Gospel Reading: (John 20: 19–21)

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’

O Risen Christ, we rejoice in your resurrection and exult in your living presence.
Risen Christ, you come to transfigure our human nature.
Risen Christ, in you our resurrection has already begun.
Risen Christ, you fill our hearts with peace.
Risen Christ, your Spirit burns away our sadness.
Risen Christ, you come to gather us as one in your Body, the Church.
Risen Christ, from the waters of baptism you raise us up with you and renew your gift of life within us. Help us to grow as your people towards the fullness of life and love. Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Easter Day emerges from the pain of Good Friday. The depths of despair are replaced, unexpectedly, by heights of joy. From the darkness of the deep of night and death come the glorious rays of dawn light and new life. God is in both.

We strain to express the wonder, surprise and profound sense of God’s renewed presence with God’s people at Easter in ways never imagined or previously experienced. Mystery is at the heart of Easter, and words are inadequate.

In all situations Christ’s death and resurrection is the basis of our faith and hope for the future. Christ’s light shines.

So Happy Easter. Christ is Risen!

Reflections from Isabel Thomas Dobson

St Francis Catholic Primary School acknowledges the Bangarang and Yorta Yorta people, the traditional custodians of the land on which our school is situated.
We commit ourselves to actively work alongside Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.
Dear Parents and Friends of St Francis

Welcome back to term 2 and happy Easter everyone! I entrust everyone has had a happy and restful Easter break. It was lovely to speak to the children yesterday and hear of the many stories and holiday adventures families have had. Easter is a wonderful occasion to spend time with your family and loved ones and to get away. As many families ‘cashed in’ on some magnificent Autumnal weather, camping seemed to be a very popular undertaking with fishing high on the agenda. Like many of you, my family and I were able to get away and enjoy the outdoors fishing and camping on a couple of occasions.

_Fishing Adventure 1:_
We are quite fortunate to have a good friend who owns a house on the river near Bundalong so in effect our first camping trip was more like ‘glamping’, something my wife would prefer any day over swags, flies and dirt. The fishing was as good as it has been for a while and my 82cm Murray Cod was the equivalent of winning the lottery; or more realistically taking out 3rd division.

_Fishing Adventure 2:_
Last weekend I managed to go one better. On a ‘Dad’s only’ camp to an old favourite camping spot on the Broken River, we incredibly landed a 95cm Cod that was bigger in length of my young daughter Bridget and son Liam! The excitement of the catch had my eldest daughters in hysteric of laughter as they witnessed their father launching himself into the water to ensure this beauty wasn’t going to become his usual tale of the one that got away. Thankfully they were witnesses to the catch and kindly photographed pictures that immediately hit Facebook and Instagram. Moments like these you need to share (or more realistically gain bragging rights among friends and family who are as keen as I am).

Given the amount of time, tackle and bait I have thrown into catching the elusive ‘big one’ over the years I might as well have invested shares in Rays Outdoors! Never the less an even bigger fish awaits and I can’t wait to get out there again, not to mention to spending more quality time with family when I can.

_The Term Ahead…_
This term is shaping up to be a busy and productive term educationally, socially and spiritually for students, teachers and parents. There is much on the horizon and there is much to look forward to. Some of the bigger immediate events happening this term include:

~ 24th April School Photos
~ 1st May St Francis Cross Country
~ 3rd May Working Bee
~ 6th May Mother’s Day Stall & Grandparents Day
~ 15th May Eucharist / Confirmation ~ Bishop Les will be in our Parish
~ 15th May Diocesan School Board Gathering

**Working Bee ~ Revitalising our Kitchen Garden ~ Sunday May 3rd**
We have planned a working bee on **Sunday 3rd May** to start the next phase of upgrading and extending our kitchen garden. It would be wonderful to have as many volunteers as we can to make light work of some of the proposed projects we have planned. A detailed list of the proposed projects including equipment needed on the day is listed below. A Working Bee invitation including possible equipment you can supply will be sent home shortly. **BBQ lunch and refreshments will be provided.**

**Working Bee Priorities**

~ Building and establishing at least 2-3 more raised garden beds in the existing garden area;
~ Building a lattice fence around the garden to enclose and to give privacy and importance of garden;
~ Upgrading the existing watering system and fixing the automatic timers;
~ Mulching and adding good soil to existing garden beds;
~ ‘Maintaining’ the existing chook shed;
~ Upgrading the existing sleepers around the garden;
~ Building a ‘mulching station’ to the Northern end of garden;
Mr Summers’ Address continued

~ Designing and establishing a new garden area between the Foundation and 5/6 Learning Communities.
~ General weeding and cleaning up around the front garden entrance of the school;
~ General clean up and removal of rubbish etc behind the 5/6 / Foundation classrooms;
~ General clean up and raking of leaves, sand to the Western side of school next to synthetic turf and children’s sandpit.

