

St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 4 Week 2
2015

SAVE THE DATE

Monday

October 19
Parent Group
6:30—7:30

Wednesday

October 21
Mission Day
Fundraiser

9:30—11am
Kindy 2015
Transition

Friday

23 October
Stage 2
Liturgy
2:30pm

Wednesday

October 28
9:30—11am
Kindy 2015
Transition

Basketball Gala
Day

Friday

30 October
Gymnastics
Gala Day

Welcome back to Term 4

if what ahead scares you and
what's behind hurts you
just look above, He never
fails to help you.



Major Events for Term 4

- Friday 20 November 11:00—11:40am THANK YOU Parent Helpers Morning Tea
- Monday 23 November - Friday 4 December Swimming Program (over two weeks)
- Friday 4 December: Christmas Concert, time to be advised but in the evening
- Sunday 6 December: St Nicholas of Myra's Feast Day
- Monday 7 December: End of Year Assembly (in the morning 9:15), Family Picnic Lunch to celebrate St Nicholas of Myra's Feast Day, followed by Talent Quest from 11:50 pm
- Monday 9 December Parent Group Meeting Representatives for 2016 6:30-7:30pm
- Friday 11 December: Year 6 Graduation and End of Year Mass, time is usually in the morning time to be confirmed
- Friday 11 December: Year 6 Graduation Dinner at the White Swan
- Monday 14 December 'Rock Around the Clock' Musical Performance 1:40pm
- Tuesday 15 December Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 16 December: Last Day for K- 6 students

Kindergarten Emara Aurish Lachlan Mueller Isabella Polistina Aubrey Parker Phoenix Briggs	Year 1 – Blue Lachlan Perrin Rachel Idris Raymin Leslie	Year 1 – Gold Monette Banda Harmony Culley Julian Falzon Ellie Moen Mia Barrett
Year 2 – Blue Joseph Ezekiel Bonnie Rigo Benedict Dela Paz Jacob Perera Guneet Kaur Selena Mirukaj Liam Egan	Year 2 – Gold Lachlan Criss Mia Simmons Jeremy Portelli Ellie Walker Nikea Powell	Year 3 Tara Teuma Daniel Byimira Alexa Evans Lucy Keane Ella Becroft
Year 4 Darcy Brown William Ezekiel Zane Madrajat Chris Nicholopoulos Rapha Idris	Year 5 Jasmine Teuma Joshua Busine Caleb Parkes Kolbi Prior Ethan Cruz	Year 6 Keely Hodgetts Georgia Hokin Yousha Majdoub Lachlan Tully Talia Welfare
SILVER AWARDS Ante Broz Lucas Dankha Joel Emerson Levi Chia Bonnie-May Wheeler Jakob Lestal-Braid	GOLD AWARDS Levi Chia Bonnie-May Wheeler Ante Broz	<i>ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA AWARD</i> <i>Peter Xiberras</i> <i>Grace Nenadic</i>





Stage 3 Touch Footy Gala Day



On Friday the last day of Term 3, St Nicholas of Myra entered 2 boys teams and 1 girls team in a Touch Football Gala Day. This was held at the Kingsway at St Marys. Each team played 5 games throughout the day, with each team winning approx. half of their games. It was great weather and all children had a fantastic time playing against other children in the Diocese.

Thank you to Mr Simpson, Mr Parkes and Mr Prior for coaching and assisting the teams on the day. We couldn't of done it without them.

"We had fun and just tried our best" *Lara Tamer*

"Second last game was the best. We scored well and played the best all day as a team" *Yousha Majdoub*

Congratulations to all students at St Nicholas of Myra for completing the Premiers Reading Challenge. Books shared with the children in their Classrooms and during their Library visits resulted in this fantastic achievement.

Certificates from PRC for the students will be sent to the school late November (approx).

Any books that are read from 1 September 2015 will go towards their 2016 PRC.



Emily Keane

Lucy and Emily are both keen netballers. Playing at Jamison Park each Saturday with their friends is what they love the most about their sport.

Lucy plays Shooter and sometimes Centre for St Nicholas Netball Club, her team name is 'Sweet Dreams'.

Emily plays Goal Defence for Riverland's Netball Club.

Training is 1 hour per week which keeps us fit and active.

We think netball is a great sport.



Lucy Keane

2016 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials



Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2016 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2015 and Term One in 2016.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2016 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch (B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au. This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2016 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. You may complete this form to attend a selection trial or if you have been selected in a representative squad or team. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by your child's school**. In order for your child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of your school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **Please complete all fields and especially "Representative Experience"**.

Your child's school will notify you one week prior to the trial date if your child is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.

Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.

Currently only the Summer Sports of BASKETBALL, CRICKET, SOFTBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Friday 30th October as these trials will be held in November 2015.

All other sport registrations will open on 2nd November for 2016 trials.

Please contact your school sports coordinator for any further information.

Yours In Sport,
Margaret Thornton
Teaching Educator – Primary Sport
Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Library Bags are essential if you would like your child to borrow a book from our Library. Please arrange for your child to have a bag. Far too many children are turning up to their library lesson without a bag. A plastic shopping bag or one from home is fine. **Thank you**



At St Nicholas of Myra we have a 'No hat no play' policy. If your child has forgotten their hat we **DO NOT** have spares in the office. All children need to remember to bring their hats to school. They should be clearly labelled.



