For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given......
and his name shall be called
Wonderful,
Counsellor,
The mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.
(Isaiah 9:6)

Dear Parents and Staff

The last week of the school year is a time of great excitement when the children and staff have an opportunity to celebrate their time together and all that they have achieved throughout the year. I’m sure all have enjoyed their fun excursion this week and will have a great final day tomorrow.

Whilst the children’s year concludes tomorrow the staff will be here next week reviewing our year and planning for 2016.

GRADUATION

Yesterday’s Year Six Graduation Mass was a beautiful way to farewell the children from Notre Dame as they venture forward to many different High Schools. The Year Six teachers, Daniela Boyle and Adam Seers, spent many hours preparing the Mass and Graduation Ceremony and I thank them for the wonderful occasion that we all were privileged to experience. After the Mass the children and parents were treated to morning tea prepared by our office staff Joanita Stapleton and Imelda Tassone.

Thank you to Joanita, Imelda, Daniela and Adam for providing such a fitting farewell for the children and to the parents for entrusting your children’s education to Notre Dame.
JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis has declared that 2016 will be the Jubilee Year of Mercy commencing on 8 December 2015. In his encyclical *Misericordiae Vultus*, which means the Face of Mercy, he invites us to contemplate the need for and meaning of mercy in our daily lives and the wider world:

> ‘Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy and His mercy endures forever. We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity and peace.’
> 
> *MV Pope Francis*

As the Charism at Notre Dame encompasses both the Presentation and Mercy orders of Sisters we will be arranging events throughout the year that focus on our Mercy roots and traditions.

UNIFORM

It is a condition of acceptance of enrolment at Notre Dame that children wear the correct school uniform. I have noticed recently that some children have not been wearing predominantly white sport shoes. I have checked with a range of stores that sell sport shoes and most have advised that they carry stocks of shoes that comply with our school policy. To clarify the situation, a small amount of colour, such as stripes down the side of the shoe is acceptable but the dominant colour is to be white. As many parents will be purchasing new shoes for next year please ensure that these comply with the school code as incorrect shoes will not be accepted in 2016.

THANK YOU

My first year at Notre Dame has been a journey of discovery as I learn about how things operate here. I thank the staff and parents for all of their support and patience as I have settled into this wonderful school. I look forward to the many opportunities that lie ahead with optimism and trust that we will all continue to work together to make Notre Dame the best school that it can possibly be.

Wishing all members of our community a Holy, happy and safe Christmas and a New Year full of joy and happiness.

Darryl Winsor
Principal
# CALENDAR DATES 2016

## TERM ONE 2016

- **Monday 25 January onwards**
  - Admin Office open
  - Uniform Shop open 12 noon-3.00pm
  - Booklist pickup 2.30pm-4.00pm
- **Tuesday 26 January**
  - Public Holiday - Australia Day
- **Thursday 28 January**
  - Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
- **Friday 29 January**
  - Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
- **Monday 1 February**
  - Start of Term 1 for students
- **Monday 7 March**
  - Public Holiday (Labour Day)
- **Friday 25 March**
  - Public Holiday - Good Friday
- **Monday 28 March**
  - Public Holiday – Easter Monday
- **Tuesday 29 March**
  - Public Holiday – Easter Tuesday
- **Friday 8 April**
  - End of Term 1 for students

## TERM TWO 2016

- **Monday 25 April**
  - Public Holiday – Anzac Day
- **Tuesday 26 April**
  - Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
- **Wednesday 27 April**
  - Start of Term 2 for students
- **Monday 6 June**
  - Public Holiday (WA Day)
- **Friday 1 July**
  - End of Term 2 for students

## TERM THREE 2015

- **Monday 18 July**
  - Start of Term 3 for students
- **Wednesday 21 September**
  - End of Term 3 for students
- **Thursday 22 September**
  - Pupil Free Day – Staff Professional Development
- **Friday 23 September**
  - Catholic Day – Staff

## TERM FOUR 2015

- **Monday 10 October**
  - Start of Term 4 for students
- **Friday 9 December**
  - End of Term 4 for students
- **Friday 16 December**
  - End of Term 4 for staff
2016 SACRAMENT DATES

SACRAMENTS

Sacramental Commitment Mass
- Saturday 27 February 6.00pm
- Sunday 28 February 10.00am

Year 3 Reconciliation Parent Meeting
- Thursday 3 March 6.00pm
- Saturday 12 March 6.00pm
- and Sunday 13 March 10.00am

