Dear Parents and Staff

God and Father of us all, we entrust to you the care of all the children of the world.

May your Son Jesus, who said “Let the little children come to me”, bless all mothers and fathers and those entrusted with the care of children.

Strengthen the bonds of family life so that all children may grow up safe and healthy surrounded by love.

May they know joy and happiness, become strong in faith and forever thankful for the gift of life.

Gaze with love upon all children. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

Whilst gallivanting around Europe is quite glamorous for a period of time, I always find it refreshing to return home to my familiar routines and activities. Throughout my long service leave I visited many amazing places and had such a wide range of wonderful experiences, but I’m now really happy to be back at Notre Dame enjoying the fulfilment that comes from working with the children, families and staff. Sad though my life may be, I missed not being involved in the Masses and Liturgies, the Assemblies, Book Week, Confirmation, the Year 5 Night of the Notables, the Year 4 Awesome Aussies and the many day to day events of school life. I was able to attend the Athletics Carnival on the last day of term but think I may have jinxed things by showing up on the day as there was an issue with the buses at the end of the carnival, which meant that some children arrived back at school very late. This was due to the bus company sending only one bus when we had ordered two.

This term will, again, be very busy with the final push in preparing the children to move on to their new class next year. There are a couple of new initiatives that we believe will assist the children to make a seamless transition into 2016.

- On Tuesday 1 December the class lists for 2016 will be posted on the school website. I believe that it is in the best interest of the children to be aware of whose class they will be in and with which friends. It also gives parents the opportunity to organize for children from the same class to get together over the holidays if they would like to do this.
WEEKLY EVENTS

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER
MERIT Certificates

TUESDAY 20 OCTOBER
BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER
WHOLE SCHOOL MASS
Year 5
GRANDPARENTS’ DAY
followed by morning tea in the multi purpose hall

WEDNESDAY 23 OCTOBER
ASSEMBLY PPM

2016 CLASS PLACEMENTS
Teachers will very soon begin work on placement of children into classes for the 2016 school year. They spend a significant amount of time in discussions about this and use the following four criteria in determining placements:

- Academic ability
- Friendships
- Gender balance
- Behaviour

It has apparently been the practise of some parents to make requests for their children to be in particular classes with particular teachers. This is not appropriate as all teachers at Notre Dame are very professional and of an excellent standard. Children will receive a very high quality of education no matter which class they are placed with. I believe that it undermines the professionalism and integrity of teachers for these requests to be considered to appease parent, or in some cases, children’s wishes or preferences.

SWIMMING LESSONS (PP – Yr 3)
These will be held during weeks 3 & 4 of this term. Please note that the dates published on early versions of the term calendar were incorrect and that lessons commence on Monday 26 October. A letter covering what children are to wear and other details has been sent home today.

VEGAS GAMES NIGHT

7 NOVEMBER 2015
(Only three weeks away)

The PRC has been planning this great evening for a number of months and now need your support. So far 85 tickets have been sold but we’d like to have many more come along to make this a truly memorable night for all.

Yes, this is definitely a fundraiser to support our school, but first and foremost it will be a fun night.

There is a huge array of prizes to be won and a silent auction with many great items will be held.

Rather than organise a separate end of year function for each of the classes why not make this the one function for all.

Tickets will be on sale outside the school office each Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school.

Darryl Winsor
Principal

• On Friday 4 December the children will have a transition session between recess and lunchtime when they will meet with their 2016 teacher/s in their new classroom.

I look forward to sharing a very productive term with everyone.
Sporting Schools (Starting week 2)
Just a reminder that all sporting schools sessions will be starting next week and finishing in Week 9. There are still spots available for all sessions so if you would like to sign in your child please do so before the end of this week. Alternatively you can call administration to see if there are spots still available.

Badminton - Tuesday afternoons (3:15 - 4:00pm)
Tennis - Wednesday mornings (7:20 - 8:10am)
Basketball - Thursday mornings (7:20 - 8:10am)

Interm Swimming Lessons
Notes have gone home for PP - Year 3 students regarding interm swimming lessons for Term 4.

Inter school Athletics
Notes will be going home this week regarding students who have been picked for interschool athletics. They have been chosen from results at the school carnival, as well as participation and testing in P.E lessons last term. Training will be commencing next week, times and days will be placed in the letter.

2015 Athletics Carnival - Ern Clark
Many thanks to all the wonderful parents and teachers who helped out with the day. We were blessed with fantastic weather and the kids really got into the day. The domination of Prendiville faction is over for the time being, with McAuley faction coming up trumps. Well done to all students who participated. We had some fantastic individual performances from our senior students. Below are the champion boy and girls results.

Year 4 Champion Boy - Ben Whelpdale (Mercy)
Year 4 Champion Boy R/UP - Jarreth Morales (Nagle)
Year 4 Champion Girl - Sandra Ayad (McAuley)
Year 4 Champion Girl R/UP - Harmony Dique (McAuley)

Year 5 Champion Boy - Kade McKeown (Prendiville)
Year 5 Champion Boy R/UP - Samuel Deane (McAuley)
Year 5 Champion Girl - Maddison Gough (Mercy)
Year 5 Champion Girl R/UP - Charlotte Vivian (McAuley)

Year 6 Champion Boy - Jonas Gott (Prendiville)
Year 6 Champion Boy R/UP - Declan Bernardino (Nagle)
Year 6 Champion Girl - Jaime Penaules (McAuley)
Year 6 Champion Girl R/UP - Gabby Hortin (McAuley)
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Brett Webb  
Physical Education Teacher
MISSION CONCERT – THE WALKER TRIO
INFANT JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH, MORLEY - SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER, 3pm
Catholic Mission presents an afternoon of beautiful music.
Jessica Gethin (violin), Sophie Curtis (cello) and Ray Walker (jazz guitar) will perform an original and exciting fusion of classical / jazz / popular chamber music in aid of Catholic Mission. Monies raised will support a girl child education project in Bangalore, India. Complementary afternoon tea.

