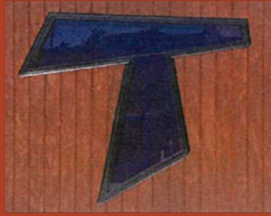


St Francis Primary Newsletter



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Friday 16th July

Dear Families,

Welcome back to Term 3 after what I hope was a restful break.

I had a whole spiel about the reduced COVID restrictions and getting back to normal school life prepared for the newsletter, and within an hour late yesterday, it all changed.

St Francis will be following our Remote Learning Expectations Framework for the next two days to address student learning during the lockdown.

Be well, stay safe and hopefully this is a short lockdown and we are back onsite soon.

Fr. Michael Grace will celebrate the Communion and Confirmation Sacraments on **Friday 20th Aug @ 6pm** at the St Mary's Church, Nathalia.

NOTE: Due to the current lockdown, Tony is looking into conducting the sacrament sessions via ZOOM – an email will be sent out to families with further information and links soon.



2022 Enrolments: We held School Tours for any 2022 families this week, and thank our Grade 6 student leaders for conducting the tours.

Enrolments are now open for 2022 with school packs available at the office for families. Please feel free to contact the office to book in a tour.



Sacrament of Communion and Confirmation:

We are looking forward to welcoming any children wishing to complete their Communion and Confirmation Sacraments this term. The preparation sessions are again led by Tony Kent and will run on Wednesday nights @ 5pm with the dates as follows:

- Wed 14th July @ 5pm
- Wed 21st July @ 5pm
- Wed 28th July @ 5pm
- Wed 4th August @ 5pm
- Wed 11th August @ 5pm
- Thursday 19th Aug (Day Session) – Just students



Home Grown: This term our school is focusing on The Arts after securing the Philomena Billington Scholarship at the end of 2020.

Our proposal outlined how we would encourage students to consider the human impact on their world through

Important Dates

Term 2

Thu 22 Jul	Barmah Excursion 4/5/6
Fri 23 Jul	Regional Cross Country
Wed 28 Jul	Lions Club Public Speaking
Thu 29 Jul	CLOSURE DAY
Fri 30 Jul	Lightning Premiership
Fri 13 Aug	Parent Teacher Interviews
Fri 27 Aug	CLOSURE DAY Staff Creation



School Contact:
Our best office email to use when contacting the school is:

admin@sfnathalia.catholic.edu.au

This address is monitored by a number of staff throughout the day.



At this time of great need
may the Lord bless us
and keep us,
may the Lord shed
His light upon us
and give us His peace.

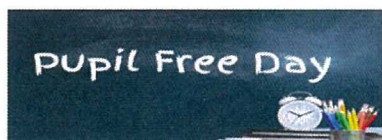
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Photography, Visual & Digital Arts and Music. The Visual and Media Arts aspect of the proposal would be to set up a pop-up gallery, with images taken by students over the course of the terms, of their local community and farming area.

Additionally, the pop-up gallery will include student art pieces that provide hope, showing how caring for God's creation can bring new life, growth and happiness. This will then be followed by a School Performance with every student at St Francis having an opportunity to be involved.

The Gallery and School Performance will be staged at the Nathalia Community Centre with St Francis School, St Mary of the Angels College and the wider Nathalia communities invited to attend.

We look forward to creating some great art pieces and share in the experience with families at the end of the term.



Closure Days: Our closure days for Term 3 are as follows:

Thursday 29th July

- Staff NCCD Learning

Friday 13th August

- Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 27th August (To Be Confirmed)

- Staff Spirituality Day



Parent Teacher Interviews: We will have a closure day on Friday 13th August to cater for our Parent / Teacher / Student interviews.

Bookings will be available via PAM closer to the date. Parents are asked to bring students to the interview.

to discuss their learning with the classroom teacher.

Thanks

Matt Knight
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS



HEAL COUNTRY!
4-11 JULY 2021

NAIDOC Week: NAIDOC Week 2021 was held from Sunday 4 July to Sunday 11 July. Each year NAIDOC week grows in stature and depth of celebrations at community, state and national level.

It is an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the oldest continuing cultures on the planet.

The NAIDOC 2021 theme – Heal Country! – calls for all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

NAIDOC 2021 invites the nation to embrace First Nations' cultural knowledge and understanding of Country as part of Australia's national heritage and equally respect the culture and values of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders as they do the cultures and values of all Australians.

Lightning Premiership: The Lightning Premiership carnival is scheduled to take place at Yarrawonga this year on Friday 30th July. Permission notes and further information via PAM. We wish all our senior students well for the day.

Location: Vic Park Yarrawonga (Dunlop St Yarrawonga).



Building Refurbishment: We are moving well into the building project, with works scheduled to begin in Term 3. We are close to beginning the Tender process and hope to secure our builders over the next month.

Temporary fencing will be installed to ensure the students remain safe and may temporarily impact how we access different areas of the school. More details will be provided to families as they are finalised.

