

Term Dates 2015

Term 3 13/7/2015—18/9/2015

Term 4 5/10/2015—18/12/2015

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday
8:30am—4:00pm

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday 8:30am—9.30am

The Uniform Shop is run by Parent Volunteers. If you are unable to make this day, you may complete an order form and enclose the correct money and leave it at the School Office. Your order will be filled on the next Uniform Day.

Our Lady of the Nativity Parish Centre

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Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday 10:00am

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Dear parents and children,

Taking Action! On Thursday morning the school community was lead in prayer with a focus on taking care of God's creations. The children challenged the school community to think about what we could each do to take action and change our behaviours to better care for God's creations. Hearing some of the responses was fantastic. I sincerely hope that those who shared do take up their action, and those who didn't have the opportunity to share do so too.

Some of the actions were: turning lights off when not using them, picking up litter, not using electronic devices unnecessarily. If we all did these things or other simple tasks, then that would make a huge difference to our world. Take a moment and think what you can do differently to help preserve the wondrous creations God has given us...

Today our church, then Grade Prep & One classrooms were full with grandparents and special people in children's lives. The Grade Preps and Ones invited grandparents and special people in their lives to attend a special Mass for the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne. There was a such a lovely atmosphere in the church and then classrooms. Many thanks to the teachers for organising this and for the special people that came along to join our children today.

Sts. Joachim and Anne were Jesus' maternal grandparents. Very little is known about these two individuals. But what we can assume is that they must have been devout people of God who knew a thing or two about parenting. They must have been in order to raise a girl worthy of being the Mother of the Christ.

St Anne is the patron saint of, among other things, mothers and of pregnancy. St. Joachim is the patron saint of, among other things, fathers, grandfathers, grandparents and married couples.

A simple prayer to Sts. Joachim and Anne is

Parents of Mary, pray for all parents that they may provide the loving home and faithful teaching that you provided your daughter. Amen

On a personal note, I wanted to thank the children from Grade 5 for their energy and brilliance on their recent camp. Never before had I been on a camp with children who were up for everything and did so with great gusto and enthusiasm. The same can be said for the staff that attended too. Sincere thanks again.

Bike Ed has begun in earnest. I have had the privilege of working with the Grade 4s this week beginning our practical component of Bike Ed. The children have shown terrific commitment to honing their craft. At this stage we are working on safety and confidence. Next week, we begin to refine some of the basics of riding. Later in the term, the Grade 4s will go on a bike ride off site. This year we have incorporated the bike ride into our camp experience. Our ride will be from Queenscliff toward Port Lonsdale.

WORKING BEE – Tomorrow we have a working bee. Gates open at 8:00am and we should be done and dusted by 12:00pm. Most of the tasks do not require any particular 'handyman' type skills. So, if you're like me, there will be a job for you. A working bee is the perfect opportunity to pop in and help the school look its best. It may also be an opportunity to meet some new parents and make some further connections in our community.

The planning for our trivia night is well underway. It all kicks off at 7:00pm on October 17th at the Maribyrnong Park Bowls Club. So get the pencil out or your digital calendar and pop this date in. It promises to be an entertaining night with lots good times to be had. But there is much to do before. If you are willing to help out via donations or even helping organise the evening please see further in this newsletter for more information.

Warm regards,

Grant Lewis

Deputy Principal

1 minute newsletter...

- * Take action for creation
- * Grandparents Day
- * St Joachim & St. Anne
- * Grade 5 Camp
- * Bike Ed has begun
- * **Working Bee tomorrow**
- * Trivia Night – 17th October

GRANDPARENTS DAY



TERM 3 2015

July

Sat 25th July WORKING BEE

Week 3

Tue 28th July PYP Exhibition
Parent Information Session-7.00pm

Week 5

August

Fri 14th Aug Walk-a-thon

Week 6

Wed 19th Aug Gr 4 Camp
Thurs 20th Aug Gr 4 Camp

Week 7

Thurs 27th Aug Book Parade

Week 9

September

Mon 7th Sept Book Fair Selling
Tues 8th Sept Learning Conferences 2.00-7.30pm
Children finish at 1.30pm

Wed 9th Sept Learning Conferences 2.00-7.30pm
Children finish at 1.30pm

Week 10

Mon 14th Sept ART SHOW WEEK
Thurs 17th Sept Footy Fever Day

Fri 25th Sept Dad's Racing Night

Hello Parents,

Just a quick reminder that Book Day is **Thursday the 27th of August**. For anyone who is new to Book Day let me tell you that this is a rather low key affair where the children come dressed up to school.



ONLY JOKING!!

Book Day is the highlight of the Librarian's Social Calender and everyone **MUST** come to school in a costume! This year's national book week slogan is "Books Light Up the World" so a good idea for costumes could be anything around this theme. As always, children can come dressed as their favourite book character. If you are creative enough to combine the two then go for it! Perhaps this is the year all those electricians and light experts will get to shine (LOL). Power points are in short supply so if you need to light up on the day then you had better opt for battery power. Remember, creativity is strongly encouraged and home-made costumes are often the best!

Lots of children have been telling me what they are going to dress up as and I can't wait to see them on the day. The parade will be first thing in the morning and hopefully we can all fit into the hall.

Looking forward to another exciting Book Day.

And chow for now
Mrs Whelan

Dear Parents,

As you would have seen on T.V., Literacy Planet has introduced a free online word building competition for Years 1 to 6.



