FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents & Staff

Yesterday the children in Years 3 – 6 celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints. During his homily Fr Nelson reminded us that we are all on a journey towards Sainthood and, as such, should continue to strive to live our lives as Jesus taught us.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the many and wonderful saints that followed Jesus down through the ages. Help us to follow their good examples and to remember what a blessing it is to be in the same family of faith.

We ask this in Jesus’ name

Amen

Farewell

I have recently been informed that Zoe Scoble, Year One Teacher, and Natascia Morlotti, Italian Language Teacher, will be leaving Notre Dame at the end of this year to pursue other opportunities.

Zoe has been appointed Pre Primary teacher at Salvado Catholic College in Byford which will open for the first time in 2016. This is a wonderful opportunity for Zoe to be involved in the formative years at a new school. Natascia leaves us to take up positions at St Augustine’s School in Rivervale and Holy Cross College in Ellenbrook.

Both Zoe and Natascia have given outstanding service to our school and will be sadly missed. We wish them both much happiness and success in their future positions.
Incident Outside School
An incident occurred outside our school at morning drop off last week. I did not personally witness the incident, however, as I understand, a parent witnessed two men looking into her car and when she asked what they were doing, one pulled a knife from the bag that he was carrying. Fortunately the men then left but the incident obviously left the parent and her children quite distressed. The police and Belmont Security were called and they have made regular checks outside the school since. Should you notice suspicious behaviour near any cars parked around the school please report this to the school office. The police have advised that you do not leave any valuable items in your car or approach possible offenders.

Faction T-Shirts
As of next year there will be faction t-shirts as part of the school uniform. These will be worn on the days when children have their class sport (not Physical Education) and for the school faction swimming and athletics carnivals. The children will wear their current white t-shirt on days when they have Physical Education with Mr Webb. We are currently sourcing shirts that are both well priced and long-wearing. Sharmane Dowse from the Uniform Shop will advise when the new shirts are available.

Darryl Winsor
Principal
Dear Parents and other members of the school community

The Notre Dame Catholic Primary School Board invites you to attend the AGM of the school in the library on Wednesday 25 November 2015 commencing at 6.00pm.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

School Board AGM
1. Welcome and Prayer
2. Report by the School Principal and Leadership Team.
3. School Board AGM
4. Agenda
   a. Attendance – present and apologies Cheryl Blanton
   b. Minutes from the AGM 2014 Cheryl Blanton
   c. Presentation of the School Board Chairperson’s Report 2015 Cheryl Blanton
   d. Presentation of the School Board Treasurer’s Report 2015 Tanya Secker
   e. Presentation of the ‘Provisional Budget’ for 2016 by the Treasurer Tanya Secker
   f. Setting of school fees for 2016 Cheryl Blanton
   g. The election of the Notre Dame Catholic Primary School Board for the 2016 school year Cheryl Blanton
   h. Close
5. Parent Representative Council
   a. Outline of activities by the PRC
      • Fundraising Liam Wilson
      • Social Danielle Lawrie
      • Parent Education Erin Hunter
      b. Financial Report Holly Melvin
   b. Financial Report Tanya Steele
6. Close and Light Refreshments

Board Nominations
The Board of Notre Dame Catholic Primary School seeks competent and dedicated people to serve. Parents and others who have an interest in the welfare of the students and staff and who are eager to support Catholic schooling, may seek membership of the School Board as a means of giving valuable service to the school community.

Although Board members should bring to the Board their own contribution, the most important skill required is the ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all other members of the Board. Board members must of course be willing and able to give their time to Board duties.

Opportunity for you to participate in the elections is provided by the Constitution for Catholic School Boards in WA. Should you wish to read the Constitution, a copy may be obtained from the Principal.
The current Notre Dame Catholic School Board is comprised of:

- Fr Nelson Po, Parish Priest (Ex-officio)
- Cheryl Banton, Chair
- Michelle McKeown, Vice Chair
- Tanya Secker, Treasurer
- Joy Jancik, Secretary
- Mario Fisicchia, Board Member
- Bryn Chilton, Board Member
- Tanya Steele, Board Member – PRC Representative
- Darryl Winsor, Principal (Ex-officio)
- Carmel Cutri, Assistant Principal (Ex-officio, observer)
- Mary Tampalini, Assistant Principal

According to the Western Australian Catholic School Board Constitution, between four and six members are permitted to be elected. Not more than two (additional) persons may be co-opted, if required by the School Board for a period of two years.