Equipment:
~ Trailers;
~ Wheelbarrows;
~ Blowers;
~ Shovels / Spades;
~ Post Hole digger;
~ Rakes;
~ Any handyman type tools;
~ Yourself and sense of humour!!

Easter Egg Raffle Success!
Thank you and congratulations to Kristy Brereton and her hard working team for coordinating and organising this year’s Easter Egg Raffle. A total of $1179 was raised for our school, a fabulous effort. Thank you to all those who sold tickets, donated Easter Eggs and their time to make this a significant fundraiser for our school.

Easter Egg Raffle winners…Congratulations to…
1st Prize: Tim Scadden
2nd Prize: Glenice Cunningham
3rd Prize: Lydia Higgins
4th Prize: Ally Francis.

School Board Meeting
Our second Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12 May 2015. We look forward to formally gathering to outline our strategic directions for the coming year and to listening to a significant and timely presentation from Ben Higgins. Ben works in the Catholic Education Office as a senior financial advisor to Catholic Schools in our diocese. Ben will be speaking to us regarding school finance and sharing with us new developments and structures with which schools are being funded. We look forward to spending time with Ben and welcome his continued support of our school.

Naplan 2015
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are scheduled for Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May 2015. For further information regarding NAPLAN please visit: http://www.nap.edu.au/

Parent Engagement ~ Community Learning Walk Follow-up
Community Discussions with Parents, Staff and Students
As a follow-up to our successful Learning Walk last term below are valuable comments and feedback from our community discussion and forum.

St Francis is a school…that has, that is, we can see, we would like…
~ Good learning Spaces
~ Sense of Purpose
~ Everyone being treated as individuals and with respect
~ People looking out for one another
~ There is a ‘team’ mentality and atmosphere
~ More room for playgrounds for the older children
Mr Summers’ Address continued

~ Supportive
~ Being part of the community
~ Inclusive of all
~ Welcoming
~ Helpful
~ Friendly and nurturing environment inside and out
~ Hello Night, Masses followed up with a cuppa
~ Bring a parent day
~ Swap roles for a day
~ The children enjoy their rooms and feel comfortable
~ Respectful relationships between students and teachers
~ Being involved in ‘real life’ experiences within the community
~ Being able to interact with the community through Barwo visits and Meals on Wheels
~ Kids are engaged
~ Playground and classrooms are great
~ Nathalia learning community working together
~ Team building days with the students
~ Smaller community and it’s peaceful
~ Advantages for knowing everyone
~ Teachers are warm and friendly
~ It is a welcoming school and the children are nice to each other and are good friends.

Have a wonderful week and enjoyable start to the term.

Chris’ 82 cm Murray Cod

‘The Big Fella’ ~ 95cm Murray Cod
Chris and his son Liam

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
ALL PRESENTS $5.00
PRESENTS FOR MUM’S AND GRANDMOTHERS.
MORE DETAILS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.
This week, our Positive Behaviour Blitz is **Kindness**

Kindness is a value which we would like others to show to us, and which we should show to others. It is a basic act, which should be instinctive to human nature. Kindness is about being helpful, friendly and considerate. It may be shown in any number of ways from one small, insignificant act to large obvious overtures. It is an act whose only reward should be in the giving, expecting nothing in return.

The winner of our Care Box this week is Aaron Petric for providing assistance to a visitor at our school.

**Congratulations**

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**Goulburn Murray Division Trials:**

**Basketball:**
Friday, 1 May 2015 at 10.00 a.m.
Shepparton Stadium, Numurkah Road Shepparton.
Trials are for boys and girls and children must not turn 13 during 2015 to qualify.

**Netball:**
Monday, 27 April 2015 at 4.30 p.m.
Netball Courts, McEwen Reserve, Shepparton.
Trials are for girls only and children must not turn 13 during 2015 to qualify.

**Football:**
Tuesday, 28 April 2015 at 3.00 p.m.
Princess Park main oval, Shepparton.
Children must not turn 13 during 2015 to qualify.

Cost is $8.00 per child per discipline payable at the school office prior to the event.

This is not a school excursion and parents will need to transport their children to and from the activities.

**As these trials are a means to possible selection at State level, our representatives need to be strong players.**

Please contact the front office if your child is interested in order to obtain a registration form. All registration forms need to be submitted by Monday, 20 April 2015.