Adults: $25, Concessions: $15. Children are free if accompanied by an adult.
Tickets from www.trybooking.com/JAHF, from Catholic Mission - 9422 7933, or on the door.

Carlisle Branch Retirees WA
Carlisle branch invite you to our Fair on the 17 October 2015 at Harold Hawthorne Community Centre, 2 Memorial Avenue, Carlisle WA. Doors will open at 10.00am and close at 3.00pm. The Fair is on the Telethon Weekend and all monies raised via the raffle will go to Telethon. Fantastic array of stalls.
Parenting Workshops
Fourth Term 2015

Kensington & Belmont

You and Your New Baby
Antenatal to 3 months
This workshop will explore normal brain development in relation to verbal and non-verbal cues, sleep, wakefulness and feeding patterns. Group discussion will allow time to reflect on your relationships and your plans for your family and the community supports available.

This workshop is run regularly on weekday and Saturday mornings. To check for dates and make a booking go to: www.ngala.com.au/pw

Sleep and Your Growing Baby
3 to 7 Months
In this workshop we provide information on the essential developmental changes that are occurring in your child’s brain and how this dramatically impacts on sleep/awake time for everyone. This workshop will explore ways for parents to approach this exciting and exhausting stage.

This workshop is run regularly on weekday and Saturday mornings. To check for dates and make a booking go to: www.ngala.com.au/pw

And So to Sleep
7 Months to 2 Years
This workshop explores children’s sleep patterns and rhythms which evolve as their brain continues to make sense of their world. Participants will explore both the parents and child’s role in relation to sleep and nutritional requirements for this age group.

This workshop is run monthly on selected weekday evenings. To check for dates and make a booking go to: www.ngala.com.au/pw

Now in a Bed
2 to 5 Years
This workshop aims to explore with participants why existing sleep patterns may noticeably change when a toddler moves to their own bed. This workshop will explore sleep information that will assist the family to adjust to your toddler’s next stage of development.

This workshop is run monthly on selected weekday evenings. To check for dates and make a booking go to: www.ngala.com.au/pw

Food Glorious Food
Babies to the First Year
Focuses on when to introduce solids, what types of food are suitable, how much to offer your child. Information is provided on developmental changes that occur in the first year of a child’s life and how this affects eating behaviours, long term.

This workshop is run monthly on selected weekday mornings and some Saturday mornings. To check for dates and make a booking go to: www.ngala.com.au/pw

Tasty Toddler
1 to 3 Years
This workshop explores how your child’s developing sense shape their feelings and attitudes to the process of eating and how you as parents contribute as role models in providing appropriate opportunities for healthy food choices.

This workshop is run monthly on selected weekday evenings. To check for dates and make a booking go to: www.ngala.com.au/pw

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Fourth Term 2015

Kensington & Belmont

Toilet Education
18 months to 3 years
This workshop explores when the most favourable time for toilet training is for your child and how best to prepare and coach your child through this challenging and exciting new adventure. Parents will identify both the normal developmental pathway in the toileting process and identify their child’s signs readiness for toileting. Strategies are discussed to promote a positive experience for both the child and family.
This workshop is run monthly on selected weekday evenings. To check for dates and make a booking go to: www.ngala.com.au/pw

Successful Toileting
3.5 Years+
This workshop explores toileting in the older child who is achieving developmental milestones in all other areas, and who also has had a few months of practicing the skill of toileting. Discussion is based around what may get in the way and explores how to move forward to achieve successful toileting. This is a 2.5 hour workshop.
This workshop is run monthly on selected weekday evenings. To check for dates and make a booking go to:
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Guiding Children’s Behaviour 1-2 yrs
This workshop explores the idea of behaviour as developmental cues from children. Throughout this interactive workshop, you will be creating strategies to understand and guide your children’s learning in your unique family situation.
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Guiding Children’s Behaviour 2-5 yrs
This workshop explores the idea of behaviour as developmental cues from children. In this interactive workshop, you will be linking developmental aspects and research to feel confident in understanding and guiding your children’s learning in their expanding networks of social and family situations.
This workshop is run monthly on selected weekday evenings. To check for dates and make a booking go to:
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Building Brains
Newborn to 3 Years
Research shows that security, self esteem and motivation are primed in the first three years of your child’s life. During this workshop you will be able to reflect and gain knowledge by immersing yourself in your child’s world as their brain makes millions of new connections every day.
This workshop is run monthly on selected weekday evenings. To check for dates and make a booking go to:
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Managing a Baby and a Toddler
For parents of children up to 4 years
This workshop explores the transition of the addition of another child to the existing family structure. It explores why parents and siblings may struggle developmentally at this time to accommodate a new arrival. Parents will discuss and develop some practical strategies to move forward.
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