FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Staff

As I informed you in last week’s newsletter I have been attending the Presentation Schools’ National Conference over the past few days. This was a wonderful conference and provided me with a much clearer understanding of the intent of our Presentation charism. The speakers were impressive, particularly two sisters (not the Religious kind) who attended Presentation schools for their entire primary and secondary education. They are the only sisters to have ever been appointed as judges in the County Court in Victoria and spoke with passion about their years of Presentation education. What struck me most was not necessarily the standard of education that they received but the strength of character that was so evidently developed during their school years. They regularly referred to the synergy between their school and family lives and how the common threads of both had been significant. It was impressive to see them, assisted by a few delegates, proudly sing their old school song with great gusto. Hopefully our children will have similar lasting memories of their days at Notre Dame.

The founder of the Presentation Order, Nano Nagle, was declared as Venerable, which is a step towards Sainthood, in February 2014. The lantern in the glass cabinet in the school office reminds us of the lamp that Nano would have carried late at night during her work for the poor.

School Climate Survey
These were sent home to the randomly selected families earlier this week. Thank you to those who have already returned their forms. I encourage all others who have been selected to complete the forms to return them to school before next Wednesday, 6 May.

FORMS DUE IN BEFORE WEDNESDAY 6 MAY
**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**FRIDAY 1 MAY**

- Assembly Yr 4P
- Netball Practice 12.35-1.05pm
- Dance Practice 3.05-4.00pm
- PRC School Disco

**TUESDAY 5 MAY**

- Dance Practice 3.05-4.00pm

**WEDNESDAY 6 MAY**

- Dance Practice 7.30-8.00am
- Mother’s Day Mass 8.45am followed by Morning Tea.

**THURSDAY 7 MAY**

- Football/Soccer Training 3.10-3.50pm

**FRIDAY 8 MAY**

- Merit Assembly
  - 2015 Eagles/Fever/Glory Cup
  - NDCPS vs St Emilie’s (Home) 1.15pm
- Dance Practice 3.50-4.00pm

**REMINDER**

- NAPLAN 12-14 May
  - Year 3 and 5

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**Disco**

I’m looking forward to seeing the children enjoying themselves at the Disco tomorrow evening. Thank you to the PRC for arranging the evening and providing the supervision.

**Please note:** Children are not to play on school equipment during the Disco.

**Mothers’ Day Mass and Morning Tea**

I hope many of our mums and grandmums will be able to join us for Mass at 8.45am next Wednesday and for the morning tea which will follow the Mass.

**Mathematics Challenge**

Mrs Nicolle Achmad (Year Three Teacher) will commence her weekly Mathematics challenge next Monday. Children from Years Three to Six who would like a copy of the challenge may collect it from Mrs Achmad’s classroom at 8.00am on Monday. Children are encouraged to try to complete the challenge without the use of electronic resources.

**Advance Notice**

Our school photos will be taken on 19 & 20 May. Children in Years One to Six are to wear their full winter uniform. Photo packs are being sent home today, so please check your child’s schoolbag. Family (siblings photos) packs are available at the front office.

**NAPLAN: Years 3 and 5**

Dates: Tuesday 12 May to 14 May

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Darryl Winsor
Principal
PRAYER

Lord God, You raise up people from age to age to speak anew Your Word to us And to show us your ways Such is Nano Nagle. In days when courage is needed, You give us this woman of strength To walk before us with conviction. In days of great change, You present us with a prophet whose faith is firm.

Into the lives made wretched by poverty and oppression, So may she inspire us to compassionate action. For those in need around us.
Year One

In Year One we have been preparing to celebrate Mother’s Day. We have commenced making beautiful gifts for our Mums and we have been discussing how special they are. In Religion we have started learning about our special gifts. We drew pictures showing how we are special and we compared our fingerprints to understand how we are all different.

In Maths we have been learning about measurement. We used formal (rulers, tape measures) and informal (sight, estimation) measurement to compare objects. We used tape measures in the classroom and worked in pairs to measure different classroom items. This was a hands-on learning experience which was also lots of fun!
In Literacy we have been learning about verbs and we are excited to begin our focus on ‘The Rainforest’. We have begun investigating the Daintree Rainforest and identifying the different plants and animals found there.

