Dear parents and children,

Often in the newsletter you will read content and there is a theme of gratitude and thanks given to people in our community who are deserving of it. The content of the newsletter is no different to that today.

When we say thank you to those for helping us or for doing something that is fantastic, it is often the moments we see or experience that we give thanks for. But what of those moments in the background that we may not notice, perceive or ever recognise. Every day there are people in our lives, community and world who do things that we may not be aware of.

It is a lot like God. God is constantly working in our lives, it may be a chance encounter, a smile from someone or a gesture.

We have much to be thankful for in our lives. Whether it is our family, friends, the fact we have a roof over our head or food in our stomach, we are the lucky ones. Please take a moment to stop and say thank you to God and those who you are thankful for.

It certainly has been another busy week here at Our Lady of the Nativity.

Last Saturday kicked off proceedings with a working bee. A team of dedicated parents turned up on a brisk morning and worked tirelessly to tick off all the jobs on our to do list. One of the items that most noticeably new is a Parents and Friends communication board. As you enter the school grounds it is mounted on the wall just to the left. Please keep an eye on what is in there as it will serve as a place to keep the community informed about some upcoming events in the school.

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1 minute newsletter...

- Being thankful
- Working Bee – a big thank you
- Bahay Tuluyan Conference
- Parent Information Evening – The Exhibition
- 100 Days of Prep
- Adam Wallace Incursion

A sincere thank you to those parents who gave up their Saturday morning, rearranged sporting and family commitments to ensure that the school was not just safer, but also more aesthetically pleasing.

We only have one more working bee for the year which will be in Term 4. If you haven’t already attended one this year, then I encourage you to come along and help. It is always great to see new faces at events such as these.

On Monday we hosted a conference for Bahay Tuluyan*. Our Grade 6 leaders attended on the school’s behalf along with student leadership teams from a variety of schools from across Melbourne. The children were exposed to and challenged by some of the realities that people from around the world face on a daily basis.

* Bahay Tuluyan is an organisation that assist with the rights of children in The Philippines. For more information on this organisation please visit http://www.bahaytuluyan.org/aboutus_2_1_1.html

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- A significant event in the life of a PYP student, combining the essential elements of the PYP and sharing them with the whole school community.
- An inquiry that starts from personal interest and passions, but extends into real world issues/problems
- A celebration of students’ transition from primary to middle/secondary school.
- Something that all PYP students, in their final year of the program, are required to participate in the exhibition

Thank you to those parents who came along to support the school and become more involved in the curriculum side of things on the night. As Information nights go, the turn up was quite low. As a school we dedicate time and effort in to organising events like this to keep the parent community informed and create evening like this to share our journey and future directions. I would encourage you to attend parent information sessions when you can, as they do help with understanding different areas of school life.
100 days already! On Wednesday the Grade Preps (their teachers and parents too) celebrated 100 days of primary school. There was an air of excitement around the Prep classrooms for a while leading up to the day and Wednesday morning it almost reached fever pitch. The Preps marked the occasion with a very different day including making cupcakes, having a theoretical $100 to spend (I wish it went as far as they think!), some fun activities and finishing with their parents coming in for the afternoon.

In the afternoon the Preps welcomed the parents and special people in the hall and shared some of their times from the year. Then it all continued in classrooms with a multimedia journey of the year so far and sharing some learning. The preps have had such fun this year and it is a combination of a number of factors – the children themselves, their parents and teachers! Well done team!

Yesterday Adam Wallace came to school to talk to our children about what being an author/illustrator is all about. He shared excerpts from his new book and held some animal drawing classes. We uncovered some hidden artistic skills amongst our school community. The children all thoroughly enjoyed their time and left the sessions buzzing with energy.

Today our Grade 4 students headed off on an excursion to see ‘The Wiz’ performed by students from Ave Maria College. The Wiz is a different take on the main characters from The Wizard of Oz placed in New York City. From all reports the children were completely caught up in the show and had a great time.

Warm regards,

Grant Lewis
Deputy Principal

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Hello Parents,

Just a quick reminder that Book Day is **Thursday the 27th of August**. For anyone who is new to Book Day let me tell you that this is a rather low key affair where the children come dressed up to school.

**ONLY JOKING!!**

Book Day is the highlight of the Librarian’s Social Calender and everyone MUST come to school in a costume! This year’s national book week slogan is “Books Light Up the World” so a good idea for costumes could be anything around this theme. As always, children can come dressed as their favourite book character. If you are creative enough to combine the two then go for it! Perhaps this is the year all those electricians and light experts will get to shine (LOL). Power points are in short supply so if you need to light up on the day then you had better opt for battery power. Remember, creativity is strongly encouraged and home-made costumes are often the best!

