This September will be the beginning of a very important journey in the lives of many young children in our Parish. During the first two weekends of September these children will be making their First Holy Communion. Last night parents and their children participated in a family faith evening; this was facilitated by Mrs. Denise Arnel. This evening provided an opportunity for parents to participate in a workshop with children exploring the significance of Eucharist and its relevance to our everyday lives. Thank you to all families who attended and shared in this experience with their children. Please keep all students who are preparing for their First Holy Communion in your prayers in these coming weeks.

Last week Father Joe and I completed the interviews for Prep enrolments. This is always a great opportunity for us both to meet and chat with families. We are now busy finalising our numbers for 2016 and the leadership team and staff are looking at possible structures and programs for next year. Could you please notify the school if you are not intending to return to OLR in 2016 as this will may create places for families awaiting an enrolment.

Congratulations to our girls basketball team who participated in the Cobaw sports in Bendigo last Friday. The girls represented our school with great pride and enjoyed their opportunity to participate.

Congratulations to our Tournament of Minds Team who participated in two student challenges at La Trobe University in Bendigo. Participation in this program challenges children to work independently on a given topic, whereby they create a script, costumes and props, and perform on the day in front of three judges. The second challenge on the day is unknown and the group need to work together to spontaneously respond. I had the privilege of attending this on Saturday along with the children’s parents. We were able to sit in the audience for the first challenge and view what the children had created over a number of weeks at school. The group performance was amazing, a credit to the children and something that made myself and the parents in the audience very proud. I would like to thank Brooke Adams for coordinating the TOMs project this term and giving the children this wonderful opportunity. A condition for participation on the day was to provide a judge from our school, I would like to thank Sallyanne McMeiken for taking this on and for her time at TOMs on Saturday. Photos are attached further in the newsletter.

REMINDER
Could I remind parents that there is a parent calendar on our school website as well as instructions for downloading our school AAP.

We are currently uploading important policies that have been updated. Could I ask that all parents please take the time to view these. If you go to the Our School link you will be able to view Our Lady of the Rosary Privacy Policy; please take some time to read this. Also on this link you will find the school Annual Action Plan.

CARPARKING – We are currently working on new signage for our carpark. This will hopefully be completed during the school holidays. PLEASE NOTE THE LOOP IN THE PARENT CARPARK IS NOT FOR PARKING. THIS IS A NO PARKING ZONE AND WILL BE SIGNED ACCORDINGLY IN THE COMING WEEKS. Could parents please adhere to this?

Whilst the gates are closed from 9.30 – 2.30 ten minute parking is available in the bus loop during this time. New signage for the bus loop is currently under construction. COULD WE PLEASE ASK THAT PARENTS DO NOT PARK IN THE STAFF CARPARK. Thank you for your anticipated support with these issues.

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OCUR THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

There will be a number of notices coming home in the next couple of weeks as our term draws to an end. Please keep
an eye out for these and note the important dates in this newsletter.

Some things to look out for include:

- Camp notices for the Year 5/6 students.
- Raffle Tickets for our Kyneton Carnival
- Crazy Camel Cards – P&F fundraiser. This will be our last fundraiser for the year so we ask where possible that
  families give their support. We are currently seeking quotes for the shade cloth to cover the junior playground
  and hope this will be completed in the next holidays. We will then address the senior playground. A big thank you
  to the P&F and the generosity of families in making all this possible. WELL DONE!
- Year 2 Sleepover at the end of the term.
- Working Bee
- Daffodil Parade
- Crazy Hair Day for CF
- Devonshire Tea at St. Mary’s Hall – Asylum Seekers Support Group. An invitation for September 5 will be
  coming home soon; you can also see more information in the Parish news below.

Last weekend a number of staff attended a Memorial Service at the Royal Children’s Hospital in
memory of Courtney Faith Keast. Again we were reminded of the fragility of life. We ask that
families continue to include Jodie and Madi in their prayers as they continue their day to day
struggle with the sad loss of Courtney.

We also ask that everyone please remember the Neylon family;
Beck’s father Greg Lenehan passed away last night. Greg is Grandfather to
Archie Yr 7 SHC, Henry Yr 3/4M and Clementine PrepE. Please keep Beck and her family in
your thoughts and prayers.

The term is quickly coming to an end, I hope you have enjoyed your meetings with teachers today. Have a great
weekend everyone.

Regards Jenny
Parish News

First Communion arrangements
THIS weekend will be the final weekend for the parents of children of the parish who hope to celebrate their 1st Communion on the weekends of 5/6 Sept and 12/13 Sept (only 1 week away!) to write the name of their child on a reservations list which be available after all Masses.

