Dear Parents and Staff

At our whole school Mass yesterday morning we farewelled Fr Nelson who has now taken up his new role at the Applecross Parish. Fr Nelson has served our Parish for the past six years and it has been a delight for me to work closely with him for the past 18 months. He is such a giving person who always seems to have time for everyone, no matter how busy he really is. After Mass we all raised our hands to bless Fr Nelson, expressing our hope that he is received at the Applecross Parish and St Benedict’s School with the same love that we extend to him as he leaves Notre Dame. There are many wonderful Priests that I have worked with in my home Parish of Leederville and throughout my teaching career, but none are more caring, involved and dedicated than Fr Nelson. We wish him great happiness in his future ministry.

So I leave my boats behind!
Leave them on familiar shores!
Set my heart upon the deep!
Follow you again, my Lord!
(chorus from Galilee Song – Fr Frank Andersen)

STAFFING

As Mrs Helen Flack, History Teacher, and Gail Langoulant, Education Assistant, will both be taking leave for the remainder of this year, there are a few changes to the staff.

- Mrs Nannette Pethick will be teaching History on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Mrs Kate Poole will be teaching History on Wednesdays.
- Miss Kathy Gollner will be an Education Assistant in Kindy M.
- Mrs Lisa Fasola will be a Special Needs Education Assistant.
- Mrs Luan Dique will be the Education Assistant in Yr 1M on Fridays.
- Mrs Bree Jennings will be teaching Yr 6M on Thursdays and Fridays while Mrs Daniela Boyle performs her Assistant Principal duties.
PARKING
I have had a number of parents who have seen me recently due to their concerns regarding parking around our school, especially at pick up times. It is particularly important that we remain conscious of the possible consequences that parking illegally and collecting our children may have. The safety of our children must be paramount and the “I’m in a hurry” or “it’ll be ok” attitude won’t count for anything if any one of the children is injured or worse due to the short-sighted, often self-centred attitude of some of our parents.

The drive-through pick up in the Parish car park is very efficient, rarely taking more than 15 minutes to clear completely. If you don’t want to sit in a queue come close to 3.15pm and you should be able to drive straight through. Your children will always be supervised in the covered area until 3.15pm.

SEMESTER REPORTS
It was very encouraging to have almost all parents attend the Teacher/Parent interviews yesterday afternoon and evening. It is through this type of dialogue that we work together to achieve the best possible educational outcomes for your children. Thank you for making your time available for the meetings, I trust you found them to be beneficial.

TERM END
The Second Term finishes this Friday and Third Term commences for children on Tuesday 19 July. To celebrate the end of Term children and staff are invited to wear neat casual clothes to school on Friday. I wish all families and staff a happy and safe holiday break.

Darryl Winsor
Principal

Lost Property

There is an accumulation of items in the lost property box. If you are missing items of clothing, lunch boxes or any personal items please check the lost property box outside the office.

Unclaimed items will be given to the uniform shop or St Vincent de Paul Society.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we come to the end of Semester One, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your family for the vital role you play within our Catholic Education community in Western Australia. For those of you who have joined us this year, I extend an especially warm welcome.

Some of you may have heard about the 2016 National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) Conference which was hosted by Catholic Education Western Australia recently in Perth. The conference, attended by more than 1,400 delegates from across Australia and the world, presented opportunities for many of our principals and teachers to contemplate a Catholic education system that provides new educational opportunities and ways of learning.

It was truly wonderful and humbling to hear Honduran Cardinal Rodríguez Maradiaga speak of Catholic Education in Australia as one of the best Catholic school systems in the world. I am confident that this would not be the case without the hard work and dedication of our staff, or without the invaluable contribution from the parents, families and friends that make up our school communities.

