Dear Parents and children,

prep A led our community in prayer this morning, using the story of David and Goliath to illustrate the message that God protects us all.

At the other end of the school our year six students have been busy working on their exhibition units and several groups have organised their own excursions to deepen their knowledge and understanding of their chosen subject areas. it is wonderful to see the children so engaged and taking responsibility for their own learning. All members of our school community are welcome to attend the exhibition next Thursday afternoon and evening.

Italian Competition

Congratulations to our Year Five and Six students who participated in the annual Italian Poetry completion facilitated by Penola Catholic College. Special mention must be made of the following students whose poetry recitations earned them specific awards:

Year Five: Giselle Di Giacomo, Marcus Di Sipio; Lucas Xuereb, Lauren Harb, Jordan Lombardo and Antonia Smoljko.

Year Six: Anna Nguyen, Mya Mollica and Sebastian Cutajar.

Athletics Day.

Tomorrow is our annual athletics day at Aberfeldie Park and there are a few last minute reminders:

- Children may be dropped off at the running track or at school. Any child going straight to the track must be supervised by their parents or carer until their class teacher arrives at which time the parent/carer must hand the child to their teacher. Drop off time at the track is 9:15 am NOT prior.
- Children arriving at school will be walked down to the track. If you are able to assist with supervision of the children who are walking we would greatly appreciate your help.
- Please ensure that children have their hats, sunscreen, ample water and food. We would encourage you to provide healthy food options rather than sweets.
- At the conclusion of the sports it is imperative that children are signed out.
- If someone other than you is collecting your child, your child’s teacher must be informed as to who your child is leaving with. You can appreciate the difficulty of ensuring that the children are delivered safely to the appropriate person at the conclusion of a busy day.
- Anyone attending the sports is advised to bring their own food and drink.

Franciscan Reflection

‘What must I do to inherit eternal life?’ a man asks Jesus. While the man tells Jesus that he has kept the commandments, there is still something lacking. Jesus tells him to “Go, sell what you have and give to the poor……then, come, follow me.” Often our lives become cluttered with many possessions, and our minds become preoccupied with many concerns. Many things can possess us. Jesus invites the man to “Come, follow me.” We are people who can be possessed by material goods, worries, responsibilities, burdens. Jesus says, “Come, follow, me”. Is there a burden that possesses you? Free yourself from all that burdens you; focus on Jesus alone.

Fr Andrew Reitz, OFM.
2016 Enrolments

During term four we receive requests from families looking to enrol their children at Our Lady of the Nativity for the following year. In order to facilitate the enrolment process for 2016, I ask that if your child or children are not returning to Our Lady of the Nativity in 2016 (other than current Year Six students) that you advise me in writing by the end of next week. If you are not 100% certain please contact me to discuss your situation.

If we do not hear to the contrary we will assume that your child/ren will be returning and accounts will be established accordingly for which you will be liable.

Volunteers

The school is very grateful for all the volunteers that help out in our school in many, many ways. It is, however, a legal requirement that volunteers are in possession of a current Working With Children card. This card is free for volunteers and I would encourage everyone to obtain one, even grandparents who would like to be involved in school activities. This documentation is for the protection of all children. We have had several occasions where individuals have arrived at school expecting to participate in activities without the WWC and we have had to refuse admittance, as required by law. All volunteers will be required to present their WWC card in order to participate in school activities.

Year Five Construction

Whilst on the subject of volunteers, thanks to all the adults who turned up yesterday to help our Year Five’s construct their billy carts. The children had great fun learning new construction skills and working together under the guidance of ‘experts’ to construct their ‘mean machines’. I believe that there was some healthy competition among the adults involved but the benefit to the children of the adult enthusiasm and the willingness to share skills and expertise and tools is beyond measure.

It’s a Boy!

Congratulations to staff member Shelley Shein and her husband Jonathan on the birth of William Christopher last Saturday. William joins brother Cooper in the Shein family and the duo are sure to keep their parents busy in the years ahead.

