Dear Parents and Staff

Our Feast Day - The Birthday of Mary, Mother of Jesus

Yesterday, we celebrated the birthday of Mary, the Mother of Jesus - our school Feast Day. We do not usually celebrate the birthdays of saints, instead we celebrate the day they died because that is the day they are born into the joys of heaven. But the birthday of Mary, our Mother, is an exception. We celebrate her birthday because she was a very special person who was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus. Mary was an only child. She grew up loving God very much. As the mother of Jesus, she was with him when he was born in a stable, she found Him when he was lost in the temple, she was with Him when he was crucified on the cross and she was in the upper room when He rose from the dead at Easter.

The feast day of the Birthday of Mary, Mother of God is a significant day for us as a school. Our Blessed Mother has many titles, but the greatest title of all is Mother of God. Mary is mother to all saints and the Mother of the Church. We honour Mary for giving us Jesus and ask our Mother to help us to be her faithful children and followers of her Son. We honour Mary best, by imitating her virtues: her openness to God, her faithfulness, her humility and her concern for others.

The following prayer helps us to reflect on Mary’s life and the example she is for all of us.

Dear Lord,
We pray that we will have the same faith and trust as Mary.
Help us to know what you want us to do Lord, and give us the courage to follow your will.
Mary answered God’s call and became the mother of Jesus.
We pray that we will listen to God’s call and, like Mary, say ‘Yes’ to Him.
Jesus was always the centre of Mary’s life.
May Jesus be as important in our own lives.
Mary’s love and faith supported Jesus throughout His life.
Bless our own mothers who love and support us in everything we do.
May Mary’s life and her reward at the end of her life, guide us and encourage us to be people of faith.
May we follow the example of Mary and all the saints in living lives of faith and trust.
Help us to have the faith and commitment of Mary.
Listen to our prayers loving God, so that, like Mary we might find hope and comfort in you.
Amen
Father's Day Breakfast
It was great to see so many dads at our 'Father's Day Breakfast' last Friday morning. We hope all dads enjoyed the opportunity to share a special time with their child/ren as well as catch up with a few of the other dads within the school. A special thank you to the school staff that assisted with the breakfast. Some of the staff were at school as early as 6am cooking for the occasion. It was tremendous to have this level of support. Well done!

Confirmation
Last Saturday our Year 6 students received the Sacrament of Confirmation in what was a very special and memorable ceremony. The celebration was the culmination of many weeks of preparation, which involved religious education lessons, student retreats and parent meetings. We recognise and thank the many people who have been involved in the candidates’ preparation.

Bishop Sproxton, who conducted the ceremony on Saturday and ensured it was meaningful to the students and their families and to Fr Nelson for his assistance.
Miss Carmel Cutri, who coordinated the Confirmation program this year.
The Year 6 teachers, Mrs Boyle, Mr Seers and Mrs West who have been involved in every aspect of the preparation of the Confirmation students. They are to be congratulated on their excellent efforts.
Mr Alessio Loiacono and the members of the school choir who enhanced the Confirmation ceremony with their singing.

Crazy Hair and Crazy Sock Day
A huge thank you to all of the children and teachers who joined in today's fun of Crazy Hair and Crazy Sock Day. It was great to see so many strange hairdos (I did notice the wigs and hats coming off the teachers fairly early in the day – lots of head scratching, too). Congratulations to the Year 6 Social Justice Ministry that organised and co-ordinated the day. The school raised $338.20 for the Catholic Missions.

Spelling Bee
Tonight, the Year 3 to Year 6 children will be participating in the Notre Dame Catholic Primary School Spelling Bee Competition. There are 12 very dedicated and talented spellers competing for winner and runner up positions. Many thanks to the following staff members who have organised and assisted with tonight's Spelling Bee: Miss Amanda Sagrera, Miss Gollner, Mrs Jennings, Mrs Achmad, Mrs Tampalini, Mrs Smith, Miss Smith, Mrs Davidson, Mrs Hennessy, Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Bordoni.
Competitions will take place in the multi purpose hall.
Time slots are:

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Children are required to be at the venue 10 minutes prior to their time slot. Presentations for each year group will be at the conclusion of each time slot.

The winner, runner up and third place of these competitions will then compete in the Southern School’s Interschool Spelling Bee to be held on Wednesday 18 November at Yidarra Catholic Primary School, Bateman.

It is a very exciting time for these students and we wish them all the best.

Wishing you all a wonderful week.
God Bless.

Velma Erskine  
Acting Principal

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**STAFF NEWS**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Velma Erskine as the Short Term Principal of St Luke’s Catholic Primary School in Woodvale. This will be a six-month secondment for Term Four of 2015 and Term One of 2016.

On behalf of the Notre Dame community, I congratulate Velma on this appointment and know that she will excel in this position.

