Dear parents and children,

Mary MacKillop: Australia’s first saint. We celebrated the solemnity of her today at Mass. My favourite quote from this wonderful lady is “Never see a need without doing something about it”. This message has had a common theme here at Our Lady of the Nativity this week. On Monday our Grade 6s hosted assembly with a focus on social justice and ended by asking the questions ‘Why you? Why not?’

The questions were asked in relation to making a difference and helping those in need. As a community we took time to think about what we could do or how/who we could help. They also spoke about people’s rights and responsibilities.

Interestingly our Grade 2s are currently inquiring into the central idea “All humans have rights and responsibilities”. The children, when asked, were quick to pop their hands up to make connections between their learning and the message in assembly.

The theme of doing something about an issue was also woven through the ceremony we held on Tuesday. It was National Indigenous and Torres Straight Islander children’s day. To mark this occasion we gathered together for a prayer service lead by our student leaders. It was a very reverent time and the children were very respectful of the ceremony and the prayer. Many thanks to the students and Miss Keenan for preparing it.

Yet another busy week has flown by here at Our Lady of the Nativity. It is hard to believe that we are four weeks in to term 3 already!

On Monday the Grade 6 girls soccer team competed in the regional championships. The girls applied themselves so well in all their games and did themselves and the school proud. Thank you to all the girls for their efforts, the parents for helping out and Mrs. Kerry Dougherty for her organisation and coaching.

11 committed Grade 6 students and several doona clad parents made their way to the regional tee ball championships on Wednesday. The weather was against the girls, but it did not dampen their spirits. They improved with each game and they were formally commended for their team work and encouragement. Thanks must go to Mr. Brown who helped the girls out on the day and to all the parents who went along to support.

Thursday was no quieter as we had an assembly, the Grade 3s off on an excursion and the Grade 4s battled the cool conditions with a Bike Ed session. The Grade 3s explored our local community to see what structure were there and how they met the needs of our community.

Today was no different to any of the others in terms of busyness. The day started beautifully as we all celebrated Mass as a school community to celebrate the feast of Mary MacKillop. Later in the day the Grade 3-6s all attended Benediction.

Being a lover of words and their etymology, I had a think about what Benediction could mean. After thinking then googling, it is really simple: Bene (good/well) + diction (to say/to speak). Put together and in the context of the church it simply refers to a time spent talking with God and how can that not be good!

A few staff have communicated with me a concern they share around the arrival time of some children at school. Classrooms are open for children to come into from 8:30am each day. Children are expected to unpack their bags and place a book for silent reading on their desks so they are ready for their day of learning. At 8:45am a bell rings and all children are expected to be in class and read their books. Children coming in to class after 8:45 do impact on other children’s learning and concentration. The later the arrival the more impact it has as lessons formally begin. Learning time is so important to protect and not have any interruptions.
At assembly there are seats provided for parents at the rear of the hall. The chairs set up along the side of the hall are for teachers only. The reason teachers have these seats allocated are for supervisory purposes. Currently we have noticed that parents are taking these seats and it makes supervision of children impossible for staff. We recognise that these may be prime spots for photographs, but the safety and supervision of the children must come first. Should parents continue to sit in these seats, you will be asked to move toward the back of the hall. We ask for your cooperation in the matter.

Warm regards,
Grant Lewis
Deputy Principal

Term 3 2015

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 27th Aug Book Parade

Week 8
September
Fri 4th Sept Father’s Day Breakfast

Week 9
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
Mon 14th Sept ART SHOW WEEK
Thurs 17th Sept Footy Fever Day
Fri 25th Sept Dad’s Racing Night

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ONLY JOKING!!

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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
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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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LITERACY PLANET - WEEK 2 UPDATE

This week the children have been buzzing with words, words and more words as they participate in Week 2 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 3 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 for the overwhelming response received to date. KEEP COLLECTING…..

Thank you

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!

THE ART SHOW IS COMING…

Parents, Family and friends, make sure you mark this extraordinary event in your diaries!

Wednesday 16th September – Week 10.

Your children have been working hard to create a collection of their art. We can’t wait to share them with you.

If you have the ability to help pick up and transport a number of display boards the week prior, please let me know.

Keep your eyes out for more details in the coming weeks.

Get excited!

Miss Symonds J
ksymonds@olnaberfeldie.catholic.edu.au

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BONJOUR!!!
Our Lady of the Nativity Ladies Night
Simone Pérèle Direct
Brunswick

Simone Pérèle, is a well-known classic French lingerie brand of high quality. As a company, they dedicate that is need to women with sophisticated tastes, and combines beauty and the art of fine lingerie for comfortable everyday living.

Simone Pérèle has donated generously to the Our Lady of the Nativity Trivia Night in the past and yet again this year too has offered us another incentive; 20% of all sales on the night will be donated back to the school.

Date: Thursday 20th August
Where: Simone Pérèle Direct - 303 Brunswick Road, Brunswick VIC 3056
Time: 7pm – 9pm
Uptown arrival you will all receive a $25 voucher, to commence your shopping spree.
Open to all Our Lady of the Nativity Mothers, Teachers, Family Members and Friends. Feel free to extend the invitation! The more the merrier (and funds for the school).

Nibbles and non alcoholic drinks will be provided on the night.

RSVP: Jennifer Del Mastro attendance ONLY by Monday 17th August.

Email: jennifer.delmastro@gmail.com or Text: 0418173363

Please note you only need to respond if you are attending!! If you could also coordinate groups and have only one person respond with total numbers this would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks.
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

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.

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
MOONEE VALLEY RACING CLUB

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

VISIT WWW.THEVALLEY.COM.AU FOR DRESS REGULATIONS

PROGRAM FOR THE WEEK:

Monday 10.8 Origami
Tuesday 11.8 Group Poison Ball
Wednesday 12.8 Rice Bubble Crackle
Thursday 13.8 Weaving Rings
Friday 14.8 Board Games Afternoon
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**Any questions:** Lynette Xerri - 0408 573 045 / Lynettexerri@nbnco.com.au

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