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You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’ Mk 6:31
What a wonderful invitation! Throughout his ministry Jesus was very active and very involved with the people he encountered. Sunday’s Gospel says that so many people were coming and going that Jesus and His disciples didn’t even have time to eat. Although our lives are very different from Jesus’, we welcome the invitation to come away and rest. This isn’t idle time or useless time; it is time to be refreshed and renewed. God can and will do this for us if we co-operate. It is not easy to do this in our world today where we have many responsibilities and time is so precious. However, we can do everything better and in a more wholehearted way if we take some time to allow God to have a stronger presence in our lives. Where is your ‘deserted place’? When was the last time you rested?

Fr Andrew Reitz, OFM

Dear parents and children,
Welcome back to school for term three. Despite the damp and chilly start to the term all of the students have settled back well and have enjoyed reconnecting with their friends and teachers. Our Year Fives have had the most exciting start to the term having spent the last three days at camp in the city where they have had the opportunity to experience Melbourne as ‘tourists’. The children have had a wonderful time exploring Melbourne and its geography and history. They have cruised the Yarra River, participated in a mock parliament, attended the night markets, explored the MCG, experienced incarceration at the Old Melbourne Jail, and been on a scavenger hunt to name but a few activities. All reports have been glowing in regards to the children’s behaviour and participation — and the fact that they slept! This means that their teachers slept also — the perfect ingredient for a happy camp! Thanks to Sarah Brown, James Brown, Ann-Maree Keenan, Joseph Moore, Genevieve Exton and Grant Lewis for attending the camp and making all these wonderful experiences possible for the children.
**Staffing news.**

There have been several changes to staffing in the last few weeks:

- Maureen Lane, after many years of dedicated service to our school and children as Reading Recovery teacher has decided to retire. Maureen performed a crucial role in the school working one on one with children in the Year One area focussing on improving their reading skills and strategies. Any parent who has had a child participate in the Reading Recovery Program will attest to the work that Maureen had done with their child and the long term gain in terms of literacy outcomes. We thank Maureen for her commitment to our children and wish her well in her retirement. Maureen’s last day will be next Thursday, 23rd July.

- Sharon Biddlestone has also decided to conclude her employment at Our Lady of the Nativity. Sharon was a very welcoming presence in our school and was very caring towards our children. We thank Sharon for all that she contributed during her time with us.

- Francene Axiak resigned at the end of last term in order to take up a Performing Arts position at a secondary school. We thank Francene for the opportunities she provided for the children to express themselves through drama and wish her well in her new positon.

We welcome to our school Ms Sarah Brown who is teaching Year Five. Sarah comes to us from an international PYP school in Singapore. Prior to teaching overseas Sarah taught in Melbourne for several years. Now on camp, she is relishing the opportunity of getting to know her new students (and they are getting to know her!)

Mrs Anna Moloney who has been on staff for several years has been appointed as our new Reading Recovery Teacher. We wish Anna well in her new role.

**It’s a Boy!**

Michael Privitelli (2E) was very excited at the very end of last term to announce the arrival of his baby brother, Kayden. Having older sisters, Michael was delighted at becoming a big brother and no longer being the only boy. Congratulations to Donna and Sean on Kayden’s birth and we hope that their newest family member will be able to join his siblings at home in the very near future. We look forward to meeting Kayden.

The week ended on a crazy note much to the delight of the children who had the unusual opportunity of leaving school early. Due to a problem in Buckley St the school was without water and we were unable to ascertain when the supply would be resumed, hence the text messages. Thank you to all those parents who were able to pick their children up early as 400+ children and no water was a huge problem for us. We appreciated your willingness to drop everything and come up to the school. Peace and all good.

Anne Doherty
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
(Literacy Leader)

Sacramental Luncheon

On Thursday 25th June, 2015 the Grade 3 & 6s enjoyed a Sacramental Luncheon. The look of excitement and joy that was on these children’s faces was priceless. The children and their teachers enjoyed a wonderful spread of food.
(donated by the P & F and the school community)

There are too many parents to thank individually, but you all know who you are! We would like to extend our utmost appreciation and thanks to the Parents, Grandmothers & Aunties for all your wonderful help and support both before the event and on the day. It was a great success, everything was prepared and served in a timely manner, which we are immensely grateful for.

Without your help this event wouldn’t have been so successful, it was an amazing parent team effort. The children were extremely happy and that’s what we were aiming for. So Thank You.....

Mary Zivkovic & Vikki Tsoukalas

P & F Meetings

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

| 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!

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GRADE 5 CAMP
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

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*All families are welcome to join us in Church.*

**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)

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**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)