Dear Parents and children,

A picture says it all! During the last couple of months we have had a theme running through our community prayer – how can we be the face of Jesus? Year Two KS shared with the community their understanding of the Eucharist – the great gift that Jesus gave us, the gift of himself. Importantly though, the children highlighted a very important aspect of this gift. It is freely given to us from love and we are asked to share this love, in turn, with others. The photo above illustrates some of the ways we can be the face of Jesus for others. Not one of these ways of showing God’s love are beyond our capacity as Christians and it can be as simple as making someone smile.

Confirmation

Last Friday evening our Year Sixes received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Denis Hart, DD, in a beautiful ceremony. I always feel very privileged to be in a position to witness the children’s faces at the moment of Confirmation and see nerves turn to joy. Their smiles were beautiful and spontaneous – certainly a sign of the Spirit at work in them. Thank you to their parents, teachers – Joseph Moore, Ann-Marie Keenan and Kate Symonds- and Father Andrew for preparing the children to receive the sacraments. It is now the responsibility of us all to ensure that the children’s faith journey continues and that the gifts they received from the Holy Spirit become manifest through their actions and throughout their lives.
Leila (2KS) and Lachie (PA) Jones came to school very excited yesterday and announced to all at assembly the birth of their new brother, Angus Sean. Lachie was beside himself at the thought of a brother and Leila was thankful that the birth had gone well – in the lead up to Angus’ birth she said she didn’t care if the new baby was a brother or sister – just as long as it was healthy. Very mature for Grade 2. Congratulations to Katherine and Martyn Jones on the birth of Angus. We look forward to meeting him as he has been long awaited!

Mid-Year Reports
All children will receive their mid-year reports next Thursday. The reports are a reflection of your child’s progress during the first semester of the academic year. Should you have any concerns regarding your child’s report or progress to date I encourage you to contact your child’s teacher in order to make an appointment for early next term.

A reminder that school finishes for the term at 1:30 pm on Friday.

As there will be no newsletter next Friday, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed to our community throughout the course of the term either by assisting the children with their learning or being of service to the school in a myriad of ways. The students, staff and I greatly appreciate your dedication and ongoing support.

Peace and all good.

Anne Doherty

TERM 2 2015

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

TERM 3 2015

July
Week 1
Wed 15th July Gr 5 Camp Departs
Thurs 16th July Gr 5 Camp
Fri 17th July Gr 5 Camp Returns

Week 2
Fri 24th July Elderly Parishioners’ Morning Tea
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 28th 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
Thurs 17th Sept Footy Fever Day
Fri 25th Sept Dad’s Racing Night

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 McGreaney on 0400 006 993 or e-mail leanne@paulmcgreaney.com.au

Banking News

Well done to all of the children who are practicing good saving habits and depositing their money regularly.

Just to let you know that from Term 3 there will be no tokens issued. All deposits can still be made as per usual protocol, and prizes can be redeemed after every 10 deposits. Please notify us of the preferred reward when your child has made 10 deposits.

Regards

The banking volunteers

P & F Meetings

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

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

Congratulations to the following grade 5/6 children for their outstanding effort in the Penola College Italian poetry competition: Alannah Acquaviva, Giselle Di Giacomo, Marcus Di Sipio, Lauren Harb, Amy Nguyen, Ebony Rivera, Antonia Smoljko, Kate Stephens, Lucas Xuereb, Liam Attard, Jordan Lombardo, Isabella Prestia, Gabrielle Whiting, Aislinn Cefai, Sebastian Cutojar, Matthew Fois, Daniella Scambieterra, Alannah Ginters, Mya Mollica, Anna Nguyen and Rachel Nguyen. All the children were amazing and I was very proud of them. This year’s winners are as follows:

Grade 6: 1st Sebastian Cutojar, 2nd Anna Nguyen, 3rd Mya Mollica

Grade 5: 1st Giselle Di Giacomo, 2nd Marcus Di Sipio, 3rd Lauren Harb

Special Mentions: Antonia Smoljko, Jordan Lombardo and Lucas Xuereb

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We have a great way for you to warm up this Winter! How about jumping headfirst into our **Wild Winter Sports Program**.

Not only will you have a great time with your friends, our experienced coaches will help you learn some great new skills. Term 3 will see children experience popular sports and try some new ones as well! They will learn some new games that will improve their hand eye co ordination.

This term we are focusing on **Hockey, Footy, Soccer and Basketball**.

Kelly sports is a wonderful opportunity for your child to develop key sporting skills and inspire them to give sport a go as they improve their catching, throwing, striking, running and jumping.

So *if you are in Prep to grade 4*, come and see what 40 000 thousand Australian kids do at the end of their school day. You may also be lucky enough that your schools offers our specialist sport programs or our dance programs. So check out what is on offer for Term 2.

So what are you waiting for! Look out for our fliers and come out and join us.

For more information call Kelly Sports Essendon on 93842204 or email sonya@kellysports.com.au or checkout our website www.kellysports.com.au.

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**CAMP AUSTRALIA**

Dear Parents,

The school holidays are almost upon us again and as a result, 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.campaustralia.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.

Due to the early finish of the OLN children on the last day of term, we will be running after school care from 1.30pm on this day to accommodate this.

Before and after school care will resume at the beginning of next term on Monday 13th July, 2015.

We wish all of our families a safe and happy break and look forward to seeing you all again after the holidays.

Kind Regards,

Holly and Team.

Program for the week:

- Monday 22.6.15: Lava in a cup.
- Tuesday 23.6.15: Poison Ball.
- Wednesday 24.6.15: Marbling with paint.
- Thursday 25.6.15: Banana Pancakes.
- Friday 26.6.15: End of Term Party!!

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**OLN Tennis Club**

*FREE TRIAL LESSON*

**TENNIS LESSONS – OLN Tennis Club**

Now enrolling for Term 3

Recess & Lunch Time Lessons (All year levels)

After School Group & Private Lessons.

Adult Lessons available during school hours.

Cardio Tennis (Wed mornings & evenings)

Holiday Clinic

Tues 30th June & Wed 1st July 2015 *(See website for all details)*

For bookings and enquiries: Doug Hamilton 0438 566 588

Email: doug@showcourttennis.com

Website: www.showcourttennis.com

*Free trial lesson for new students only*
Financial Assistance
Information for Parents

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

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All families are welcome to join us in Church.

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

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