Carmel Cutri  
Assistant Principal
Year 2 News

This term, we have been studying India. We have learned some amazing things. Mrs Smith came in and showed us how to wear a sari. We researched and wrote about Mother Teresa and what a wonderful person she was. She loved God so much and devoted her life to caring for the poor in India.

We explored items and artifacts that come from India. We discussed what they were used for and the importance of them in Indian culture.

In art, we talked about the importance of henna in the Indian culture. It is used as a decoration for special ceremonies and celebrations. Then we created our own designs and decorated a hand shape. We learned about the Taj Mahal. We looked at images of this beautiful building and then re-created our own Taj Mahal.

In health, we have been learning about healthy food choices. For our news, we had to create a healthy snack and explain to the class how we made it and why it is so healthy. Mrs Hennessy brought in her Nutri Bullet and some amazing fruit and we blended it to make a delicious fruit smoothie. We are all trying to make good choices with what we eat.
SPORTS NEWS

Sporting Schools Program
The Term 3 programs are coming to an end next week. It has been fantastic to see the interest in the school community and the involvement of the students this term. It is a really great initiative and we will be continuing with these programs next year.

Term 4 programs are below. Sign up sheets will be available next Monday 14 September in admin.

Tuesday Afternoon: Badminton 3.10pm - 4.00pm (Year 1-3)
Wednesday Morning: Tennis 7:10am - 8.05am (Year 4 - Year 6)
Thursday Morning: Basketball 7:10am - 8.05am (PP - Year 2)

Students who haven’t been involved in the program will get priority. The programs again will be capped at 20 students per session. If spots are not all filled by next Wednesday then students who have participated in the program are eligible to sign up for next term.

Jump Rope for Heart
Congratulations to all students involved in the program this year. We raised over $4000, which is fantastic! Well done to all families that were involved in supporting this great initiative. It was fantastic to see so many parents joining in our jump off day events held during class sport time last Friday. As mentioned before, all main prizes will be donated to a local kids charity, however students who raised money will receive a skipping rope as an appreciation for their efforts. Myles Fernandes-Dodsley will receive a prize for his fantastic fundraising efforts of $1270! Well done to all of our fundraisers, and remember...keep on skipping!

Athletics Carnival (Jumps & Throws - Wed 16 September)
Notes for Year 4-6 will be sent out this week regarding our Jumps and Throws Carnival that will be held at the school Wednesday 16 September. These notes will need to be handed in ASAP. Testing for this carnival will be completed in P.E lessons this week. The top 10 boys and girls from each year group will compete on the day. If your child is not competing on the day then they will be competing in team games and running events for our main carnival at Ern Clark (24 September). Top 10 boys and girls results will be published on class Edmodo sites, as well as copies left in administration. The jumps and throws results will be combined with our main carnival at Ern Clark and all presentations will be done at Ern Clark. Please email me if you have any queries about the day.

Mr Webb
Physical Education Teacher

Woolworths Earn & Learn
Thank you for your wonderful support.

If you have any stickers please hand them to the front office by Friday 11 September.
MUSIC NEWS

Well done to all our choir members who were present to lead the singing at the Confirmation Mass last Saturday evening. You did a great job and your singing was very prayerful and inspirational. I am very proud of you all as I received many compliments on your singing. It is important that the school choir leads the singing for Sacraments Masses such as Confirmation as the parish school is an integral part of the parish and the educational arm of the parish. The children also did a wonderful job of leading the singing at our school feast day Mass celebration on Wednesday morning.

Next week I will send home the certificates and reports from the Performing Arts Festival for the Year 3 class and the school choir.

Mr Alessio Loiacono
Music Specialist

CANTEEN NEWS

Next week’s canteen roster

Monday 14 September: Caroline Wyder and Gricelda Rodriguez
Wednesday 16 September: Dorina Hortin
Friday 18 September: Dorina Hortin

I would like to send a special thank you to the lovely people who helped prepare 500 sausages and buns for the Notre Dame Feast Day Lunch, everything ran smoothly and an extra special THANKS to Dorina Hortin who brought along her husband, son and mother to help.

Hope to see you soon.

Kayleen Kayleen McLean
Canteen Manager
PRC NEWS & THE PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (PRC) INVITE YOU TO OUR SCHOOL FAMILY EVENT FRIDAY 18 SEPT MOVIE NIGHT GATES OPEN @ 5:30PM FILM BEGINS: 6:30PM GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY ON SCHOOL GROUNDS Rated: PG

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE PER PERSON

Soft drinks, icecream, tea and coffee available for purchase.

