Dear parents and children,

It was fantastic to see the number of students and families at Mass over the last weekend. The Grade 3s turned out for their presentation mass before they celebrate their first Eucharist in a few weeks time. The Church has a different feeling with so many families and children in it. It would be great if this wasn’t something that occurred for the purpose of a sacrament, and was viewed as a part of who we are.

This Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost. Pentecost is an important celebration in the life of the Church. This Sunday we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on to the Apostles. What a time it must have been for them.

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost – Acts 2

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome; Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Some 7 to 8 weeks prior to Pentecost, the Apostles were spending time with Jesus, learning and wondering. Little did they know their entire world would see the upheaval and absolute change that was coming. Not only did they see their master/messiah in pain in the garden of Gethsemane, then betrayed by Judas, but they bore witness to his crucifixion. An horrific way to take a life. They then were lost, confused and scared. Even Jesus returning did not steel them with the resolve they needed to go out and spread his story. Now huddled, feeling deserted and alone in a room, locking the outside world away, the Apostles were privileged to encounter the Holy Spirit.

The Apostles were people who saw great triumphs and tragedies in their time, and filled with the spirit they were charged with the courage to finally go and tell the good news.

For those of us who have already been confirmed and sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, what are we doing with the gifts to make a positive difference to our world?

A reminder to all children that there is a Pentecost competition. For all those interested, please have your drawing ready to give to Mr. Milograd by Tuesday of next week. Good luck to everyone and I look forward to seeing the winning entry in the newsletter next week!

On Tuesday evening, in the Parish hall, around 60 to 70 parents came along to a highly informative session on dealing with student anxiety. It was such a good show of support for the school and for the children. The session was both informative and highly practical. The sense in the room was that of a positive nature and a sense that this was a session that had the potential to make a real difference. Many thanks to both Deirdre Brandner and Melissa Juzva for conducting the evening and also to the many parents who attended.

On the evening a variety of resources were recommended and the school has some of them already. Mrs Essex will arrange to purchase and have available all the resources recommended and can be contacted at school if you would like to borrow them.

I know on a personal level I came away armed with a better tool kit and a heightened awareness of how my actions and words can impact on others, from both the perspective as a parent and as an educator.

Warm regards,

Grant Lewis
Deputy Principal
Grade 4 & Maths

On Wednesday Grade 4 tested if kicking a football at a certain angle would improve their chance of getting a goal. The angles that were tested were a right and acute angle. Most students found that if you can kick straight a right angle was easy to achieve.

TERM 2 2015

May
Week 6
Sat 23rd May Confirmation Presentation Mass 5.30pm
Sun 24th May Confirmation Presentation Mass 10.00am

June
Week 8
Sun 7th June First Eucharist Mass 12.00pm—3CM
3.00pm—3M

Week 9
Fri 12th June Confirmation 5.30pm—6KS
7.30pm—6M

Week 11
Fri 26th June End of Term—Children Finish 1.30pm

A reminder to parents that Term 2 School Fees were due on Thursday 14th May, 2015.

For Internet Banking details are:
Account Name: Our Lady of the Nativity
BSB No: 083-347
Account No: 526236309
Be sure to include your school fees account number, situated on the top right hand corner of the school fees statement, and your name when using the internet banking method.

ST BERNARDS COLLEGE TOUR DATES
Tours of the college for 2015 are as follows:
Monday 15th June.
Tuesday 2nd June, 21st July
Wednesday 27th May, 3rd June, 10th June, 22nd July, 29th July
Each Tour commences at 9.00am. Bookings Essential
For further information contact the Registrar on 9289 1103

P & F Meetings
Below are the Our Lady of the Nativity School Parents and Friends meeting dates for 2015:
Monday 1st June 7.30pm
Monday 20th July 7.30pm
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!

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES
The school has received via Internet Banking payment for school fees with the reference of: RM & S Transport.
Could you please contact the Office to identify yourself, to enable the monies to be credited to the right family account.

Thank you
NAPLAN
“Using it for good not evil!”

Dear Parents,
I am running a session looking at NAPLAN questions, on Wednesday the 27th May at 9am.
We will work through the NAPLAN paper handed out this week to the year 3 & 5 students and discuss the maths in these papers.
We will look at strategies taught to assist children in solving these questions and discuss ideas on how you can support your child at home.

I hope to see you there.

Colleen Monaghan
Maths Leader
Our Lady of the Nativity

Please cut off and return to the office. (Colleen Monaghan)

I ___________________________________________ would love to come along to the session on Wednesday 27th May at 9am.

Signed _______________________________________

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PARISH NEWS .............

Sacrament of Confirmation
This weekend we will be welcoming the children of our parish (Grade 6) who shall be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 12th June, 2015. Please keep them in your prayers together with their families. May God continue to bless them.

Morning Tea—This Sunday 24th May
Morning Tea will be held this Sunday in the parish hall after the Sunday the 10am mass. This is an opportunity for our parish community to gather socially and meet and greet new faces especially our school families. Looking forward to seeing as many of us as possible there!

Piety Stall
Beginning this weekend we are opening a piety stall with many religious items, images and icons, together with gifts for communion and confirmation. There are a range of cards available including confirmation cards. Please make use of this initiative by the Legion of Mary in our parish.

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY
MONDAY 25th May
7.00pm Mass for Our Lady, Help of Christians
TUESDAY 26th May
WEDNESDAY 27th May
9.00am Legion of Mary meet in the Presbytery
THURSDAY 28th May
FRIDAY 22nd May
SATURDAY 23rd May

Mass for Our Lady Help of Christians and Dedication of Our Lady of the Nativity
We shall celebrate Mass for Our Lady Help of Christians and for the Anniversary of the Dedication of our Church on Monday, 25 May at 7:00pm. These are both solemnities for our parish community and should be celebrated worthily and well with the Eucharist.

Reminder—Contact Details
Could we please ask all readers, extraordinary ministers of communion, cleaners, altar society volunteers and all those who do the great work to keep the parish alive and kicking, to email us at the parish email essendonwest@cam.org.au so that the new rosters can be emailed to you. This will help in saving postage costs and certainly an easier way to stay in touch. Thank you those who have done so already and thanks so much for your help and assistance in this matter.

Well, I can speak seven languages.... but no one will give me fire insurance!