Canteen Helpers Needed for Term 4

Are you available to help in the school canteen during Term 4? Canteen opens on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week. Volunteers are asked to arrive at the school at 11.00am and should be finished by 11.45am.

We are in desperate need for a helper on Fridays. Unfortunately, if a volunteer isn't found the canteen will be unable to open every second Friday during Term 4.

If you can spare some time, please fill in the details below and return to school. Thank you.

CANTEEN HELPERS FOR TERM 4

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I am available to help in the canteen on the following days:

Day	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Availability (ie weekly, every 2 nd week etc)			

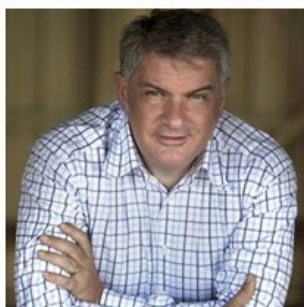
PARENTS & CARERS

This presentation is **FREE** and is a golden opportunity to hear from an engaging speaker and fantastic academic.

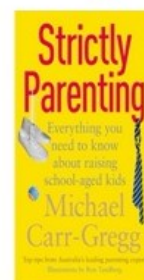
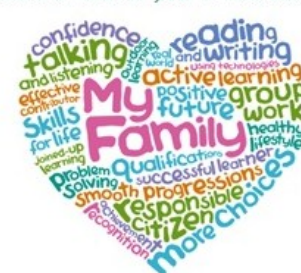
Maybe get a few friends together and **CAR POOL**.

Special Parent Presentation

Hosted by
Parents Representative Council,
Parramatta Diocese (PRC)



Be at the heart of your child's learning. ¹



Correspondence

which has been sent home in the past fortnight or with this newsletter includes:



- ☺ Ice Cream Day Note
- ☺ Year 6 Fundraising
- ☺ Gymnastics Competition
- ☺ Basketball Gala Day
- ☺ Swimming Program
- ☺ Mission Day Fundraiser

**Saturday 17 October 2015,
2pm to 5pm**

**St Andrew the Apostle Parish Centre,
40 Breakfast Road, Marayong**

**RSVP Thursday 15 October 2015 to
prcparraevents@hotmail.com**

This is a **FREE** presentation for the benefit of
catholic school parents, friends and educators



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PENRITH

OUR WATER OUR FUTURE

PHOTO COMPETITION

Send in your favourite shots of our local waterways and the plants or animals they support for your chance to win.

We are calling all creative amateur photographers to get out into our natural environment and submit a photograph that captures what this theme means to you.

THERE ARE THREE CATEGORIES:

- Open (over 18 Years)
- Youth (12-18 Years)
- Kids (Under 12)

The competition is open to all Penrith City residents and there are more than \$1300 in prizes to be won.

Each person can submit up to 3 entries.

Visit penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/PhotoComp for the entry form and terms and conditions.

Entries close Monday 26 October 2015.

PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS
PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

FREE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Come to a FREE outdoor photography workshop to hone your artistic skills. Bookings for the workshop are essential as places are limited.

WHEN:
10 October at 10am

WHERE:
Regatta Park
Emu Plains

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:
4732 8055 or
photocomp@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au

For updates follow:
• @penrithcouncil on Twitter
• 'Like' facebook.com/penrithshere

penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/PhotoComp

Saturday 24th to Sunday 25th
October 2015
9:30am - 4pm

Adults \$6 • Concession \$4 • Children \$2

27th Annual Doll Bear & Craft Show

FEATURING:

- Unique Handmade Products
- Reborn Dolls
- Dolls and Accessories
- Wooden Toys and Furniture
- Doll's Houses and Supplies
- Teddy Bear and Making Supplies
- Aromatherapy • Jewellery, Craft

For more information call 4731 3000
or visit www.dollbearcraftfair.com.au

MUSEUM OF FIRE
"Learn Don't Burn"

Museum of Fire, 1 Museum Drive, Penrith.
The Museum of Fire is a Registered Charity

Now enrolling for 2017

OLMC
OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA

Mercy Scholarships


OLMC Parramatta is now taking applications from girls entering Years 7, 9 or 11 in 2017 for Mercy Scholarships in the areas of

Academic Excellence
Music Excellence

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MERCY COMPASSION JUSTICE DIGNITY EXCELLENCE HOSPITALITY STEWARDSHIP SERVICE

Reporting Absences



There is no need to ring the school when your child is absent, unless it is a extended period of time or your child has a contagious disease.

When your child is absent, on his/her return to school please send a note explaining the reason, so that the official State Attendance Rolls can be marked accurately. It is a requirement of roll marking that all absences, both whole day and part day, are explained by a parent/carer in writing. These notes should be received by the student's teacher within 3 days or the absence is recorded as unexplained. Notes should be written and signed by the parent/carer and should be dated. ***The date of the absence and the reason for the absence should be clearly shown.*** Absences are also recorded on school reports at the end of each semester.