

St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 1 Week 7
2018



**Space-athon
Money and
Sponsorship Cards Due
to be included in daily
prize draws**

Thurs 15 March

4pm & 6:30pm
Sacrament of
Reconciliation

Fri 16 March

St Patrick's/Mother's
Day Mufti
Wear Green or Pink
Bring Gold Coin and a
Mother's Day Gift

12pm—Parish Mass
Stage 2

6:30pm
Sacrament of
Reconciliation

Mon 19 March

ICAS Notes and Money
Due

Tues 20 March

Yoghurt & Fruit
Orders Due

12pm Reconciliation
Stage 2 Church

Wed 21 March

Hockey Program
'Out of this World'
Disco Note & Money
Due

Thurs 22 March

Yoghurt & Fruit Day
2pm—Playhouse
Performance in Hall

Fri 23 March

12pm—Parish Mass
Kinder & Stage 3
2:30pm—Assembly
Stage 1 coordinating

5:30—7pm

'Out of this World'
Disco

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

Which type of person are you, a risk-taker or a security-seeker?

Some people really love taking risks as is instanced in the emergence of extreme sports; these participants love the rush of adrenaline and the feeling of escaping the ordinary. However, most of us are not risk-takers but security-seekers committed to a lifestyle of playing it safe. Playing life too cautiously could have us fall into the following description:

"There was a very cautious man
Who never laughed or played;
He never risked, he never tried,
He never sang or prayed.
And when he, one day, passed away
His insurance was denied;
For since he never really lived,
They claimed he never died."
Author unknown.

Strange as it may seem, Jesus told a story that seemed to encourage risk-taking. The Parable of the Talents tells the story of a wealthy man who was about to go on a long trip. He called his servants and, according to their ability, gave one 5000 gold coins, another 2000 gold coins and the other 1000 gold coins. He told each to take care of what had been given to them.

The first two servants invested the money and made an equal amount but the third servant buried his money and made nothing. When the wealthy man returned, he applauded the enterprise of the two servants who had made the successful investments and promoted them to positions of greater responsibility. The third servant he deemed to be useless and threw him out of the household.

Paraphrase Matt. 25: 14 – 30.

Risk-taking is actually part of everyday life and is taken for granted in matters from food consumption to travelling by car. The great motivational speaker and author, Zig Ziglar, put it neatly when he said, "It's risky when a plane leaves the runway, but that's what planes are for. It's more risky for the plane to sit there and accumulate rust." There are shades of the Parable of the Talents in that statement.

The Season of Lent is upon us again and it is a time for us to focus intentionally on what helps or hinders our commitment to Christ. It may be better not to give up something but to take on something, to build up our spiritual muscles. We are all made in the image of God but we may not be so Christ-like in our behaviour. Maybe this Lent we could take part in some minor risk-taking. One more quote from Zig Ziglar: "You will get all you want in life, if you help enough people to get what they need."

"Father in heaven, may Your love be the foundation and motivating force for my life. Help me to step out of my sheltered life and take Your love to other people in a way that is personal to me. Amen."

Peace and Joy
Anita Knezevic

Catholic Culture

2019 Kindergarten Enrolments

Spaces are running out fast - please ensure you complete your 2019 Kindergarten enrolment forms sooner than later. Particularly if you have a sibling as we don't have any list or knowledge of this on our files, therefore we need you to send in your forms as soon as possible, as I fill and accept as the forms are received.

Thank you to our wonderful families for speaking so kindly about our school. Our reputation in the community is a reflection of all of us, by the way in which we speak and treat one another, wear our uniform, participate in the parish, community and school events. Thank you for your constant positive support and partnership.

2018 Kindergarten Dinner at Product of Italy

On Tuesday night, our new Kindergarten parents and the Leadership Team had a great evening in getting to know each other and sharing in a "carb feast". It was a wonderful dinner and evening of conversations and many laughs. Thank you for making the effort and time to get to know each other!

Catholic Schools Week

Twilight Tours

We hosted 2 wonderful tours where we were able to meet new parents and demonstrate the way we learn, our parish and school community and the way in which we live our motto, "Truth through Learning." I really appreciated the effort made from our new parents particularly as it was rainy evening. Thank you for being open to our school and visiting us to see who and what we do and believe in for the our future generations.

Catholic Schools Week Liturgy

Our week culminated with the Catholic Schools Week liturgy where our community gathered to celebrate our Catholic school. Thank you to the each stage who presented an item in the liturgy, Mrs Khoury, who led our reflection about how we treat our neighbours just as Jesus did and to our students who responded to our video, answering the question 'What do you love about our Catholic school?'

