REFLECTION

The sannyasi (holy man) had reached the outskirts of the village and settled down under a tree for the night when a villager came running up to him and said, “The stone! The stone! Give me the precious stone!” “What stone?” asked the sannyasi.

“Last night the Lord Shiva appeared to me in a dream”, said the villager, “and told me that if I went to the outskirts of the village at dusk I should find a sannyasi who would give me a precious stone that would make me rich forever”. The sannyasi rummaged in his bag and pulled out a stone.

“He probably meant this one”, he said, as he handed the stone over to the villager. “I found it on a forest path some days ago. You can certainly have it”.

The man gazed at the stone in wonder. It was a diamond, probably the largest diamond in the whole world, for it was as large as a person’s head.

He took the diamond and walked away. All night he tossed about in bed, unable to sleep. Next day at the crack of dawn he woke the sannyasi and said, “Give me the wealth that makes it possible for you to give this stone away.

Sometimes we get so tied up in material wealth that we forget that we have so much to treasure and be thankful for. Relationships will always be much more important than possessions. The time that we give to someone to be truly present with them is the greatest gift of all.

All of this said, it is my wife’s birthday on Saturday and I don’t think she will be totally satisfied with just my presence as her gift!

Dear Parents & Staff

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend the meetings with their children’s teachers yesterday afternoon and evening. The written Report
is limited in the information that it presents and I trust you found the meetings with teachers to be beneficial in providing you with a deeper understanding of your child’s progress. It is particularly important that the parents and the teacher work together to provide an environment in which children have the greatest opportunity for educational success.

Thank you to the teachers who, at the end of a busy term, spent a lot of time in preparing for the meetings and to Imelda Tassone in the school office who entertained us with her very creative xylophone reminders of transition times.

**UNIFORM**
I have recently noticed that a number of children are not wearing the full school uniform, particularly the school tie. We have a great school at Notre Dame and it is a sign of our belonging and respect that we wear the uniform correctly. It is not sufficient for children to say that they have “forgotten” to wear their tie. Parents please assist your children in ensuring that they wear the correct uniform neatly each day.

**CLASS ITEMS**
As we come to the middle of the school year it is a good time to check that your children have all of the stationery items that they require for class and that they are in good order. Teachers will send home a list of requirements. Please check that your children have all of these items ready for the start of the third term.

**FREE DRESS**
We'll celebrate the end of another successful term with free dress for children and staff tomorrow. There is no need for a gold coin donation.

**TERM THREE**
Term three commences for children on Tuesday 21 July as the staff have a Professional Development day on the Monday.

I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing everyone return relaxed and refreshed next term.

\[Signature\]
Darryl Winsor
Principal

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**FREE DRESS**

**TOMORROW FRIDAY 3 JULY**

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**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**FRIDAY 3 JULY**
- Assembly PPP 8.40am
- Footy Fever Pie Special

**STUDENTS CONCLUDE**

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**TERM 3**

**MONDAY 20 JULY**
- PUPIL FREE DAY
- Staff PD Day

**TUESDAY 21 JULY**
- STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 3
  - EDUDANCE PP, YR 1, 3, 5

**WEDNESDAY 22 JULY**
- WHOLE SCHOOL MASS 8.45am

**THURSDAY 23 JULY**
- EDUDANCE YRS 2, 4, 6
**INTERSCHOOL LIGHTNING CARNIVAL**

Last Friday, Year 6 students, as well as some Year 5 students, represented the school in the annual Interschool Lightning Carnival held at Maida Vale Reserve. This was in culmination for the Eagles, Glory & Fever Cup competitions held throughout term 2. Notre Dame was represented over 3 sports (netball, AFL and soccer). Notre Dame had some good results with the AFL team coming 2nd, as well as the Netball B team placed highly on the day after taking out the Fever Cup competition last week.

Well done to all students who participated on the day. I would also like to thank Mr Seers, Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Boyle for their hard work and dedication to their teams this term, as well as Mrs Taylor, Mrs Blanton, Mrs Rigby & all the other parents and family members who have all helped out at some point this term.

**SPORTING SCHOOLS**

Notre Dame Catholic Primary School will be registering to participate in **Sporting Schools**, a new Australian Government programme starting from 1 July 2015. Sporting Schools provides our students with the opportunity to access sport-based activities before or after school. Sporting Schools program will complement Notre Dame’s existing PE curriculum, allowing our students to explore a range of dynamic new sports, from tennis to bowls, athletics to cricket. Sporting Schools will help us work more closely with sporting clubs in our community and tap into the large pool of talented sports’ coaches in Belmont. **Sporting Schools** is funded by the Australian Government and so there will be no additional cost to parents.

We are still awaiting confirmation for the initiative, more information will be sent to families about the way it will be set out next term.

Brett Webb  
Physical Education Teacher

**NOTRE DAME STUDENT REPRESENTING WA IN CALISTHENICS**

Bailee Harrison has been selected this year to represent Western Australia in her sport of Calisthenics. This is a wonderful achievement and we are very proud of her. Bailee and her team of 23 girls will travel to the Gold Coast this Saturday to compete in the National Championships, held at the Gold Coast Arts Centre on Friday, 10 July.
Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school.

**If you shop at Woolworths, it is easy to participate:**
From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September 2015, you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards).

Once a sticker sheet is completed, simply place it in the collection box at school, which is located in the administration office.

At the end of the promotion the school will redeem the stickers for educational resources from Modern Teaching Aids.

**15 July to 8 September, 2015**
**Collect Earn & Learn Stickers**
DANCE PRACTISE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Over the holidays we will be having two dance classes. Times for holiday practises are both in the first week of the holidays.

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DANCE PRACTISE FOR TERM 3

Week 1 : Wednesday morning 7.30am-8.00am

Weeks 2-4

: Tuesday afternoons (3.05pm-4.00pm)
: Wednesday mornings (7.30am-8.00am)
: Friday afternoons special classes

Week 2 : Friday 31 July
Week 3 : Friday 7 August
Week 4 : Friday 14 August

Week 5 : Monday 17 August (3.05-4.00pm)
: Tuesday 18 August (commencing 7.30am)

Tiffany Donovan-Flintoff
COMMUNITY NEWS

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-talk

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.

Host 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.

PEPPARS SOFTBALL CLUB REGISTRATION DAY

WHEN: Sunday 19th July 2015
TIME: 12.30pm – 2.30pm
WHERE: Gosnells Railway Markets – In the Food Hall (Cnr Albany Hwy and Fremantle Rd, Gosnells)
- Ages 8-16 years
- Girls and Boys Teams

Deposit of $50 required on Registration.
If you have any enquiries please contact Asha 0422592343 or Tina 0403577026
Email: pepparssoftball@hotmail.com
www.peppars.softball.org.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/.

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.

For more information and to register please go to https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2015-awards-of-excellence-night-tickets-17406432107

Registration is FREE!

Best wishes,

PFFWA Council and Staff

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