

# St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 2 Week 3  
2015

## SAVE THE DATE

**Fri 8 May**

9:15am Mother's

Day Liturgy

10am - Morning

Tea

12pm - Mother's

Day Stall

2:30pm - Assembly

**Sun 10 May**

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**Mon 11 May**

Orders Due for  
Cheese and Bacon  
Rolls

**12-14 May**

NAPLAN

**Thurs 14 May**

**Cheese and Bacon  
Roll Day**

**Wed 20 May**

School Photos

**Sat 20 June**

School Trivia Night  
6pm



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

May is the month of our mother Mary, it's very relevant that Mother's Day is celebrated during this month. Mary our Mother is a great role model in how to have faith in God, how to deal and cope with all of life's challenges.

Mary the Mother of God experienced all that we have, the joy of carrying and giving birth of a child. Jesus growing up having to make choices and decisions. Some may say she had Jesus -of course he was good, but at times he wasn't ... like when he disobeyed his mother and ran to the temple and Mary could not find him... her panic was real. The Lenten season was filled with pain, grief and loss of her child. No one can ever explain what Motherhood is nor what it is about. At the end of the day it is relationship that has formed in and out of a deep love. It is also a journey that challenges you at your core and brings you deep satisfaction and awe.

There is a great poem with an unknown author which when I read I felt best encapsulated the importance of mothers...

"Your mother is always with you.

She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street.

She's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself.

She's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well.

She's your breathe in the air on a cold winter's day.

She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colours of a rainbow, she is Christmas morning.

Your mother lives inside your laughter. She's the place you came from, your first home, and she's the map you follow with every step you take.

She your first love, your first friends even your first enemy (when you disagree and argue) but nothing on earth can separate you not time, not space, not even death."

In recognition of all the amazing women out there....the women that nurture and support, inspire and challenge...Our Mothers, grandmothers, sisters Aunts, our friends, our Saints, Mary Mackillop.

We hope you are very spoiled and smothered with hugs and kisses. Happy Mother's Day thank you for all you do and being you!

Peace and Joy

*A. Krizevi*

*We warmly invite you to our*

## ***Mother's Day Liturgy***

***Friday 8th May***

***9:15am***

***School Hall***

*followed by*

***Morning Tea***

***All Welcome***

Motherhood is a choice you make  
every day, to put someone  
else's happiness and well-being  
ahead of your own, to teach the hard  
lessons, to do the right thing  
even when you're not sure what  
the right thing is...  
and to forgive yourself,  
over and over again, for doing  
everything wrong.  
- Donna Ball

*THE Time-Warp Wife*

## NAPLAN 2015

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May, students will take the 2015 NAPLAN tests.



NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives.

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

The school will issue an individual student NAPLAN report later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers.

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### The dates and times for the tests are below:

Year 3 - Tuesday 12 May - Language Conventions (40 mins) - Break - Writing (40 mins)

Year 3 - Wednesday 13 May - Reading (45 mins)

Year 3 - Thursday 14 May - Numeracy (45 mins)

Year 5 - Tuesday 12 May - Language Conventions (40 mins) - Break - Writing (40 mins)

Year 5 - Wednesday 13 May - Reading (50 mins)

Year 5 - Thursday 14 May - Numeracy (50 mins)

### How can you as parents support your child?

- Ensure your child has a good night's sleep.
- Give them a solid healthy breakfast – but don't over load them.
- Provide healthy snacks and lunch on test days and plenty of water.
- Cut back on after school activities if your child is tired, but encourage fresh air and a fun play out side.



Below is a copy of an email the school received during the week. We would like to share this with you.

*"Just wanted to contact re an excursion we saw today at Featherdale. My husband and I were there with our 16 month old grandson and were very impressed with your school's group there today. Their uniform, behaviour and obvious interest in their day out, is a credit to all involved. I am a retired teacher of over 30 years service, and I believe such exemplary behaviour and attitude should be recognised and applauded. Please pass on my congratulations!"*





Thank you to all of the helpers for wrapping the Mother's Day Gifts! The help was much appreciated and the gifts look awesome! As we had many hands it was all completed in a couple of hours! Thank you to Vanessa Wheeler for the organisation of the all gifts - purchasing, organising the donated gifts, wrapping etc Thank you to the following people for wrapping:

Lidia Vlores, Sandy Quealy, Michele Moore, Helena Steed, Diane Merkas, Fabiola Masic, Clare Fidler, Janet Mueller and Les Wheeler.



### Winter Uniform - Monday 11 May

All students should be in full winter school uniform. Tab ties are now available at the office at \$5 each (price increase due to fabric change)

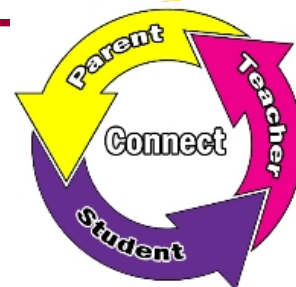
### Before School Supervision

Our school gates and supervision starts at 8:30 am.