Fish finger Fun Food Day

Thank you to the following parent, Helena Steed, Cathe Cohen and Nicole Rebernik in organising and serving this fun food day. We do this fun food day to support Caritas - Project Compassion during Lent. To be a living symbol of fasting and feasting.... fasting from meat and feasting on almsgiving. We raised \$61.10 for Caritas - Project Compassion

SPACE -athon

Last Monday 5 March, all students participated in the Space- athon to raise money for Destination Imagination and Space Camp. Dressed as scientists or something to do with outer space, students were placed into groups ranging from Kindergarten to Year 6 where they completed a range of Science based activities including an instant challenge from Destination Imagination, mixing materials to make slime, using marshmallows to create maps of the constellations, creating spaceboots, designing alien masks, some engineering challenges and designing and testing balloon rockets. The day finished with our families completing a science activity during open classrooms. There was a great excitement and buzz throughout the school from students, teachers and families alike.

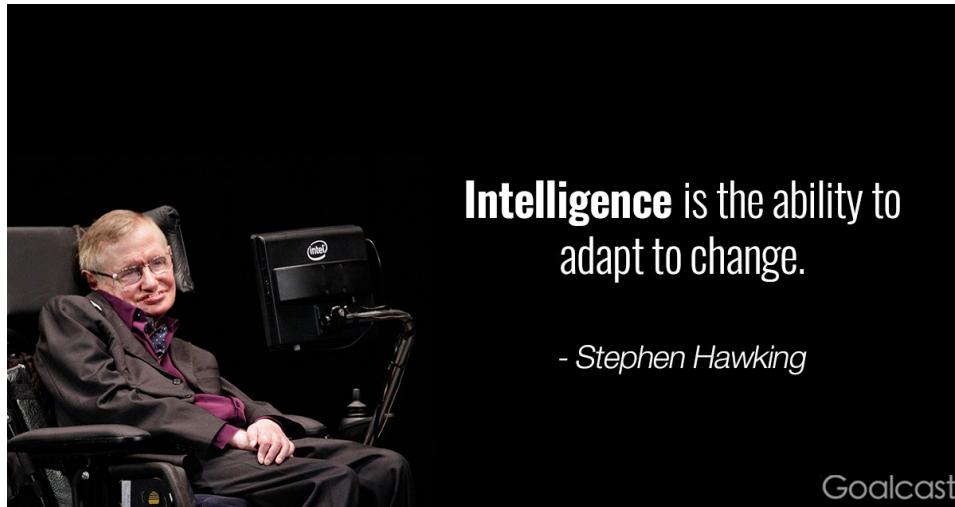
A big thank you to our parent helpers Cathe Cohen, Lidia Vlores, Cristina Porral, Anissa Richardson, Hamssa Danil, Clare Fidler and Leigh Parkes. Your support and assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Smith, Mrs Higham and Mr Simpson for organising our amazing athon for 2018.

Remember to bring in your sponsorship cards to go in the draw for our great daily prizes donated by the Commonwealth Bank as well as our major prizes including passes to the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Observatory and the Museum Discovery Centre drawn after April 10.



Truth Through Learning

As a tribute to loss of Stephen William Hawking CH CBE FRS FRSA who was an English theoretical physicist, cosmologist, author and Director of Research at the Centre for Theoretical Cosmology within the University of Cambridge. This great quote underpins the way we learn and our beliefs about learning. It also is timely when we consider our school's continuous focus on STEM.



General News



If you have any concerns regarding your child and you need to contact their teacher, please email the school's email address or phone the school office to make an appointment. All information will be forwarded onto your child's teacher. Please **DO NOT** email to the teachers direct email address.

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Evacuation Procedures - Safety

Each year and each term we practice our Evacuation Procedures. This term we rehearsed our fire drill procedures, where the students are explicitly taught what to do and they were able to complete this with great success. Later this term, we will hold a fire drill without them being aware so we can see how they can apply this in action when it is not expected.



Sporting News

Congratulations to Andreas Phillips (year 5) who tried out and was successful in making the Parramatta Diocese 11 years Rugby League Team- what a great result! He will now travel to Canberra for the Mackillop Team Trials on the 11th May- we wish him the very best of luck!

Sports Shoe Uniform Policy Change

In consultation with our Parent Group, there has been a change to the uniform policy regarding sport shoes. Previously, it stated that sport shoes needed to be predominantly white. We understand this can be difficult due to the limited range of white sport shoes now available in shops. Students are therefore able to wear sport shoes of any colour, as long as they are sport shoes. **Slip on shoes, football boots, skate shoes, Vans, Converse or canvas shoes of any colour are not acceptable sport shoes.** As a guide for parents and students please see the pictures below.

