Dear Parents and Friends,

I trust that you have enjoyed our little mini-mid-term break. I know many of our staff were busy writing reports and looking at assessment pieces to support our plans for the shrinking weeks we have left together in this school year!

Friday was World Teachers Day. World Teachers' Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers, to say well done and to say thankyou! Every day, teachers within our learning community are making a difference educating and inspiring!

World Teachers' Day is celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities.

World teacher’s day also offers us an opportunity to pause and give thanks for another teacher who continues to inspire so many …

The Best Teacher
He never taught a lesson in a classroom
He never used an interactive whiteboard
Not once did He use Power Point to make his case
He did not have Internet access … or a computer … or even electricity
He was not trained by a university education department
He never crossed the teacher pay threshold
He never spent time photocopying and laminating resources or putting up classroom displays
He never handed out gold stars, house points or assembly awards
He had no records, gave no grades and His only text was ancient and well worn
His lessons were socially inclusive
He taught the economically deprived as well as the wealthy
He taught the physically disabled and the mentally ill as well as those healthy in body and in mind
His teaching method was the same with all who came to hear and learn.
He opened eyes with faith
He opened ears with simple truth; He opened hearts with love … love born of forgiveness.
He challenged, inspired and healed those He taught
He changed individuals and transformed communities
Even so, He was never nominated for teacher of the year or knighted for his service to education
And yet this quiet teacher from the hills of Galilee continues to feed the needs, fulfil the hopes and change the lives of many millions around the world for what He teaches brings heaven to earth and reveals God’s heart to all people.

(Sourced from Concordprayers.com)

Peace and Joy,
Claire Kelly

Key Dates

Week 5

Wednesday 5 Oct
Jump Start - 2.20 p.m.

Thursday, 6 Nov
Opening Doors
Foundation fundraiser
Casual clothes

Coming Up

Wednesday, 12 Nov
Jump Start – 2.20 p.m.

Wednesday, 19 Nov
Jump Start – 2.20 p.m.

Tuesday, 25 Nov
School Board Meeting

Wednesday, 26 Nov
Jump Start – 2.20 p.m.

Monday, 8 Dec
End of Year Mass 7pm
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.

GRADE 4, 5 AND 6 CAMP

On Wednesday, 29 October 2014 our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students set off for Harrietville for their school camp and despite the early departure, they were all in very high spirits. Late Friday afternoon the same students returned home, happy but very tired from a fabulous three days away. We thank the teachers for all the hard work that goes into preparing for a school camp and we also thank Lily Banfield for being a helper on our camp. We hope you enjoy the photos below.
OPENING DOORS FUNDRAISER:
The Fire Carriers are holding their major fundraiser for the year on Thursday, 6 November 2014. The Open Doors Foundation helps Aboriginal children and their families to access uniforms, books and all other educational expenses.

On this day we have planned a lot of different activities such as:

**CASUAL CLOTHES DAY – WEAR** Black, Red, White, Yellow, Blue or Green for a Gold coin donation.

- Guess the lollies in the jar at 50c a guess.
- Zooper Doopers
- Hairspray, and nails at 50c each.
- We will be making a coin line so any spare change would be greatly appreciated.
- A colouring competition – entries close on Friday 31st October. Prizes to be awarded 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in Junior, Middle and Senior Units
- An Aboriginal short story writing/poetry competition. This is to be no more than 100 words in length. This also needs to be returned by Friday 31st October. Prizes to be awarded to 1st in Junior, Middle and Senior Units.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY:**
Tuesday, 11 November is Remembrance Day – poppies, pens and wristbands are available for purchase at the school office. Prices range from $3.00 to $5.00.

**LOST PROPERTY BOX:**
Our lost property box is overflowing with jumpers and non-uniform clothing items. Please have a look through the lost property box next time you are at the school. Thank you.

We also have some lost jewelry that has been handed into the front office. If your child has lost an item of jewelry please contact the front office. Thank you.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:**
A reminder to our school community that we are participating in Carols By Candlelight on Friday, 12 December 2014. We had our first practice last Tuesday and the students put in such a great effort. Everyone involved is very excited.

**PARENT AND FRIENDS NEWS:**
REMINDER: Our Parent & Friends are looking for helpers at their cupcake stall at the Nathalia Primary School Fete on Friday, 14 November 2014 between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Please let the school office know if you can help.

REMINDER: Zooper Dooper Friday is back! Students may purchase a Zooper Dooper at lunch time on Fridays – only 50 cents each.

**END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS:**
We will be celebrating our end of year and graduation Mass at 7 p.m. on Monday, 8 December 2014. We look forward to welcoming all of our families to help celebrate our year together and farewell our outgoing Grade 6 children. A celebratory supper will follow in the school library after Mass.

**WORLD WOMBAT DAY:**
Did you know that Wednesday, 22 October 2014 was the 10th World Wombat Day? We didn’t either until Mr Newman brought it to our attention. Apparently you don’t need to be a wombat or know a wombat to enjoy the fun on 22 October. You can follow the traditional Wombat Day rituals or you can make up your own – as long as you eat chocolate and celebrate the Wombat. Due to allergies we did not eat chocolate however Grade Prep and Grade One students were the lucky recipients of allergy compliant donuts with lovely green icing that Mr Newman organized for them. A big thank you to Jim at Brereton’s Bakery for making the special donuts.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Nathalia Primary School Fair
Friday, November 14th
1:30pm - 6:00pm

Entertainment
Stalls
Pony Rides
Arts & Crafts
Face Painting
Cakes & Sweets
Showbags
Jumping Castles
Miniature Train rides
Entertainment
And much, much more.

As the planning continues, we are asking for donations of any unwanted items for our various stalls.

Books and Toys in good condition
Baby clothes
Plants or cuttings
Empty potting containers

Please contact the school 03 5866 2688

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Nathalia and district preschool
CHRISTMAS FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER DAY
with a live and line

When: Sunday 23rd November 2014
Where: Nathalia Recreation Reserve
Cost: $15 payable to Nathalia & District Pre-School to secure booking time (includes 30 minute session, 8x10" print and petite bottle frame. Other packages available for purchase)
Sessions are outdoors (weather permitting) then straight after, you view & choose your photo!
One hour of your day all up – great for Xmas

Bookings close November 11th – Limited places available

Booking sessions available at Fatima’s Pre-School:
Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th November 8:45am – 9:15am, otherwise please phone the Pre-School on 58663275

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JUNIOR TENNIS

HOTSHOTS: If you would still like to join Nathalia Hotshots or junior teams, there are some places available.

TEENNIS PRACTICE: will be held from 3:45 - 4:45 each Tuesday. Di Bell has offered to open the clubhouse and help to supervise.

For more information contact Rose Nihill 0438 662 149

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