Dear Parents and Staff

“Educating is not a profession but an attitude; a way of being; in order to educate it is necessary to steep out of ourselves and be among young people, to accompany them in the stages of their growth and to set ourselves beside them.”

Pope Francis

Last Monday evening a group of parents and staff met to discuss building a nature-based playground on the grassed area outside the Pre-Primary classes. This playground will primarily be for the use of children in the Kindergarten and the Pre-Primary but I’m sure there will also be opportunities for children from other classes to enjoy the playground. We have decided to build the playground ourselves, which will save the school a significant amount of money. A letter will be sent to all families in the next few days with a copy of the plan and requesting assistance from within our community. There will be a range of options of how you may be able to assist and I ask you to consider what you could do to help. I look forward to working on this project with members of our community to help make our school an even better learning environment.

Attending the Vegas Night would be a great way to help us raise some funds to pay for the new playground.

INTERSchool ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the students who represented our school so well in yesterday’s Field Events Carnival. The children all gave their best effort and achieved many excellent individual results. The Track Carnival will be held tomorrow. We are very proud of all of our school representatives and wish them a great day of competition. Mr Webb will give a full report on both carnivals in next week's newsletter.
ADVANCED NOTICE

Our end of year concert will have a slightly different format this year.

- The evening will commence at 6.00pm with the school choir leading us all in singing some traditional Christmas Carols as they act out the Nativity story.
- Classes will then present a fun song that reflects the Christmas/Summer season.
- After each year level performance three awards will be presented to each class.
  - **Christian Living Award** – To a student who has demonstrated a Christ-like attitude towards others throughout the year.
  - **Academic Award** – To the student who has achieved the highest academic results across all areas of the curriculum throughout the year.
  - **Teacher Award** – To a student chosen by their class teacher who displays dedication to their work and commitment to class harmony.

- After the class items, awards will be presented to a student from the Junior classes and a student from the Upper classes by the *Science, Music, History and Italian* teachers. Physical Education is not included as students have received these awards throughout the year at the various carnivals.
- The Student Leaders for 2016 will be announced.
- The evening concludes, by 8.00pm, with all singing some traditional Christmas Carols.

NOTRE DAME AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the School Board and the Report of Activities by the Parent Representative Council will be held in the school Library on Wednesday 25 November. The agenda, call for nominees and full details of the meeting will be in next week's newsletter.

NOT RETURNING IN 2016

If your child/ren will not be returning to Notre Dame in 2016 please advise the school office urgently.

Darryl Winsor
Principal
**YEAR 6**

It’s already week three of term four and it’s hard to believe that our year sixes are coming to an end of their primary school journey. This term will be an opportunity for the students to look back on their time at Notre Dame and appreciate all the experiences they have enjoyed and shared with one another.

Just like every other term, this will be another very busy time for our year sixes with lots to get through before their graduation and end of year excursion. The council groups are up and running again with all the students keen to take on their final leadership role and finish off with style!

Within the curriculum the students will be looking at financial mathematics and business and economics this term. They will learn how to budget for spending and might even get an opportunity to help Mr Seers budget for his end of year trip to America!

Already this term, the year sixes have had an opportunity to create a poem of their choice. They were able to choose from a cinquain, a haiku and a limerick poem. Here is an example of a cinquain poem written by one of our talented year sixes!

*Lions*

*With a mane as golden as the sun*

*Leader of the pack*

*Shows his leadership by roaring*

*Protects his young*

*Top of the food chain.*

*By Gabby Hortin*

Finally, the year sixes can sense the end of the year is coming and are getting excited about preparing for graduation and attacking their final term of primary school with a positive attitude. We hope they continue to lead from the front for the remainder of the term and set good examples for the younger students!

Mr Seers and Mrs Boyle
PARISH NEWS

**MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON - Tuesday 3 November**
Parish Centre Doors open at 10.00am
$10.00 per person. BYO drinks. Please bring a plate or sweet dish to share.
Sweeps, raffles, door prize and prize for the creative and decorative hat.
Tickets on sale at the door or the Parish Office.

**PARISH FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST – Sunday 15 November**
Breakfast served after the 8.00am and 10.00am Mass.
On sale bacon & Egg muffins $3.00, sausage sizzle $3.00, hash browns $1.00.
Order envelopes available next two weekends and orders must be placed by Sunday 8 November.

**PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 15 November at 11.00am in the Parish Centre.**
All welcome.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thanks once again to the lovely people who volunteer in the canteen I wouldn’t survive without your help.

**Next weeks roster:**

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Hope to see you soon.

Kayleen McLean
Canteen Manager

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening Times:

- Tuesday 8.15am to 10.30am
- Thursday 1.30pm-3.30pm
Lost!

A gold necklace with a gold heart pendant was lost on Monday. It may have been lost around the adventure playground. If you have found it please hand it in to the office or see the teachers in Year One. The necklace was similar to this picture however it said ‘Mummy’s Little Girl’
Centre for Faith Enrichment
A Quick Tour of the New Testament: Thursday 5-26 November
11.00am to 12 noon (4 sessions, cost $25) with Fr Charles Waddell

The course offers an overview of the Scriptures that formed and came out of the very beginnings of the Church. We will come to appreciate the New Testament anew as a vital means of encountering Jesus, who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

The Lowdown on the On-High for Parents: Thursday 5-19 November
8.00-8.30pm (3 sessions, cost $20) with Fr Charles Waddell

The short, user-friendly online course explores with parents questions of life, faith and meaning. You don't have to be a “good” Catholic (or a Catholic at all!) - and you can take this course individually or with a group of friends.

VacSwim holiday swimming programs
Enrolments for December/January program are now open. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water.

This year there has been a small price increase from $10.00 per enrolment to $12.50 per enrolment (family enrolment for three or more children living at the same address is now $34.50). For further information and online enrolment visit

education.wa.edu.au/swimming.
Presented by author, and parenting and resilience educator Maggie Dent

From Little Boys to Good Men

Helping our Boys Shine in a Confused, Chaotic World

A one-day event for parents and carers

Saturday, 30th January 2016
8.30am-3.15pm
Mount Pleasant Baptist Community College, Booragoon, WA

This event brings together some of Australia’s leading ‘boy champions’ to explore how we can raise our boys to become good men.

We live in a culture of disrespect and a society that presents significant risks and challenges for boys and men, including suicide, depression and anxiety, domestic violence, substance abuse, crime, social media, body image issues and pornography.

Our presenters will share the latest information on what is going on for our boys, and present tried-and-true strategies for parenting, guiding and caring for them in ways that will help them flourish and shine. From the early years through adolescence, we will help you set your lad/s on the right path to manhood.

Featuring:

Giving Boys a Great Start: Birth–8
Maggie Dent, author, educator and resilience specialist

A Time to Connect: Knowing, Loving & Understanding our Children – The School Years
Clark Wight, leadership and education consultant

Boys on the Real Man Road
Dr Arne Rubinstein, author of The Making of Men

Positive Fathering
A message from Darrell Brown, author of Raised by Our Childhood Voices

Tickets:
$220 inc. GST
($185 each inc. GST for couples/co-parents or 3 or more people booking together in one transaction).

For full event details, bios, abstracts and to buy tickets, visit www.maggiedent.com/promo/little-boys-good-men