Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second semester. I trust that everyone had an enjoyable break and has returned refreshed, ready to become immersed in the many wonderful things that the staff have prepared. On Monday the staff learnt about the FISH! Philosophy from presenters Jodie Rybicki and Alison Welsh. This philosophy is based upon four basic practices: Be There, Play, Make Their Day and Choose Your Attitude. It is not specific to teaching but has implications for all that we do at school and the interactions that we have with the children, parents and our colleagues. When we have the right attitude and place things in perspective we are much more able to create an environment that fosters a genuine love of learning for all members of our community. I look forward to a sense of “FISHiness” filtering throughout the school.

STAFFING

Late last term our grounds and maintenance person, Peter Snell, informed me of his intention to relocate to East Timor as he has a passion for assisting those in need. Though happy to support Peter in his noble pursuit we are sad to see him leave Notre Dame after nearly six years on the staff. Many of you would not have known Peter because most of his work was done outside of regular school hours but we have all been beneficiaries of his attention to detail and “I can do it” attitude that have ensured that our school has remained neat and tidy at all times. I thank Peter for his great contribution to our community and wish him well in his future endeavours in East Timor.

We have been very fortunate to secure the services of Paul Caridi to replace Peter and wish him success and enjoyment during his time at Notre Dame. Paul has already proven his expertise by replacing the Smartboards in Years Four to Six with 65” televisions and will soon be digging out a long jump pit in preparation for the Athletics events later in the Term.

No matter how insignificant the thing you have to do, do it as well as you can, give it as much of your care and attention as you would the thing you regard as the most important.

Mahatma Gandhi
**BISHOPS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Kindy Incursion:**
- Dental Visit

**Performing Arts Festival**
- Mass

**EDUDANCE:**
- **PP, Yrs 1, 3 & 5**

**Interschool Cross-Country**

**EDUDANCE:**
- **Yrs 2, 4 & 6**

**Incursion:**
- Peter Coombe K/PP/Yr 1 and Y2

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**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**FRIDAY 24 JULY**

Performing Arts Festival Mass
- Infant Jesus Parish Morley
  10.00am

Incursion: Peter Coombe K/PP/Yr 1 and Y2

**MONDAY 27 JULY**

Kindy Incursion: Dental Visit

**TUESDAY 28 JULY**

**BISHOPS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**LITERACY TEST**

EDUDANCE: PP, Yrs 1, 3 & 5

ICAS - English

**WEDNESDAY 29 JULY**

**BISHOPS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**LITERACY TEST**

**THURSDAY 30 JULY**

EDUDANCE: Yrs 2, 4 & 6

**FRIDAY 31 JULY**

Merit Certificates

Interschool Cross-Country

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**NATURE PLAYGROUND**

One of the first items that I heard of after my appointment as Principal at Notre Dame was the desire of the community to develop a nature-based playground. The benefits of this type of facility are manyfold as it promotes negotiation skills, creative thinking, collaborative play, resiliency building and risk taking in a supervised environment.

Planning has moved along quite quickly since the beginning of the year with a decision to locate the playground in a section of the area bordered by the Pre Primary and the Administration block, draft plans having been developed and a decision to complete the playground as a community project. In the near future we will be forming a steering committee to coordinate the project and be asking members of the community to consider ways in which they may assist by providing resources, expertise or labour. Once we have our plan finalised we will publish a list of materials to see what we may source through our community. We will be looking for items such as logs, stones/boulders/river stones and car tyres that may be accessible for some families. There will be some other more specific items and services that families may be able to assist us with. So when the list is published, please consider how you may help.

**HELP NEEDED**

We have recently been contacted by Australia Post to inform us that we require a letterbox on the school site. This is not as simple as going to the hardware and purchasing an “off the shelf” item. We require the assistance of someone with drafting skills to draw up a design so that we may submit this to suppliers to have what we require fabricated. If you are able to assist please contact Imelda Tassone in the school office.

**WOOLWORTHS “EARN & LEARN”**

You will have seen the advertising for this programme through the various media outlets. If I am to be cynical, although programmes such as this are presented as supporting the community, their main purpose is to increase sales and influence people’s purchasing habits. The upside of this particular programme is that firstly we all purchase groceries, generally from one of the two large multi-national providers, so you’re not being asked to purchase items that you normally wouldn’t and secondly the programme isn’t a competition where only one, or a few schools, benefit. All schools are able to “purchase” items related to the amount of tokens collected by their community.

So, I’m not asking you to especially shop at Woolworths but, if you don’t mind where you shop, by shopping at Woolworths for the period of the programme you will assist our school in acquiring additional resources.

**TUNING IN TO KIDS**

This excellent programme commences next week. Workshop times

9.00am-11.30am (28 July to 1 September).

Details and registration form are available at the front office.

Darryl Winsor
Principal
I would like to thank all the lovely people who volunteered last term and to once again put a call out for help for this term, if you are able to come even for an hour come and see me in the canteen.

Next week’s roster
Monday 27 July: Caroline Wyder
Wednesday 29 July: Dorina Hortin & Michelle Thomas
Friday 31 July: Dorina Hortin

Next week’s recess specials:
Monday 27 July POPCORN 50c per bag
Wednesday 29 July WARM MILO 50c a cup & pikelets 20c each
(maximum 3 pikelets per child)

Hope to see you at the canteen.