As a school we have registered every child in every class to enable them to not only participate in the competition but to also have access to the Literacy Planet online program and literacy based activities.

Your child can have fun improving their literacy skills and also be in running to win prizes by playing Literacy Planet Word Mania 2015. It's free to play through their Literacy Planet school login. The objective is to reach the goal of 10 million minutes of literacy nationally!

In the coming week, your class teacher will send home each child's individual login details. Children will be 'playing' at school but can also 'play' at home.

How to Play

Children log in to their online Literacy Planet account and click on the Word Mania Play button or download the Literacy Planet Word Mania App and log in. Players are given 15 randomly selected letter tiles and three minutes to form as many words as they can. Word building involves many different literacy skills: phonemes, morphemes including affixes and plurals, spelling, word recognition, vocabulary and word knowledge.

It's so much fun you will want to play too!

For more information visit: www.literacyplanet.com.au/wordmania

Happy word building!
Lisa Benetti

TRIVIA NIGHT-17th October, 2015

ANY DONATION

BIG OR SMALL

Our major fundraiser this year will be our Trivia Night. We are looking for the generosity of the school community to help raise funds for the night by making a donation BIG or SMALL!!! These donations will used for auctions, raffle, door prizes etc on the night.

You may own your business or have contacts with businesses in the local community who would be willing to make a donation.

Donations can be vouchers, new items, products and services anything that can help us raise some funds for the kids at our school. If you are in a position to help out please contact Leanne McSweeney on 0400 006 993 or e-mail leanne@paulmcsweeney.com.au

Thank you for your help and support.

Camp Australia

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 3, we hope all of our families enjoyed a restful break over the school holidays. I would just like to remind you all that our service reflection journal is always available for our families to read and is updated daily by the staff and children. If you would like to have a read about the program for the day, it is located on the sign out table in the OSHC room.

Kind Regards,

Holly and Team.

Program for the Week:


Monday 27.7	Paper Dyeing.
Tuesday 28.7	Dodgeball.
Wednesday 29.7	Paper Towers.
Thursday 30.7	Wizz Fizz.
Friday 31.7	DVD Afternoon.

P & F Meetings

Below are the Our Lady of the Nativity School Parents and Friends meeting dates for 2015:

Monday 17th August	7.30pm
Monday 12th September	7.30pm
Monday 19th October	7.30pm
Monday 16th November	AGM

Meetings commence at 7:30pm and are held in the school staff room. All are welcome!



Our Lady of the Nativity

TRIVIA NIGHT

17th of October 2015

Maribyrnong Bowls Club

Time: 7pm

Tickets Selling Soon



Mowing Roster

Term	Date	Area 1- Presbytery		Area 2- Church		Area 3- School		Area 4- Car Park	
		Family	Grade	Family	Grade	Family	Grade	Family	Grade
THREE	1-Aug-15	Gauci	5	Cassidy	2	Fitzpatrick	4	Stavridis	5
THREE	22-Aug-15	Passarella	2	Arrowsmith	6	Hollibone	6	Scarpino	3
THREE	5-Sep-15	Del Mastro	3	Gilbert	1	Tyrrell	1	Hellyer	4



Have a free hour or two.....

WORKING BEE
SATURDAY 25TH JULY, 2015
8.30am until 1.00pm

Volunteers Needed for:

- * **General Clean Up**
- * **Gardening (including Presbytery)**
- * **Maintenance (small jobs that need repairing)**

If you are able to Volunteer on the day and you can help in the areas above or any other area please email Greg Hinton on: chief009@optusnet.com.au

For further information or if you have any questions please feel free to contact Greg Hinton on 0421 619 333.



PARISH NEWS.....

Church Welcoming Family - Roster

Where:	Our Lady of Nativity Church			
When:	Saturday Night			
Time:	5.30pm			
What to Do:	<p>Father would like the rostered family to arrive about 15 mins before mass commences to hand out the mass bulletins and song books to all the parishioners as they enter the Church, and to say "Welcome to Mass" with a lovely smile. Your children can also get involved. The Mass bulletins will be available in the church when you get there. If you can't do your rotation, please arrange to swap with another family.</p>			
Any questions:	Lynette Xerri - 0408 573 045 / Lynettexerri@nbnco.com.au			
Date:	Saturday, 11 July	Saturday, 18 July	Saturday, 25 July	Saturday, 1 August
Family to assist:	Zammit Family (Nancy & Sandro)	Nerone Family (Cathy & Peter)	Polizzi & Cutajar Family (Tatiana & Brian)	Fox Family (Louise & Greg)

Church Welcoming Family - Roster

Where:	Our Lady of Nativity Church			
When:	Sunday Morning			
Time:	10am			
What to Do:	<p>Father would like the rostered family to arrive about 15 mins before mass commences to hand out the mass bulletins and song books to all the parishioners as they enter the Church, and to say "Welcome to Mass" with a lovely smile. Your children can also get involved. The Mass bulletins will be available in the church when you get there. If you can't do your rotation, please arrange to swap with another family.</p>			
Any questions:	Lynette Xerri - 0408 573 045 / Lynettexerri@nbnco.com.au			
Date:	Sunday, 12 July	Sunday, 19 July	Sunday, 26 July	Sunday, 2 August
Family to assist:	Xerri Family (Lynette & Daniel)	Ferrali Family (Laura & Simon)	Kavanah Family (Letitia & Ben)	Spinazzola Family (Anthony & Andrea)