Dear Parents and Friends,

It is hard to believe week 10 is here and we are at the end of another term. As I look back over the term I can see why the students, teachers and families are tired and ready for a rest: ANZAC service, winter sports, excursions, cross country, reconciliation week, Sacramental preparation, NAPLAN, grandparents day, Allergy Awareness Day, Nathalia Learning Cluster Day and more. But most importantly it is the amount of learning and teaching that has been achieved that we can be most proud of.

What a lovely way to finish with Sunday's celebrations of the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion. A beautiful time for us all to celebrate the faith journey of these young people and reflect on our own. Thank you to all who made it such a special day.

We pray for those members of our parish who took the next step in their journey of faith;
Archie Congues, Darcy Hicks, Ebony James, Ella Wilson, Erin Brooks, Harry Dietrich, Hollie Dietrich, Holly Boyd, Kate Kelly, Mak Hindmarsh, Matt Walsh, Riley James, Ryan Bell, Sam Boyd and Teashia Dietrich.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday, may you all enjoy a well-earned break from routine,

Veronica Williams

Thank you all for your beautiful warm welcome to school. I was excited to return to school yesterday to hear and see all of the fabulous learning, which has happened over the school term. Thank you Ronnie for the strong leadership and guidance you have provided our school community with this term, and to all our staff for the amazing work, which happens 'behind the scenes' each day to make our school a great place to be. Our staff team had a very productive day yesterday reflecting on and celebrating our year so far and planning for our second semester. We look forward to meeting with you on Thursday for our parent teacher interviews and sharing with you the great achievements of your sons and daughters.

Blessings for the week ahead and for our mid-year holiday break,

Claire Kelly

Grant us, Lord, to continue as we have begun, with faith, prayer and the strength of your Holy Spirit. Through good and bad times through joy and sorrow, through success and setbacks, help us hold fast to the faith we have professed, knowing that you, who have called us, are faithful, trustworthy and true.
This week, our Positive Behaviour Blitz is **Tolerance**

Tolerance is a skill, which can reduce conflict. It is an ongoing process. Tolerance encourages us to respect opinions and practices, which differ from our own, and to be free of bigotry. Tolerance encourages understanding and appreciation of individual differences, minimises generalisations and helps combat prejudice and discrimination.

In week 9 our Social Skills Blitz was around tolerance. The following students were nominated by their peers as displaying positive behaviour last week:

- Hayley Wigmore
- Payton Johns
- Jasmine Johns
- Indiya Parker
- Breanne Walpole
- Rebecca Williams

The following students received sports awards for their fantastic efforts at Winter Sports on 21 June:

- Jasmine Galambos
- Ebony James
- Jessica Legge
- Breanne Walpole
- Zara Kolundzija
- Riley James

**MASK MAKING**

On Friday the 13th of June the Grade fours, fives and sixes made Masks. We were lucky enough to have Michelle Sheehan assist us with her great skills of Art. To make the masks we used Mod rock, which looks like plaster that you put on your arm when you break it. The steps to make the masks were:

1. Wet the Mod rock.
2. Place Mod rock over your forehead.
3. Continue placing more Mod rock on your face but not your eyes and mouth.
4. Then you have to wait for a while to let it dry and then you're done.

Bec Williams

On Friday 13 we made masks with Mrs Sheehan. Tammy and I worked together. I made Tammy's mask first; it turned out awesome. Then Tammy made mine but while mine was drying it fell off my face and broke. Mrs Sheehan made mine again and it didn't fall off which was lucky for me. The masks were really fun to make and it was also very messy. All of the masks looked great everyone did a great job. Thanks you Mrs. Sheehan for showing us how to make masks.

Nikita Pawlowicz
REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Reports will come home today, 24th of June. We will then hold parent teacher interviews on this Thursday the 26th of June, from 2.00pm until 7.30pm. If you have not yet made an appointment, it is not too late to call the office to book one.

FACEBOOK PAGE

*It has been great to have so many parents join our group and use this very easy and powerful form of communication to strengthen our school community links.*

This is a closed group - so that anything posted in the group cannot be seen by anyone who is not a member of the group. The group will be only open to parents and carers in our school who wish to be a part of it. To become a member of the group simply follow this link [https://www.facebook.com/groups/stfrancisnathalia/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/stfrancisnathalia/) and click on ‘Join Group’. Once your request has been accepted you will be able to access the group and see all posts. This will be a place to share news and information - not a place to air grievances or concerns. If you have any queries or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact Veronica Williams.

P & F REMINDERS

The parents and friends club will once again be running a snack stall at this years school concert any willing volunteers please let the office know and a member will get in touch with you.

Monster Car Boot and Community Garage Sale - Sunday August 3rd from 9am. We will be holding a car boot sale and sausage sizzle at the school as well as supporting several garage sales around the town on the same day. Sites available for tables or car boots at the school $10 each or $5 to get your garage sale listed on our map. There will be a second hand uniform stall and a school stall also. If you have "TREASURE" hanging around your house or shed but don't wish to man your own stall call Denise 0400 052 428 or text Louise 0408 797 632 to donate to the school stall. The perfect opportunity to have a spring clean over the holidays and turn those unwanted items into $. The whole community is invited to attend, so make sure you tell your friends and neighbours. Contact the above numbers for any enquiries.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Our school competition is taking place this Wednesday and Thursday between 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. at the St Clare Auditorium. The Grade 5/6 students will present their speeches on Wednesday morning and the Grade 3/4 students will present their speeches on Thursday morning. Everyone is most welcome to attend. The speeches will be presented in alphabetical order by surname.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT

On Saturday, 19 July 2014 a fundraising event for the school will be held at Brereton’s Bakery. $40.00 per head; four course meal and entertainment. BYO drinks. All proceeds raised will be donated to the school. Bookings essential as places are limited. Brereton’s Bakery – 5866 2466; St Francis Primary School – 5866 2271 or after hours Veronica Daniel 0419 364 587.