Dear Parents and Friends,

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success” —Henry Ford

Last Thursday leadership teams from each of our four Nathalia Schools gathered for a day of professional learning lead by Wendy Graham at the Nathalia Secondary College. The day was a fantastic opportunity to make plans and goals, which will support children from across our learning community. I look forward to sharing with you the outcomes of the day very soon, as we move towards stronger partnerships of collaboration.

Claire Kelly

Key Dates
Week 5

Wednesday, 13 August
Kinder Visit

Friday, 15 August
Assumption Day Mass
9.10 a.m St Mary's Church

Coming Up

Monday 18 August to Friday, 22 August
Reconciliation Preparation

Monday 18 August to Friday, 22 August
Book Week – Book Parade Friday 22 Aug after morning line up

Wednesday, 26 August
First Reconciliation 7p.m.

Tuesday, 2 September
Sandhurst Arts on Show Gr 5 & 6 students

Friday, 5 September
Father’s Day celebration

Peace and Joy Justice Integrity Creation
SCHOOL CONCERT DVD’S
A reminder to parents that if you wish to purchase a copy of the school concert DVD, please contact the school office asap. We have extended the order date to this Friday, 15 August 2014 should you wish to order a copy of this year’s concert. DVD’s cost $10.00 each. We have DVD’s of last year’s school concert available for sale for $10.00 each and these can also be purchased from the School Office.

GRADE 3/4 & 5/6 SATURDAY FOOTBALL 2015
Please return to the Front Office the Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 Saturday Football for 2015 Survey, which was handed to students last week. Thank you.

PARENT & FRIENDS NEWS
2ND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORMS for sale. Jumpers/shirts/pants/skirts are all $5.00. Kilts and school dresses are $10.00. Contact Michelle Legge or the School Office. We also remind parents that head bands ($3.00), pony-o’s ($4.00), angel bows ($3.00), large korker ($3.00), mini korker ($2.00) and stacked clips ($2.00) are also available for purchase at the School Office.

BOOK WEEK
Next week is Book Week, which is a week where we celebrate children’s literature and it coincides with the National Book Week Awards. On Friday, 22 August 2014 students can dress up as a character out of any book and we will be holding a parade after line up on Friday morning. Parents and family members are most welcome to attend the Book Parade. Between recess and lunch on the Friday, our students will be participating in book week art activities, based on some of the nominated Book Week books. This is always a fun day for our students and we look forward to seeing everyone dressed up!

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 4 our Social Skills Blitz was around Honesty. The following students were nominated by their peers as displaying positive behaviour last week:
Summer McIver, Ella Dealy, Grace McKeown, Jasmine Galambos, Cassie Brooks and Kiarah Hibberson

On Friday, 8 August 2014 our Grades 4, 5 and 6 students attended the final Winter Sports day for this year. The following students received the sports awards:
Sam Boyd, Aaron Petric, Kate Kelly and Ella Johns
Congratulations Everyone!!
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

On Friday the whole school will attend Mass to celebrate Mary's Assumption into heaven. The assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven has long been held as an important Catholic belief.

The Gospel for this holy day recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the Angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation.

The Gospel highlights Mary's faith. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan of salvation.

Please feel free to join us for Mass at 9.10am.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please pray for the following students as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time:

Mia Bell, Grace McKeown, Emily Woods, Hayley Wigmore, Ben Nave, Darcy Conroy, Ella Bryant, Mikaela Daniel

Hamba Gahle
Veronica Williams
THINGS OF INTEREST

**TENNIS COACHING**

- Is your child interested in getting into tennis? 
- After a high-quality, fun, safe and energetic environment for the kids to learn to play the great sport of tennis?

There is now coaching at....

**NATHALIA LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

Tennis Australia qualified coach
- Mills is the newly appointed coach for this fantastic club! Offering a range of services which include:
  - Group lessons for all ages and skill types, (max of 4 per group)
  - Private lessons for all ages and skill types
  - Development squads
  - Racquet re-stringing ($30-$40)

For all the details and further info... Call or message Mark on 0427 307 373 or mkmill11@gmail.com

We hope to see you down at the club soon!

**Upcoming Dates:**

1. Term 3 coaching starts:
   - August 5th - classes will run after school on Tuesdays.
   - To sign-up contact Mark on 0427 307 373

2. September school holiday clinic:
   - Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th September at Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club;
   - 9am - Red stage (5 - 7yo); 9.45 - Orange stage (7 - 10yo);
   - 10:30 - Green Stage (10yrs & up);
   - Cost: $20 ($10 for 1 day)
   - For more information call Mark on 0427 307 373

3. Term 4 coaching starts:
   - October 7th - classes will run after school on Tuesdays.
   - To sign-up contact Mark on 0427 307 373

**ASSEMBLY SONG**

Every week, at assembly, we finish with a song and our current song has been quite popular - so after several requests here are the words - so that you now know what your child is singing! As the song says- Hamba Gahle means ‘Go well, my friend’.

**An African Blessing**

Walk tall, walk well, walk safe, walk free
And may harm never come to thee.
Walk wise, walk good, walk proud, walk true
And may the sun smile on you.

Hamba Gahle! Hamba Gahle! Hamba Gahle!
Go well, my friend, and walk in the light of faith!
Walk prayer, walk hope, walk faith, walk light
And may peace always guide you right.
Walk joy, walk brave, walk love, walk strong
And may life always give you song.

Hamba Gahle! Hamba Gahle! Hamba Gahle!
Go well, my friend, and walk in the light of faith!
Walk in God, Walk in God, walk with God, walk for God
And may you dance in the hearts of all you meet.
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**PREP AND GRADE ONE STUDENTS – TECHNOLOGY LESSON**

**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.