Sacrament of Eucharist Commitment Mass
- Saturday 30 April 6.00pm
- Sunday 1 May 10.00am

Year 4 Eucharist Parent Meeting
- Thursday 12 May 6.00pm

Year 4 First Holy Communion
- Saturday 4 June at 6.00pm OR Sunday 5 June 10.00am
- Saturday 11 June at 6.00pm OR Sunday 12 June 10.00am
- Saturday 18 June at 6.00pm OR Sunday 19 June 10.00am

Sacrament of Confirmation Commitment Mass
- Saturday 30 July at 6.00pm OR Sunday 31 July at 10.00am

Year 6 Confirmation Parent Meeting
- Thursday 25 August at 6.00pm

Year 6 Confirmation
- Saturday 10 September at 6.00pm

NOTRE DAME CHURCH

CHRISTMAS MASS AT NOTRE DAME CHURCH

Thursday 24 December - Christmas Eve Mass

7.00pm Outdoor Vigil Mass (Notre Dame Catholic Primary School oval)
(Please bring your own chairs)

Friday 25 December - Christmas Day

8.00am and 10.00am Mass

PLEASE NOTE:
NO MIDNIGHT MASS AND NO 6.00PM EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.
YEAR 3

As the year comes to an end, we take time to reflect on the growth and development that the Year Three students have achieved this year. They have developed and grown into students who are reflective, independent and passionate about learning.

This term, they have been learning about Australian democracy and how rules and laws are formed in Australia. There were many interesting discussions about being ruler for a day.

Some of the students wanted to talk about issues happening in the world around them that had been portrayed on the news. We had classroom discussions about this and decided to sing ‘We are the World’ at our school awards evening.

The last few weeks we have been preparing for the Birth of Jesus through the season of Advent. The students learnt how to use their talents and skills to help others, as God wants. We have also enjoyed doing a few Christmas crafts over the last two weeks. We wish every family a happy and joyous Christmas.
It has been a very eventful and fruitful year for the choir. The children have led the music at our Wednesday school Masses and Confirmation. They have also participated in the Primary Choral sections of the Performing Arts Festival. Finally, the last two weeks have been very busy for the choir as they led the music for the Nativity play and community carols singing at our end of year concert last week, sang at the parish Senior Citizens Morning Tea and also led the music for our Graduation Mass yesterday. Participation in all these events takes hard work and commitment, and the children have demonstrated both attributes of an effective choir.

I would just like to highlight the choir singing Christmas Carols at the parish morning tea yesterday. This is my favourite choir activity of the year for several reasons. Firstly, it is an act of love and service and the children have to give of themselves for others. The smiles on the faces of those we sang for make it all the worthwhile. As it is an act of love and service, it is putting our faith and the words of Jesus in the Gospel into action. For he says “The Son of Man came to serve, not to be served” (Matthew 20:28). Finally, the Catholic school is the educational arm of the parish. The parish is not an addendum to the school, and so our singing yesterday is yet another way of the school working with the parish to spread Jesus’ work here on earth. I would also like to note and add my heartfelt gratitude to ShingleInn Café from the Belmont Forum, who donated the gifts the choir received for our singing on Tuesday. That was a very kind deed on their part.

I would like to thank all our choristers for their hard work this year and outstanding participation- I am extremely proud of you all. You have come a long way since February. Thank you to the parents for all the running around and sacrifices that you make to get you to all our rehearsals and events. I am extremely grateful to you all. Thank you to our two choir assistants Mrs Leoni Notte and Mrs Helen Flack. Both of these ladies have given so generously of their time to help the choir out and for this I am extremely grateful. Finally, thank you to our wonderful Parish Priest, Fr Nelson Po, who is always so supportive of me and the choir and what we try to do. He is always is a great source of encouragement to us which I greatly appreciated. To our three Year Six students in the choir, Michael Kurniawan, Abira Zhou and Alicia Notte, thank you for being a positive example to the rest of the choir. We are going to miss you next year. To everyone involved in the choir this year- students, parents and staff members...
The Uniform Shop will be open before school goes back on Monday 25 January 2016 from 12pm - 3pm.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective 1 March 2016, there will be a price increase on the items listed below. This is due to our suppliers increasing prices on these items as of July 2015.

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All other item costs will remain the same.

The good news is that you can call into the Uniform Shop before 1 March 2016 to purchase these items at the current price. You can find current uniform prices on the school website nds.wa.edu.au.

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator

Thank you for all the help my lovely volunteers have given me in 2015, without you the canteen would not run so smoothly nor would I be able to do the term specials.

