Dear Parents and Staff

Where has this Term gone? We’re already coming to the end of Week Six and, as there are only nine weeks, the end of Term is just around the corner. These first few weeks have been a whirlwind for me as I gradually learn the specific way that Notre Dame School operates.Hopefully, as time progresses, things will become more familiar. At the moment everything is happening for the first time for me and at times I feel a bit like a fish out of water. I am very thankful for the support that I have received from all members of our community in helping me to become acculturated to the idiosyncrasies of our school.

As we come to the end of the third week of Lent I would like to talk about the place of reconciliation and forgiveness. We know that Lent is a time of Penance, Prayer and Almsgiving all of which are important elements in assisting us to focus on the significance of this Season. However, without forgiveness we are not fulfilling our commitment as Christians.

Forgiveness does not come with any strings attached. It can’t go part of the way. To be truly authentic it must be complete and absolute. There are times when forgiveness is difficult and our pain and lack of trust colour our ability to give others another chance. The answer that Jesus gave to Peter when he asked about forgiveness should act as a guide for all of us.

‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times? ’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven I tell you, but seventy – seven times.’

Matthew 18 : 21 – 22
**Year 1M Assembly**
I’m really looking forward to seeing and hearing what the children from Miss Scoble’s class have prepared to entertain us at tomorrow’s assembly.

**Sad News**
It was with great sadness that I received the news that Sue McKinley’s father passed away suddenly last Friday night. Sue is an Education Assistant working in Year One. As a community we offer our prayers for Sue and her family at this most difficult time.

**Faction Swimming Carnival**
Our swimming carnival for the children in Years 4-6 commences at 9.40am at Bayswater Waves Aquatic Centre. All relevant details regarding the carnival are in Mr Webb’s article in this newsletter. All children are expected to return to school by bus at the conclusion of the carnival at approximately 2.15pm.

We wish all children a great day of fun and competition and thank Mr Webb for the many hours of work that he has out into preparing for the carnival.

**Year Four ICT Evening**
Thank you to the many parents who attended the laptop information evening last Monday. I’m sure you found the presentation by the Year Four Teachers, backed by the expertise of our ICT consultants from Catalytic IT, to be very helpful in managing your child’s use of the technology. Whilst you are better informed of the ways that you can modify your child’s laptop, it is important to remember that the best form of filtering is supervision.

**Three Way Interviews**
These will be held during the last two weeks of Term One. Teachers will post appointment sheets on the white board in front of administration office next Tuesday, 17 March. We are currently looking into methods for having these completed online but, unfortunately, these are not yet available.

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**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**FRIDAY 13 MARCH**
ASSEMBLY
YR 1M

**SUNDAY 15 MARCH**
Fourth Sunday of Lent

**MONDAY 16 MARCH**
Swimming Carnival - Yr 4-6
   Bayswater Waves

**TUESDAY 17 MARCH**
ND Torpedoes 7.10am
T20 Blast Cricket Carnival
Dance Rehearsal 3.05pm-4.00pm
PRC Meeting 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH**
Harmony Day Mass 8.45am

**THURSDAY 19 MARCH**
ND Torpedoes 7.10am

**FRIDAY 19 MARCH**
MERIT ASSEMBLY
National Day Against Bullying and Violence

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Darryl Winsor
Principal
Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you to all the families that attended the Reconciliation Parent Workshop last week. It was a truly wonderful workshop for the children and parents to prepare for this Sacrament of Healing. The sessions were interactive and informative and I thank Mrs Nicolle Achmad and Mrs Julie Pirie for their outstanding facilitation of this family-friendly workshop.

Lenten Season

As we are now in the holy Season of Lent it is a good time to reflect on our lives and the things we might like to achieve. A time to have a real look at ourselves and take stock of what we do well and what we could do without doing! Its also a good time to tend your personal vegetable patch.

The following reflection might give you some ideas...

THE GARDEN OF OUR DAILY LIVING:

Plant three rows of peas:
1. Peas of mind
2. Peas of heart
3. Peas of soul

Plant four rows of squash:
1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:
1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No garden is without turnips:
1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

To conclude our garden we must have thyme:
1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience & cultivate with love.
There is much fruit in your garden as you reap what you sow.
Harmony Day - 18 March 2015

A day to mark in our calendar is Harmony Day, which is on the 18th of March. To celebrate this day we are encouraging each family to bring in an artefact: such as clothing, stories, music or paintings that reflect your cultural background. This day will be an opportunity to experience, explore and appreciate the diverse background of the families in our school community.

