Dear Parents and Staff

Teaching is one of those professions that you cannot be a part of unless you are absolutely dedicated, passionate and rock solid in your vocation. It is most definitely a ‘labour of love’ that carries us through the most difficult times. It is also often a thankless task where the problems of society are attributed to what happens in schools. Every day, teachers work over and above their hours of duty, giving everything they have for their students and in service to their school community. And what makes it all worthwhile? Our students and families.

It is those special moments when you know you have helped a child to finally grasp a new and challenging concept, or a sincere thanks from a parent who has come to you for help and support.

Every now and then, something happens in our lives that causes us to stop and reflect upon that is happening around us. How easy it is to lose sight of the really important things. If we have health, happiness, family and faith we are truly blessed. Let us stop some time this week to consider all those in our world who not as fortunate in this regard. In our community of Notre Dame, we are truly blessed!

I asked for strength and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.
I asked for wisdom and God gave me problems to solve.
I asked for prosperity and God gave me brawn and brain to work
I asked for courage and God gave me dangers to overcome.
I asked for patience God placed me in situations where I was forced to wait.
I asked for love and God gave me troubled people to help.
I asked for favours and God gave me opportunities.
I received nothing I wanted.
I received everything I needed.
My Prayers Have Been Answered.
Catholic Schools’ Performing Arts Concert
Congratulations to our school choir and dance group who performed throughout the week. It is very pleasing to report that both groups received excellent results on their performances. Well done to you all.

Upcoming Father’s Day Breakfast
Sunday 6 September, is Father’s Day – a very significant day as we all know. To recognize the occasion, we would like to encourage all dads to join us on Friday 4 September for a sausage sizzle breakfast at school. Invitation flyers were sent home earlier in the week. For catering purposes please return the reply slip back to school as soon as possible.

‘Books Light Up Our World’
Just a reminder that Book Week is coming up. The theme for Book Week this year is “Books Light up our World”. A number of exciting activities have been planned for the students throughout the coming week. On Friday 28 August, all students and teachers are asked to come dressed as their favourite book character. Parents and friends are encouraged to come and witness this colourful event. Please join us for a special Book Week Assembly in the multi-purpose hall commencing at 8.40am.

School Fees
Final school fee statements and reminders have been forwarded to parents. Prompt payment is greatly appreciated. Please contact the school office if you wish to discuss your statement with Mr David Shumack.

All parents and carers are invited to attend tomorrow morning’s school assembly. The Year 5P students, along with their teacher, Mrs Bradshaw, are very keen to share their learning about the Philippines and many more exciting things that they have been doing in class. Morning assembly will commence at 8.40am in the multi-purpose hall.

Wishing you all a wonderful week.
God Bless

Velma Erskine
Acting Principal
Pre-Primary
In PrePrimary this term we have been travelling to parts of Asia. So far we have been to Japan and India and this week we are heading to Indonesia.

When we visited Japan we were very lucky Lara’s Mum, Mrs Yoko Ionata, and Mrs Naoko Koizumi came in and we learnt how to make Tsu ki mi da n go (Mochi). We really loved eating them especially dipping them into maple syrup and Japanese soy sugar. For art we made carp fish kites and Kokeshi paper dolls.

When we visited India we made Indian rangoli pictures. Did you know Rangoli is “the expression of artistic vision through the joyful use of colour.” We think ours are very colourful.

Miss Andrews and Mrs Millard
BOOK WEEK 2015

Dress up as your favourite book character on Friday

Week 6, 24–28 August, 2015

Bring your book in on the day
**Jump Rope for Heart**
The Jump Rope program has been running for the past four weeks and the kids are really starting to hone their skills and are exhibiting great confidence, as well as having a lot of fun at the same time.

A note will be sent home this week about the jump off date for each year group. Please feel free to email me if you have any specific questions about the day.

Congratulations to all our fantastic students doing a brilliant job of fundraising for this great initiative. We even have one fantastic student who has raised over $1000 already...he will definitely be hard to beat! We are halfway to our goal of $4000 so keep skipping and keep donating! If you would like to donate to the cause then please click this link and register - https://jumprope.everydayhero.com.au/event/JumpRope2015-NotreDameSchool-115756.

