Dear Parents and Children,

I'd like to introduce you to my new friend Justin. Though small for his age (I was quickly corrected when I asked if he was five) this seven year old is in some ways old beyond his years. As you can see he has an amazing smile and the bigger his smile gets the more prominent his dimples become! He is highly engaging, loves technology and the photos on my phone kept him entertained for quite a while. He is certainly an inquirer as his questions come thick and fast as he seeks to understand and learn about countries, schools, children, homes, climates and environments beyond his own boundaries. He's a great friend, very loyal to children of all ages with whom he shares his days. He cares about others. He is a great communicator. He is bilingual but understands more English than he speaks but he is easily understood when conversing with English speakers. And he is very patient when his meaning is not immediately understood by the listener. He just perseveres. In his life he has to take risks because life has thrown him challenges. He is very resilient. There's no jealousy, no attitude of 'why me' or 'it's not fair'. Like all children he craves attention and physical contact, so he gives no thought to personal space – he just gets as close as he can. He doesn't ask for much and is very grateful for what he receives and what he receives he willingly shares with others. Justin is one amazing boy!

Belinda Essex and I were blessed to meet Justin and his friends during our recent visit to Bahay Tuluyan in Manila. Our visit was a wonderful experience – at various times confronting, heart wrenching, joyful, humbling and-instilling-inspiring. Through our visit we gained a deep appreciation of the work undertaken by Catherine Scerri and her team (who have presented to our students during the last couple of weeks), the needs of Bahay Tuluyan and its children, and how important Bahay Tuluyan is to the lives of the children fortunate enough to either live at the centre, attend on a daily basis or receive educational opportunities and food via the mobile unit. We arrived on ‘health day’. Just like any children attending school they were read to, participated in movement songs and enjoyed watching programs on TV. However, these children also have their physical and health needs attended to by staff. They were showered, given vitamins, treated for lice and had their ears and nails attended to. Bahay Tuluyan is an integral part of the community and several young mothers were also present with their children, helping out when they could.

Whilst in Manila we stayed at the Makabata guest house which Bahay Tuluyan established in order to train young people in hospitality in order to develop their skills and employment opportunities. We also had the opportunity to visit Bahay Tuluyan’s two rural properties – Laguna, which is home for young boys and girls and older girls, and the farm at Quezon which is home to boys from the age of 8.

Everyone we encountered was so open to our visit and so willing to engage with us. Those who had so little gave us so much – their time, their friendship, their welcome and openness. We had the opportunity to engage with people, to build connectedness to see poverty as the problem not poor people. The people we met had real dignity, pride and a sense of community. No pictures could have prepared us for what we encountered in some parts of Manila but we came away enriched and, having seen and walked with our brothers and sisters, more committed than ever to do what we can individually and as a community to address injustice of poverty that exists in the world with a specific focus on children.
The weather was kind to us today for our annual Walk-a-thon. Feet of all sizes walked around the school grounds and neighbouring streets to raise money for the school. Ruth Murphy and her team once again did a great job organising the event not only on the day but also through the collection and counting of money on a daily basis, the organisation of prizes, the ‘manning’ of the route, sustenance for the children and many other tasks that contributed to the success of the event. Sincere thanks to all involved, especially Ruth for her co-ordination, and all those families who supported the event through the sponsoring of the children. The combined effort and support of our school community is most appreciated.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Assumption. On this day we honour Mary and remember the model of faithfulness she showed throughout her life. Her response to anything God asked of her was ‘Yes’, and the greatest “Yes” of all was her agreement to become the mother of Jesus. As Catholics we believe that, following her death, Mary was assumed into heaven, body and soul. We honour Mary as Queen of Heaven. Mass for the Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated tomorrow at 9:00 am in Our Lady of the Nativity Church.

Peace and all good

Anne Doherty
Principal

TERM 3 2015

Week 5
August

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

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.

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!

Looking forward to another exciting Book Day.

And chow for now
Mrs Whelan

Our Lady of the Nativity
TRIVIA NIGHT
17th of October 2015
Maribyrnong Bowls Club
Time:    7pm
Tickets Selling Soon
OUR LADY OF THE NATIVITY SCHOOL

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

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!

OLN Parents and Friends Association presents 2015 FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST

Fri 4th SEPT, 7:45am
OLN School Hall, Fawkner Street, Aberfeldie

Guest Speaker – Michael Browell
(CEO of Moonee Valley Racing Club)
COX Plate photo opportunities.
Free breakfast and raffle.
Followed by a visit to your child’s classroom(s) – at approx. 9am

Please RSVP by sending an SMS message to Michael Port 0408 560 480 or Paul Whiting 0488 455 008.
RSVP by Mon 31st AUG at the latest

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Happy word building!

Lisa Benetti
(Literacy Leader)

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 their brand to women with sophisticated tastes, and combine beauty and the art of the lingerie for comfortable everyday wear.

Simone Pérèle has donated generously to the Our Lady of the Nativity Trivia Night in the past and yet again this year our booth 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 - 203 Brunswick Road, Brunswick VIC 3056

Time: 7pm – 9pm

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: 0418471263

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.

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

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PARISH NEWS

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, 15 August  Saturday, 22 August  Saturday, 29 August  Saturday, 5 September
Family to assist: Whiting Family (Alice & Paul)  Zivkovic Family (Mary & Rob)  Grigg Family (Elizabeth & David)  Passarella Family (Carmel & Gianni)

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Where: Our Lady of Nativity Church
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Time: 10am

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Date: Sunday, 16 August  Sunday, 23 August  Sunday, 30 August  Sunday, 6 September
Family to assist: Bezzina & Munter Family (Janet & Rob)  Augello Family (Carmela & Joe)  Asher Family (Leanne & Wayne)  Paolino Family (Sonia & Lou)

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!

Thank you!
Many thanks for those of you who came along to the morning tea
last Sunday provided by our Year One families. This has been a
great initiative for our parish. The younger families love being
around the pioneers of our parish. Let's hope that more will
attend in the months ahead!
Fr Andrew

Change of timing - Mass Friday 21st August
Mass on Friday 21st August, will be at
11.00am (not at 9:15am) as we celebrate
the Anointing of the Sick within Mass for the
senior, sick and elderly in our parish. This will be followed
by a luncheon in the Parish Hall. Please advise the Office
on 9337 8419 if you wish to attend or need assistance
with transport to and from the mass and luncheon

Morning Tea —Sunday 30th August after the 10:00am Mass
After 50 years of service to Our Lady of the Nativity
Jim Mason has retired. To recognise this wonderful
work Jim has given to our parish over many years, we
will be host a morning tea to offer our gratitude for
the dedication and contribution Jim has made to the parish.