Lots of children have been telling me what they are going to dress up as and I can’t wait to see them on the day. The parade will be first thing in the morning and hopefully we can all fit into the hall.

Looking forward to another exciting Book Day.

And chow for now

Mrs Whelan

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**Our Lady of the Nativity**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**17th of October 2015**

**Maribyrnong Bowls Club**

**Time:** 7pm

**Tickets Selling Soon**

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**Save the Date!**
LITERACY PLANET - WEEK 1 UPDATE

This week the children have been buzzing with words, words and more words as they participate in Week 1 of the Word Mania Competition.

I would encourage all families to have a ‘play’ at home for a few minutes every day to help build up the word knowledge of your child and to help achieve the goal of ‘10 million minutes of literacy’. Next week is week 2 so if you haven’t joined in yet, its never too late to start.

Happy word building!

Lisa Benetti
(Literacy Leader)

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN STICKER PROMOTION

Once again the Woolworths earn and learn stickers promotion is underway and we as a school are collecting. Last year with your amazing contributions we were able to get a variety of books, literacy games and oral language activities that have been of a huge benefit to our literacy program. This year we are hoping for even more so if you or family members shop at Woolworths please collect the stickers and drop them into the earn and learn box at the front office or pop them into the class office boxes.

Thank you
Lisa Benetti

P & F Meetings

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

- 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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ADAM WALLACE AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR VISIT

Once again we have been very lucky to have Adam Wallace (author and illustrator) visit our school to promote his new books. The children were very excited (many were glued to the library windows from the minute Adam arrived) to see Adam and to have a go at drawing some of his characters under his guidance. There were many laughs as Adam shared snippets from his new book. An order form has been sent home tonight for the new books, please return it by next Wednesday if you wish to purchase any of Adam’s books. If you would like to purchase any of Adam’s other books please visit his website.

Lisa Benetti

It was a great experience for everyone. Getting to draw a dolphin from Adam’s books was fun, and getting them signed was better. Frank Year 5

The experience was amazing like the other times. Drawing the dolphin was fun and so was hearing Adam’s stories. Alekz Year 5

It was so much fun getting to see Adam’s new books and learning how to draw a dolphin. I also enjoyed getting to know more about Adam. Jade Year 5

The experience was great for everyone. We had fun looking at all the new books. Everyone learnt how to draw new and amazing things. Amy Year 5

Thank you Adam Wallace for coming to our school and showing us your new books. It was a great experience and I enjoyed it a lot. Marcus D Year 5

Adam Wallace was very funny and creative he made me want to draw really cool and funny animals. Sara Year 3
PREP 100 DAYS
Application for Enrolment Year 7 2017

Apply now for Year 7 2017 at St Columba’s College. Visit the College website to request a prospectus and book a tour. Applications can be downloaded from the College website at www.columba.vic.edu.au

For all other enrolment enquiries contact the College Registrar on 9331 9128 or email registrar@columba.vic.edu.au

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Reminder: OLN Dad’s Race Night.

Please send money in a clearly marked envelope to school!

- All money and replies due back at school by Friday 14th August
- If you are not on the email list please email oln@oln.sbc.sbc.vic.edu.au so we can add you to the list

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**FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER**

**MOONEE VALLEY RACING CLUB**

Gates Open at 6:15pm till 10:45pm

**VISIT WWW.THEVALLEY.COM.AU FOR DRESS REGULATIONS**

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**LOST LOST LOST LOST LOST LOST LOST LOST LOST**

Lily Rivera from 1R has lost her BLUE School Jumper.

If found please return to Lily in 1R

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A reminder to parents that Term 3 School Fees are due on Thursday 13th August, 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.
### Church Welcoming Family - Roster

**Where:** Our Lady of Nativity Church  
**When:** Saturday Night  
**Time:** 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, 1 August  
Saturday, 2 August  
Saturday, 8 August  
Saturday, 9 August  
Saturday, 15 August  
Saturday, 16 August  
Saturday, 22 August  
Saturday, 23 August

**Family to assist:**  
Fox Family  
(Catherine & Greg)  
Cattafi Family  
(Anna & Frank)  
Whiting Family  
(Alice & Paul)  
Zivkovic Family  
(Mary & Rob)  

### Church Welcoming Family - Roster

**Where:** Our Lady of Nativity Church  
**When:** Sunday Morning  
**Time:** 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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Sunday, 3 August  
Sunday, 9 August  
Sunday, 10 August  
Sunday, 16 August  
Sunday, 17 August  
Sunday, 23 August  
Sunday, 24 August

**Family to assist:**  
Spinazzola Family  
(Anthony & Andrea)  
Lewis Family  
(Grant & Belinda)  
Bezzina & Munter Family  
(Janet & Rob)  
Augello Family  
(Carmela & Joe)