We are looking forward to a very busy, productive and exciting term!

Miss Scoble and Miss Gullotti

*Year One Teachers*

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**Cross Country Club (Starts next Tuesday 5 May)**

Students from Year 3-6 have been sent a note informing them of Cross Country training which commences next week. If students would like to take part in the club then they must get the notes to their teachers as soon as possible.

**Interschool Sport**

There has been a change to training days for AFL & Soccer students. Training will now be on **Thursday afternoons after school**. This is due to a conflict with the Notre Dame Dance group practice times. Apologies if this causes any inconvenience. Next week the Interschool Sport will be a home game and we will be playing against St Emilie’s.

Brett Webb

Sports Coordinator

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**ITALIAN**

As a part of Language Week this year, we have decided to create an Italian Day. The Italian Day will consist of cooking activities for all classes from PP to Year 6.

The schedule is as follows:

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Parents are invited to come and assist with their child's group. If you are able to help, I would like to organise a MEETING IN WEEK 4 on Wednesday 13 May in the school hall at 8.30am. If you think you can help, please send an email to me at morlotti.natascia@cathednet.wa.edu.au, or alternatively, see me on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday in the Teachers' Study located next to the library.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY KIND OF FOOD ALLERGY COULD YOU PLEASE LET ME OR THE CLASS TEACHER KNOW.

Italian Teacher
Natascia Morlotti

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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.

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CANTEEN

Next week’s roster

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These dates are still available if you are able to volunteer even just for an hour.

Dates in May:  Monday 18, Friday 8, 15, 22 & 29
Dates in June: Monday 15, 29; Wednesday 3, 10, 17, 24;
              Friday 12, 19, 26
Dates in July: Monday 20, 27; Wednesday 1, 22(first week back), 29; Friday 24, 31

Monday's recess special: pikelets 20c each maximum 3 per child.
Just a reminder please place your child's name, class as well as their order on the lunch bags and separate bags for recess and lunch.
Hope to see you in the canteen.

Kayleen McLean

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UNIFORM

Opening times are:

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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](http://www.trybooking.com/GKDU) (for next day delivery to your child's class) or cash through the school administration office.

Julie-Anne Beasley

**Entertainment Book**

The order form for the Entertainment Book have been distributed. 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 Fathering Project**

The Big Campout offers fathers the chance to spend quality one-to-one time with their child in a unique campout experience at WA's premier cricket ground, the WACA and camp under the Stars.

**Date**: Saturday 16 May  
Gates open at 4.00pm  
Event will end 10.00am Sunday 17 May

**Location**: Gate 3 at the WACA, Nelson Crescent, East Perth  
ENTRY IS STRICTLY THROUGH GATE 3

**Entry**: $75.00 for Dad and 1 child (Age restrictions children 5-12 years)


**Mothers' Day Raffle**

Raffle tickets and money due in by Thursday 7 May. Extra tickets will be available for purchase after school on Thursday 7 May. Last chance! Ticket prices ONE for $5 or THREE for $10.

**RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON FRIDAY 8 MAY**
AFTER SCHOOL SOCCER !!! ONLY $100 FOR 8 WEEKS

Aspire Sports coaching has started the After school soccer program at your school!

Starts: Monday 4th May 2015 @ 3.05pm until 4.05pm

Available to children from Pre primary to year 7.

For more information please contact

Matt Dean
0469397207

OPEN DAY

Sunday, 17th May 2015 / 11.00am – 1.30pm

Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1846, Mercedes College offers young women from Year 7 to 12 an outstanding Catholic education based on the Mercy values of compassion, justice, excellence, integrity and service.

Join us on Open Day and experience the welcoming, vibrant atmosphere of Perth's oldest school.

> Exciting Sports and Learning Facilities
> Working Art Displays
> Music and Drama Displays
> Classroom and Library Displays
> Conducted Tours

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