This term was filled with countless stories of student achievement, innovative teaching and learning approaches, and inspiring community initiatives across our system of 163 schools. Witnessing the first Catholic School Youth Summit, with Year 10 and 11 students from across our state, reinforced the agility and resourcefulness of Catholic Education to reimagine learning in a complex youth environment. The opportunity to join hundreds of primary school students from across the Archdiocese of Perth to support the 2016 Lifeline Day campaign launch encouraged me to reflect on the role of our schools to grow compassionate school communities, where Christian values flourish in the lives of our children.

As the winter holiday begins, I hope you will have opportunities to spend time with your children, to have fun, and to continue learning with them and from them. I also hope it is a time for you to reflect on the great importance of your role as your child’s first educator. May you be encouraged by the words of Cardinal Rodríguez Maradiaga, in his address to the NCEC Conference, “To be an educator is to be joyful.”

I wish your family a joy-filled winter break.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

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SPORT NEWS

The 2016 Lightning Carnival was a fun and exciting day for the children, teachers and parents. The students were able to compile all of the skills they had learned throughout the term, during the Eagles Cup, and put them into this eventful day. The students played a total of five tiring games against five different schools to see who was the final winner. Each team tried their hardest to win the Lightning Cup with the help from the coaches; Mr. Seers for football, Mr. Webb for soccer, as well as Mrs. Boyle and Mrs. Bradshaw for Netball. As hard as our teams tried however, Notre Dame did not come home with a trophy. St. Emilie’s won the football competition, St. Munchin’s won the soccer competition and Sacred Heart won both the netball A & B competition. I would like to congratulate the students on how well they represented the school on the day with fantastic sportsmanship and hard work. Well done to all students who participated on the day and thank you to all the parents who came down to support.

Mr Webb
Physical Educator

The students in the Rising Stars group worked tirelessly this term and prepared themselves for an interschool debate with Queen of Apostles Primary School, Riverton today. The topics were highly topical and interesting to listen to. The Year Four students were the affirmative team and debated on the topic, ‘that computer skills are more important than handwriting’ The Year Five students were the negative team and debated on the topic, ‘that water is more precious than gold.’ The Year Six students were the affirmative team and debated on the topic, ‘that the advertising of junk food should be banned through junior sport.’ Miss Amanda Sagrera and Mrs Nicolle Achmad thoroughly enjoyed working with the Rising Stars group this term and look forward to continuing with the program in the future.
Mrs Achmad and Ms Sagrera
FOOTY TIPPING
A reminder that the footy tipping money is now overdue. Please leave it at the front office for collection. Thanks.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
We are selling the entertainment books..... there are order forms in the front office.
Thanks
Danielle Lawrie

University Branch 2016

Book Sale
FOR SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save the date! Come to our fundraising book sale to raise funds for Programs and Emergencies both in WA and overseas.

Our university branch are currently looking for donations of anything musical. Instruments, record players, sheet music, LP's, 78's, or 45's.

If you can donate please call us! 9267 3900

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(Under the Clock Tower)

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ATHLETICS
School Holiday Athletics Clinic for boys and girls aged 8-16 years. Tues 12th & Wed 13th of July 2016. WA Athletics Stadium. 8.30am-3pm. $85 per day. Or $150 for both days. Includes a Shoe Bag or Cap. Prizes and giveaways. Choose 4 events per day. More Info: http://sprintingfast.com/

KIDS WONDERLAND UNDER THE BIG TOP
Kids wonderland is back in the July school holidays and we are offering you a 10% discount on tickets along with a $3.50 Donation to your school PRC for every child ticket sold! One time entry fee and the rides are free!

Head to www.kidswonderland.com.au to purchase your tickets.
Mention school name: Notre Dame Catholic Primary School and quote the code 1046.
THE CARLISLE THERAPY CENTRE

The Carlisle Dental Therapy Centre will open the first week of School Holidays, Monday 4th July to Friday 8th July inclusive and closed the second week, Monday 11th July to Friday the 15th July inclusive.

In case of emergencies in the second week, please contact Edney Dental Therapy Centre on 9454 4034 Monday to Friday 7.30am to 3.30pm.

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.

Thank you,

Dental Staff Carlisle Dental Therapy Centre