Dear Parents and Staff

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

This Sunday we remember Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. I often wonder if Jesus, the man, was fully aware of what lay ahead of him in the following week and, if he did, just how surreal this display of affection and adoration was for him. In 2012 I was privileged to walk the Via Delorosa, the path of the Stations, in Jerusalem. After doing this I have a much better understanding of just how intense this journey must have been. We tend to think of the path as being wide and open. In fact it is narrow and cramped and many of the people would not have been there to see Jesus but merely going about their daily business. To have walked the actual stone-paved streets was amazing and something I recommend to all.

A re-enactment of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem will commence in the school grounds at both the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses this Sunday and process to the church for the celebration of the Palm Sunday Mass.

Staffing

- **Velma Erskine** will be taking some well-deserved Long Service Leave during Second Term and **Mary Tampalini** will take on the Assistant Principal role during this time. We wish Velma a very relaxing break and congratulate Mary for her appointment to this very important position.
**Weekly Events**

**Friday 27 March**
- Assembly 2P

**Sunday 29 March**
- Palm Sunday

**30 March - 2 April**
- 3 Way Interviews continue

**Holy Thursday 2 April**
- Stations of the Cross 10.00am
  - FREE DRESS
  - Students conclude.

**Term 2**
- Commences Wednesday 22 April
- Concludes Friday 3 July

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- **Kym Hawthorne** will be leaving at the end of this Term for the birth of her first child. We wish both Kym and her husband, Jared, much happiness at this most exciting time in their lives. May they get plenty of sleep now!

**Important Dates**

- Stations of the Cross will be held in the school grounds on Good Friday, **3 April** at 11.00am.
- School closes next Thursday afternoon for the Easter break and reopens on for the children on Wednesday **22 April**.
- To celebrate the end of a successful Term the children and staff may wear neat casual clothes to school next Thursday, **2 April**. A gold coin donation, which will be forwarded to the missions, would be appreciated for this privilege.
- Winter uniform is to be worn during Terms Two and Three.

**Interschool Swimming**

Our swimmers left school this morning full of hope for a great day at the Carnival. Whatever the result, we are very proud of all of the children representing our school as, by their selection in the team, they are already winners.

**PRC Items**

We are blessed to have a very active and enthusiastic Parent Representative Council at our school. At our meeting on Tuesday a number of initiatives were discussed and I would like to bring these to your attention.

- **Recipe Books** - This fantastic book, containing a wide range of recipes from our community was compiled by the PRC last year. There are still copies of this attractive, professionally produced, hard-covered, book available which would make a great gift for family and friends. I will be preparing “Christie’s Curry” from page 108 over the weekend and will provide my critique in next week’s newsletter.

- **Footy Tipping** – Forms have been sent to all families about joining this competition. This is a great way to maintain interest throughout the season with the opportunity to win both weekly and end of season cash prizes. As an avid Carlton supporter my results hinge on the season that they have and, if the results from the NAB Cup are any indication, it may be a long, long season.
**Dear God**

As we celebrate Palm Sunday  
help us to remember  
that day when all the adults and children  
tried palm branches and cheered as  
Jesus entered Jerusalem as King.  
We know Jesus rose from the dead and is alive.  
Help us to remember that he is our wonderful King and that  
we can praise him everyday!  
In Jesus’ name  
Amen.

Darryl Winsor  
Principal

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Stations of the Cross**

Stations are places where people wait while they are going from one place to another. A school-bus stop is like a station. People wait at train stations or bus stations or airports. Stations are also places where people take time to think about Jesus as he went to die on a cross. They are “Stations of the Cross.” They show us how much Jesus loved us.

The ‘Way of the Cross’ is a popular Catholic devotion which commemorates the Passion and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Most Catholic Churches will have ‘Stations Of The Cross’ mounted along their walls in chronological order. The styles used can vary from elaborate paintings to simple clay interpretations. Each of the fourteen stations depicts an important and significant event which occurred during Jesus’ Passion and death at Calvary on Good Friday. Praying the Way of the Cross - alone or with a group – is a Lenten tradition.

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**Easter Raffle** – There has already been a great response to our Easter Raffle. With three prizes available in each class make sure that you return your child’s raffle tickets with their name written on them. The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 1 April.

**Educational Opportunities** – The Education Committee from the PRC is looking into a number of options to provide parents with opportunities to learn more about their children’s education and development. If you have a particular area of interest that you would like them to consider please advise a member of the PRC or leave details at the school office.
The ‘Way of the Cross’ is usually an ‘action prayer’. Moving from station to station and praying or meditating at each one is usually the format used. This activity must always be underlined with respect and dignity called for by its very content.

The origins of the Stations can be traced back to Jerusalem during the early centuries after Jesus’ death and resurrection. On Good Friday, early Christians would walk the path that Jesus had walked carrying his cross. Gradually, churches were built along the way and Christian pilgrims would stop at them and pray, remembering Jesus’ last journey. In the 13th Century when the Muslims took over Jerusalem, Christians decided to continue to remember Jesus’ journey to the cross in their churches. Over the centuries these came to be known as the ‘Stations of the Cross’ and the devotion of praying the Stations on Fridays of Lent developed.

Our Year Six students will be leading us through the Stations of the Cross, next Thursday, 2 April at 10.00am in the church.

Sacrament of Eucharist – Parent/Child Workshop
Our Year Four students will begin their preparation for the Sacrament of Eucharist early next term. As a precursor to this, parents and candidates are expected to attend a Parent-Child workshop, which will commence in the Church and conclude on the school grounds on 23 April, starting at 6:00pm.