Kayleen McLean
Canteen Manager
PROTECTIVE BEHAVIOURS PARENT WORKSHOP
NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE RIGHT TO FEEL SAFE

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This workshop is a must for all parents and carers. This comprehensive training workshop has been designed to teach parents the content of the internationally acclaimed Protective Behaviours Child Safety Program to increase their children’s personal safety.

There are many ways of talking to children about their personal safety and when we do so it is important that we do not scare them or leave them feeling unsafe, afraid or disempowered.

Protective Behaviours provides children with strategies to keep themselves safe and cope with situations that threaten their well being such as bullying, child abuse and domestic violence. The program empowers the individual with the right to feel safe and sets out ways in which they can gain the appropriate help when they are not feeling safe.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS WORKSHOP IS TO:

- Provide parents and carers with a basic understanding of child sexual abuse and other unsafe situations.
- Provide specific personal safety training skills, techniques and examples to use with your children
- Lessen your anxiety about your children’s safety so you can allow them the freedom of movement they need as they grow up.

DATE: AUGUST 19 2015
TIME: 7PM – 9.30PM
VENUE: SCHOOL LIBRARY
COST: $5.00 per family

PLACES ARE LIMITED, TO REGISTER:

Holly Molvin
dnh@aapt.net.au

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM
ANDREA MUSULIN
0409 071 068
protectivebehaviourswa.org.au

CONTACT
PHONE
EMAIL

Dear Client, this workshop is an adult training session and is not suitable for children to attend, thank you.

http://www.trybooking.com/149044
DATES TO REMEMBER

5 September 6.00pm  Confirmation Mass (Notre Dame) to be officiated by Bishop Sproxton
11-13 September  Canonical Visit by Bishop Sproxton
12 September 6.00pm  Confirmation Mass (St Maria Goretti & PREP) to be officiated by Bishop Sproxton

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH

8 September 6.30pm  Notre Dame Parish 55th Anniversary and Feast Day Mass to be officiated by Archbishop Costelloe followed by fellowship.
19 September 7.00pm  Parish Anniversary Dinner - Dance

Notre Dame Parish Dinner/Dance
Saturday 19 September, 2015
at 7.00pm
at Belmont Sports and Recreation Centre, Keane Street, Belmont
Roast Dinner Buffet and Sweets
Tickets: $30.00 each or $50.00 per couple

STRICTLY NO BYO. Drinks available at bar prices

TICKETS ON SALE 10 AUGUST
ALL WELCOME
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
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.

0417 091 812 | mindmates@outlook.com.au
www.mindmatesaustralia.org | mindmatesaustralia
MAZENOD COLLEGE (Gladys Road, Lesmurdie)
The college presents the 22nd Annual Fine Art Exhibition and sale - Friday 28 - Sunday 30 August, 2015. The exhibition will feature paintings, sculpture, glass, pottery and photography. Official opening Friday 28 August, 2015 7.30pm-10.00pm. Tickets to opening night available from the College office and at the door. Admission: $30 per person - includes a champagne supper.

Exhibition opening times
Saturday 29 August 10.00am - 5.00pm
Sunday 30 August 10.00am - 3.00pm
(Entry $2.00)

RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA

Virtues Parenting Program
Fremantle, 1 Ord Street - 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

A PARENTING TUNE-UP FOR FATHERS
Venue: 22 Southport Street (cnr Cambridge Street)
Dates: Wednesday 29 July, 5 12 19 26 August, 2 9 16 Sept
Tuesday 20 27 Oct 3 10 17 24 Nov, 18 Dec
Time: 6.30-9.00pm
Fee: $120 per person

The course covers -
- Why Dads matter to kids
- Developing a healthy parenting style
- Improving family communication and closeness
- Steering your children through stressful stages
- Disciplining the kids without losing it
- Balancing Life, Work and Family
- Working as team (partner’s evening).
- Identifying ad implementing change.

Places are limited so please book now on 9489 6322.
COMMUNITY NEWS (continued)

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.

CONTEMPORARY GYMNASTICS ACADEMY
OPEN GYM - SUNDAY 2 August 2015
Venue: 42 Tennant Street, Welshpool
1 hour sessions $5.00 each. Age: 3 yrs plus. FUNDRAISER for boys program: Sausage Sizzle, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Cake Stall, Kindy Circuit, Boys and Girls Gymnastics Circuits, face painting raffles an adults training.

BELMONT OASIS LEISURE CENTRE

Junior Sport - Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30-10.30am
Multi Sport (Jnr) - Monday 3.30-4.30pm
Net-Set-Go - (Netball) Tuesday 4-5pm
Multi Sport (Snr) - Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm
Dance - Thursday 4.40pm

Any queries please call 08 9277 1622 Email: sports@belmontoasis.com.au

KEWDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL (Celebrating 100 years)
Date : Saturday 7 November 2015
Time : 2 - 7 pm

SAVE THE CHILDREN AUSTRALIA
Book Sale - A huge number of quality donated books in popular and specialist categories: also CDs, DVDs, LPs and sheet music will be on sale at bargain prizes.

University of Western Australia, Stirling Highway Crawley (under the Clock Tower)
14 August to 19 August

South of River Branch, Cannington Exhibition Centre Cnr Albany Highway & Station Street, Cannington.
25 September - 30 September

PLEASE CHECK THE NOTICEBOARD FOR MORE DETAILS.
Last Chance to nominate for the ...

Parents and Friends Federation of WA Inc.

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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