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Term 1 Week 9
2017



Fri 24 Mar

9am—Easter Egg
Raffle Wrapping

12pm

Stage 1

Parish Mass

Tues 28 Mar

12pm Stage 2
Reconciliation

Wed 29 Mar

Cross Country
St 2 & 3 only
(and those turning
8 from Yr 2)

Thurs 30 Mar

Yoghurt Day

Fri 31 Mar

12pm

Stage 3 and ES1
Parish Mass

Mon 3 April

Principal's Lunch
2pm—Easter Hat
Parade and Easter
Egg Raffle

Tues 4 April

10:30am—St 3
Schools Anzac
Service

Wed 5 April

Holy Week Liturgy

Thurs 6 April

Newsletter

2pm End of Term
Awards Assembly

Fri 7 April

LAST DAY OF
TERM 1

**School Resumes
For Term 2 on
MONDAY 24
APRIL**

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

Part Two: Colours, Actions and Symbols of Lent: Fasting

Fasting means going without. The custom of fasting goes back a long way. The Israelites fasted as a sign that they were sorry for their sins. Unfortunately they were not always sincere. God was unhappy when their fasting was not sincere. Jesus told us how important it is to be sincere when we fast.

And when you fast, do not put on a sad face as the hypocrites do. They neglect their appearance so that everyone will see that they are fasting. I assure you, they have already been paid in full.

- Matthew 6:16

The people ask, 'Why should we fast if the Lord never notices? Why should we go without food if he pays no attention?

The Lord says to them, 'The truth is that at the same time you fast, you pursue your own interests and oppress your workers. Your fasting makes you violent, and you quarrel and fight. Do you think this kind of fasting will make me listen to your prayers?' - Isaiah 58:3-6

When we choose to go without something during Lent we must be sincere. We do it because we are really sorry for having disobeyed God. We do it because we really want to make up for our wrongdoings.

Ways of Giving up Things

There are many ways of fasting. We could go without our favourite food or drink. Or we could decide not to play our favourite game or activity during Lent. Here are some ideas for fasting:

- Give up biscuits or cakes, chocolate or lollies.
- Give up a visit to the school canteen - instead give the money to the needy.
- Give up playing the Wii or Playstation, iPod or iPad.
- Give up an activity that you enjoy, like tennis, bike riding or even riding the scooter.
- Give up being cranky, instead show love and respect to those close to you.
- Give up watching your favourite show on the television. Instead, try reading a story from the Bible for five or ten minutes. There are many great stories in the Bible. Or Pray to God.

Whatever we choose to do we must be sincere. Perhaps the jelly bean jar of action will provide both a visual motivation as well as a tasty treat on Easter Sunday!

Peace and Joy
Anita Knezevic
Principal

What a week of rain and thunderstorms we are experiencing! And don't you just love how they perform their best near school dismissal time.

On this note we would like to **thank** all the parents and carers who were collecting children yesterday for their patience and understanding. The community spirit shone through, which made up for the sun we are all missing. Safety of the students is our first priority and in these times we sometimes need to change routines to adapt to the situation. A big thank you to Mrs Cutajar and Mrs Harris who ferried children to cars through strong rain and some mighty big puddles! Two very wet teachers!

Thank you all once again



Religious Education News



Jelly Bean Actions for Lent

Give something up for the day
Take care of a plant or animal God created

Share God's light with a kind act
Faithfully focus on God during prayers

Ask God to forgive you for a mistake you made
A free gift from God; just say "Thanks!"

Apologize to anyone you hurt
Forgive someone who has hurt you

Important dates for the start of Term 2

Monday 24 April - School resumes- All students to return to school

Tuesday 25 April - Anzac Day Public Holiday (no students at school)

Wednesday 26 April – School as normal

Learning News

PBS4L Skill of the Week



I am safe.

This week we are continuing to focus on being safe with each other on the playground. There has been a number of incidents recently involving unsafe behaviours. It is important to discuss safety with your child.

I will keep my hands and feet to myself.

I will play where the teacher can see me.

I will walk on the concrete.

I will play safe games with others.

