NOTRE DAME NEWS
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Staff

On the First of November 1914 the first convoy ships set sail from Albany carrying Australian and New Zealand troops to the First World War. For many of these, Albany was the last they saw of Australia. Today we live in one of the safest and most prosperous places on earth and it is largely due to the sacrifices made by these men and the many men and women who followed in subsequent conflicts defending our country and our way of life.

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign I am reminded of the words in this poem by John McRae. They are a pertinent reminder of the awesome challenge for us to continue to protect all that our brave predecessors have provided for us.

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In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

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Scan to view our mobile microsite.
This morning our Year Six children attended the inaugural City of Belmont Combined Schools ANZAC Service at Faulkner Park. This was a very moving service and an ideal way to lead the children towards some understanding of the commitment of our brave service men and women. At 8.30 on Tuesday morning Mrs Tampalini and our Student Leaders will lead the school in an ANZAC commemorative service and we invite parents to attend if they wish.

Children who are members of service groups such as Guides and Scouts are encouraged to wear their group’s uniform to school on Tuesday.

School Climate Survey
An important aspect of our growth as a school is to periodically assess our performance and progress. Over the next couple of weeks some parents, children, staff and School Board members will be asked to complete an online survey to facilitate this. Whilst participation in the survey is voluntary, I strongly encourage you to take the time to complete it if you are approached for input.

Presentation Schools’ Conference
Our school is quite unique as, due to amalgamation, we have two Charisms, both the Mercy and Presentation Order of Sisters. Having not worked in schools with either of these charisms I am eager to learn about them and how we can incorporate them as a guide in our school’s development. To this end Carmel Cutri, Velma Erskine and I will be attending the Presentation Schools’ National Conference over this weekend until Wednesday of next week.

PRC Events
- Disco – This will be held next Friday evening, 1 May, in the multi-purpose hall. A flyer with all of the relevant details accompanies today’s newsletter. For safety reasons children will not be permitted to play on any of the school equipment during the Disco.

- Mothers’ Day Morning Tea – We all love our mums and the second Sunday of May each year provides us with the opportunity to show this in a special way. I hope to see many of our school mums and grandmums at our celebration Mass at 8.45am on Friday 8 May. The Mass will be followed by morning tea in the school grounds.

- Mothers’ Day Raffle notices will be distributed next week. The tickets are one or $5 or three for $10 and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 8 May. 1st prize - $250 Revive Day Spa voucher, 2nd prize - $100 Coles/Myer voucher ad 3d prize - $50 Sapore Espresso Bar voucher. Please support and good luck.
The Performing Arts Festival for Catholic Schools and Colleges
This festival is held every year in late July and August and, as well as schools entering classes or groups in various sections, there is opportunity for talented musicians to enter individually as well. If you are interested in finding out more about this, please see Mrs Tampilini. The closing date for registration is 8 May 2015.

Advance Notice
There will be an early closure of school at 12.00pm on Wednesday 1 July for meetings to discuss your children’s Semester Reports. Further information about the format and purpose of these meetings will follow in the near future.

Early Close
Wednesday 1 July
12 noon

Lord our God, boundless provider, source of peace that the world cannot give, kindly hear our constant prayer for those who bore witness to your own fidelity by giving their lives for those they loved. Resurrect them in our true homeland and perfect that peace for which they longed and died. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

Darryl Winsor
Principal

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 3 of the Scholastic Book Club went home with the children today. Please have your orders in by Wednesday 6 May.

CANTEEN

Just a reminder that in terms 2 & 3 the following are not available: jelly & fruit cups, fruit salad cups. These are replaced with custard & fruit cups and corn on the cob.

Juice boxes and bottles of water are now available, see canteen for flavours and prices.

Once again if you are able to spare some time please come and volunteer even half an hour helps. All dates are available for term 2 come and see me in the canteen if you can help.

Monday 27 April: closed
Wednesday 29 April: no volunteer
Friday 1st May: Dorina Hortin
               Lindi Sugiaro

Next week’s special pikelets 20c ea, maximum 3 per child.
Thanks
Kayleen McLean
Canteen Coordinator
Opening times are:

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

Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Coordinator

NOTRE DAME COOKBOOK - NOW ONLY $20

Just in time for Mothers’ Day, we have reduced the price of our lovely school cookbook to just $20.

So for those extra special people in your life, please consider giving them a gift of our fantastic community cookbook. There are lots of yummy recipes to tempt all tastebuds.

