

St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 4 Week 3
2017



Friday 27 October

Crazy Sock Day
with school uniform
Gold Coin Donation

12pm Parish Mass
Stg 3 & Kinder

2:30pm Assembly
ALL WELCOME

Curriculum
Overviews
Emailed home

Monday 30 October

Fun Food money due

Wed 1 November

All Saints Day
Mass 9:30
Stages 1,2,& 3

Kindergarten
Transition

Thursday 2 Nov

Fun Food Day
Salad Roll

Friday 3 November

Gymnastics Gala Day
Swim School Note
Due

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

We are in the midst of 2018 Kindergarten Transition which has been an awesome and joyous experience. This reminds us all of how much our children grow, learn and be within a school year, also how each year is precious. Our school is great because of the goodwill, trust and commitment we have from our parents, children and teachers.

We have a waiting list each year now for Kindergarten entry into our school as well as for some other grades. This is a testimony to our reputation which comes from the positive message you as parents share within our local community for which I say thank you.

Yesterday you received an emailed letter about Mrs Rebecca Lloyd's resignation. Rebecca brought a joyfulness to her role as an Assistant Principal, Reading Recovery and Infant EMU Specialist. Her love for learning and teaching but more importantly her personable nature will be missed by all. We will be officially farewelling and thanking Rebecca for her time here at our End of Year/ Graduation Mass on Wednesday 13 December 2017. I am sure you will join me in wishing Rebecca and her family all of the best health and happiness.

Assistant Principals are a CEDP employment with that the process for a Permanent Assistant Principal is underway and I will notify you once the appointment has been finalised.



Religious Education News

Mission Mass

On Friday 13 October the Mission Team along with Mrs Khoury travelled to the diocesan Mission Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. The students enjoyed travelling on the train and walking to the Cathedral but the major learning for the day was about the call to mission. The students listened to stories from Catholic Mission Australia representatives and heard first hand what fundraising and initiatives can do to help people who are most in need. The students also explored the mission expo where they learnt from other schools what is happening in our diocese for mission.



SOCKTOBER- Sock it to Poverty

Reminder that tomorrow we are holding the first of our Term 4 mission initiatives. The students are asked to wear crazy socks with their normal school uniform and bring in a gold coin donation. This initiative is one way which our school can fundraise and engage in advocacy and formation activities for Catholic Mission during World Mission Month in October. The Mission Team will also be holding a special prayer session during lunchtime.

I have **COME** so
that they may have **life** and have it to
the **FULL** John 10:10
2017 World Mission Appeal

We look forward to seeing all your crazy socks!!!

Catholic Culture

School Calendar

The Term 4 Parent School Calendar will be emailed this Friday, we apologise for the delay.

Swim School for two weeks each year...

Monday 27 November - Friday 8 December 2017

St Nicholas of Myra Feast Day and Christmas Concert 2017

This year we will be combining and celebrating our Patron Saint with our Christmas Concert festivities on **Wednesday 6 December 2017** (if sunny in our playground, if raining in the Church)

5:30 - 6:30pm BBQ, Raffle Tickets, Slushies and Christmas Ornaments

6:30 - Concert commences

Wednesday 13 December 2017

9:00 - 10:00am Talent Quest in the school hall

11:00 - 12:30pm End of Year and Year 6 Graduation Mass in the Church

13:40 - 3:00pm End of Year Awards in the Church

Thursday 14 December 2017

Swimming Carnival at Ripples

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Nepean Rowing Club from 6:00pm

Term 4 final dates for school

Final Day for Students Friday 15 December 2017

Final Days for Staff Monday 18 December 2017 and Tuesday 19 December 2017 (staff will not be on site)

Summer Uniform

Students should have transitioned into summer uniform. Please ensure that your child complies with all aspects of our school uniform policy from Monday 30 October 2017.

Girls Uniform - Summer

Culottes:	Navy
Blouse:	Short Sleeve, Sky Blue Peter Pan Collar with Embroidery
Tab Tie:	Navy (available from school)
Sloppy Joe:	Navy V-Neck with Embroidery
Socks:	Navy Ankle
Shoes:	Black leather (not black joggers)
Hat:	Navy Slouch with Embroidery

Boys Uniform - Summer

Shirt:	Short Sleeve Sky Blue Layback with Embroidery
Shorts:	Navy 'Blockers'
Sloppy Joe:	Navy V-Neck with Embroidery
Socks:	Navy Ankle
Shoes:	Black leather (not black joggers)
Hat:	Navy Slouch with Embroidery



Catholic Culture

Parent Group

Week 5: Monday 6 November 2017 - Normally this meeting would take place in Week 6 however, I am on leave on the Monday in Week 6 and therefore have moved this forward a week to **Week 5: Monday 6 November 2017**. This is where we accept and self nominate 2018 Parent Group Roles and Stage Representatives. We also set The Fun Food Days for Term 1 as well as organise who will assist the major fundraisers each term. By the Parent Group Roles (Chairperson, Pastoral Care, Secretary and Treasurer) being a one year commitment it allows others to step in and and also ensures many people are represented across our school community.

