FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Staff

This year marks 170 years of the Sisters of Mercy in Australia. On Friday, January 9, 1846 Ursula Frayne and her six companions sailed up the Swan River from Fremantle to the young, struggling township which, in time, would become the modern vibrant, multi-cultural city of Perth. This is significant for Notre Dame as along with the Presentation Sisters, our school was also founded by the Sisters of Mercy.

Sisters of Mercy Blessing Prayer
May God’s blessing be upon us. Amen
May God’s light lead us in the way of righteousness. Amen
May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen

Ash Wednesday
Yesterday, we joined as a school and parish community for Ash Wednesday Mass. Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten season and is a time for us to focus intentionally on what helps or hinders our commitment to Christ. It is time to acknowledge our less than best choices and to reassert the presence of Christ in our lives. We can use this time to become more compassionate, more tolerant, more forgiving, more thoughtful of others; more everything that Jesus Christ was. It is time to look at the positive and look at how we bring joy to others.

Year 6 Camp
From all reports, our Year Six students are having a wonderful time at Camp Quaranup in Albany. There is no better opportunity, than through a camp environment, to provide children with a diverse range of individual and team building activities targeted at personal development.
Timothy Costelloe, Archbishop of Perth
Please see the message from Most Reverend Timothy Costelloe to all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Perth which is on the following page of the newsletter.

Commissioning Mass for Staff for 2016
Next Tuesday afternoon, the staff of Notre Dame will join all other staff members working in Catholic schools in our eastern region. We will celebrate Mass together and welcome all people new to Catholic Education in the diocese.

PRC
Our first PRC meeting for the year was held on Tuesday 9 February. If you are interested in joining the PRC for 2016, please return your nomination form. I’m looking forward to their first event tomorrow, the PRC Sundowner, from 5 – 8pm on the school grounds.

Health Care Card
A reminder to all Health Care (HCC) holders the final date for HCC applications is Friday 26 February 2016. If you are a Health Care Card holder you will need to reapply for the discounts to be applied in 2016. In accordance with Catholic Education Commission policy the school provides considerable assistance with tuition fees. Please note that the HCC discount applies to the HCC holder only. The discount is applied to the tuition fee component of the composite school fees. All other fees are payable.

Family Detail List
Parents are reminded that if there are any changes to the family contact or emergency, please forward the information to administration in person or via email admin@nds.wa.edu.au

Student Medical Details
Last week we forwarded the medical details the school currently have on file to the parents/guardians for changes and confirmation that the medical condition(s)/treatment is current. Please return this form as soon as possible with the necessary medication.

Unresolved Absentee from School
Please notify the administration office before 9.30am if your child is going to be late or absent from school. A written explanation must follow the telephone call on your child’s return to school. You may use the Absentee icon on our school website.

The Department of Education has informed schools to abide by the following criteria when accepting an email form parents/guardians regarding their child’s non-attendance at school. Emails can be sent to the school or class teacher: Name of student/class/roll of student/reason for the absence/full name of the parent or guardian at the end of the message. (the ‘from’ email address is not sufficient as it does not necessarily have the full name of the person sending it).

Carmel Cutri
Assistant Principal
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As I did last year I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and fulfilling 2016 as the new school year gets underway. In a special way I want to acknowledge all those who are joining our Catholic system for the first time. I hope you find your time with us to be richly rewarding.

In our Catholic world this year we are living a jubilee Year of Mercy, called for by Pope Francis. For that reason I want to invite all of you to put at the heart of your efforts this year this quality of mercy. No doubt "mercy" means different things to different people. In my own reflections I have come to think of it as being all about "large-heartedness". Mercy calls us to go beyond the letter of the law, or the strict limits of our contracts, or overly-careful calculations about what we or others deserve. "Large-heartedness" calls us to look at life through a different lens, with different eyes. We don’t look so much at what we, or others, deserve or have earned or have a right to. We look at what will be most enriching, life-affirming and uplifting. ‘We try to look at a person’s deepest needs and hopes, rather than at their “just deserts”.

In our schools this will obviously play out in our relationships with the young people we serve who are, of course, our central concern. But it will also play out, very importantly, in our relationships with each other, and with the parents of our young people, even those who can at times be very demanding or even, in our view, unreasonable.

Pope Francis has reminded us that Jesus himself is “the face of the Father’s mercy”. A Catholic school community, grounded as it must be on the person and teachings of Jesus, has as a primary responsibility the task of reflecting this face of Jesus, this face of mercy, to all those who come in contact with the school. But as well as being a serious obligation for all of us who are part of a school community, this is also a recipe for a truly harmonious, happy and life-filled school.

May your school be a reflection of the face of divine mercy in 2016.

Yours sincerely in Christ:

Most Rev Timothy Costelloe SDB DD
Archbishop of Perth
CLASS NEWS

It's been an exciting first week back at school in Year One. The students have settled in very well and are beginning to adapt to the new surroundings and expectations of Year One.

We have been very busy learning about our topic 'Under the Sea'. In art, the students have created various sea creatures, using different line techniques and shapes.

In writing, the students enthusiastically wrote a recount about the holidays. In writing this week, the students have learnt how to write an opinion based on a the story 'See You Later, Alligator'.

We have been learning about the special gift of learning that God has given us. The students have briefly discussed people in their lives who help them learn and their favourite thing that they have learnt.

During mathematics, the students have been revising and extending counting patterns, number identification and how to read bigger numbers beyond 20.

