Dear Parents and Friends,

WOW! Week two of our term went by in a flash with the fun and excitement of our ‘dance week’. We are always amazed at the work Aleeta manages to squeeze into five days to create our school concert – the kids worked really hard to pull their acts together and we are incredibly proud of the leadership shown by our super-star grade sixes who are supporting our junior grades. Fantastic effort girls! We look forward to welcoming you all on Wednesday night. Children will need to be at the Community Centre by 6.45pm so we can begin at 7 pm as planned – EXCITING!!!!

A huge shout out and cheer for our public speaking team who competed on Wednesday evening at the Lions Club Junior Public Speaking Competition. Congratulations to Maddie Pawlowicz and Abbey Bell our grade five and six reps and to Jack Myers, Nikita Pawlowicz and Kate Kelly our super star grade three and four reps. All of our kids did an amazing job and felt they had done their best on the night which is sensational! We are incredibly proud of all of them. Congratulations to Abbey and Jack who took out their respective age group title and will go on to compete at Girgarre this Sunday. Good luck!

**Key Dates**

**Week 3**

**Wednesday, 30 July**
School Concert 7.00 p.m.

**Thursday, 31 July**
Head Lice Check

**Friday, 1 August**
Winter Sport – Lightning Premiership Gr 4, 5 & 6’s
Cobram Showgrounds
10 am start
Parent Volunteers urgently needed to umpire softball and netball

**Sunday, 3 August**
Parent Club Car Boot Sale

**Coming Up**

**Monday, 4 August**
Reconciliation Preparation 7.00 p.m.

**Friday, 8 August**
Winter Sports St Joseph’s Primary School
Numurkah 1.30 p.m. start
Gr 4, 5 & 6’s

**Monday, 11 August**
Reconciliation Preparation 7.00 p.m.

**Wednesday, 13 August**
Kinder Visit

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Lord Jesus,
Your love is a treasure of great value.
Help us to give ourselves freely to you.
Amen.

Blessings for the week ahead,

*Claire Kelly*

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**SCHOOL CONCERT TOMORROW - 7.00 P.M.**
**NATHALIA COMMUNITY CENTRE $10.00 A FAMILY**
**REMEMBER TO WEAR WARM CLOTHING AS IT CAN BE COLD IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE!**
This week, our Positive Behaviour Blitz is Honesty. Honesty is a trait desired in relationships with family and friends, with workmates and by employees. Honesty inspires trust and encourages openness. Honesty is something to be valued. It demonstrates the value we place on ourselves and our relationship with others.

In weeks 1 and 2 our Social Skills Blitz was around Responsibility. The following students were nominated by their peers as displaying positive behaviour last week:

Zahlia Kautai, Catarina Pawlowicz, Sara Galambos, Ryan Dealy, Kate Francis, Riley James and Alyssa Fitzgerald.

Congratulations Everyone!!

PREPARING FOR OUR SCHOOL CONCERT

Sandhurst Arts on Show
Sandhurst Arts on Show is the inaugural Diocesan Performing Arts Workshop and Showcase. Each day approximately 500 primary and secondary students will come together in Shepparton to share workshops and performances through the elements of choral, dance, instrumental and drama.

There is a daily reprise to showcase selected performances at the conclusion of each day.

2, 3, 4 September 2014 - Daily Reprise 4.00pm - 5.00pm
Mercy Centennial Stadium, Notre Dame College Shepparton

This is FREE event and you are welcome to attend
BODY CONFIDENT CHILDREN & TEENS INFORMATION & TIPS FOR PARENTS

We are pleased to offer parents a presentation that aims to equip you with knowledge, information and tips to help you better understand and promote positive body image at home! This presentation is designed to help you feel empowered to support your child and their body confidence as they move through puberty and adolescence.

Date: Wednesday, 10th September 2014.
Time: 7.00pm - 8.30pm.
Venue TBA.
If you are interested please contact Claire Kelly.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (E.M.A.)

The Education Maintenance Allowance (E.M.A.) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Details are as follows:

To be eligible to receive the E.M.A., you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of 16; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, Veterans Affairs pensioner or be a foster parent;
- submit your application to St Francis by the due date, 1st August 2014.

Any questions please contact Louise Robertson at the school office.

PARENT & FRIENDS NEWS

Monster Car Boot and Community Garage Sale – this Sunday August 3rd from 9 a.m. 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. Louise Johns will be at the school on Saturday from 1 p.m. if you have anything you wish to donate to the sale or if you are having a stall, if you would prefer to get your things into the school before Sunday. Alternatively items can be delivered to the school this week during school hours.

The Parent & Friends Club are holding a Wood Raffle for a 6x4 trailer of firewood – raffle will be drawn at noon on Sunday 3 August 2014 at the Monster Car Boot sale. Tickets are $2.00 each or 3 for $5.00. Tickets available from the school office.

SAVE THE DATE! BOGAN BINGO, Friday, 24 October 2014 at St Francis Primary School. Pop this date in your diary – an opportunity to dress up as a bogan and try your luck at bingo. Further details will be provided closer to the date. Our Parents & Friends team is looking for donations for this Term Four fundraising event – all donations are welcome. Could you provide a bottle of wine, a box of chocolates or do you have a service to donate? Please contact Denise Butler on 0400 052 428 or Lonky at the School Office.

HEAD LICE CHECK – A whole school head lice check will be held on this Thursday, 31 July 2014. If you are able to help out with the check please contact the school office. We appreciate any amount of time that you are able to give.

RECYCLEABLE BOXES/CONTAINERS

Our Grade Prep/1 classes are looking for any recycleable items that you may be able to donate.
What does it feel like?

- I can’t catch my breath. It’s hard to breathe.
- My breathing may sound funny, it may be a bit noisy (wheezing) or it may sound like a whistle.
- Sometimes it may feel like someone is squeezing my chest really tightly.
- I may cough a lot. Sometimes more at night or after sport.
- My throat may feel itchy.

Children’s Book Week 2014 ...Connect To Reading...

16TH-22nd August

Get ready for Book Week with our huge selection of Children’s book week costumes.

We are fully stocked with a great range of costumes including, Pirates, Cow Boys/Girls, Indians, Doctors & Nurses, Where’s Wally, Super Heroes, Alice in Wonderland, Wizard of Oz, Harry Potter, Witches, Astronauts, Red Riding Hood and many many more great book characters to choose from. We also have Costume Kits as well as a huge range of accessories, so get in early to avoid Disappointment.

All Book Week Purchases go in the draw to win one of two gift packs.

Winners announced on August 29 on our Facebook Page.