Stepping into STEM-a-thon:

I liked making the tower with the sticks. It was happy and fun. - Ella (Early Stage 1)

I liked making things with the straws. It was fun because we got to make things. - Ashton (Stage 1)

It was really fun and we did a lot of activities. I learnt a lot about building and engineering. Mrs Cole's activity was to build a boat to hold as many counters as it could. - Talya (Stage 2)

I liked the STEM-a-thon because we got to do lots of activities that we wouldn't normally do everyday at school. - Ante (Stage 3)

Thank you to the parents and carers who volunteered on the day of the a-thon: Mrs Clare Fidler, Mrs Lauren Turner, Mrs Helena Steed, Mrs Nicole Hadchiti, Mrs Cathe Cohen, Ms Melissa Hansen, Ms Lauren Baker, Mrs Hamssa Danil, Mrs Melissa Howden and Mrs Edna Faustino. Thank you to the many parents, carers and families who joined us for the afternoon open classrooms. Please remember to start returning students' sponsorship cards and money to the front office. There will be daily prize draws for students who have returned their sponsorship cards.

Thank you
STEM-a-thon Team

Awards 17 March 2017

Last Name	First Name	Class	Award Description	Last Name	First Name	Class	Award Description
Coulton	Nevaeh	K	Merit Award	Sharpe	Chelsea	3G	Merit Award
Herbert	Ella	K	Merit Award	Arokianathan	Talya	4	Merit Award
Isaac	Angelo	K	Merit Award	Arokianathan	Talya	4	Silver Award
Madraitabua	Sailosi	K	Merit Award	Dankha	Maree	4	Merit Award
Costello	Ethan	1	Merit Award	Haladus	Skye	4	Silver Award
Hill	Nox	1	Merit Award	Suluape	Paul	4	Merit Award
Nagaretnam	Amisha	1	Merit Award	Walker	Ellie	4	Merit Award
Vella	Susan	1	Merit Award	Brown	William	5	Merit Award
Walker	Allanah	1	Silver Award	Finianos	Georgia	5	Merit Award
Beedle	Kalai	2	Merit Award	Finianos	Georgia	5	Silver Award
Gibbs	Odessa	2	Merit Award	Madrajat	Zena	5	Merit Award
Karthikeyan	Akshata	2	Merit Award	Madrajat	Zena	5	Silver Award
Kennedy	Jeremy	2	Silver Award	Sharpe	Isabelle	5	Silver Award
McVicar	Sienna	2	Merit Award	Teuma	Tara	5	Merit Award
Mrsic	Isabel	2	Silver Award	Teuma	Tara	5	Silver Award
Fletcher	Isla	3B	Merit Award	Vlores	Lilly	5	Silver Award
Ivanova-Britt	Makayla	3B	Merit Award	Faustino	Dianne	6	Merit Award
Surenne	Isabella	3B	Merit Award	Keane	Emily	6	Merit Award
Teuma	Hayley	3B	Merit Award	Lestal-Braid	Jakob	6	Merit Award
Banda	Monette	3G	Merit Award				
Howden	Nathan	3G	Merit Award	Simmons	Samual	6	Merit Award
Karki	Amrita	3G	Merit Award				

Mrsic	Isabel	2	Gold Award
Arokianathan	Talya	4	Gold Award
Madrajat	Zena	5	Gold Award
Vlores	Lilly	5	Gold Award
Sharpe	Isabelle	5	Gold Award



MAY YOU BE PROUD
OF THE WORK YOU DO
THE PERSON YOU ARE
AND THE DIFFERENCE
YOU MAKE





St Patrick's Day

Truth Through Learning

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

- ☺ Mother's Day Stall
- ☺ Raffle Ticket Consent Form
- ☺ Raffle Tickets (only those with consent)
- ☺ St 3—Schools Anzac Service
- ☺ Yoghurt Day Fun Food Day



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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday 7:00am, 8:30am, 10:00am & 6:00pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday 9.30am
Tuesday 6:45am, 9.30am
Wednesday 6:45am, 9:30am
Thursday 9:30am
Friday 6:45am, 12:10pm

Mangahigh Maths Ninja Challenge

Well done to all of the students in Years One to Six who participated in the Mangahigh Maths Ninja Challenge over the last two weeks. We had a number of students receive individual medals for their efforts. These included:

Gold Medal (200+ points)	Silver Medal (150+ points)	Bronze Medal (100+ points)
Brendenn Powell (Yr 6) Christopher Nicholopoulos (Yr 6) Richard Reales (Yr 3)	Tara Teuma (Yr 5) Lucy Keane (Yr 5)	Joseph Ezekiel (Yr 3) Jacob White (Yr 1) Matthew Fidler (Yr 2) Oliver Felton (Yr 1) Emara Aurisch (Yr 2)

Congratulations to all of these students. The medals will be given out at the end of term assembly in Week 11.

Miss Teulan