In geography, we will be learning about Aboriginal people and their culture. We will be listening to some Dreamtime stories and viewing some Aboriginal art.

The students have been working hard and have been careful with presenting their work to a high standard. Everyone has had a fantastic start to the school year.

Thank you, parents, for promptly covering and returning your children's workbooks. They are looking fantastic!

Have a great week!

Mrs Millard and Miss Gullotti

PARISH NEWS

Stations of the Cross
During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be every Friday evening at 7.00pm

Parish Lenten Retreat: 27 February - 3 March 2016
Fr Gilbert Carlo SVD, a Divine Word missionary, will conduct the retreat at Notre Dame Church. He will preach at all Masses on the weekend 27/28 February. From 29 February to 3 March, Fr Carlo will celebrate Mass at 7.00pm followed by a talk and reflection.
The uniform shop opening times:

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**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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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](http://nds.wa.edu.au).

Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Coordinator

**School Banking Day Reminder**

Don't forget that Thursday is School Banking Day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. School banking is in the library from 8.00am every Thursday morning.
NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & THE PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (PRC)

INVITES YOU TO OUR SCHOOL FAMILY EVENT

SUNDOWNER
WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

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

BRING ALONG YOUR PICNIC BASKET, BLANKET & CHAIRS!!

DJ MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
BOUNCY CASTLE
COFFEE/TEA & ICE-CREAM AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

FRIENDLY REMINDER
Whilst this event is being held at the school the PRC remind you that it is your responsibility to supervise your children.
Instrumental lessons.
There are vacancies for both piano and guitar lessons at Notre Dame this year. For further information, collect an enrolment form from the school office or Mrs Evans. All lessons are conducted out of school hours.

Parents and Friends Federation of WA

The Council and Staff of the Parents and Friends Federation of WA would like to welcome everyone back to the new school year. We trust that at this stage, into week 2, you are all back into the routine of lunches, uniforms and searching for those elusive permission slips at the bottom of school bags.

The staff here in the office have hit the ground running and are currently working hard to get information about our upcoming conference in May out to all schools. The dates for the conference this year are Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May. The Awards of Excellence in Building Positive School Communities will be presented at the conference dinner on Friday 21st May. Nomination forms for the Awards of Excellence are already available on our website, so get your entry in early!

We are also receiving lots of calls in the office from parents who are working hard to ensure P&F’s and parent groups get off to a good start for the year. If you need any information about office bearer’s roles, governance or just some general advice please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Theresa McDonnell, the new Liaison Officer at the Federation, has settled beautifully into our small office and she, along with Siobhan Allen (our Executive Officer) is looking forward to getting out and about and meeting with parents and parent groups in Catholic schools throughout the state. If you would like to arrange a visit from PFFWA to your school, please contact the office or email theresa@pff.wa.edu.au and we would be delighted to organise a time.

Best wishes

PFFWA Council and Staff

103 Wood St, Inglewood, WA 6932

Romulus Family Day Care, Cloverdale WA
Family day care available. Please call Jay on 04477224810 or contact Saiyan Family Day Care on 9358 5619. Email: info@Saiyan.com.au

Offering an interactive program both indoors and out for both babies and children 0 - 12 years. Provides: long day care, before and after school care, casual care, public holiday care and weekend care.
AWARDED ......

CLUB OF THE YEAR (voted by the umpires) for 2015
CHAMPION CLUB OF THE YEAR for Demon’s District in 2015

redcliffe junior football club

is looking for players (boys & girls)
from PP to Year 12
(4 years old to 17 years old)

REGISTRATION DAY
@ Middleton Park
Sunday 21st Feb 10am—1pm

For more information please call our registrar,
Tamara on 0407 033 333
or go to www.rjfc.com.au

Notre Dame Netball Team 2016
Any parent/guardian who would be interested in coaching in the 2016 season please contact Tanya Steele (tanyasteele@amnet.net.au). A basic coaching clinic will be held as follows:

Basic Coaching Clinic presented by Julie How, Regional Development Officer
The clinic is aimed at novice coaches through to U15’s level. The focus of this clinic will be on how to plan a training session, to teach the basics and very importantly, error correction, while keeping your session fun. It is not a pass/fail clinic but a session to build your confidence and ready you for your first National Accreditation level “Foundations Coaching”.

The date and venue is:

- **Venue:** Southern Districts Netball Centre, Cnr Langford Ave and Wingrove Ave Langford
- **When:** THURSDAY 18th February 2016
- **Time:** 6pm to 8.30pm
- **Rsvp:** TUESDAY 16TH February 2016

Via email to jossie55@westnet.com.au attn. Julie
or sdna@sdna.com.au attn. Bev
# 2016 APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

**PERTH NETBALL ASSOCIATION (INC)**

For school years 1-6

3 mornings of fun, skill work and fitness.

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**Venue** - Matthews Netball Centre

**Outdoor courts.**

**Time** - 9.30 to 12 noon each day

**Cost** - $90 per participant

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**Additional information**

- Please arrive 15 minutes early on the first day and meet in outside foyer area.
- Bring morning tea and a drink, wet weather gear should there be a chance of rain.
- Groups are mixed along the lines of age groups and skill level.
- Refunds will only be considered in extreme circumstances and will incur an administration fee of $10 prior to 48 hours notice and $35 if within 48 hours.
- Entry and parking is via the Salvado Road entry point.