One of our core values at Notre Dame is Justice. With Christ as our guide, our community commits to living justly by treating one another fairly, recognising and celebrating diversity and engaging in action for social justice. Take the time to talk with your child so they can share their cultural identity.

Carmel Cutri
Assistant Principal
Religious Education

CLASS NEWS

Year Five

What a fabulous start to the year we’ve had in Year Five! We have already completed our swimming lessons and we are all looking forward to our swimming carnival on Monday. Another exciting venture we have started this year is a buddy system with the Year One classes. We have teamed the Year Fives up with a Year One child and they have created presentations using their laptops about sea creatures and a recount of ‘The Rainbow Fish’.

A big focus in Year five this term has been persuasive texts. We are focusing on the big issue in Perth at the moment, which is whether or not Elizabeth Quay should continue with construction. The students have worked on some arguments for and against this issue and have come up with amazing reasons.

Some of these are:

• it will create over 10 000 jobs.
• it will attract thousands of tourists to Western Australia.
• it will be a family friendly place to dine and relax.

Some students however, disagree. They believe Elizabeth Quay will:

• create traffic chaos in the Perth CBD
• waste billions of dollars that can be better spent in education.
• human hands are destroying God’s creation

As the Year Threes are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Year Fives have also been reflecting on their choices in their lives. As it is Lent, the students need to identify what they have done wrong or what may have caused others harm. We look forward to presenting Harmony Day Mass next week, all are welcome!

Miss Cutri, Mr Safe and Mrs Bradshaw
GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Tuesday, 10 March the Year 6 Student Leaders together with Mr Seers and Mrs Boyle, went to The Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre to attend the GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. The conference taught the leaders the importance of being a leader, the ways we can stand up for one another and how to put a plan into action.

We also had the opportunity to talk to other students from other schools and share our ideas with one another. We learnt that we could be generous with our time by taking the time to listen to others, treasuring each others ideas and talents and helping one another to put these ideas into action. While we were there, we filled out a booklet with different activities and participated in amazing fun filled activities.

We also learnt what the acronym GRIP stands for:

G - Generosity!
R - Responsibility! Integrity!
P - People!

We all had a wonderful time learning about the qualities of a leader and the importance of being strong leader at Notre Dame Catholic Primary School.

By Sarmara D’Monte and Kanya Arunkumar
SPORTS NEWS

**NDCPS Torpedoes Swimming Squad (No Training next Tuesday 17 March)**
Due to the swimming carnival Monday there will be **no training next Tuesday 17 March**. The last swimming squad session for the year will be the following Tuesday 24 March due to the Interschool Carnival being held on Thursday 26 March.

**2015 Senior Swimming Carnival - Bayswater Waves - Monday 16 March**
The Senior Swimming Carnival will be held at Bayswater Waves next Monday. Please ensure your child has everything they need for the day (hat, sunscreen, bathers, faction t-shirt, recess, lunch & water bottle). If there are any outstanding permission forms then please hand them into Mr Webb ASAP. A copy of the carnival program has been placed on class Edmodo sites, as well as the School website. A reminder that only students competing in 50m or open events will be considered for interschool selection, as well as champion boy & girl.

**2015 Interschool T20 Blast Cricket Carnival - 17 March**
Notre Dame will be taking part in the first annual Interschool T20 Blast Cricket Carnival, being held at Fletcher Park, on the 17 March. Select students from Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in the day. The carnival will run from 9:30am - 2:15pm. Permission forms have been sent out and need to be in ASAP. If you would like to help out on the day then please come and see me.

Brett Webb
Physical Education Coordinator

HOMEWORK CLUB

**REMINDER**

Homework Club will be cancelled in Weeks 8 and 9 due to three-way interviews.

CANTEEN NEWS

Thanks once again to all the lovely people who have put their names down to volunteer in the canteen your help is appreciated.

Keep an eye out for our random canteen recess specials this year. This weeks will be pikelets on Wednesday 18th March 20c each with a maximum of 3 per child, these are only available at recess. Please remember, Pre Primary students are not allowed to purchase icy poles, only students from year one onwards are able to buy these treats and only at lunch time.