Now I ask the Notre Dame community to once again think about volunteering for 2016. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are all welcome, come for half an hour or stay the day what ever time you can afford is appreciated.

The canteen menu will change slightly next year so you will need to check the web site or pick up a new menu once school resumes in 2016.

The canteen will be opening on the first day school commences and I have help for Wednesday 3 February and Friday 5 February however no one for Monday 1 February so if you are available please pop in.

Have a safe and fun filled festive season.

Kayleen McLean
NOTRE DAME
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
& THE PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (PRC)

INVITES YOU TO
OUR SCHOOL
FAMILY EVENT

DJ MUSIC &
ENTERTAINMENT

BOUNCY CASTLE

COFFEE/TEA & ICE-CREAM AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE

SUNDOWNER
WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, 12 FEBRUARY
5:00 – 8:00PM
ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

BRING ALONG YOUR
PICNIC BASKET, BLANKET
& CHAIRS!!

FRIENDLY REMINDER
Whilst this event is being
held at the school the PRC
remind you that it is your
responsibility to supervise
your children.
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST APPLICATION FORM

Poetry Writing Opportunity for the City of Belmont’s Multicultural Action Plan (MAP) 2016-2018

The City of Belmont is seeking five pieces of poetry written by primary or secondary school students in the Belmont area. The poetry will reflect the City’s cultural diversity and the inaugural Multicultural Action Plan (MAP) 2016-2018-Vision Statement*. The poetry will be used for the purpose and promotion of the City’s Multicultural Action Plan. Please refer to the 'Expression of Interest' application form for the selection criteria, terms and conditions and for further information.

About the City’s Multicultural Action Plan 2016-2018* - Vision Statement:

To work with the City’s diverse community to create an environment that recognises and promotes multiculturalism, inclusivity and social cohesion for all living and working in Belmont.

*The final draft of the Multicultural Action Plan is currently being reviewed by the City.

Selection Criteria
The following criterion is applicable for this poetry writing opportunity and must be addressed when completing this application form.

You must attend a primary or secondary school within Belmont.
Your poetry must reflect the City’s Multicultural Action Plan-Vision Statement as noted above.
Your poems should be a maximum of up to 200 words.
The application must be submitted on this ‘Expression of Interest Application’ form.
Your poems should capture your perceptions of your multicultural world; your hopes and aspirations.

In addition to reflect the City’s Multicultural Action Plan-Vision Statement, the following themes can also be considered for the poems:

- Tell us about you and your family's country of origin; ethnicity; heritage; religion; traditions and customs.
- Tell us about living in Belmont or migrating to and living in Australia.
- Tell us about your memories from different points in your lives or travelling experiences.
- Your vision for a multicultural city.
- What does multiculturalism mean to you?
- How do you define your culture?

Terms and Conditions:
1. Your poetry can be submitted in English or in another language (please provide a translation).
2. This ‘Expression of Interest’ is open to all primary and secondary students of all year groups in the Belmont area.
3. Applications are limited to only one poetry submission.
4. Your poetry can be completed in writing or alternatively in a printed document attached to the application form.
5. All applicants will be contacted and notified of the result. Unsuccessful applicants will be asked to collect your work by Friday, 4 March 2016.
6. A maximum of five poems will be selected and included in the City’s Multicultural Action Plan and will be used for associated promotional activities.
7. A $50 book voucher will be awarded to each student whose poem is selected.
8. Students whose poetry is successfully chosen will allow reproduction of their work for publicity and promotional purposes.
9. The successful students will be notified by Monday, 29 February 2016.

PARENT CONSENT FORM AND POETRY SUBMISSION FORM ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT OFFICE.
CARLISLE DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE

The Carlisle Dental Therapy will be closed from 11.00am Thursday 17 December, 2015 until Wednesday 27 January, 2016.

In case of emergencies on Friday 18 December, please contact Edney Dental Therapy Centre on 9454 4034 8.00am to 4.00pm

In case of emergency on Monday 21 December and Tuesday 22 December, please contact Queens Park Dental Therapy Centre on 9451 1015 (8.00am to 4.00pm).

Emergency dental treatment is also available at the Mt Henry Dental Therapy Centre, 43 Mt Henry Road, Salter Point Telephone 9313 0555 between the house 8.15am to 4.30pm excluding public holidays.

For emergencies outside these hours, please contact the Emergency service at the Oral Health Centre on 9325 3452 if eligible or your local private practitioner

Dental Staff Carlisle Dental Therapy Centre.