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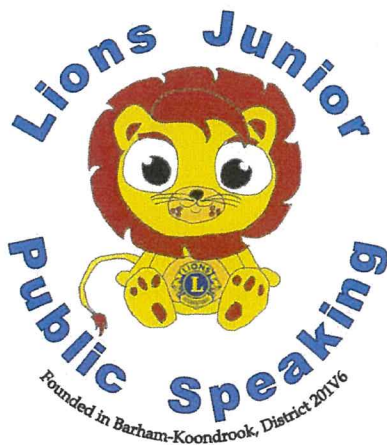
See Michael Grose Goodwin's article, '[What kids learn from fathers](#)' for more.



Buddy Barn Dancing



Lions' Public Speaking Grades 4, 5 & 6



The Senior Grades have been diligently working on their public speaking skills last term addressing this year's topic of "Volunteering in the Community" – discussing a Volunteer Organisation in our Community (Grade 4) and The Environment – how is it effecting our Planet, our Native Wildlife and what can we do to improve it (Grade 5/6).

All students presented their speech to classmates either in the classroom, or on stage at the St Clare Auditorium and both Mr. Davison and Mr. Kent were proud of the children's efforts, in what can be a daunting task for some. Congratulations to the following students for making it to the next round; Liam, Xavier, Kiara Lily, Makena, Grace, Mitchell, Lachie, Lexie Jaxon, Josh and Eliza.

INSIGHTS

What kids learn from fathers



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High work ethic, honesty, supportiveness and loyalty were all values that men directly attributed to their dads.

The results of the study show that dad is the 'doing' guy. Mothers tend to interact with their kids differently. They are more verbal, more astute at developing interpersonal skills and more likely to reveal what is on their mind.

The language of fatherhood is about activity – dads teach many of their important lessons through activity. Learning to be a good sport, to share and to work toward a goal are lessons that dads teach their kids in very hands-on ways.

The study also showed that it was through activity that men formed their relationships with their dads.

Playing, tinkering, building and pulling things apart are the modus operandi of many dads.

What do dads teach girls?

Dads teach girls fundamental lessons about interacting with males.

As our girls grow up we want them to expect to be treated well and respectfully by males (both present and future) and have the confidence to be assertive. That means we need to treat our daughters kindly, while allowing them to speak up to us (in the nicest possible way) when needed.

Numerous studies have linked fathers with the healthy development of girls, including self-esteem and confidence.

Certainly dads should complement their daughters genuinely and persistently in adolescence when body image doubts are very common. But they also need to let their daughters grow away. This is a challenge as dads tend to be protective of their daughters and hard on their sons.

It's lucky then that most mums are protective and super-supportive of their boys! The yin and yang that mothering and fathering provides is a fabulous balance for kids.

Boys grow into their dads

Little boys want to be like their dads. They attribute superman-like qualities to their fathers. Dads need to make the most of this while they can because their sons become teenagers and try hard to reveal their feet of clay.

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The good news is that the Galaxy Survey showed that most men still want to be 'like their dad.' That boyhood dream doesn't diminish in adulthood. That's lucky as most men become like their fathers, hopefully better versions!

- A better version of a father appears to be one who is involved with his kids but also one who can balance and support the parenting style of his partner
- A better version is one who plays with his kids but also one who disciplines too. He balances softness with firmness.
- A better version is not being a quasi-mother or a gender-neutral parent but confident enough to learn from his partner while retaining the maleness of fathering.
- A better version is one who talks openly to his partner and engages in a dialogue about parenting
- A better version is one who remembers what it was like being a kid and bringing that into parenting as much as possible when you are with them. And fathers need partners who support them in their parenting efforts, actively share the parenting enterprise, and recognise that dads do it differently.



Michael Grose

Michael Grose, founder of Parenting Ideas, is one of Australia's leading parenting educators. He's an award-winning speaker and the author of 12 books for parents including *Spoonfed Generation*, and the bestselling *Why First Borns Rule the World and Last Borns Want to Change It*. Michael is a former teacher with 15 years experience, and has 30 years experience in parenting education. He also holds a Master of Educational Studies from Monash University specialising in parenting education.

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

18 JULY 2021

HE TOOK PITY ON THEM. In today's Gospel Jesus shows great care for his disciples. After a busy mission he takes them off to a quiet place to rest. He also takes pity on the crowds who follow him. Recognising their spiritual hunger, he teaches them at some length. Jesus takes pity on us as well. Like the crowds and his disciples, we need to periodically step aside from our many chores and activities to be nourished by his life-giving word and fed by the Eucharist.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 53: 6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jer 23: 1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –

when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,

who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved

and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called:

The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

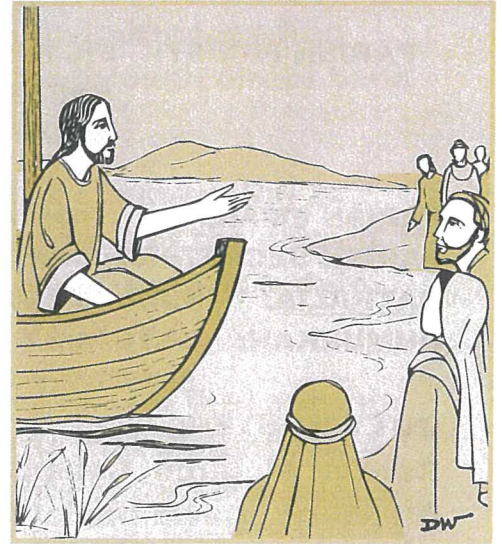
R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 2

