Prayer of the week

**Lord Jesus**

Leader: In the midst of our work

All: Let us meet you, O Jesus Christ

Leader: In the faces of our colleagues

All: Let us see your face

Leader: In our cooperation with one another

All: Let us share your spirit

Leader: In our moments of prayer and reflection

All: Let us know your presence within

Reader: According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ (1 Cor 3: 10-11).

Leader: Lord, Jesus Christ, you are the foundation and centre of history. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

All: You are our meaning and ultimate goal

Leader: You are the Word and image of God

All: Through you all things were made

Leader: We are called to reflect the face of Christ to all. Let us pray to him, our model and guide:

All: Shed your light, O Christ, upon the pilgrim paths we travel. Be our wisdom and guide. May we help others find a way to you, that they may experience you as an answer that is convincing and accept your message, even when it is demanding. In your name we pray. Amen.
Dear Parents and Friends of St Francis,

Next Thursday our school will undergo a full review of our current practices and procedures in alliance to the Victorian Registration and Qualification Authority (VRQA). Our Catholic Identity ~ what makes St Francis a catholic school, will also be examined and we look forward to sharing, celebrating and gaining improvement perspectives in all areas of school life.

It will be a significant day for the development of and planning for future programs and will give scope to our strategic directions. As you could imagine much preparation goes into preparing for reviews and our staff, students and School Board have been working hard to make sure we are not only compliant but are well placed for the future.

We warmly welcome the following validation members to St Francis next Thursday:
~ Julie Cobbledick (Panel Chair) & Senior Catholic Education Consultant Western Deanery;
~ Jasmine Ryan ~ Principal Pyramid Hill;
~ Rueben Johnson ~ Principal St Monica’s Kangaroo Flat.

The represented and nominated panel members will be at our school all day reviewing relevant documentation, current practices and providing valuable feedback for future recommendations. Recommendations from the review panel and those highlighted through Staff Leadership, Staff consultation and Board will form our Strategic Plan for 2015 – 2018 and we look forward to sharing this in the coming weeks.

Review of Strategic Plan 2012 -2015 ~ Future Board Meetings ~ We need to develop our 3-year Strategic Plan for 2015-2018 to continue to move us forward in line with our school values and beliefs. This process is worth thinking about now and start action after our review in consultation with Staff and School Board.

Lightening Premiership
Congratulations to our senior Footballers and Netballers who competed in the Lightening Premiership in Yarrawonga last Friday. The competition was tough and being promoted to division 1 in both the football and netball, ensured our boys and girls were challenged and tested by the opposition. All teams competed fairly and are to be congratulated on their efforts and endeavor to try their best. Well done!

Thank you to our teachers and coaches: Brodie, Fiona and Chris Linehan (CRT teacher).

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.

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/
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Quote of the Week

The secret of getting ahead is getting started.
The secret of getting started is breaking your complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks and then starting on the first one.
Mark Twain

IMPORTANT DATES ON THE HORIZON
13th August ~ Whole School review
14th August ~ St Francis Trivia Night.
Aug 24th ~ 28th Bookweek
Aug 27th ~ Book Week Parade
1st Sept Board Mtg
4th Father’s Day Celebrations
9th Sept Funded PSG’s
10th Sept P/T Interviews
11th Sept Trivia Night
17th Sept St Francis Sports Day
18th Sept Last Day of Term

KINDER VISIT – PARENT INFORMATION SESSION
Please note that the date for the Kinder Visit – Information Session is WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST 2015 from 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. There has been some to-ing and fro-ing and confusion regarding the date but we confirm the date and times as above.

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.

In Week 3 our Social Skills Blitz was around Kindness. The following students were nominated by their peers and teachers as displaying positive behaviour last week:

Zander Quinn, Jimmy Ormond, Sarah Stone, Adam Brooks, Kate Francis, Brodie Armstrong and Nikita Pawlowicz

Winner of the care box was Darcy Conroy
There were a number of other awards given at Assembly. The Principal’s Writing Award went to Aiden Botterill. The following students received awards for reading for 50 nights at home: Jayce Limbrick and Zahlia Kautai. The following students received awards for reading for 100 nights at home: Lachlan Russell, Lexie Smith, Annabelle Flenley, Patrick Ryan and Ned Bramwell. Awards for spelling and independent readers went to Ned Bramwell, Darcy Conroy, Shontay McCabe-Jackson, Sara Limbrick, Sophie Creer-Pope, Charlie Dietrich and Adam Brooks. Ella Brereton, Jessica Legge, Ebony James and Holly Boyd all received sports awards for the Lightning Premiership. Well done everyone!

TRIVIA NIGHT
If you are looking for a fun way to end the week, then our Trivia Night, which we are holding on Friday, 11 September 2015 could be just the thing for you! Tables of 8-10 people; $10.00 per person. BYO nibbles and drinks. Commencing at 7.30 p.m. in the School Library/Gathering pace. Bookings can be made at the front office.

VICTORIAN COUNTRY PRIMARY SCHOOLS GOLF TOURNAMENT 2015
Golf Victoria and School Sport Victoria have developed this event for primary school students who play golf. It is open to students in Grade 4, 5 and 6. The details of the tournament are as follows:

Venue: Shepparton Golf Club
Date: Monday, 14 September 2015
Time: 10.00 a.m. Assemble in golf club rooms 10.30 a.m. Start.
Cost: $10.00 per student (payable on the day).

Further information and entry forms are available at the School Office.

JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING
On Sunday, 2 August 2015, Ella Bryant and Nikita Pawlowicz represented Nathalia at the Lions Club District Junior Public Speaking finals. Jack Myers actually won the Nathalia heat however he was not able to attend the district final due to a family weekend away. We say a big thank you to Nikita Pawlowicz who stepped up and presented her speech instead at the District Final. Both Nikita and Ella did a fantastic job of presenting their speeches. The competition was incredibly strong though most of the Grade 5 and 6 contestants struggled with the one minute impromptu speech. Obviously something we need to practice before next year! Whilst neither Ella nor Nikita made it through to the next stage they both should be extremely proud of themselves for the wonderful way they presented their speeches. Both of them were a credit to our school and to our town. Well done girls.
Tips for Parents: Your Role in School Success

Studies show that a child’s academic achievement is directly influenced by their parents’ involvement in their education. Learn how you can bolster your student for success in this Tips for Parents.

A Teacher’s Expectation of Parents

Students, teachers, and parents all share responsibility in the education of a child. As a parent, here’s a minimum level of involvement most teachers expect:

- Help your student by developing a routine or specific time for homework where you are available to help or listen if needed. You are vital to their success.
- Ensure your child is at school, on time, every day possible. Arrange for vacations, trips, etc. during days off school.
- Make sure your child eats a healthy breakfast each morning so they can function in class.
- Make sure your student is getting adequate sleep at night to support their growing body and mind.
- Be a positive role model in your child’s eyes who shows interest in reading and learning new things.
- Notify the teacher of any concerns or questions you have regarding their learning or treatment in school.

Tips for Parents: Questions to Ask Your Child about Their Day

Get a sense of your child’s life at school by asking questions that elicit more than a one-word response. Try one of these conversation starters:

- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- Did any of your classmates do anything funny? Tell me about what you read in class.
- Who did you play with/hang out with today? What did you do? Do you think ________(insert subject here) is too hard?
- What’s the biggest difference between this year and last year?
- What rules are different at school than at home? Do you think they’re fair?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Can you show me something you learned or did today?

The Do’s and Don’t of Homework

Follow these Do’s and Don’ts of homework with your kids to make the most of their learning time at home:

Do:

- Provide quiet study time in a well-lit place.
- Be available to encourage, praise, advise, and supervise.
- Monitor your child’s understanding of concepts and skills.
- Check work for accuracy, neatness, and completeness.
- Provide related home-learning experiences to reinforce concepts learned at school.
- Cooperate with and be supportive of the child’s teacher.
- Help your child make education a top priority during his/her school years. Show by example that learning can be exciting and fulfilling.
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Don’t:

- Do the child’s homework for him/her.
- Make excuses or allow the child to make excuses for incomplete or sloppy work.
- Change, criticize, or belittle a teacher’s assignments. If there’s a problem, talk to the teacher.
- Allow the child to skip an assignment he/she doesn’t like.
- Fill the child’s life with so many non-school activities there is no time left for homework or play. Relieve the child of responsibility for getting homework back to school on time.

A Winning Team

Team with your child and your child’s teacher to work together for your child’s academic success. It’s a winning team.

PHOTOS FROM THE LIGHTNING PREMIERSHIP

SCHOOL FOOTBALL RESULTS

Grade 5/6
Nathalia 41 to Tatura 30. Goal Kickers - Darcy Backway 2, Will Sheehan 2, Kaleb Kopsidas 2, Devon Maroney 1
Best On - Will Sheehan, Darcy Backway, Ryan Bell, Harry Caldow, Max Frostick, Tom Butler.
Next week we play away against Bouchier Street at Wanganui at 10am.

Grade 3/4
Nathalia 19 to Guthrie St 38
Goal Kickers - Brandon Orton 1, Jack Hutchins 1, Ned Frostick 1. Best On - Gus Bramwell, Ned Bramwell, Connor Peachey, Damian Kerr, Billy Liddell, Brandon Orton
Next week we are away against Kialla United Blue at the Kialla West Primary School for a 10am game.

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.
Bonjour everyone, this week in French the 5/6’s were here for French we made books for the younger grades. They are books are on zoo animals and there colours.

By Erin and Jasmine
STATE WIDE TALENT SEARCH
VICTORIAN PERFORMERS TO STAR IN A NEW PRODUCTION OF FAME – THE MUSICAL

Dear Performing Arts Director,

Stage Masters is pleased to announce that a whole new production of the global phenomenon, Fame The Musical is set to hit Melbourne in 2015!

We have begun a state-wide talent search to find Victoria’s most outstanding young talent and technical creatives between 10 – 18 years to star in this high-energy production!

If you teach students who are looking to further their performing experience by working with industry professionals and like-minded peers in a fantastic show – we would love to hear from them!

WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR

Performers – Singers, Dancers, Actors, Acrobatic Gymnasts, Musicians

Technical Creatives – Young artists interested in lighting, audio, costume design, set design and construction, hair/make-up, props and stage management.

THE ULTIMATE THEATRE EXPERIENCE

The chosen artists will gain hands on experience with industry directors, choreographers and designers as they create and star in a whole new stage adaption of this high-energy show. This is the ultimate theatre experience for anyone who loves the performing arts.

We seek your assistance to help spread the word about this amazing opportunity. If you have any students who would benefit from a theatrical experience such as this, please pass on an audition flyer or our contact details.

Stage Masters is dedicated to providing theatrical opportunities that develop and foster the artistic, intellectual, and personal growth of young people in all aspects of the arts; from back stage to centre stage.

Fame The Musical will be performed at the brand new Alex Theatre, St Kilda.

AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held on August 9, 16, 18.

More information about the production and the audition process can be found at www.stagemasters.com.au

Please don’t hesitate to contact us at stagemasters@stagemasters.com.au should you have any queries.

We look forward to meeting some of your students at our auditions.

Kind regards,

David Vann & Jess Benney
Stage Masters