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.

**Sporting Schools**
The Sporting Schools Programs is well and truly up and running. It has been great to see so many children involved this term. Term 4 programs will be announced soon. Please check the newsletter to keep up to the date.

Brett Webb
Physical Education Teacher

**CANTEEEN NEWS**

Next week’s canteen roster

- **Monday 24 August:** Luan Dique
- **Wednesday 26 August:** Dorina Hortin
- **Friday 28 August:** Dorina Hortin

Once again if you are able to help in the canteen come see me on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Your help would be appreciated.

Hope to see you soon.

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**

19 days to go
PARISH NEWS

Dates to Remember

5 September
Confirmation Mass for Yr 6 candidates
(Notre Dame Catholic Primary School)
to be officiated by Bishop Sproxton

11-13 September
Canonical Visit Notre Dame Parish by Bishop Sproxton

Notre Dame Catholic Church
Celebrating 55th Anniversary
(1960-2015)

Tuesday 8 September
Feast of Our Parish
High Mass at 6.30pm officiated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe
(followed by light supper - please bring a plate)

Parish Dinner/dance - Saturday 19 September (Celebrating 55th Anniversary 1960-2015)
The Notre Dame community is invited to join in the celebration at the Belmont Sports and Recreation Club, cnr Abernethy and Keane Street, Belmont at 7.00pm. Tickets on sale at ALL WEEKEND MASS $30.00 each or $50.00 per couple. Roast dinner, sweets, coffee and tea included in the price of the ticket. Strictly NO BYO. Drinks at bar prices. This is an adults only function. STRICTLY NO DOOR SALES AS IT IS A CATERED FUNCTION.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Kewdale Little Athletics Club - Attention all 6-17 year olds!
The 2014-2015 WA Little Athletics season commences in early October. New competitors are invited to attend the Gerry Archer Athletic Centre, located on the corner of Leach Highway and Abernethy Road, Cloverdale for National Registration Day on Saturday 5 September 2015 between 10am and 1 pm.

This is an exciting, safe and cost effective sporting environment to keep your child happy and fit.

For further information call either the President Mark Ninnyett on 0411285273. Registrar Karen Winterburn on 0439906112 or email admin@klac.asn.au

Vic Park Phoenix Little Athletics Club (boys & girls 5-17)
sprints— mid-distance—race walks—hurdles—long jump—triple jump—shot putt—discus—javelin

Training: commences 8 September 2015 4pm-5pm every Tuesday and Thursday, East Victoria Primary School

$180.00 Membership Fee. Family discounts. Telephone 0407082794. vicparklac.org.au vplacreg@gmail.com
Cuddles School Holiday program
For details check the noticeboard or www.cuddleschildcare.com.au.
Carlisle: 94724702 Bertram: 94191844 St James 93584673

CITY OF BELMONT
Protective Behaviours Education Workshop
How Do I Keep My Child Safe?

Free Education Parent Workshop with Presenter
Holly-Ann Martin from Safe4Kids

The City of Belmont invites community members and stakeholders to come along to one or more of the Safe4Kids Workshop.

Protective Behaviours is a personal safety program teaching empowerment, communication, self-esteem, resilience, social skills and other life skills to children from birth to 12 years.

Learn the skills to teach your child the language and principles of protective behaviours, which helps children identify unsafe situations and arms them with the tools to seek appropriate assistance or protect themselves.

Workshops are on the following days:

**Safe4Kids Workshop**
Protective behaviours Education
**English as a Second Language**
Date: Tuesday, 8 September 2015
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm
Venue: Forster Park Community Centre
Cnr of Kean Street/Abernethy Rd
Cloverdale WA 6105

**Safe4Kids Workshop**
Protective behaviours Education
Mainstream Workshop
Date: Thursday, 10 September 2015
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Venue: Function Room, City of Belmont Civic Centre
215 Wright Street
Cloverdale WA 6105

All of the workshops are open to the public

Please RSVP your attendance by Tuesday, 1 September 2015 or if you have any queries please contact, Andi Dackins, Youth and Community Projects Coordinator
Email: andi.dackins@belmont.wa.gov.au or by phone: 9477 7141.