week's roster

Monday 29 June: Luan Dique
Wednesday 1 July: Dorina Hortin, Michelle Thomas
Friday 3 July: Steve McLean, Jo Addy, Dorina Hortin, Lindi Sugarto, Danielle Lawrie

Due to early close on Wednesday the canteen will only be serving recess and we will be experimenting with some new recipes! Macaroni cheese cups, bbq chicken pizza slices ($2.50 each) and warm Milo cups (50 cents each). These lines can't be ordered, only purchased at recess.

Just a reminder that on Friday the canteen will only be running a recess menu with the pie special and not a normal lunch menu, sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Orders for pie special should have been placed and paid for, sorry no late orders will be accepted.

If you are able to volunteer next term please come and see me in the canteen.

Thank you for your support.
See you next term.

Kayleen McLean
MIND MATES
RESILIENCE WORKSHOPS

Mind Mates is a playful and relaxed program for 8-10 year olds, which aims to help children develop skills that increase emotional resilience and capacity to handle life’s ups and downs.

We use art, play, movement and creativity along the way to make the learning fun. Skills children will develop include:

- Self-Acceptance
- Creative Problem-Solving
- Healthy Relationship Skills
- Healthy Self-Respect

The Mind Mates group program is run by an energetic team of experienced mental health professionals who have specialist expertise in working with children. Mind Mates is great for kids who struggle with shyness, confidence, worries, decision-making, getting upset easily or handling uncertainty and change. The program is suitable for most kids who attend mainstream school. Groups are run approximately every 4 months, and parents can refer their child directly, or via a GP.

NEXT GROUP DATES: Sundays 2-4pm, 2nd August - 23rd August (4 weeks)
LOCATION: Yoga Moves Studio, Evans Rd, Shenton Park
ENROLMENTS: Email/phone to discuss suitability and enrol. Early bookings essential to secure a place.

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Carlisle Dental Therapy Centre

The centre will be open the first week of school holidays, Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July inclusive and closed the second week, Monday 13 July to Friday 17 July inclusive.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES in the second week, please contact QUEENS PARK DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE on 9451 1015 Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.00pm.

FOR EMERGENCY OUTSIDE THESE HOURS, PLEASE CONTACT THE EMERGENCY SERVICE AT THE ORAL HEALTH CENTRE ON 9325 3452 IF ELIGIBLE OR YOUR LOCAL PRIVATE PRACTITIONER.

Dental Therapy Centre.

Relationships Australia

Virtues Parenting Program
- Fremantle, 1 Ord Street - 29 July/5, 12, 19, 26 August/2 September 10.00am-12.30pm
- West Leederville, - 28 October/4, 11, 18, 25 November/2 December 6.30-9.00pm
(22 Southport Street, cnr Cambridge Street)

The Family Virtues Guide contains fifty-two of the universal virtues which help parents bring out the best in their children and in themselves. It creates a climate of caring and character.

Learn how to:
- Recognize the opportunity of teachable moments in the way we speak and the words we use that have great power to discourage or to inspire.
- Set clear boundaries.
- Support children in making moral decisions.

Cost $110.00 per person

Places are limited so please book now on 9489 6322
The ‘Rock and Water’ Program - Saturday 15 August and Saturday 21 November (8-12 yrs old) - 8.30am-12.30

Facilitated by Craig Van Waardenburg (credited Rock and Water trainer) this family activity-based program builds on the complementary strengths of ‘the rock’ and ‘the water.’ One is firm and assertive, while the other is flexible and willing to cooperate.

Note: Due to the nature of the activities, there is only room for one child per attending adult.

Places are limited so please book now on 9489 6322.

Mulberry Tree Kids Club, Ascot
Vacation care program July 2015 - details available from the front office.

West Australian Football Commission - July Holiday Super Clinic
A two-day event featuring both WestCoast Eagles and Perth FC Players, Fun Games Skills, Club tours and much more. All participants will receive a show bag full of goodies to take home at the end of the program.

Details are as follows: 6 and 7 July
Player Appearance: WCE Day 1, Perth Day 2
Time (both days): 9.00am-2.00pm
Price: $150.00
Register on https://goo.gl/sBcA6P

Note: Please note that registrations will only be taken online, phone or cash will not be accepted.

Gold Intercultural Learning

Want to host a friendly and enthusiastic young Japanese student?

Belmont City College is hosting a group of high school students in Term 3 (from July 28 - August 9), and we are urgently seeking host families. It is not necessary to have a child at the school to host.

Hot families receive a generous payment and have the rewarding opportunity to learn about another culture and build life-long friendships. For more information please contact Sarah Burrows from Gold Intercultural Learning (www.goldil.com.au) at homestay@goldil.com.au.

Recycled workshop Ages 7-17 - One person’s trash is another man’s art

Coordinated by Lucy Pearmain (qualified Art/ESL teacher)
Date Thursday 16 July 2015
Location Victoria Park Centre for the Arts (12 Kent Street, East Victoria Park)

Students are encouraged to bring their own recyclable goodies to help build a ‘shop’ of items for participants to choose from to make their artworks.

Price: $30 per student, including initial materials.

To book, contact Lucy Pearmain on lalu007@live.com.au or 0475443662.
2015 Awards of Excellence in Building Positive School Communities

The Awards presentation cocktail evening is set for **Wednesday 5th August** to be held at **The Classroom, 1/356 Charles St, North Perth** from 6pm to 8.30pm. The **closing date for entries** in the four categories has been extended to **Thursday 30th July**. Nomination forms for this year can be found on our website at [http://pff.wa.edu.au/building-positive-school-communities-awards/](http://pff.wa.edu.au/building-positive-school-communities-awards/).

This is a fantastic opportunity to recognise and celebrate the amazing work being done in our schools to build positive school communities, so if you have an amazing **Principal**, awesome **P&F**, outstanding **Parent** or wonderful **Parish**, please nominate for these awards. Anyone in the school community can nominate their Principal, P&F, Parent or Parish. Applications are welcome from all Catholic schools however, only affiliated schools are eligible to win a prize.

The venue for this year’s presentations is aptly named, “The Classroom”, a bar and restaurant in North Perth. This is a free event for everyone in our schools and drinks and snacks will be provided.


**Registration is FREE!**

Best wishes,

PFFWA Council and Staff

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