There’s no better way to enjoy a snack on ANZAC Day than with the recipe for ANZAC slice contributed by the Chilton Family on page 12. I can vouch for this one as it was a hit at my place, and a really easy one for the kids to make!

Copies of “Around Our Table” can be purchased by credit card online at the following link http://www.trybooking.com/GKDU

School Disco - Friday 1 May
PRC invites all the students to the School Disco on Friday 1 May in the Multi-purpose hall. For more details please check the flyer below.

Pre-Kindy to Year 2 5.00pm - 6.15pm
Year 3 to Year 6 6.30pm - 8.00pm

ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING MUST BRING ALONG THE PASS FOR ENTRY. ENTRY PASS CAN BE FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FLYER.

Entertainment Book
The order form for the Entertainment Book have been distributed to the students this afternoon. Please check your child’s school bag. Cost $65.00. If you purchase the Entertainment Book before 30 June, 2015 you will receive up to $135 in Early Bird Offers. Supplies are limited so pre-order now!
The Notre Dame Catholic Primary School
Parent Representative Council invites you to our

SCHOOL DISCO

When
Friday 1st May
Multi Purpose Hall

Time
Pre-Kindy to Year 2
5.00pm – 6:15pm

Year 3 to Year 6
6:30pm – 8:00pm

NOTE TO PARENTS: * entrance via church car park ONLY
Pre-Kindy to Year 2 - A parent/guardian MUST remain on the school grounds for the entire hour of their disco.
Year 3 to Year 6 – Children can be dropped off and picked up by parents from the MPH
Tea and coffee will be provided on the night for parents
* All areas of the school, other than the multi purpose hall are out of bounds. * Children to dress appropriately.
PICK UP IS 8PM SHARP

ENTRY PASS – BRING TO THE DISCO
(ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING MUST BRING ALONG THE PASS FOR ENTRY)

CHILD'S NAME: ________________________________ CLASS: _________

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: ________________________________

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: ________________________________

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: ________________________________
Mercedes College - Fete
Sunday 3 May 10.00am-4.00pm

Live music and entertainment all day
Major fete raffle with the following prizes: 1st prize 65"UHD 3D 4K smart tv & 3D Blue Ray Home Theatre System
2nd prize Deluxe BBQ & Outdoor Setting
3rd prize Samsung Galaxy Note 10.5 16GB WIFI
4th Prize Panasonic Handycam with bag and tripod
Giant & Silent Auctions
International Food stalls, Kiddies Corner, Sports Bar
a variety of Boutique Stalls
Devonshire Teas, Craft, Gift baskets, preserves, cakes, plants toys, sec on hand music, gourmet delicacies and more.

A FAMILY DAY OUT

Aranmore Catholic College Information Evening
Places available for 2016 and beyond. come and hear about what our college can offer your child on Thursday 3 April 5.30pm-6.30pm in the college grounds. For further information please phone 94449355.

Aramore Catholic College, 41 Franklin Street, Leederville WA 6007.

Get Active Project
Term 2 swimming lessons
Minimum age: children turning 5 years in 2015 (Kindy age)
For children attempting swim stages: beginner 1, 2 or 3.
Where: Cannington Leisureplex Centre (Indoor heated pools)
Cost: $20.00 ($2 per lesson)
When: Tuesday evenings for 10 weeks commencing 28 April 2015
Time: 30 minute lessons between 3.30-5.30pm
(Lesson time will be allocated upon booking confirmation).

To register: Complete and sign the registration form and return it via email to bgoss@communicare.org.au. For more information please call: 9251 5722

Relationships Australia
Parenting seminars coming up in May

All About Anger - working with parents and teenagers: Thursday 14 May 6.30-9.00. Cost $35.00
This interactive workshop has been designed to support families where anger is an issue. Anger
is explained in a way that challenges our labelling of “an ANGRY person” and instead helps us to understand that many of us have simply learnt to react to the emotion of anger in unhelpful ways. For further information please phone Relationships Australia on 9489 6322.

**Anger Management for Teen Boys - 16 to 18 years of age: Saturday 16 May 9.30-4.30. $50 per person.**

Many men completing our Anger Management course tell us how much healthier and happier their lives would have been had they completed the course as teenagers. Now is an opportunity to learn skills for dealing with anger in an open, interactive one day workshop that will support you though out the years that lie ahead. It will help you manage stress and help you in building positive relationships in all areas of your life.

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