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**



2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 2: 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10: 27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 6: 30-34

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your

faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray. . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said. . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Ps 110: 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from

former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

TIME FOR A NEW BEGINNING

The scene of Jesus stepping ashore and taking pity on the crowds who were desperately looking for a guide and shepherd has always been a poignant and moving one. Jesus had taken the disciples aside after the rigours of their mission of preaching. It was to be a moment of rest and reflection, of coming to terms with what they had experienced and learned in their new-found mission. Perhaps what they learn, more than anything else, is the hunger and need the people have for what Jesus has to offer by his presence and teaching.

Centuries before, Jeremiah had spoken of God's promise to shepherd the people of Israel and to raise up new shepherds, and a truly wise king. With the mission of the Twelve, and the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus the people have the eyes to see that God's promises are being fulfilled. The time for a new beginning has come.

Paul and the communities formed by him had no experience of the earthly mission of Jesus and it naturally led them to ponder on what difference the life and death of Jesus had made. Today's reading from Ephesians invites us to see the death of Jesus as the means that God used to bring a new humanity to birth. The age-old division between Jews and Gentiles has now been broken down. It is as though Jesus on the cross took to himself all our anger, violence and division, transforming it by the power of his healing and self-giving love.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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ST. MARY'S PARISH, NATHALIA

**Sunday 18th July 2021
Sixteenth Sunday B**

**As we come to worship, we acknowledge the original custodians of this land.
*The safety of children and the vulnerable is a priority in our parish.***

PARISH PRIEST: FR. MICHAEL GRACE: Phone 0419 794 511

PRESBYTERY: Phone 03 5866 2694

MEDITATION: Thursday In The Chapel at 11.30am

MASS: Thursday In The Church at 12.30pm

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NATHALIA: SUNDAY MASS: 9.00am

NUMURKAH: SATURDAY MASS: 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASS: 10.30am

DUTY ROSTER:

Reader: M. Birch Commentator: M. Dalitz

Offertory: David Daniel Family Communion to the Sick: L. Oliver

ALTAR: 18th July 2021 A. Bell & M. Birch Linen: July: Anne Bell

NEXT WEEK:

Reader: B. Daniel Commentator: J. McKillop

Offertory: M. Daniel Family Communion to the Sick: M. Warren

ALTAR: 25th July 2021 A. Bell & M. Birch Linen: July: Anne Bell

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Helena Flynn, Antonio Cecchin, William Duffy, Nancy Park, Ian Coughlan, Jack Ryan, Alan Henderson, Carmel Simpson, Sandra McGuinness, Ray Cottam, Cath Berger, Gavan Culhane, Joe Boyle, Molly Malone, Mary McKeown, Cecilia Mary Oseland, Clare Cecelia Hutchins, Wayne Michael Wilson, Father V. Semmens, Alan Flynn.

Please pray for all those who are ill, especially: Sally McKeown, Molly Hargreaves, Noel Loughnan, Christine McIntyre, Norm Walsh, Neil Clardey, Paul Speekman, Paul Quinn, Margaret Cranko, Sister Jennifer Sanders, Julian Segafredo, Panagiotas Spanos, Martin Russell, Kath Heaton, Paul Congues, Veronica Williams, Rodney Barry.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: Envelopes: \$70.00 Plate \$46.00

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Account Name: St. Mary's Catholic Church

BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 1100 22928

Feel free to advise the staff that you wish to contribute to St Mary's Catholic Parish, as they have offered to assist where possible. Providing a reference, such as your name or Planned Giving envelope number, allows tracking of your contribution.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER COLLECTION: will be held for the next two Sundays July 18th & 25th Collection box will be on table at the entrance of the church.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: New planned giving envelopes have arrived and are up at the back of the church. We had a few blank envelope packs, so if you would like to join the program please put your name to the corresponding number you would like. Parishioners are also able to give through direct bank transfer. More information see Darcy Warren.

NEW DUTY ROSTERS: New Rosters for the next 3 months commencing 22nd August are available now, please pick yours up from the back of the church. If you would like to be included in a future roster or are unable to fulfil a date please let Darcy or Joy know.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED AUSTRALIA: Continues to ensure that spiritual aid and pastoral care reaches areas of need ACN ensures that distance and harsh terrain does not stand in the way of the spiritual life of Catholic people. Every year ACN finances some 400 cars, 200 motorcycles, 300 bicycles and a couple of boats. Find out more at www.aidtochurch.org/transport.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: Families in the parish with children wishing to receive their First Communion and Confirmation next term are invited to contact the St. Francis School Office on 5866 2271 or email Tony Kent : tkent@sfnathalia.catholic.edu.au or the St. Francis School: admin@sfnathalia.catholic.edu.au

Preparation sessions will be led by Tony Kent and will run on Wednesday nights at 5pm with the dates as follows:

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QR CODE: Please remember to sign in using the QR codes in the entry. This helps to ensure compliance with the State Government regulations.