### Half Yearly Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held in Week 10 starting on June 22. This year we are hoping to have every parent see their child's teacher at these half yearly interviews, even if you are happy with your child's report. **Teachers are expecting to see all of their parents from their class.** Half way through the year is a great time to celebrate and commence student goals for the next semester of learning. Teachers spend a great deal of time on the reports, however all forms of reporting have their limitations. This is where a conversation can be so vital... a conversation also ensures that the whole child is discussed. Teachers value these times to have this conversation with you so please make the time! Interviews will be booked online. Further information regarding this process will be given out at a later date.



### Online Booking System: Parent Teacher Interviews.

This year we will again be using the online booking system for our interviews. Parents will be able to book their interview times with their child/ren's teachers through: The online School Interview Booking system which we have successfully used in the past. It is a simple system that allows Teachers, Parents and Carers to control the times and process.

### Booking Process

When the booking times open, you will need to go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow 3 simple steps.

**Bookings will OPEN on Friday 12 June at 9.00am and close Wednesday 17 June at 3.00pm**

For parents that don't have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend's house or on their phones, an iPad will be available at the school office so that parents can still make their own bookings.

Further information about the process will be communicated in newsletters over the coming weeks. If you have any questions or enquiries please contact the office.

### Teachers are learners too! FACES Training

Last week, Rhonda Shirvington, Mary Vella, Sue Masters, Rebecca Lloyd, Nicole Hoare and Anita Knezevic attended an intensive 3 day training for this change in our administrative system. This system is a CEDP change that has been rolled out over all of the schools. Thank you for your patience while these changes occur.



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

- ☺ Term Overviews
- ☺ School Photo Envelopes
- ☺ Cheese and Bacon Roll Day Order
- ☺ Stage 3 Bathurst Excursion
- ☺ Photos for Mother's Day Liturgy
- ☺ Mother's Day Celebrations on 8/5 at school
- ☺ Life Education
- ☺ Naplan - BOSTES for Years 3 & 5 only
- ☺ Sacrament of First Eucharist - Yrs 4 - 6



## Hyde Park Barracks

On Monday 27 April, Stage 2 went on an excursion to Hyde Park Barracks. We caught the train to St James station and had lunch in Hyde Park. We had an amazing view of the city and we went for a walk to see St Marys Cathedral, the war memorial and the lovely trees in the park.

We arrived at the barracks that were built in 1817. The barracks held over 50 000 convicts in the first 20 years after it was constructed. We split into three groups and had a guided tour. We learned how the convicts built the barracks using a special technique to lay the bricks, were able to touch real leg irons made 200 years ago, dressed as convicts and laid in hammocks just as the convicts did. We had lots of fun and now have lots of knowledge to start of HSIE and Science units this term.



On Tuesday 5th May, 26 children travelled by bus to compete in the Diocesan Cross Country which was held at Eastern Creek. It was a fabulous day in the sunshine and all the children tried their very best on a long and challenging course. Congratulations to all the children on the effort and sportsmanship behaviour, we were very proud of you!

Jai Parkes Levi Briggs Christopher Kumarelil  
Ante Broz Liam Wamsley William Ezekiel  
Raphaila Idris Alex Stevens Nikea Powell  
Riley Dowling Nyibol Meshwang  
Charbel Finianos Christian Finianos  
Zane Madrajat Chris Nicholopolous Pino Jahn  
Stacie Becroft Adak Mapieu Darcy Brown  
Moses Ezekiel Callum Wamsley  
Dylan Lestal-Braid Bonnie-May Wheeler  
Yousha Majdoub Matthew Busine Jade Altman





People with a disability and their families and carers are invited to attend:

## "Have a go"

### FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 31st May 2015

Promoting sport, recreation and leisure activities  
for people with a disability



**Date:** Sunday 31 May 2015

**Time:** 11am-2pm

**Where:** Thorndale Foundation, 47-49 Rance Rd Werrington  
(within walking distance of Werrington Train Station)

**Cost:** Free - Sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch



**New Venue**

#### Activities and stalls include:



- Ball Games
- Toy Library
- Music
- Face Painting
- Petting Zoo

- Swimming centres
- Wheelchair sports
- Arts & crafts
- & Much more
- Over 20 services



Please **RSVP** by Monday 25th May 2015 to 4734 9417

Please leave a voice mail with the following information:

- The names and ages of those attending
- Your phone number

If there is wet weather, please call the information line 4734 9417 to see if the event has been cancelled.

People attending that need support are to have their carers with them at all times.

**Please bring your own drinks and sun protection.** Some drinks will be available for purchase on the day.

Limited seating available.

Photos will be taken on the day—please see staff if you are concerned about your photo being taken and its use.

*Holy Family Primary School,*

*Luddenham*

*25th Anniversary*

*Mass & Morning Tea*

*Friday 12th June*

*9.15am in the Church*

*Followed by Morning Tea in the School Hall*



*RSVP - 22nd May to*

*Marie, Monica or Despina in the School Office*

*For further information contact the*

*School Office on 4773 4485*

*Email - Luddenham@parra.catholic.edu.au*

## St Nicholas of Myra Parish

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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

