Dear Parents and Staff

As I gaze into the night,
Down the future of my years,
I'm not sure I want to walk
Past horizons that I know.
But I feel my spirit called
Like a stirring deep within
Restless 'til I live again
Beyond the fears that close me in.

(Extract from Galilee Song by Fr Frank Andreson)

**GRADUATION**

Next Wednesday at Mass (8.45am) we will farewell our Year Six children as their time at Notre Dame comes to a close. My hope is that they will continue to be the wonderful children that they have been and that they take with them many fond memories of their Primary School years. Please remember the children, their families and their teachers in your prayers as they close one door and cautiously step through the next.

Morning tea will be held in the Multi-purpose Hall for the Year Six children and their parents immediately after the Mass.

**CONCERT**

We were blessed with near perfect weather for our Carols and Presentation of Awards Evening yesterday with all of the items completed just before light rain fell as we were packing up. Congratulations to all of the children for their wonderful performances. They were all bright and bubbly with great singing. This year we decided to make our own stage so that we have it for
WELCOME
I am very pleased to announce that Miss Alexandra Gerrard has been employed as our new Pre Primary teacher for 2016. Alexandra comes to us with very high recommendation and I am sure she will be a great asset to our school. I welcome Alexandra to Notre Dame and wish her happiness and success as a member of our community.

REPORTS
These will be available online tomorrow afternoon through this link: https://nds.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/
To access your child/ren's Report use the same Username and Password that you used for the mid-year Reports. If you experience difficulties please contact Imelda Tassone in the school office on 62727101.

TRANSITION
Between recess and lunch tomorrow the children will have the opportunity to move to their 2016 classes and meet with their new teachers.

FREE DRESS
To celebrate the end of our school year the children may wear neat casual clothes next Friday 11 December.

ABSENTEE
Administration has sent home follow-up letters for outstanding absentee notes, please make sure that all these notes are signed and returned back to the front office by Monday 7 December. Thank you the parents who have sent in their signed absentee notes.

2016 DATES
- **Monday 25 January** - Booklist pickup
  - Uniform Shop Open 12 noon-3.00pm
- **Wednesday 27 January** - Administration re-opens
- **Monday 1 February** - Students commence

Thank you to all of the staff for preparing the children so well and to Mr Alessio Loiacono who so ably coordinated the evening.

Students conclude
CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND AWARDS NIGHT

WONDERFUL ENTERTAINMENT
YEAR 2

This term has continued to be a very busy term for the year two classes. In Religion we have learnt about Advent. This is a time of waiting for the coming of Jesus. During this time we are trying really hard to be very kind and loving people. We also learnt the meaning of the Advent Wreath and have enjoyed seeing the Advent colours in our central courtyard garden.

The circle represents God’s everlasting love for us
Lilly Doyle

The four candles represent the four weeks that we wait for the birth of Jesus
Liam Wilson

The pointy leaves on the Advent Wreath represent the thorns Jesus had on his head when he was on the cross.
Geraldine Tetteh

The green of the Wreath reminds us that Jesus came to give life.
Sohum Khetarpal and Madeleine Soo

In health this term we have been learning about making healthy choices in our lives. I have learnt that it is important to eat a variety of food from all the food groups.
Phoenix Harrison

I have learnt that water is good for you because when you sweat you lose water so you need to fill your body up again.
Ashley Bitao

We should exercise for an hour everyday because it keeps our body fit and it helps us to concentrate at school.
Lucas Giangiulio

We should wash our hands after we go to the toilet so we get rid of the germs.
Celina Wyder

We are getting excited about performing at our end of year Christmas Concert. We are busy practising learning our moves for our dance and we hope that everyone enjoys our performance.

Year 2M and 2P wish everyone a very happy Christmas and safe holiday

Mrs Carlton, Mrs Hennessy and Mrs Donovan-Flintoff
On the 20 November, students from PP-Year 3 participated in the Junior Swim Day held at Belmont Oasis. This was a chance for our junior grades to get into the pool and have a bit of fun, whilst also showcasing all the new skills they have learnt as part of the in term swimming lessons in term 4. This year was structured differently, with each grade given their own time slot. It was fantastic to see so many parents coming down to see their children, as well as the amount of parent help. The year 6 faction captains were great role models for the kids on the day, providing help in the pool for the entire swim day. It was great to see so many or our junior students trying their hardest, but also with a smile on the face. Many thanks to the junior teaching staff for all your help with marshalling and supervising the children, as well as all of the parent helpers who assisted on the day.

