Dear Parents and Staff

Yesterday at 11.00am we all gathered to remember the many Australians who have died in wars so that we may experience the freedom and lifestyle that is so typically Australian. During the short ceremony the Last Post was played and we observed a minute’s silence, Mrs Flack read the Ode and a group of Year 5 children recited John McCrae’s poem *In Flanders Field*. The third verse of this poem sends us a very clear message about our responsibility to protect and preserve what so many women and men have fought for and continue to fight for today.

\[\begin{align*}
\text{Take up our quarrel with the foe:} \\
\text{To you from failing hands we throw} \\
\text{The torch; be yours to hold it high.} \\
\text{If ye break faith with us who die} \\
\text{We shall not sleep, though poppies grow} \\
\text{In Flanders fields.}
\end{align*}\]

**PRC VEGAS NIGHT**

What a fabulous community evening we had last Saturday. From the moment of arriving and having the paparazzi take a snap of you with the vintage car on display it was obvious we were all in for a fun-filled night. The PRC has an article about the evening in today’s newsletter so I won’t steal any more of their thunder but I will take this opportunity to congratulate them for organizing such a wonderful evening that was obviously enjoyed by all who attended.

**ASSESSMENTS**

Throughout the year teachers continually assess the children’s progress and twice yearly Standardised Assessments in Literacy and Numeracy are administered in PP – Year Six. The first of these assessments was in first term and the second are currently being conducted. Whilst important, these assessments are only a component of the information that teachers use when compiling children’s Semester Reports. They do, however, provide us with significant information about the children’s overall progress throughout the year.
**MEETINGS**

Thank you to the many Year 5 & 6 parents who came to the meetings last night about Camp, the Leadership Programme and Family Life Education. I hope you found all of the meetings to be fruitful, providing a better understanding of the events and programmes that the children will be involved in later this year and early next year. A special thank you to Daniela Boyle and Adam Seers for the time and effort that they have already put into ensuring that the children have a fun-filled, exciting, educational experience on camp in Albany next year.

**REMINDER**

The AGM of the School Board and presentation of reports by the PRC will be held on Wednesday 25 November at 6.00pm in the school library. Nomination forms for School Board membership accompanied last week’s newsletter or may be collected from the school office. If you require information about School Board membership I am happy to discuss this with you.

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![Junior Swim Fun Day](image)

**Junior Swim Fun Day**  
**Friday 20 November**  
**at Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre**  
**PP-Yr 3**

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Darryl Winsor  
Principal

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**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER**

Footsteps dance for Years 2-6

**WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER**

Interschool Spelling Bee

**TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER**

JUNIOR SWIM FUN DAY  
Year 5 Leadership Day

**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER**

Annual General Meeting  
6.00pm

**WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER**

Christmas Carols Concert  
Night 6.00pm
This term in Literacy we have been learning how to write fairy tales. First we had to plan out our stories and then we had a turn at writing our own. Here are some of ours.

**Elsa and Anna**
Once upon a time there were two sisters Elsa and Anna. They lived in a ice castle. Elsa did not want to live with Anna anymore so she froze her. Olaf said ‘that’s not very nice.” The wind was strong and the ice blew away. She unfroze and they lived happily ever after.

By Miranda

**The Dragon, Pinocchio and the Princess.**
Once upon a time there lived a boy called Ponocchio and a bad dragon. The boy lived in a castle and the dragon lived in a cave. The dragon had a Princess and Pinocchio tried to steal her. The dragon blew fire on him. He got burnt. The Princess put water on him and they lived happily ever after.

By Oscar

**King and Princess**
Once there was a Princess, a Fairy and a Fairy God Mother. They lived in a castle. The King and Princess lived in the castle. The King and the Princess got married. And they lived happily ever after.

By Anna
PARISH NEWS

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.

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

CHOIR NEWS

THERE WILL BE NO CHOIR PRACTICE
ON WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER
AT 8.00AM

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property box is overflowing! If you are missing any school uniform items, water bottle, lunch boxes etc. please check the Lost Property box near the administration office.

The Dragon that Lived in the Cave

In a gloomy cave lived a dragon, a wolf and a king.
The dragon found a magic lamp. He shrunk small as an ant.
The ant blew fire and then blew more fire and turned big again.
By Aden

Miss Andrews and Mrs Millard
Next week’s roster

Monday 16 November: Caroline Wyder
Wednesday 18 November: Michelle Thomas
Friday 20 November: Dorina Hortin

Just a reminder to the canteen volunteers to let me know if you can make our thank you evening on Wednesday 18 November at 6.30pm.

Hope to see you soon at the canteen

Kayleen McLean
Canteen Manager

Opening Times:

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

Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Coordinator

Reminder:
School Banking every Thursday.
Venue: Library
Time: 8.00am-8.30am
On behalf of the NDCPS Parent Representative Council Fundraising Committee, we would like to thank all those that attended the 'Vegas Games Night' fundraiser on Saturday 7 November. It was a great night and it was fantastic to see so many parents, friends and members of the wider school community dress up, have fun, play games, buy raffle tickets, get involved in the auctions and give so generously on the night. Thank you also to the Lathlain Function Centre team and the team from Monte Carlo Functions for hosting the night. The big night was made possible through all the very generous gifts, vouchers and services from businesses and families that supported the night by way of donations. The charitable spirit of giving surrounding this event was truly evident from so many.... Thank you. You helped create a wonderful event that was enjoyed by over 150 people on the night. We have raised approximately $10,000 and this money will now be used by the school to build the Nature Scape playground.
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.

Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre
The Belmont Oasis Leisure Centre will be holding a Community Open Day on Saturday 14th November between 12pm and 4pm during the month of the "LETS CELEBRATE BELMONT" Festival. There will be loads of free activities, entry is a Gold Coin donated to charity.

We are offering schools within the City of Belmont the opportunity to win prizes for your school. These memberships can be used as a fundraising prize or however you see fit.

The catch: to promote our event in the lead up, we will provide flyers for students.

On the day: we will record the number of people/families attending from your school. The school with the most numbers visiting us on our Open Day will receive the following prizes.

1st Prize: 1 x 12 month full centre membership
2nd Prize: 2 x 3 month full centre memberships
3rd Prize: 1 x 3 month full centre membership

(Full centre memberships include: pool spa & sauna, health club, all group fitness & aqua fitness classes)

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.