When I despair, I remember that all through history the ways of truth and love have always won. There have been tyrants, and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but in the end they always fall.

Think of it - always.

Mahatma Gandhi - early 20th centu-

Dear Parents and Children,

On the wall on the entry to our school, by the church, is a statement of who we are. Next to a beautiful image of St Francis of Assisi, are seven words:

**We are people of peace and hope.**

**People of peace and hope. Peace and hope. Peace. Hope.**

How we have had cause to reflect on these simple words during the past week. It has not been a peaceful week in our world. But we must maintain our hope in peace. Hope that goodness will prevail. Hope that the inherent goodness that exists within the hearts and souls of the vast majority of the people of the world will shine amidst the evil that has been perpetrated in recent days and weeks.

It can be challenging for parents when children ask questions about the death and destruction that appears daily on our television screens. The events in Paris throughout the course of the last week have led to despair, fear and uncertainty but it is important that we don’t dwell purely on the negative for the sake of our children. Even as adults we have difficulty processing the horror before our eyes. But let’s focus on the goodness, the hope. That people were brave, that they showed courage, that they thought of others before themselves, that they helped each other, that they stood together and showed strength, that the good people of the world are together in solidarity. From this solidarity comes hope. As Christians our hope is in our God. As Pope Francis said, “Never yield to discouragement, do not lose trust, do not allow your hope to be extinguished”.

We can sometimes wonder where God is in situations such as that experienced in Paris. God is present in the good, in the resilience of people, in the love and the care that we see, stranger extending to stranger and country to country.

Remember: God is closest to us in the difficult moments than at any other time.
Many thanks to all the parents who have supported our Passion Projects initiative. The children have been treated to many different learning experiences over the last three weeks and have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Without the parent support and participation, it would not have been possible to conduct them at all. Thank you.

This week and last week, we saw the 2016 Prep children come to school for some initial orientation sessions. The children have come in and had some wonderful experiences in the classroom with our 2015 Prep teachers and their new peers. The Grade 5 children, who are going to be their Grade 6 buddies have done a wonderful job in supporting the early transitional period to school. We conducted our parent information session yesterday and finished off with an opportunity to make some new contacts and networks.

Please refer to the calendar section of the newsletter for some key dates in the school life between now and the end of the year.

**A reminder that Monday is a school closure day.**

Peace and all good,
Anne Doherty
Principal
### Reflection on the Transition Day

On Monday, the Grade 6s went to St Therese’s Primary School to take part in a Transition Day for Year 7. We participated in different activities with people from different primary schools who are going to the same high school as us.

The schools that took part in the transition day were St Monica’s, St Mary’s, St Therese’s and Our Lady of the Nativity.

There were different games, quizzes and craft activities that we did over the day that helped us meet new people and make new friends for next year. There were guest speakers from the police who taught us how to be safe on public transport and about how things will be next year.

At the end of the day, each school performed their Flash Mobs, finishing the day on a high.

We found the day a great day because we got to meet new people who we will see at high school next year. It was a great opportunity for people who didn’t know anyone that are going to their high school, to make friends and get to know different people.

Afterwards, everyone met at least one person who they are going to school with and everyone feels more confident about the transition we will make into high school.

Clodagh and Ryan – School Captains

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### THE UNIFORM SHOP IS ONLINE!

Starting from 1st September 2015, families will have the opportunity to purchase uniform items online via the ouronlinecanteen website.

If you are already registered with an account, once you go in you can simply click on the Uniforms tab at the top of the page. There you can order your required items and the Uniform Shop will fill your order and deliver it to your child’s classroom the following Monday.

You can also access the website by using the UNIFORM ORDER button on the tiqbiz app. The price list is still available with the UNIFORM LIST button.

If you are not registered, just go to www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au and follow the prompts to set up your own account…it’s super easy!

We are hoping this system will make it a quick and simple option for those who can’t get into school to make their purchases. As we will now be using this online system, we will no longer be taking orders through the office, however the Uniform Shop will still be trading as usual on Monday mornings.

Happy online Shopping!

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### CANTEEN CLOSED

The Canteen will be closed this Tuesday 24th November 2015. Please do not place any orders for this day.

Thank you.
BOOK CLUB

Dear Parents,
Thank you for your fantastic support of book club this year! With your support we have been able to purchase lots of new beautiful books for our wonderful library. Issue 8 is the last issue of the year and orders are due back Thursday November 19th. Please remember to return your order via the office box. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted.
Happy Reading!
Mrs Whelan & Miss Hughes :-)

REMINDER ….Australasian Mathematical Olympiad

Our results for the 2015 Olympiads are back and we will be presenting the awards and certificates to all participants at the next Whole School Assembly on Thursday 26th November 2015. The children this year demonstrated the PYP attributes of commitment, enthusiasm, cooperation and independence during all Olympiads and practice sessions.

Congratulations to all students for their great attitude and effort.

Colleen Monaghan
Maths Leader

ST BERNARDS PARENTS 2016

Welcome to St Bernard’s College.

The Ladies Auxiliary invites you to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 2nd of December 2015 in the boardroom (under main reception) at 9.30am.

The meeting will consist of an overview of our 2015 activities. Principal, Tony Paatsch will be present for the election of 2015 office bearers which will be followed by a festive morning tea.

There is no obligation to make any further commitment. Come and hear what we do, meet current parents and learn more about the many functions we cater for throughout the year.

Your attendance at this meeting will be allocated to your Parent Participation Program hours.

For catering purposes please email Jenny Goring (President) jenny@careplus.com.au

LOST PROPERTY

A rugby jumper has been lost in the grade 1 area. If you find the jumper or your child has the wrong rugby jumper could you please hand it into the office. Thank you.
## Church Welcoming Family - Roster

### Where:
Our Lady of Nativity Church

### When:
Saturday Night, 5.30pm

### What to Do:
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.

All families are welcome to join us in Church.

### Any questions:
Lynette Xerri - 0408 573 045 / Lynettexerri@nbnco.com.au

### Date:
- Saturday, 21 November
- Saturday, 28 November
- Saturday, 5 December
- Saturday, 12 December

### Family to assist:
- Fox Family (Louise & Greg)
- Zivkovic Family (Mary & Rob)
- Grigg Family (Elizabeth & David)
- Passarella Family (Carmel & Gianni)

## Church Welcoming Family - Roster

### Where:
Our Lady of Nativity Church

### When:
Sunday Morning, 10am

### What to Do:
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.

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### Any questions:
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### Date:
- Sunday, 22 November
- Sunday, 29 November
- Sunday, 6 December
- Sunday, 13 December

### Family to assist:
- Ferrali Family (Laura & Simon)
- Kavanah Family (Letitia & Ben)
- Spinazzola Family (Anthony & Andrea)
- Lewis Family (Grant & Belinda)

## Piety Stall—Open after each Sunday Mass

The piety stall is open with many religious items, images and icons, a range of cards available. Please make use of this!