**Key Dates**

**Coming up**

- **Mon 27, Tues 28, Wed 29** July  
  Gr 5/6 school camp
- **Friday, 31 July**  
  Winter Sports 
  Lightning Premierships 
  Yarrawonga Showgrounds 10 am start
- **Thurs, 13 Aug**  
  All School Review
- **Monday, 24 Aug**  
  Book week commences
- **Thursday, 27 Aug**  
  Book Week Parade
- **Friday, 4 Sept**  
  Father’s Day Celebration
- **Thursday, 10 Sept**  
  Parent/Teacher Interviews
- **Thursday, 17 Sept**  
  Athletics Sports Day
- **Friday, 18 Sept**  
  Last day of Term 3  
  2.20 pm finish

**PRAYER SPACE**

Leader: Gather together your sheep, Lord,  
in all the places where they have been scattered  
during the mist and darkness.

All: Lead them to good pasturage;  
let them rest in good grazing ground.

Leader: Those who are lost,  
All: search out.
Leader: Those who have strayed,  
All: bring back.
Leader: Those who are wounded,  
All: bind their wounds.
Leader: Those who are sick,  
All: tend with care.
Leader: Those bearing young,  
All: watch over them.
Leader: All of your sheep,  
All: keep them safe in your flock.

Leader: Lord Jesus,  
because you are our Good Shepherd,  
guide us, your flock, in the ways of life and truth.

All: Gather all people into the fold of your love  
so that there may be but one flock and one shepherd.

*From Biblical Prayers*  
by Fr Lucien Deiss

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**NO ASSEMBLY THIS COMING MONDAY. 27 JULY 2015**
Dear Parents and Friends of St Francis,

In this weeks reflection we hear of Jesus as shepherd and we are his flock. This story metaphorically represents all of us at any stage in our lives. We can be followers and leaders at any given time and sometimes given the opportunity, our choice to be follower or leader is circumstantial. As children we tend to follow and as adults generally we are leaders, especially in our roles as parents. Parenting and being a good leader isn’t easy. There are no rulebooks. We all make mistakes. It’s what we learn and the changes we make from our mistakes that makes a difference. Sometimes we need to ask for help and advice and there’s no shame in that. We can’t do it alone, nor should we be expected to. The same applies in education. Our reliance on each other is huge. It’s important to build the relationship of home and school if we are to make a difference in our children’s education and life experiences. Never forget to ask for help if you need it. That’s what builds our community and our school will be the better for it.

Christmas in July Success!
Speaking of building community, last Saturday night was testament to the collegial strength and commitment of our entire school community. Our Christmas in July not only raised significant funds for our school ($3,415.00 In total), it was a fantastic night of fun and entertainment. There is a long list of people to thank and we appreciate the effort and commitment of all who worked tirelessly to make sure the event was the huge success it was.

I especially want to thank Jim and Kristy Brereton for opening the bakery doors as the perfect venue and all who set up and packed up. Thanks to Jim and Adrian for the amazing food that ‘kept coming’ and abundantly fed all in attendance. Thank you also to the catering team, led by Regina and her wonderful team of hostess’ for their service throughout the night and into the wee hours of the morning. As mentioned there are too many to people to thank, it was fantastic night and we look forward to our next school social event, our trivia night, later in the term.

Congratulations to our Junior Public Speakers ~ Lions Club Event Wednesday 22nd July
Congratulations to Ella Bryant, Zara Limbrick, Cadence Armstrong, Nikita Pawlowicz, Ella Wilson and Jack Myers who participated in the Lions Club public speaking event held last Wednesday. Each of the students performed commendably and they should be, like we all are, very proud of themselves. The competition was tough and judges had their work cut out for them deciding the final winners.

These were Jack Myers in the Grade 5/6 section and Ella Bryant in the Grade 3/4 section. Congratulations to both Ell and Jack for making it to the next round of competition held in August.

Again congratulations to all who competed, including all of the students from the Nathatlia Primary School.

Reports and Goal Setting Sheets
Please remember to return to school your child’s school report goal setting sheets. These are important documents for our teachers to focus on for our students for the remainder of the year. Please feel free to discuss any aspect of the report or goals you have set with your child’s teacher.

Grade 5 / 6 Melbourne Urban Camp
Best wishes to all of our senior students, teachers and parents who go on camp next week. I am sure you will all have a wonderful time.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Chris Summers
2014 Annual Report to the Community

Hard copies of our Annual Report 2014 are now available at the office or is online on our school website.
http://www.sfnathalia.catholic.edu.au/

Fr Chris' Birthday Celebrations:
Thank you to everyone who attended Fr Chris' birthday celebrations on Sunday, 19 July 2015. It was a lovely celebration, enjoyed by everyone who attended.

YEMP visit to the Nathalia Police Station
Our female students involved in the YEMP programme visited the Nathalia Police Station on Wednesday, 22 July 2015. They had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed trying on the police uniform, learning all about police work and even getting an opportunity to have a look at the cells. I think they would all agree that it would not be the most comfortable bed to sleep in!! We are very grateful to the Nathalia Police for taking the time to speak to our YEMP students.
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, minimizes generalisations and helps combat prejudice and discrimination.

In week 1 our Social Skills Blitz was around tolerance. The following students were nominated by their peers and teachers as displaying positive behaviour last week:

Jayda Liddell, Tom Walker, Brady Walpole, Jason Beckett, Sophie Halden and Zarlina Maynard, Stevie Colman & Josh Woods

The winner of our Care Box this week is Max Frostick (the care box award was from the last week of Term 2)

Congratulations to all our award recipients.

As a staff it was decided early in the year that we would put an emphasis on our students writing this year. To encourage our children to work on their writing we have introduced a “Principal’s Writing Award”. Each week a different year level writes a story and Mr Summers, together with the class teacher, choose the winner. At assembly the winner is presented with a Certificate. Our first Principal’s Writing Award went to Lachlan Russell in Foundation. Well done to Lachlan and to all the other members of the Foundation class, all of who did a fantastic job and presented Mr Summers with quite a difficult task to choose a winner.

Further awards were presented at our assembly to the following students for their achievements in Mathletics and Spellodrome: Logan Daniel, Mak Hindmarsh, Nissa Maynard, Darcy Young, Josephine McInnes and Kate Francis.