Acceptable Sport Shoes ✓



Unacceptable Sport Shoes ✗



Attendance H.E.R.O Awards

Congratulations to all students who received an Attendance H.E.R.O Award for being at school all day, everyday between Weeks 1 to 5 of Term 1.



Faucett	Avaleigh	Leslie	Brendan	Joines	Isaac	Keane	Lucy
Hanley	Max	Mrsic	Isabel	Lau	Hailey	Maraziotis	George
Head	Michelina	Parker	Aubrey	Madraitabua	Sailosi	Parkes	Brayden
Herrero	Madison	Powell	Christiann	Meyer	Grace	Parkes	Jai
Lamerton-	Ivy	Christian	Joshua	OConnor	Stephanie	Rodrigues	Vianney
Lau	Jadey	Ezekiel	Joseph	Rebernik	Hannah	Vlores	Lilly
LeMaire	Molly	Joines	Ethan	Rigo	Holly	Cohen	Bailey
McIntosh	Lachlan	Neill	Nash	Steen	Everlyn	Cohen	Kirrily
Merenda	Deante	Rigo	Bonnie	Campora-	Sofia	Danil	Zain
Micallef	Alfonzo	Sullivan	Audrey	Costello	Ethan	Hadchiti	Joseph
Mills	Amelia	Walker	Benjamin	Cruz	Aniella	Surenne	Isabella
Mirukaj	Alyssa	White	Lara	Falzon	Christian	Arokianathan	Talya
Parkes	Scarlett	Broz	Marina	Herrero	Zachary	Bac	Shelby
Phua	Alexander	Campora-	Ryan	McIntosh	Abby	Dankha	Maree
Pidikiti	Gagana	Falzon	Julian	Mills	Georgia	Haladus	Skye
Richardson	Marcus	LeMaire	Keeva	Walker	Allanah	Kennedy	Hayden
Singh	Nabhya	Leslie	Raymin	Wearne	Sophie	Phillips	Andreas
Surenne	Lilah	Moen	Ellie	White	Jacob	Pidikiti	Nithika
Watts	Brayden	Regina	Carlo	Faustino	Katherine	Greentree	Elyssa
Yang	Sophia	Rodrigues	Verity				





Fete Donations

Chocolate Wheel & Raffle

We are looking for donations for the Chocolate Wheel and Raffle at the School Fete on May 19. Donations could include dinners at restaurants, hotel accommodation, vouchers, gift cards, small electrical items, beauty/hair products, homewares, toy items (all items need to be new). The more variety the better! If you own a business or know someone who does, and are able to donate goods or services, please contact the school office.



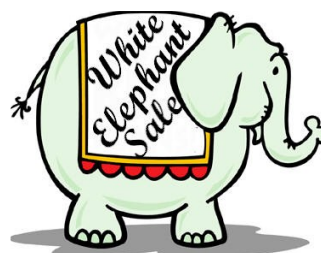
White Elephant Stall

At the fete, we will be holding a White Elephant stall (also known as a Trash and Treasure stall). It is also a great way to dispose of items in **GOOD CONDITION** that you no longer want around your home. So start searching your cupboards and garages for unused or unwanted items to donate!

What sort of items can you donate?

White Elephant items might include pre-loved:

- Children's books
- Toys & Games
- Sporting equipment
- Household items (no computer or electrical items)
- Unwanted gifts



Please make sure your goods are stain-free and in good used condition (nothing broken) to help us optimise our fundraising. For any queries regarding the White Elephant Stall please contact the office.

If you are able to assist us by donating any of these items, your support is most welcome. **These items can be brought into the office from Week 8.**

Fete Entertainment

No School Fete would be complete without music, dance and entertainment that showcases the talents of students and community groups. If you, your child or someone you know belongs to a music or dance group, or is involved in another type of live entertainment, and you think they would like to perform at our school fete, please ask them to contact the school office. This is a great way to advertise the group/company in the local community.



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

- ☺ Individual Photo Envelope
- ☺ Family Photo Envelope
- ☺ Yoghurt and Fruit Day Order Form
- ☺ ICAS Note
- ☺ Easter—Raffle, Chocolate Awareness & Hat Parade
- ☺ St Patrick's Day/Mother's Day Mufti



St Nicholas of Myra School Fete



Saturday

19 May 2018

10:30am - 4:00pm

Here are **SOME** of the exciting attractions on the day:



- Unlimited Rides
- Games
- Show bags
- Face Painting
- Fairy Floss
- Jumping Castle
- Various Stalls
- Chocolate Wheel & Raffle
- Displays
- BBQ and Food Vans
- Beverages
- Entertainment



Entrance will be via Higgins St and Lethbridge St