Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you for all of your beautiful messages of support since the announcement of my resignation, which will take effect at the end of the school year. I look forward to sharing with you my plans for 2015 and beyond as soon as I am able. Tonight staff and school board members will gather with Pauline Fisher to begin the important task of consultation to prepare for the appointment of our new principal, an exciting time of change and growth for our school community!

Thank you to all the Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles and Special friends who joined us for Friday’s celebrations and “Happy Fathers Day!” Father’s Day is such a special opportunity to celebrate the important role that fathers play in the lives of their children; a role that cannot be played by any other person.

I love the old joke, out of the mouths of babes - “Dad, you’re the boss in our family, aren’t you?” A smiling and pleased dad answered, “Well, yes”, only to be told, “That’s because mum put you in charge, right!”

This week let us all give thanks for the gift of our Father’s – brave and strong, daggy and funny – we love you Dad and we are so grateful to have you in our lives!

Dear Lord,

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite distance, have remained in their children's lives. Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step-children's love and respect.

Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation of nieces and nephews and loved ones as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have “fathered” us in their role as mentors and guides.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

Amen

Kirk Loadman

Have a great week and enjoy the beautiful sunshine,

Claire Kelly
**AROUND THE SCHOOL**

This week, our Positive Behaviour Blitz is **Perseverance**.
Perseverance; is continually striving to attain a goal. Steady persistence in a course of action, a purpose, a state, a belief, especially in spite of difficulties obstacles or discouragement.

In week 8 our Social Skills Blitz was around Co-operation. The following students were nominated by their peers and teachers as displaying positive behaviour last week:

Tom Walker, Bridie Wilson, Henry Myers, Ryley Barton, Darcy Conroy, Rebecca Williams and the whole of Grade 5 and Grade 6 students

**Congratulations Everyone!! Keep up the good work.**

**Athletics Sports Day - Wednesday 17th September (please note date change)**
Please note that the Athletics Sports Day has been moved to Wednesday 17th September 2014. The children wear their school uniform on this day and will be provided with a colour bib for their events, they may wear coloured ribbons in their hair or have a bit of face paint in their house colours. It will be at the Nathalia Recreation Reserve and begin at 9.30. Family and friends are more then welcome to come and watch the students.

**Pre-School Open Day / Fundraiser - Monday 15th & Saturday 20th September**
Nathalia and District Pre-school Open Day is on Monday 15th September 2014 from 2:30pm, afternoon tea will be provided. Pre-School Fundraising Op-shop Tour on Saturday 20 September 2014, cost $25, morning tea and lunch provided. Expressions of interest contact Nicole Gabriel on 0458 972 416

**Contact Details Update**
All families will receive today a Family Summary Report. We ask that families check their details are current, sign and return these forms to the school office please. We also include an updated Permission to Publish consent form.

**Nathalia Community Early Learning Centre**
School holidays are fast approaching and the Nathalia Community Early Learning Centre once again have a fun packed holiday program organized. Please see enclosed flyer for further details. A reminder that Nathalia Community Early Learning Centre also provides long day care for school pupil free days. Their contact number is 5866 2088

**School Concert DVD**
REMINDER: the school concert DVD’s are available for collecting at school. Please collect from the front office.
Fathers Day Footy Celebration – Friday 5th September
A fantastic day was had by all at our Father’s Day celebrations on Friday, 5 September 2014. Those roast beef rolls were simply divine! A big thank you to all the organisers and helpers.

Fathers’ Day Raffle
THE WINNER IS: TONY BRAMWELL
1st prize: wheelbarrow full of goodies

SANDHURST ARTS ON SHOW
On Tuesday, 2 September 2014 our Grade 5 and 6 students travelled to Shepparton to take part in the Sandhurst Arts on Show, Diocesan Performing Arts Workshop & Showcase. Our students participated in music, drama and dance workshops where they presented the dance that they had learnt. Our students then participated in the massed ‘finale’, ‘Absolutely Everybody’ in the concert at the end of the day. It was a great day enjoyed by all who attended.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Pasta Demonstration

Learn to make 7 different cuts of Pasta

Come and meet Hilda and Laurie of the Yarra Valley, authors of "Wow! It’s Italian Gourmet Cook Book". First generation Italians who are passionate about their recipes and would love to share them with you.

Venue: Nathalia Library
Location: 75 Blake St
Date: Friday, 12th September
Time: 2pm – 3pm
Phone: 1300 374 765

Bookings essential

Wow! It's Italian
AUTHENTIC COOKBOOK

Keystone Tennis
CREATING MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES

School Holiday Clinic
Cobram Lawn Tennis Club

Monday 22nd September
Tuesday 23rd September

9am – 12pm | 5 – 17y/o

$20pp/day

Red, Orange, Green & Yellow ball classes
Places are capped so, register early!

To register, please contact:
Tennis Australia Club Professional, Luke Dixon
office@keystonetennis.com | 0407 476 041

St Francis School
Chapel St, PO BOX 66, NATHALIA, 3638
Phone: 03 5866 2271 Fax: 03 5866 2136

NLTC JUNIOR TENNIS 2014/2015

You are invited to be part of the junior tennis program at Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club, through 'Hotshots', interclub or intra-club competitions

DATE: Beginning Oct 18th
TIME: 8:30 – 10:00 (approx/mately)
WHERE: Nathalia Lawn Tennis Club

WHAT IS INVOLVED:
a) HOTSHOTS: You will learn the basics of the game, through skills based activities, followed by modified matches. The focus will be on you enjoying playing the game of tennis with friends and being a good sport.
b) INTRA-CLUB: For those who can serve and rally on a full size court. Players will work on skills then play singles and doubles with all matches played at Nathalia.
c) INTER-CLUB: We are seeking expressions of interest for more advanced players to be involved in a competition involving some travel to surrounding clubs.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: parents/guardians/first names are needed to assist with activities and scoring.

If you are interested, please return the following to your school office or text Rose Nhill 0438662149

NLTC JUNIOR TENNIS 2014/2015

NAME: ____________________ AGE: ___________

HOTSHOTS INTRA-CLUB INTER-CLUB

(CIRCLE ONE)

BEST CONTACT NUMBER: ____________________

I AM ABLE TO ASSIST WITH THE PROGRAM MOST WEEKS (please tick):

PARENT NAME: ____________________

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