Designated seating areas will apply: - Low beach chairs (without legs), cushions, blankets, beanbags and rugs preferred. Full-height chair: you will be directed to sit behind or to the side of all other patrons, so as not to obstruct viewing. Thank you for your understanding.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE TEA, COFFEE AND ICE-CREAM AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE OR BRING YOUR PICNIC BASKET
Parent Representative Council (PRC) presents

**VEGAS GAMES NIGHT**

Date: Saturday, 7th November 2015  
Venue: Perth Football Club, Lathlain Park  
Time: 7.30pm - 11.30pm  
Cost: $25.00 per person

Cocktail Food Provided - Full bar available to purchase drinks.  
**DRESS: VEGAS THEME**

**VEGAS GAMES**

* Blackjack  - Beat the Banker  * Roulette  - Dice  
* Card Horse Race  * Chocolate Wheel

**PLUS**

*SILENT AUCTIONS  - BIG ITEMS  * RAFFLES  
LOTS OF OTHER GAMES  * PRIZES*

DON'T MISS THIS FUN NIGHT TO SUPPORT THE SCHOOL  
WE ARE RAISING FUNDS FOR THE NEW  
NATURE PLAYGROUND BEING BUILT IN LATE 2015.

Adults only Event 18+

Total number of tickets required: ____________ @ $25 each.

Amount: ____________________ cash.

If paying by credit card, please order and pay online at


Name: ____________________________________________

Email/Phone Number: _______________________________

Eldest Child’s Name: __________________________ Class: ___________________

Please submit your order form, along with cash payment, in an envelope to the school administration office.  
THANK YOU!
COMMUNITY NEWS

Mercedes College Open Day
Saturday 12 September / 11am – 1.30pm
Join us on Open Day and take a tour of the College, visit learning areas, see displays and engage in interactive activities. Refreshments provided. Street parking available.

A Presentation by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB
Title: ‘Catholic Schools Today - What is the Point?’
Venue: Thomas More Exhibition Centre, John XXIII College, Mt Claremont
Date: Wednesday 16 September
Time: 7.00pm-8.30pm
Cost: Free
Bookings via Trybooking
RSVP Murray Graham 93830444 or graham.murray@johnxxiii.edu.au

Cloverdale Comets Tee-ball
Are you looking for a team sport over summer? Cloverdale Comets Tee-ball Club will be holding its final registration day at Miles Park Clubrooms this Saturday - 12 September from 1.30pm-3.30pm. Register in person or download the registration form the website. There is a discount on fees for registrations made by 12 September and a special tee-ball pack for new 4-5 year old players. For further information please visit our website: www.cloverdalecomets.com.au or email or contact Deb Taylor - registrar@cloverdalecomets.com.au or mobile 0417 175 774.

TEEBALL

Tee-ball cost - $100 per player ($30 deposit payable on registration)

Save $20!
If you register & pay in full by 12 September you only pay $80.

Bring a friend to join!

Registration fee includes: Team shirt for games, pants, trophy, team photo, fun-filled windup & insurance.

Season starts October 2015, with a Christmas Break, concluding end of February 2016.

Age Groups: Registrations can be made for children of Kindy age through to Year 7.

All games are played on a Saturday morning, with one training session per week (usually Tuesdays) at Miles Park, Cloverdale.

Exciting new partnership to offer specialised diamond sports training for tee-ball players this season!!

Sunday 2 August 2015
11:30am - 3.30pm
Garvey Park, Avon Descent
Junior Sports Expo

Saturday 8 August 2015
9:00am - 4.30pm
Belmont Forum Shopping Centre

Saturday 12 September 2015
1.30pm - 3.30pm
Miles Park Clubrooms

** Minis Tee-ball **
This season we will once again be offering modified tee-ball for younger players to teach the basics of the game.

All “Minis” players who register and pay in full by 12 September will receive a special Minis tee-ball kit valued at $35 as well as a club hat for just $80.

Women's softball - players welcome
We have women's softball teams that play in a summer social competition in Langford on Friday/Monday evenings. If you are interested in playing please contact a committee member.

All Tee-ball enquiries to:
Deb Taylor (Registrar) - 0417 175 774 or Olivia Mayo (President) - 0422 889 811
email: registrar@cloverdalecomets.com.au
www.cloverdalecomets.com.au
**Trinity College - Learn to Swim**

At Trinity College Swim School in East Perth enjoy small classes for a more personal and tailored swimming experience. Book now for January holidays and Term 1 2016.

For bookings and enquiries contact Nicole on SwimSchool@trinity.w.aedu.au as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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**Relationships Australia**

Parenting Between Cultures - Working with Migrant and Refugee Families.

The interactive workshop examines some of the issues that impact on migrant and refugee families and explores how workers can engage with families to provide support with parenting while considering their own cultural competence.

Activities:

Identifying and exploring issues that impact on parenting including:

- the refugee experience
- the changing status of men
- family and domestic violence

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West Leederville
22 Southport Street, car Cambridge Street

Wednesday 23 September 2015
Time 9.30am - 4.30pm
Fee: $165.00