Daffodil Festival, Kyneton
Once again our “Flower Ladies” will be presenting a marvelous flower display in our OLR Church, Kyneton for the daffodil festival. Last year the parish received countless messages of praise for their great effort. You are invited to search your garden for any flowers which could be used this year and bring them along to the church on Thursday 03rd Sept. Also your own arrangements would be very welcome. The church will be open every day of the festival from 9.00am to 4.00pm. Any queries, contact Sandra Reaper: 5422 1172.

Finding out more about the Catholic Faith? (RCIA)
Our team met with some people interested in looking more deeply at their faith last Thursday. You are asked to keep each person in your prayers as we grow together.

Ordination to the Priesthood
You are invited to the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon George Feliciouz at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne on 12th Sept 2015 at 10.00 am.
You are also invited to George's Thanksgiving Mass the following day, 13 Sept at 11.30 am, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 61 Lederland Street, Bacchus Marsh followed by lunch at the parish hall. For catering purposes RSVP by 21st Aug 2015: grefeliouz@gmail.com 0470380285.
As parking is very limited around the Cathedral, we organize a bus to the Cathedral but will need to know how many would like to go by the end of August. If you are interested please contact the parish office soon.
NOTE: George will return to Kyneton on Sun 20th to celebrate the 10.30am Mass and Trentham on Sun 27th. Both Masses will be followed by refreshments.

Asylum Seekers Support Group (MRRAR-Kyneton)
Your Support is now needed! Everyone is warmly invited to attend a super Devonshire tea / coffee in the St Mary’s hall on Saturday 5th Sept in conjunction with the Kyneton Daffodil festival. If you would like to help in any way by providing scones, cakes etc or craft items please contact Aileen Riordan through the parish office.

Migrant & Refugees Sunday
THIS weekend we celebrate Migrant & refugee Sunday with the theme “Church without Frontiers, Mother to All”. The weekend gives us a special opportunity to reflect on the plight of the millions of refugees in our world and our invitation to respond “with open arms, without distinction or limits” as Pope Francis reminds us.

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Save the date: Kyneton Carnival Saturday 24th October 10-3pm
Plans for the second Kyneton Carnival, OLR's major annual fundraiser, are well underway. With the best of last year and some exciting new ideas, you can look forward to a seriously fun day!
Our 2015 committee includes Carnival Coordinator Joedy Brown, Father Joe Ruys, Jenny May, Jane Eames, Aileen Riordan, Jodie Keast, Melissa Connors, Mel Brown and Olivia Zan.
The major raffle prizes have been confirmed and we guarantee you'll be excited!
Raffle books will be coming your way soon.
Please help spread the word by liking and sharing the Kyneton Carnival page on Facebook.
We'll keep you posted on the latest news!
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Working Bee

Saturday September 5th  9.00am– 1.00pm

A Tree Planting Working Bee has been planned to plant out both native and deciduous trees along the RM Begg fence line. We would appreciate as much time as families can spare to assist with planting.

All family members are welcome.
Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival

3 – 13 September 2015

Festival theme: “Spring Starts Here”

The Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival is an annual celebration in Kyneton with art shows, concerts, flower show, antique fair, scarecrow competition, busking and open gardens to name just a few. Our school choir accompanied by Mrs. Mangan, will perform at the Beat Concert at the Town Hall. Our Prep children are currently in the middle of making our wonderful scarecrow to display at the front of our school. As in previous years, Our Lady of the Rosary will be walking in the Grand Parade on Sunday September 13.

The Kyneton Daffodil & Arts Festival is a wonderful way for the children of Our Lady of the Rosary to contribute to and be involved in a very special and important community event.

We encourage all children to participate in the festival in any way they can.

Please look out for more information over the coming weeks.

kynetondaffodilarts.org.au

Girls Basketball Team

On Friday August 21st the Year 6 basketball team travelled to Bendigo to compete in the second stage of school basketball competitions. It was a huge day with the girls playing many games against schools from the Bendigo region. The girls gave their all, playing against tough competition and really rising to the challenge to be extremely competitive. The way in which the team developed throughout the day was fantastic. The girls were coached by Andrew McArdle who was a great motivator for the team on the day. A huge thanks to Andrew and for the Grade Six Girls for their awesome participation on the day!

Mrs Helene Mangan
Woolworths Earn & Learn

This year we will be participating again in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school. From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers.

You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

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KYNETON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SPRING FLOWER SHOW
Saturday September 5
Open from 1pm until 5pm
Official Opening 3pm
Admission $4.00
Plant Stall
Enquiries: Mrs Gerardine Tomas  5422 7130
“Show what you grow and tell what you know”

Open Garden—Fundraiser for RM Begg Aged care Auxiliary
Jenny and Carl Nielson are opening their garden to the public

**Elmlea**
98 Wedge Street, Kyneton
Saturday September 5  10.00am until 4.00pm
$5.00 entry
Tea/coffee and biscuits included in the entry price

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