Currently, there are four positions each of two years duration, available for election to the Notre Dame Catholic Primary School Board in 2016. Interested community members are encouraged to apply.

**THE FUNCTIONS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD ARE:**

- Planning for the present and future operation of the school.
- Engaging or discharging on behalf of the Bishop of the Diocese on the recommendation of the Principal and in accordance with guidelines issued from time to time by the Catholic Education Commission of WA, the lay teaching, auxiliary and maintenance staff required for the operation of the school.
- Providing representation on the committee which recommends the appointment of a Principal.
- Disseminating information about the school and about Catholic Education to persons and organisations in the school community.
- Managing all the finances associated with the school.
- Advising the Principal with respect to school policy that has financial implications.

**THE CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE SCHOOL BOARD ARE:**

- Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board.
- A deep interest in the welfare of all students and staff.
- A desire to give service to the Catholic school community.
- A keenness to promote Catholic schooling.
- A sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties.
- An ability to work co-operatively with all other members of the Board.

The attached form is for you to indicate whether you wish to nominate as a candidate for election to the Notre Dame Catholic Primary School Board. Please complete the form and return it to the school office by Monday 16 November. A short biography and reasons for nominating for the School Board will be shared with the school community prior to the AGM.

Regards

Ms Cheryl Blanton
Chair
Notre Dame Catholic Primary School Board
NOMINATION FORM
THE NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

You are asked to give consideration to being a member of the School Board in 2016. If you would like to nominate please do so by completing the information below, expressing your interest and noting those factors that would support your nomination. Election is for a two year term.

I have read the letter of invitation and I wish to offer myself as a candidate for election to the Notre Dame Catholic Primary School Board.

Name: _______________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________

Phone Number : (H) ____________________ (MOB) ____________________

Children at Notre Dame Catholic Primary School:

Name________________________________ Year Level _____________

Name________________________________ Year Level _____________

Name________________________________ Year Level _____________

Name________________________________ Year Level _____________

Name________________________________ Year Level _____________

Reasons for Nominating: (This information will be shared with the school community prior to the AGM).

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Signature: __________________________ Date: ______________________

Please return completed nomination form to the School Office by Monday 16 November
Year Four Class

The Year Four classes have started the term with an incredible amount of enthusiasm. It is wonderful to see the children become more independent, using their initiative to solve problems and help others. Keep up the great work Year Four!

Our focus this term in Geography is resources and children have researched renewable and non-renewable resources. Students have been able to make a keynote presentation on the renewable and non-renewable resources we use in our every day life and the decline in fossil fuels being our non-renewable resources. They are also designing a flyer on water being our most valuable resource and we are seeing some very creative work. We will soon commence a new topic on government and look forward to an incursion later this term from the Constitution Centre of Western Australia.

In Health, students have been learning all about the human body and the function of our skeletal system. Students are already learning about the origin of certain bones of the body, as well as linking uses of muscles to sporting activities.

This has been a very big learning year for our Year Fours and we are sure they can all say they are more confident and independent learners. It will be fantastic to see what work they produce in the last few weeks of term, as well as their progress in Year Five next year.

In writing the Year Four children have been looking at newspapers and the features of newspaper articles. Both classes were transformed into budding news reporters when we interviewed Mr Winsor about the nature playground that is being designed for our school. Children were given the opportunity to use this information to construct an accurate, detailed and informative

Ms Sagrera and Mrs Pet hick
New Nature Playground for Notre Dame School

News Reporter - Liza Florindo

In 2016 the Principal, Mr Winsor, and school community of Notre Dame Catholic Primary School, are planning on building a new nature playground.

The school community came up with the idea of the new playground. Mr Winsor, the principal, approved of the idea of having one in the school and he was not worried because he had a nature playground at his last school, Holy Rosary.

The junior primary teachers and Mr Winsor came up with a plan of what the playground would look like. A landscape architect named Mr Patrick Bewley drew up the plans for the school.

The playground will be built on half of the grassed area outside of the pre primary classes, but if the playground is successful they will make it even bigger.

The PRC have been saving money for a long time. They have been fundraising and wanted to spend the money on something important like this.

Mr Winsor estimates that “the playground will cost around $20,000 but if we pay someone else to do it for us it will cost about $100,000," said Mr Winsor.

The playground will include: double slides, water feature, logs that are cut out to be steps, garden areas, sandpit, a cubby, balance logs and a small bridge.

