FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Staff

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
Blessed and praiseworthy are you, O God.
In your divine wisdom you raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul to the glory of heaven.
May we too foresee your kingdom as our eternal home with you, your Son, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption, when we gather to celebrate and give thanks to Mary our Mother. We honour Mary as she honoured by God at the end of her life, when He took her up to heaven, body and soul to be the beginning and the pattern of the Church in its perfection.

NAPLAN
It was pleasing to read in the paper last week that there has been some improvement shown in the 2015 Australian Naplan results for some year levels in schools. I hope that trend is reflected in our own school’s results when they are released. While I agree that the NAPLAN tests provide some valuable data to governments and schools they should not be viewed as the main determiner of educational quality of schools. Education of children is complex and measurement of success or failure on NAPLAN scores alone can lead to simplistic school improvement strategies that are designed to produce a ‘quick fix’. It would be sad to see any de-valuing of what has been the true marker of Australia’s education system: its ability to produce people who are creative thinkers, able to collaborate and solve problems, have initiative and are self-directed.
PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Congratulations to Mr Loiacano and the Year Three Choir who performed last Tuesday at St Benedict’s Church with the Liturgical Choral section of the Performing Arts Festival. The children sang so beautifully and were immaculately dressed. Thank you to Mrs Nicolle Achmad, Mrs Julie Pirie, parents and grandparents who were able to attend the performance to show their support to the children.

Good luck to our Notre Dame Choir and dance group for their upcoming performances. Students participating in the Dance section of the Performing Arts Festival will perform on Tuesday evening at the Convention Centre. On Wednesday our school choir will be performing at the Vasto Club, Balcatta in the Primary Choral Section of the Performing Arts Festival. Notre Dame Catholic Primary School has been a participant in both sections of the Performing Arts Festival for many years now and I am sure that the hard work and discipline they and their teachers, Mr Alessio Loiacano, Mrs Robin Evans and Mrs Tiffany Donovan-Flintoff, have shown in the preparation is reflected in the performances.

Wishing you all a wonderful week.
God Bless

Velma Erskine
Acting Principal

BOOK WEEK

Friday 28 August - Book Week Parade
Year 4

In Year 4 we have been working on our teamwork skills and our ability to be team players. Our motto in Year 4 is “Together Everyone Achieves More.” We are all sitting in table groups, which encourages teamwork and we help each other to score “goals” or table points for our teams.

We can be a Top T.E.A.M. player by always trying out best inside and outside of the classroom, respecting others with our words and actions and working sensible and quietly in the classroom.

Here is what some of the Year 4’s have to say about teamwork:

“I think teamwork can help you to make better friendships and it can help you learn.” – Harrison Steele

“Using teamwork skills we can have better discussions, keep each other on track and help our classmates so everyone can learn together.” – Hayden Waters

To lead us into our wonderful term of teamwork we read ‘The Rainbow Fish’. In the story the rainbow fish is selfish. He keeps his sparkling scales to himself and does not share with others. As a result he had no friends. In the end he decides to share his scales with the other fish. He makes friends with them and has a much happier life. In Year 4 we make sure we are always kind, caring and share with our friends so that we can all be happy and enjoy our time at Notre Dame Primary School.

What did I learn from The Rainbow Fish?

“I learnt that it is good to share and that everyone feels a lot more included if you share.” – Charlie McCrostie

“I learnt that the more you share the more friends you have.” – Jian Chilton

“The Rainbow Fish teaches you to be kind, nice, share and to always do the right thing.” – Dion Peter
MUSIC NEWS

Well done to the Year 3 students on their outstanding performance in the Liturgical Choral section of the Performing Arts Festival. The children have worked extremely hard over the last couple of months in preparation for the performance. The report was excellent and the adjudicator commented on the student's confident singing and their rhythmic accuracy, as well as their outstanding appearance. It was a most pleasing report indeed! The children listened attentively to the other choirs and I'm sure they learned something from watching them, as I did. I am extremely proud of you all, children!

Thank you to the parents who came to Saint Benedict’s Church and viewed the performance. The children certainly “Woke the world” and “Gathered God's people” together with their singing this week.

A huge thank you to our accompanist, Mrs Evans, and also to Mrs Flack for her assistance at our rehearsals and the Year Three class teachers, Mrs Pirie and Mrs Achmad.

Next week the school choir will be performing at the Vasto Club and I look forward to that performance.

Alessio Loiacono - Music Teacher

SPORTS NEWS

Jump Rope for Heart

The Jump Rope program is up and running and it has been fantastic to see all the kids getting excited to try out some new tricks and show off what they’re learning. A reminder that all donations will be done online this year, if you need any help with the donation process then please feel free to email me, or Mitch from Jump Rope for Heart - Mitchell.Watson@heartfoundation.org.au. A reminder that the class with the most donations will be treated to a class morning tea, as well as a special prize for the student with the most amount raised.


This is our school site for online donations. Parents need to click the join now button to sign up their child(ren).

Brett Webb
Sports Teacher
BOOK WEEK 2015

Dress up as your favourite book character on Friday 28th August

Bring your book in on the day

Week 6, 24-28 August, 2015
PLEASE NOTE: All parents and other family members need to buy a ticket through Ticketek for the Catholic Performing Arts night for Tuesday 18 August if you wish to watch their child’s performance. The performers do not have to purchase tickets as they have a free pass.

CANTEEEN NEWS

I would like to thank the lovely ladies who have joined the canteen volunteer roster. The canteen could NOT function without the help of the parents & grandparents who give their time, so once again THANK YOU for your support.

Next week's roster:

Monday 17 August - Luan Dique, Lindi Sugiaro
Wednesday 19 August - Dorina Hortin, Marcia Whitaker
Friday 21 August - Dorina Hortin

SPECIALS

Monday 17 August- GARLIC BREAD 30c per slice (max 2 slices per child)
Wednesday 19 August- PIKELETS 20c ea (max 3 per child), WARM MILO 50c per cup

Hope to see you at the canteen.

Kayleen McLean
Canteen Manager
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
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

8 September 6.30pm **Feast Day Mass** to be officiated by Archbishop Costelloe followed by fellowship.
19 September 7.00pm Dinner/Dance - Belmont Recreation Club

**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*
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 TIME VENUE COST
AUGUST 19 2015 7PM Start – 9.30PM (please arrive 20minutes prior) Notre Dame Catholic Primary School Library $5.00 per family

CONTACT PHONE EMAIL
Holly Melvin 0409 071 068 dnh@aapt.net.au

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

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

Instrumental lessons.
There are several vacancies for Piano and Guitar lessons run in the school. For more information, please collect an enrolment form from the school office.

Robin Evans