**Next weeks roster**
- Monday 16 March: Caroline Wyder
- Wednesday 18 March: Ranee Kaszynski
- Friday 20 March: Dorina Hortin

Thanks
Kayleen McLean
UNIFORM

Uniform Shop opening times are
Thursday 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Friday 8.15am to 10.30am

Thank you.
Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

Notre Dame Catholic Primary School is a **Nut Aware School**. Parents please be aware if you are planning on providing birthday treats i.e. cupcakes for your child’s class, liaise with the class teacher to check for food allergies that may exist in the year level.

PRC

**PRC Meeting**

The first PRC meeting of 2015 was convened on Tuesday 17 February. Following is a list of the primary discussions held and decisions made:

- Opening address by Mr Winsor – emphasised the desire to develop strong relationships with the children, staff, parents and school board.
- Current PRC bank account balance $53,974.
- More parent helpers required in the canteen please.
- Committee membership decided – Education, Social, Fundraising.
- Fundraising committee raised $22,360 in 2014. All requests on the 2014 wish list can be fulfilled – iPads for Kindergarten, classroom blinds, literacy equipment, library books, art supplies, sand toys, dance costumes.
- Items for 2015 wish list from staff to be brought forward to PRC and School Board.
- Classroom technology needs to be reviewed.
- PRC Representative to the School Board voted upon. Successful appointee is Mrs Tanya Steele.
- In order to improve communication with the wider community the PRC meeting minutes to be displayed on noticeboard outside office. Dot points of main topics discussed to be published in newsletter.
- PRC meetings open to all parents, as all are members.
- The purchase of school AFL jumpers was discussed. WAFL grant also sought to subsidise costs. Uniforms for other sporting codes can be considered – soccer, netball.

**Expenditure Agreed**

$500 toward the purchase of school AFL jumpers.

Julie-Anne Beasley
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NOTRE DAME COOKBOOK

Back by popular demand, “Around Our Table” our community cookbook is available for sale at the affordable price of $25.

If you would like to take a box of books to sell in your workplace or that of any family member, then please let me know (cash up front is not required).

Extra copies can also be purchased by credit card online at the following link http://www.trybooking.com/GKDU (for next day delivery to your child’s class) or cash through the school administration office.

Julie-Anne Beasley
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MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Breakfast Ideas

Children should eat a healthy nutritious breakfast to give them the energy they need for the school day. Ideally breakfast should include fruit or vegetables, a dairy product (or alternative) and a wholegrain product. Here are some breakfast ideas:

- Raisin bread or fruit loaf topped with ricotta cheese and fruit
- Porridge, made with milk and topped with berries or chopped banana.
- Fruit smoothies, made with milk, yoghurt, soft fruit and wheatgerm or psyllium.
- Wholegrain muffin (topped with cheese and tomato) and a piece of fruit.
- Yoghurt topped with cereal and chopped or pureed fruit.
- Baked bean with wholegrain toast and a glass of milk.
- Toasted bagel with avocado and a glass of milk.
- Wholegrain toast, spread with a small amount of jam or honey and topped with sliced banana and a small yogurt tub.
- If you’re in a hurry, grab a piece of fruit, a cheese stick and some low fat crackers.

Go to www.nutritionaustralia.org for more healthy breakfast ideas.
Notice of change to PFFWA Constitution

The Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia is proposing a minor change to their Constitution to alter the number of required general meetings each year from eight (8) to 4 (four). This change will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 27 May.

Rationale for change:

1. The ability to communicate with Councillors between face-to-face meetings has become increasingly easier and more convenient
2. Councillors tend to be active on other committees within their school and community and one less meeting per term makes it easier for them to contribute to their other commitments.
3. It assists both in time away from home and meeting the cost of travel for country-based Councillors
4. It still provides the ability to have more meetings should they be required

A detailed notice of the change can be accessed on our website, www.pff.wa.edu.au. Should you have any queries, please contact Shelley Hill, PFFWA Executive Officer on 9271 5909 or execoff@pff.wa.edu.au

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Get Active Project
Aboriginal Swimming Lessons - Registration now open
Children from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage attempting stages Beginner 1, 2 and 3 are welcome.
Where: Cannington Leisureplex Centre
Cost: $20.00 ($2.00 per lesson)
When: Tuesday evenings for 10 weeks commencing April 28
Time: 30 minutes lessons
       between 3.30pm and 5.00pm

To register via email to GetActive@communicare.org.au or call 9251 5722