Trivia Night

A huge thank you to Leanne McSweeney and her team who will see the fruits of their labours come to fruition on Saturday evening at the Trivia Night. Leanne and her team have put in many hours planning and organisation of the evening and with over 170 attending the function I’m sure it will be a fun-filled function. Thank you to all those families within our school who have donated or sourced gifts and prizes for the occasion and to the many local business who have also supported the evening.

School uniform

There are number of children wearing runners with their summer uniform. The school’s uniform is black school shoes (not black runners). With nine weeks of school remaining all children are still expected to wear the appropriate footwear. Reasonably priced shoes are available at many discount shoe and department stores.

Peace and all good

Anne Doherty
Principal
APPLICATION PROCESS FOR AVE MARIA COLLEGE AND ST COLUMBA’S COLLEGE

Should you be seeking a position at either one of the above Colleges, please note the following:

- You are required to list each school, in order of preference
- Listing one only does not guarantee or prioritise your application at either College
- Each College will endeavour to accommodate first preferences where there are vacancies in order of selection criteria and will consult with each other regarding second preferences to ensure fairness and equity.

Check out what the Grade 5’s have been up to!

How the World Works
Billy Cart Construction Day
We had a great day filled with enthusiasm and creativity!

It was great to hear the conversations amongst students and our amazing helpers today as they measured, problem solved, explained their design to help create a successful Billy cart.

A huge thank you to all our helpers! It was wonderful to have dads, mums, uncles, and grandparents helping.

We look forward to painting on Monday, and stay tuned for the BILLY CART RACE DAY announcement.

P & F Meetings

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

Monday 19th October 7.30pm
Monday 16th November AGM

THE UNIFORM SHOP IS ONLINE!

Starting from 1st September 2015, families will have the opportunity to purchase uniform items online via the ouronlinecanteen website.

If you are already registered with an account, once you go in you can simply click on the Uniforms tab at the top of the page. There you can order your required items and the Uniform Shop will fill your order and deliver it to your child’s classroom the following Monday.

You can also access the website by using the UNIFORM ORDER button on the tiqibiz app. The price list is still available with the UNIFORM LIST button.

If you are not registered, just go to www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au and follow the prompts to set up your own account...it’s super easy!

We are hoping this system will make it a quick and simple option for those who can’t get into school to make their purchases. As we will now be using this online system, we will no longer be taking orders through the office, however the Uniform Shop will still be trading as usual on Monday mornings.

Happy online Shopping!

Mowing Roster

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you have all enjoyed a restful holiday and are enjoying the warmer weather as of late. I would like to take this opportunity to make mention that our Sun Smart policy is now in effect. All children will be required to wear a hat outside during both Before and After School Care. If your child does not have a hat on the day, they will be asked to play in a shaded area or inside the OSHC room. There will be sunscreen available in the OSHC room each day for children to apply to themselves if they wish. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Kind Regards,
Holly and Team.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS DAY

Congratulations to the eleven children who competed in the Regional Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 13th October. All of the children represented our school and themselves with pride. Majella Portelli, Jordan Lombardo, Marcus Di Sipio, Jai Balestra, Natalie Bonnici, Nikola Davin, Audrey Haratsis, Charli Papac, Simona Di Filipo, Monique White and Millie Townsend-Booth. Three of our children received medals: Simona Di Filipo came 3rd in the 80m Hurdles, Charli Papac came 3rd in the 100m sprint, and Amelia (Milly) Townsend-Booth came 2nd in the Shot Put.

Good luck to Amelia (Milly) Townsend-Booth as she will be representing our region in the State Trials on the 26th October 2015.
# Parish News

## Church Welcoming Family - Roster

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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, 17 October
- Saturday, 24 October
- Saturday, 31 October
- Saturday, 7 November

### Family to assist:
- Zammit Family (Nancy & Sandro)
- Nerone Family (Cathy & Peter)
- Cattafi Family (Anna & Frank)
- Whiting Family (Alice & Paul)

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### Date:
- Sunday, 18 October
- Sunday, 25 October
- Sunday, 1 November
- Sunday, 8 November

### 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!