Carmel Cutri
Assistant Principal
Religious Education

Year Two

Last week the Year 2’s had a fantastic excursion to ‘Sculptures by the Sea’, Cottesloe Beach and Heathcote Reserve, Applecross. It was a very windy day but we had fun walking around the sculptures – some big, some funny, some colourful and some intriguing.

At Heathcote Reserve we sat and observed the environment around us. We drew what we saw and had a play on the amazing playground. We came back to school exhausted but full of lots of ideas for our own sculptures.

*My favourite part of Cottesloe Beach was getting splashed by the water and when I saw the platypus statue. What I liked about Heathcote Reserve was the monkey bars, playing with the bells and drawing what nature is. My most favourite part was the big pink bunny at Cottesloe.*  
(Ashley)

*On Wednesday we went to Cottesloe Beach and then we went to Heathcote Park to play on the pirate ship but before we played we drew pictures of the water or the pirate ship. When we got back to school it was home time.*  
(Olivia)

*My favourite part at Cottesloe Beach was the flamingoes. I also liked the men on the marble balls. At Applecross Park there was a big pirate ship. I really liked the pirate ship.*  
(Jarvis)
I liked the smashed car because it had plants in it. It had gone all rusty. (Rhys)

I liked the red flamingoes because they looked like they were grazing on the sand in the sun. I also liked the pink bunny because it didn’t have a face. It was huge. (Nihara)

I liked the colourful balls that were stuck in the sand. When I looked at them they looked like shiny crystal balls. I also liked the two big singing houses because they were funny. They each sang a different song. (Geraldine)

In maths we have been learning about place value and practising our mental maths. We have also enjoyed spending time with our buddies.

In writing we have been doing many activities based on Australia. We have written a report on koalas, a diary entry for ‘Wombat Diary’ and added a character in ‘Wombat Stew’. Our writing activities over the next two weeks will be focused on the events of Holy Week.

We wish you all a happy and safe Easter!

Mrs Donovan-Flintoff, Ms Carlton and Mrs Hennessy
Thank you to all the lovely ladies who helped in the canteen this term, your time was appreciated. The canteen would not be able to function without the support of the volunteers.

Next week’s roster
   Monday 30 March:   Caroline Wyder
   Wednesday 1 April:  Dorina Hortin
                        Gricelda Rodriguez

Hope to see you soon.
Kayleen McLean

School Holidays Uniform Shop open for business:

   Tuesday 21 April 2015 - 1.00pm-3.00pm

2nd Term opening times are:

   Tuesdays   8.15am to 10.30am
   Thursday   1.30pm to 3.30pm

Sharmane Dowse
Uniform Shop Coordinator

NOTRE DAME COOKBOOK

Back by popular demand, “Around Our Table” our community cookbook is available for sale at the affordable price of $25. If you would like to take a box of books to sell in your workplace or that of any family member, then please let me know (cash up front is not required).

Extra copies can also be purchased by credit card online at the following link http://www.trybooking.com/GKDU (for next day delivery to your child’s class) or cash through the school administration office.

Julie-Anne Beasley
(0419871864 or mbja@bigpond.net.au)

School Disco - advance notice
School disco will be organised on Friday 1 May. Details to follow next term.
LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property box (outside the Administration Office) for any items your child is missing. All items not collected will be donated or binned. Thanks for your assistance.

FOUND

If you have lost a ring, mobile phone or sunglasses, please come and see the administration staff at the front office.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Snacks for children:

- Muffins (made with fruits)
- Celery sticks with peanut butter
- dried fruits and nuts
- English muffins with cheese
- Scones (plain or fruit)
- Pikelet or pancakes
- small tub of yoghurt
- Cheese sticks
- Wholemeal crackers and cheese
- Homemade plain popcorn
- Fresh fruit pieces

Happy Eating!

COMMUNITY NEWS

City of Belmont - Autumn Festival - Sunday 29 March
Venue: Garvey Park, Fauntleroy Avenue, Ascot
Another free event proudly brought to you by the City of Belmont - the City of Opportunity. Treat the family to a fun-filled day by the river and enjoy a variety of FREE activities and entertainment.

Aranmore Catholic College
Would you like to hear more about our college and our Application process? Then come along to our Prospective Student Information Evening, on Thursday 30th April at 5.30 – 6.30pm at the College. Parents and students are most welcome to attend. To register your interest please contact our Community Relations Officer, Mrs Paula Trevor on 9444 9355. Aranmore Catholic College, 41 Franklin Street, Leederville, WA. www.aranmore.wa.edu.au

Suman’s Family Day Care
Day care offers before and after school care, vacation care services. To enquire please contact Suman Shrestha 08 9277 8893 or 0479167299.
Notre Dame Parish (Cloverdale/Belmont-Redcliffe)

Palm Sunday
Vigil Mass Saturday 28 March  6.00pm
Palm Sunday Sunday 29 March  8.00am, 10.00am 6.00pm

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper
Thursday 2 April  7.00pm

Good Friday
Stations of the Cross Friday 3 April  11.00am
The Lord's Passion Friday 3 April  3.00pm

One way to enter more personally in these ceremonies is to try and wear clothes of the liturgical colour:
Palm Sunday - RED, Holy Thursday - WHITE, Good Friday - RED, Easter Sunday - WHITE or GOLD.