Dear Parents and students,

The power of prayer – A Grade Prep perspective. On Thursday the Grade Preps were excited as they embarked on their first ever school excursion. The traffic school was the destination, and the weather forecast heading in to it was dire. Spontaneous prayers in the yard, classrooms, at home and travelling in cars seemed to be answered. After chatting to a few children on Thursday as they came back I asked how the traffic school was; their answer “I was so good. It didn’t rain or anything. God answered our prayers!”

That was a prompt to make me think about prayer. I recall hearing that there are only three answers that God has to prayers…

1. Yes
2. Not yet
3. I have something else in mind

God has a plan, and we are a part of it. But the element we grapple with is that we do not know the plan. If we place our trust that God’s plan is for our best, then all we have to do is allow ourselves to surrender to God’s will. That may free our prayers up for thanksgiving, praise or for others.

Archbishop visit

Next Tuesday our Grade 6 will be visited by His Grace Archbishop Denis Hart DD. His Grace is coming to talk to the Grade 6 students (the candidates) as they prepare for their Confirmation.

Safety in the schoolyard

Recently we have observed an increase in the amount of incidences in the yard in relation to larger ball games. The school has recently purchased some softer balls for soccer and football. These will be made available for all children to use during break times. Introducing these means that there is no need for children to bring their own footballs or soccer balls from home (which means no more personal balls being kicked on the roof). We are introducing this as of next Monday.

This is something we will trial and review at the end of the term. We would also welcome any parent feedback on how the introduction fares.

Volunteers needed – Trivia Night

Did you know that our Trivia night is on Saturday 17th October? At this stage we are calling for volunteers to help get the night ready. We have a coordinator in Leanne McSweeney (0400 006 993) and a few volunteers. We are seeking more people to help out with donations from businesses, advertising, ticketing and all the other things it takes to put an event like this together. If you are able please contact Leanne and she will take it from there.

Authorisation Progress

During the week, we were thrilled to receive the news that we are have been given the green light to submit our documentation to become an authorised IB PYP school (www.ibo.org). This has been a process we have been undertaking for a few years now and we have been making progress towards authorisation. This latest news formalises that our school has met the requirements at this stage to proceed to authorisation. In October/November of this year there will be a verification team that visit our school and will spend a few days here getting a feel for the school in terms of how we a re proceeding. They will look at all aspects of our school and ultimately prepare a report and decision on our application. If you have any questions about this please feel to get in contact with me.

Cross Country

Yesterday Kerry Dougherty accompanied 15 students from Grade 4-6 to the Division Cross Country event. All 15 children did themselves and their school proud. 8 of the children were successful in progressing to the next level of competition. Well done to all the children who made it this far and good luck to those in the next event.

The 1-minute newsletter

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Our School Website

Did you know that once the newsletter is published on tiqbiz, it is also published on the school’s website. So if the phone screen is too small to read a newsletter, jump on a computer and give your eyes a break. Alternately, if you have a wireless printer connected to at home or in the office, just print the newsletter out straight from your phone or tablet.

Warm regards,
Grant Lewis
Deputy Principal

TERM 2 2015

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 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

Pentecost Competition
A big THANK YOU to all students who submitted an entry for the Pentecost art competition. It was amazing to see the amount of effort that was put into the entries received across all year levels.
Congratulations to Lauren Cunnington from 4V, Harry Port & Brady Graham from 3CM. A selection of entries including the winners are on display outside 3M.
Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the year and in a few weeks' time; it will be school holidays again! Camp Australia will be running holiday club programs across the state with the closest service being held at Essendon North Primary School, Keilor Road, Essendon North. Bookings can be made now at www.campaus.com.au/holidayclubs. There is some holiday club information flyers located at the sign out table, so please feel free to take one if you are interested.

Also, Aberfeldie Primary School will be holding a Curriculum Day on Tuesday 9th June, 2015. We WILL NOT be running a program on this day. We will resume as per normal on Wednesday 10th June, 2015. Thank you.

Kind Regards,

Holly and Team.

Program for the Week:
Monday 1.6.2015: Dodgeball in the Gym.
Tuesday 2.6.2015 Pancakes.
Wednesday 3.6.2015 Crafty Pencil Holders.
Thursday 4.6.2015 Hula Hoop Fun.
Friday 5.6.2015 Free Play Afternoon.

BOOK CLUB.
Book club was distributed on Thursday 28th May.
A reminder that it is due back Thursday 4th June.

Thank You.

ABERFELDIE PRIMARY SCHOOL-CAR PARK
Parents are reminded NOT to park in the Aberfeldie Primary School Car Park. These spaces are for the staff of Aberfeldie Primary School. The car park SHOULD NOT be used as a drop off or pick up zone. We ask all parents to please use street parking to either drop off or pick up your child/children from school.

Thank-you

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PARISH NEWS

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.

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.
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