**Sporting Schools (Week 8 - last week for all sessions)**
Week 8 marks an end to all sporting schools sessions for 2015. It has been such a great initiative providing students with an opportunity for before and after school sport options run by accredited coaches in each sporting field. We have been lucky enough to provide various sport classes over the past two terms. This will continue in 2016, with the hope of Notre Dame students being able to trial some new sports. Many thanks to Mrs Boyle & Miss Andrews for assisting with sessions this term.

**2015 Intraschool Tennis Tournament (Wednesday 25 November)**
Last Wednesday marked Notre Dame’s first Intraschool Tennis tournament, held at Belmont Tennis Club. As part of the new Tennis Australia grant, Notre Dame was provided with brand new Tennis equipment to use throughout the year. Year 4-6 students completed a 6-week tennis unit in PE lessons and students selected for the carnival were picked based on their participation and development throughout the 6 weeks. The day showcased some fantastic Tennis, with each student playing in at least 4 round robin matches, with finals between the top students of each group. There were some nail biting finishes in both the year 4 and 5 categories. The whole focus of the day was to get the students involved in meaningful single matches which is not possible to be done during PE lessons at school. Below are our Champion & R/Up students.

- **Year 4 Champ Girl** - Harmony Dique
- **Year 4 Champ Girl R/Up** - Ella Corbett
- **Year 4 Champ Boy** - Gion Escape
- **Year 4 Champ Boy R/Up** - Jaiden Brame
- **Year 5 Champ Girl** - Lesley-Ann Woods
- **Year 5 Champ Girl R/UP** - Brittany Rodrigues
- **Year 5 Champ Boy** - Sean Melvin
- **Year 5 Champ Boy R/UP** - Caleb Yende-Emoko
- **Year 6 Champ Girl** - Steph Lee
- **Year 6 Champ Girl R/Up** - Samara D’Monte

Well done again to all of the students who were involved in the day. Special thanks to Mrs Boyle who assisted on the day.

Brett Webb
Sports Coordinator
Year 1P and Year 1M
As part of Italian Cultural Program, the children from Year 1P and Year 1M at Notre Dame, participate in a variety of food activities. Students have been learning about the Italian gelato and all the Italian ice-cream flavours (gusti di gelato). The students have the opportunity to taste two Italian ice-cream flavours Straciatella and Fragola. The Children enjoyed the Gelato, it was Buonissimo!

Italian Teacher
Natascia Morlotti
Next week’s roster

Monday 7 December: Luan Dique & Caroline Wyder
Wednesday 9 December: Michelle Thomas & Kath Seinor
Friday 11 December: Dorina Hortin

Weekly recess specials
Monday 7 December: Popcorn cups 50c each, raspberry pikelets 20c each maximum 3 per child
Wednesday 9 December: Christmas jelly cups (red & green layered jelly with fruit) $1.00 each maximum 1 per child

Hope to see you at the canteen.

Kayleen McLean
Canteen Manager

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE FOR RETURN TOMORROW FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2015.

ANY ‘OLD RETURNS’ YOU MAY FIND AT HOME WILL BE WELCOME INTO THE LIBRARY ALSO.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

Mrs Judy Jedrzejewski
Library Officer

If you have placed an order for the summer uniform with the Uniform Shop earlier this year, they are now available for collection. A letter has gone home with your child in the last few weeks. I would appreciate if these can be collected before the end of term.

The Uniform Shop opening times are:
Tuesday 8.15am – 10.30am
Thursday 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Thank you.

Sharmane Dowse - Uniform Coordinator
PRC NEWS

The meeting scheduled for Tuesday 8 December has been CANCELLED.

SCHOOL BANKING

There will no banking next week. Banking will commence when school reopens in February 2016.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CITY OF BELMONT - CAROLS IN THE PARK
Friday 11 December, Venue: Faulkner Park, Time 6.00pm-9.00pm
Celebrate the spirit of Christmas at this year’s Carols in the Park. Bring the family and a picnic blanket and sing along with the City’s local school students. Food and drinks will be available for purchase.