The rules of the playground are simple; be sensible and beware of other children around you. “This play equipment doesn't tell the children how to play on it, they can decide how to play on it themselves.” said Mr Winsor. If children misuse any equipment in the school they may be banned and this will be the same for the nature playground. If children break things deliberately they will be asked to pay.

At the moment the playground is meant to be for the junior primary levels, but if the senior levels are lucky they might be able to play on it sometimes.

We do not know when the Nature Playground will be done but Mr Winsor estimates that it will be done in term 2, 2016.
Notre Dame’s new nature playground
News Reporter - Arya Santhi

Notre Dame Primary School in Cloverdale, Belmont, Daly Street is building a new nature playground for the school. The nature playground will be located near the administration office. The cost of the playground should be around $20 000.

The staff discussed that the nature playground is a good idea. Mr Darryl Windsor said, “I made a nature playground at my old school and I know what to do. The school community has been saving money for an important thing like this for a while now.”

Right now only junior students from pre-kindergarten to year three will be allowed to play on it.

Mr Windsor has paid someone to draw up the plan for the playground. The ideas came from teachers and the principal and then a landscape architect drew up the plans. His name is Mr Patrick Bewley.

The playground will include double slides, a water feature, logs that are cut out to be steps, garden areas, a sandpit, a cubby, balance logs and small bridges. We are going to build the nature playground because children need to do more physical activities, take more risks and learn to co-operate with others.

The rules will be, be sensible and beware of other children. If any children break the equipment on purpose they will need to pay the cost. If the children use any equipment inappropriately they will be banned from the nature playground.

The community can donate materials, come and help build the nature playground or cook morning tea for the workers. Mr Windsor said, “It should be finished by next year at the end of Term One.” When the nature playground is finished there will be a roster for use.
**CANTEEN NEWS**

Next week’s roster

Monday 9 November: Luan Dique & Gricelda Rodriguez  
Wednesday 11 November: Michelle Thomas & Marcia Whitaker  
Friday 13 November: Dorina Hortin  

I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF THE LOVELY PEOPLE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED IN THE CANTEEN TO A THANK YOU EVENING ON 18 NOVEMBER AT 6.30PM IN THE MULTIPURPOSE HALL NEAR THE CANTEEN, DRINKS AND FINGER FOOD SUPPLIED. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO MAKE IT PLEASE RSVP TO KAYLEEN BY 16 NOVEMBER.

Hope to see you at the canteen

Kayleen McLean  
Canteen Manager

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**2015 Junior Fun Swim Day - 20 November**

Notes for the annual junior fun swim day will be going out to PP - Year 3 students soon. This will outline the structure of the day as well as items students will need to bring. This year the format will be a bit different, with the emphasis on fun and participation. Students from years 2 and 3 will be given the option of 25m races, whilst PP & Year 1 students will participate in a 15m freestyle race and novelty events. All students will race in at least 1 freestyle race and 1 novelty event. The carnival will be run like our swimming lessons, with each year group given a specified time for their events. Each year group will return back to school after the completion of their events. Year 6 Faction Captains will again assist with events on the day.

Please email or come and see me if you have any queries or concerns about the day. The day is all about the kids trying their best and having a lot of fun.

**2015 Intraschool Tennis Tournament (Year 4 - 6) - 25 November**

This year tennis has been a really big focus at Notre Dame as part of the new program by Tennis Australia. The school has been lucky enough to receive free tennis racquets, nets, balls and t-shirts as part of the program and give more opportunities to our students. Students from years 4-6 have been involved in a tennis unit this term and an Intraschool Carnival has been organised for selected students. Students picked for the tournament will play 4 matches in their grades against both boys and girls with finals to follow the rounds. The draw for the day is being organised by Belmont Tennis and will be finalised by next week. The draw will be posted on EDMODO as well as copies left in administration. This is a great way to finish off the tennis unit by giving our students the opportunity for meaningful matches at a top class facility. If you are interested in enrolling your child in tennis programs then please speak to Lisa Brannan at Belmont Tennis Club to find out more - 0412 313 823.

Brett Webb  
Physical Education Teacher
COMMUNITY NEWS

Schoenstatt Spring Fair

Come and see the wonderful contributions of many schools celebrating 100 years of Schoenstatt.

9 Talus Drive,
Mt. Richon,
9399 2349

Sunday 8th November
10am to 2pm
Bring Friends & Family
ALL WELCOME