A water bearer in India had two large pots, each hung on each end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you." "Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?" "I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said. The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."

Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again it apologized to the bearer for its failure. The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. In God's great economy, nothing goes to waste.

(Author unknown)
Dear Parents

On Saturday morning I fly to Helsinki, Finland to attend the 12th annual International Confederation of Principals conference. This conference has a range of speakers who are at the forefront of 21st Century education. I am particularly interested to learn about the early years of the Finnish education system as their children don’t officially commence formal education until they are seven years of age. They also have one of the shortest school years and school days amongst OECD countries and perform at a very high level of achievement worldwide. I’m not sure that I’ll be able to create additional holidays for the children at Notre Dame after my visit to Finland, but hope to learn some strategies that will assist our children in consistently high achievement.

After the conference I will be taking Long Service Leave for the remainder of the Term. I realize this appears strange after only two terms at Notre Dame but I have been working in the Catholic Education system for over 30 years. During my absence Carmel Cutri will be in charge next week and after this Velma Erskine will be the Acting Principal until I return.

**BISHOPS’ RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT**

Almost every school day of the year the children in Catholic schools complete lessons in Religious Education. Each year the children in Years 3, 5 & 7 are assessed to determine the effectiveness of the programme. The assessments focus on students’ ability to recall content about the Catholic religion and assess their knowledge and understanding of Religious Education. They do not measure students’ faith. They have been conducted throughout this week and I am sure that our children have achieved very good results.

**THANK YOU**

In last week’s newsletter I requested assistance with the design of our school’s new letterbox. Thank you to Chris Flynn who has volunteered to help.

**INTERSCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY**

Tomorrow children from Years 4 to 6 will represent our school at the Cross-Country Carnival at Tomato Lake. The children have put a lot of effort into their training and are now ready to perform. We wish them well for the Carnival and look forward to hearing how they went upon their return.

Thank you to Mr Webb and his helpers who have spent a significant amount of time ensuring that the children have been well prepared.

Darryl Winsor
Principal
Hope you had an enjoyable weekend.

Next week’s roster

Monday 3rd August:   Luan Dique
Wednesday 5th August: Dorina Hortin & Marcia Whitaker
Friday 7th August:   Dorina Hortin & Lindi Sugiarto

Canteen special for Wednesday 5th August will be homemade CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP (chicken breast, onions, carrot, celery & zucchini) & GARLIC BREAD COMBO $2.50, this will be served tepid and is available for recess only. Just a reminder that for these specials to continue I need two or more volunteers, so once again if you are available please come and see me in the canteen.

Thanks for your support.

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.

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

CONTACT
PHONE
EMAIL

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
ON THE PROGRAM

ANDREA MUSULIN
0409 071 068
protectivebehaviourswa.org.au

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.

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

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**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

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**Notre Dame Parish - dinner/dance**

*(Celebrating 55th Anniversary)*

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 SOON**

**ALL WELCOME**
We have begun our Asian Studies unit and we are exploring all about China. We are very excited to learn about this amazing country!

Some questions we have that we hope to answer about China are:

- How do you make a Chinese dragon? (Dakota)
- What are some of the animals you can find in China? (Samuel)
- What do the Chinese people eat? (Emma)
- I wonder what the Chinese people do? (Jacob)
- How do pandas in China get to sleep? (Jasper)
- I wonder what the food in China is like? (Tijana)

In our writing this week we did a compare and contrast of the Chinese flag and the Australian flag.

The Chinese flag and the Australian flag are kind of the same flags. The difference is the Chinese flag has yellow stars and the Australian flag has white stars. The Australian flag also has a Union Jack and the Southern Cross.

Written by Lochlan

The Chinese flag is red and yellow. The Australian flag is red, white and blue. The big star on the left hand side of called the Union Jack.

Written by Claudia

We are very excited to create some amazing art this term based on China. We have made giant panda bears which we think look very cute!

Miss Scoble and Miss Gullotti
Year One Teachers
SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAMS  
(STARTING WEEK 4)
As you may or may not be aware Notre Dame will be running the new Sporting Schools initiative rolled out by the Australian Government this term. Parents will be able to enrol their child(ren) in a sport running either before school or after school this term. This will be a 6-week program, starting week 4 and finishing week 9. This program costs nothing to parents.

There will be a limit of 20 students per sport and enrolment sheets will be placed on a pin-up board outside the Administration from Monday 3 August to Friday 7 August. Students who are involved in the program this term will not be eligible for next term’s programs so as to give everyone a fair go of joining up. Sports for this term will be Gymnastics (Year 1-6), Auskick (1-3) and Athletics (4-6).

Please speak to me if you have any queries about the program. Notes will be sent home Monday about sessions for this term.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART
Notes were sent home yesterday with sponsorship forms about the upcoming Jump Rope for Heart program which will be run this term.

We will also have a representative from the Jump Rope Australia at our Friday assembly to tell us more about the program. This is a really great way to get our kids active and motivated, as well as helping out a worthy cause. As stated in the letters, all student prizes will be donated to a local children’s charity. All donations must be completed online this year. Teachers and administration staff will not be taking any offline donations (money, sponsorship forms, etc). Directions for online donations are provided in the letter. If you still have some questions about the program then feel free to come and see me.

Interschool Cross-Country
Friday 31 July
(Tomato Lake, Kewdale)
9.30am - 12.05

Brett Webb
Physical Education Teacher
Parents as Partners Program

As a parent, your involvement makes a huge difference in your child's academic performance and wellbeing. Research shows gains in learning are most prominent when parents and teachers work together to facilitate a supportive learning environment at home and school.

With this in mind, we have developed a range of resources for both parents and teachers to improve student academic achievement, well-being and productivity. We call it Parents as Partners.

Through the Parents as Partners program we offer a FREE weekly report of your child's Mathletics results. You will be able to view their strengths and weaknesses enabling you to support them with any areas that need improvement.

Register for your child's weekly report at www.mathletics.com/parent

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM
www.3plearning.com/au/parentsaspartners
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
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  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 and implementing change.

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.

CONTEMPORARY GYMNASTICS ACADEMY
OPEN GYM - SUNDAY 2 August 2015
Venue: 42 Tennant Street, Welshpool
1hour 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.

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