For further information please contact Mr Ross at the school on 5866 2271

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**School Hats**

A reminder to students & parents that school hats are to be worn at recess and lunch time until the end of April.

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**School Jumpers/Hats**

A number of students’ jumpers and hats have gone missing. Can you please check that you have your child’s hat/jumper.

Thank you.
St Mary of the Angels Secondary College
Nathalia
2015 Information Evenings
St Mary of the Angels – Nathalia - Monday 4th May 2015 (7.30pm)
St. Joseph’s Primary School – Cobram - Wednesday 6th May 2015 (7.30pm)
St. Joseph’s Primary School – Numurkah - Monday 11th May 2015 (7.30pm)
St. Joseph’s Primary School – Tocumwal/ Finley - Wednesday 13th May 2015 (7.30pm)

Open Day - Wednesday May 20th 2015
Guided Tours (9.30am – 2.30pm)
St Mary of the Angels offers:
- Yr 7 & Yr 10 Scholarship Program
- Performing Arts Program Opportunities
- Camps Program Yr 7 – 11
- Aboriginal Immersion Opportunities (Yr 9)
- Comprehensive VCE offerings and academic curriculum
- Rigorous VCE & VET Programs
- Supportive Environment with clear behavioural expectations for students

All interested parents and students are invited to attend.
Enquiries are to be directed to: The Principal’s Assistant, Chapel Street, Nathalia 3618.
Ph: (03) 5866 2212 Email: principal@smntanathalia.catholic.edu.au
Visit us online at www.smntanathalia.catholic.edu.au

St Mary of the Angels – ‘Explore the Opportunities’

NATHALIA AUSKICK
COMMENCING THURSDAY, 16 APRIL 2015
4.00 P.M. – 5.00 P.M.
NATHALIA RECREATION RESERVE
ENQUIRIES: DAVID LIDDELL
0438 012 292

NATHALIA NETTA
REGISTRATION & FIRST NIGHT OF NETTA
COMMENCING THURSDAY, 16 APRIL 2015
3.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.
NATHALIA RECREATION RESERVE
REGISTRATION FEE $50.00
ENQUIRIES: KRISTY LIMBRICK
0418 374 313

NATHALIA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

St Mary of the Angels, Nathalia
Transition Timetable 2015

Term 2
Year 7 2015 Information Night – See Brochure for location details. Enrolment forms will also be available and will be delivered to all schools
Year 7 2015 Scholarship Applications Opening Date – Monday 6th May 2015
OPEN DAY - Wednesday 20th May 2015 9.30am – 2.30pm
Grade 6 College Production Performance - Wednesday 27th May 2015 11am Start
Year 7 2015 Scholarship Applications Closing Date – Friday 29th May 2015
Year 7 2015 Scholarship Exam – Friday 11th June 2015
Year 7 Transition Day – Tuesday 23rd June 2015

Term 3
Year 7 2015 Enrolments Closing Date – Friday 11th July 2015
Year 8 Transition Day – Tuesday 15th September 2015

Term 4
Year 7 2015 Information Night – Tuesday 10th November 7.30pm
Year 8 Transition Day Students and Parents (half day program) – Monday 7th December 2015
Year 8 Orientation Day – Tuesday 8th December 2015, All Day
Anzac on the Wall

A Musical Tribute

Coming to Numurkah and Cobram

From a poem came a new story about our Anzac legends with real characters coming alive in this wonderful show. Presented by Numurkah RSL and MAC INC.

Anzac on the Wall

Tells the stories you’ve never heard, how letters and a telegram are found behind an old framed picture of an unknown Anzac in an antique shop. This show recaptures that comradeship, larrikinism and leaves you feeling uplifted and proud.

Event Booking Info

Bookings for performances essential.
(Recommended for children in grade 5 and above).

Anzac on the Wall Cobram

Wednesday, 22 April
1pm at St Joseph’s Primary School, Josephinum Centre

Adults $15 • Children $5
Concession $12.50

Tickets please phone Cobram Barooga Visitor Information Centre on (03) 5872 2132

Anzac on the Wall Numurkah

Thursday 23 April
7pm at Numurkah Town Hall

$30 per person
Includes war time supper.

Tickets phone Barmah Forest Heritage Education & Visitor Centre on (03) 5866 2289
Nathalia Sports & Community Centre

APRIL 17TH

neon disco

6.30pm ~ 8.30pm
$5.00 Entry
5 - 12 years

Food & Drinks available for purchase

NO Pass Outs
Consent forms must be completed
All Children will be collected by parents at end of Disco
Zero tolerance on language and bad behaviour
(parents will be notified to collect child)

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