



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a joyous and holy time with your family and friends over the Easter holidays.

I wanted to personally thank you for your support and patience with our grassed area. From the first day back of Term 2 we have been able to open this ground for the students to play again!

Each year the Catholic schools in Parramatta identify goals for further improvement and growth. These goals are in Religion, English and Mathematics. The goals for improvement in the three areas are decided by the staff who carefully analyse a variety of K to 6 data. This data includes standardised tests such as the MAIs (Mathematical Assessment Interviews – conducted K - 6 in February this year), work samples (such as writing pieces), the previous Religious Literacy Assessment (conducted in Year 4 and 6) and previous NAPLAN results (conducted in Year 3 and 5) to name a few.

Here is a summary of our 3 goals for this year. In Religion, for students to deepen their relationship with Jesus/God by making connections between scripture, prayer and lived actions. In English, for students to progress in their writing. In Mathematics, for students to deepen their understanding of place value.

By sharing these goals I hope to continue the conversation and partnership between home and school. These goals have purposeful actions. Some of these actions have already been lived with many parents through their attendance of Masses and Liturgies, when we focused on Maths in the Open Classrooms last term in Catholic Schools Week, our Literacy and Numeracy night in Term 1. These events will continue throughout the year.

Our school goals serve many important purposes, first and foremost they build parent and school partnerships of students learning. Your support in having conversations about the learning of the day with your child or by attending these events is very much appreciated and valued not only by the staff but more importantly by your child. Learning is constant and lifelong, even as adults we are always further improving and growing.

Peace and Joy
Anita Knezevic



Mother's Day Liturgy
Friday 9th May at 9:15am
School Hall
Followed by Morning Tea
All welcome!

Mother's Day Stall

Will be held for the students on the same day – but no peeking Mums and Carers

English-athon

I would like to sincerely thank all the students and families who participated in and contributed to our English-athon last term.

I am pleased to be able to announce that the total amount raised was
\$4916.40!

We look forward to purchasing new resources with the money raised.

Genevieve Lennon
Literacy Coordinator

In May 2014, the National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Year 3 and 5. Aspects of Literacy and Numeracy will be assessed. Following are the dates for each aspect of the assessment.

Tuesday 13th May – Language conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and Writing.

Wednesday 14th May – Reading

Thursday 15th May – Numeracy (Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern, Chance and Data, Measurement and Space)

Diocesan Works Fund Appeal (DWF)

The DWF Appeal raises necessary funds that support ministries and outreach services to people across Western Sydney.

Catholic Care, which is the social services arm of the Catholic Church, works with disadvantaged and marginalised people in our community, making critical difference in the lives of tens of thousands of individuals, children and families from our community each year. Further information about the what the DWF and what your financial contributions fund can be read on the envelope. These will be distributed next week.

Diocese of Parramatta



Parent Group Chats Term 2

Monday 12th May 6pm- 7pm

All are welcome to attend and join!

Medication at School

It is obvious that students need to receive both short term and long term medication for a variety of medical conditions.

The only medication a child should have on them or carry in their school bag should be an Asthma Puffer. All other medication **MUST** come through the school office and the appropriate forms to be completed. No child is to self medicate at school.



When visiting the school we kindly ask you to use the carpark behind the church **NOT** the Staff carpark please. And once again please be considerate of our neighbouring residents and business' by not blocking their driveways or parking in their private spaces.



Would you like to volunteer and help at the school? There are many ways you can help

- ☺ Canteen
- ☺ Special food days
- ☺ Reading
- ☺ Excursions
- ☺ Swimming & Athletics Carnivals

It is a school requirement that all Volunteers must complete 'Child Protection Training'. A very easy user friendly online training module is now available to volunteers. To use the module please go to the link below. You **MUST** complete this module to be eligible to volunteer. After successful completion of the module, fill out the form by typing your name, email address, contact number, contact address and the school. A notification of your successful completion of the module will be sent via e-mail to the school and also to you.

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/child-protection-training>



What beautiful weather we had today for our Cross Country. The children walked with their Teachers and Parent Helpers to Jamison Park.

8, 9 and 10 year old children completed 2km's and 11 and 12 year completed 3km's. PHEW!!

The children then had to find some more energy to walk back to school. Well done and congratulations to all participants. A big thank you must go to the many Parent Helpers who assisted on the day with course supervision and walking to and from Jamison Park. These days do not happen without you.

Good Luck to our students who will be representing the school in the Diocesan Cross Country next Tuesday 6 May.



Easter Liturgy

Thank you to the students and community of St Nicholas of Myra for gathering to help us celebrate a beautiful Holy Week Liturgy before we went on holidays. The children's performances, reverence and respect was excellent.

Correspondence

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

☺ Cross Country Update



St Nicholas of Myra Parish

4721 2509

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

Canteen will be opened Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.

Chocolate & Strawberry Milk (250ml)	\$1.50
Jelly Cups	\$0.50
Water (600ml)	\$1.00
Pretzels (30g)	\$1.00
Popcorn (25g)	\$1.00
Zooper Doopers (70ml)	50c
Moosies (85ml)	\$1.00
Snack Pack Custard (140g)	\$1.50

During the term there will be special food days e.g. hot dog days, pie & sausage roll days, noodle days etc. A note will go home to all families when these days will occur.

Winter Uniform

Full winter uniform is to be worn from Monday 12th May (Term 2 Week 3).

Please make sure all your child's items are labelled, all ready for Term 2

- Hats
- Jumpers & jackets
- Drink bottles & lunch boxes
- Stationery items



Congratulations to our Stage 3 Girls who represented St Nicholas of Myra at the Parramatta Diocese Girl's Soccer Gala Day. The girls had a fantastic time and showed great sportsmanship. Thank you also to the parents who attended and assisted on the day. It was a wonderful opportunity for the girls and they were great ambassadors for our school.

Congratulations Michaela Merkas, Samantha Madrajat, Lara Tamer, Serena De Oliveira, Karla Kemister, Bonnie-May Wheeler, Arok Madit Biar Kuek, Jade Altman, Monique Santoro, Tessa Dehnen and Molly Walker!