Parent Group for 2018

Thank you to the great parents and carers of our school who continually give of their time whether at home or in school, efforts and donations, further thank yous and acknowledgements to the 2017 Parent Group will be occurring towards the end of the year. Our final meeting for this year will be on **Week 5: Monday 6 November 2017 at 6:30 pm** in the office or Stage 3 learning space depending on the attendance numbers.

This meeting is for anyone who is interested in being; a parent representative for their Stage/Year group (you may decide to do this with someone else as well) for next year or/as well as being in a formal role of the Parent Group, such as; Chairperson Treasurer Pastoral Care Secretary and Canteen These roles are vital and are the reason why our students have so many different food days, mufti days, mothers and fathers day stalls etc. These sessions also are a sounding board for the Principal to gather insights and inform our school community of directions etc.

This is a one year commitment but you are more than welcome to continue for many more years. The one year commitment is to ensure a variety of parents can be involved and be heard.

Please pray and seriously consider this opportunity, please complete the Parent Group Nomination Form and send to the school office by Friday 3 November 2017. These notes outline the roles, the commitment and what they entail. If you are interested in assuming a representative role for your child's grade but you are unable to make the meeting on **Week 5: Monday 6 November 2017 at 6:30 pm**, I invite you to complete the attached form and return it to the school office by Friday 3 November 2017. Should we receive too many volunteers, representatives will be chosen by the school's leadership team to ensure that a wide representative group is formed.

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Parent Group Nomination Form for 2018

I/We am/are interested in being part of a formal role of _____ in the Parent Group for 2018. I/We am/are interested in being the Parent Representative for my child in Year: _____

Name/s: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

General News

ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

We understand that family circumstances alter and that children sometimes need to change schools. If you know that you will not be attending St Nicholas of Myra in 2018 please advise the school and complete a notification of leaving form that is available from the school office.

You are reminded that concerns regarding financial difficulties is not a reason for seeking another school, as the Catholic Education Office and St Nicholas of Myra can and will assist families with meeting these costs when genuine financial difficulties arise. We have healthy enrolments in all stages in 2018, with some children on waiting lists, so in fairness to these families we ask you to let us know if you are changing schools. If you know of anyone considering a Catholic school education for their child at St Nicholas of Myra from 2018, in any grade, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible to assist us with our planning.

School Building and Maintenance Work

School building and maintenance work is ongoing in its nature. It plays a silent but visible role in keeping our school safe as well as looking inviting and keeping up to date with current technologies.

This year we have spent money:

- upgrading the plumbing into Kindergarten room during the school holidays
- on our new LED sign which will be installed on the front of our school building facing up Higgins Road. This is replacing the sign board in the front garden. So far the electrical cable has been installed - ready for the display.
- Hall air conditioner
- the final aspect we are investigating is to upgrade the Hall projector or find another solution for our liturgies and assemblies.

Christmas Raffle Donations

Our annual festive Christmas Raffle is fast approaching, if you have any donations from local businesses or from yourself please send in any donations for this raffle by Wednesday 29 November. We are aiming to have many hands to assist in the wrapping, a note will be sent closer to Friday 1 December.

Sporting News

Basketball Gala Day

On Wednesday 11 October Stage 2 and 3 students participated in the Basketball Gala Day. All six teams played well and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to the Year 6 Boys team who finished 2nd on the day against rep teams and teams who have played together all year.

Thank you to Mrs Howden for coaching the Stage 2 boys team and all the parents who helped out on the day scoring and helping with teams. Thanks also to Mrs Khoury, Miss Biasi and Mrs Cole for coaching and scoring for the teams on the day.



SWIM SCHOOL NOTES

Thank you to all those who have returned the swim school permission notes and enrolment assessment forms. Please note all notes are due back to school by next Friday 3 November. This is to ensure the swim school have enough time to put all the students into groups for the two weeks. If you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Khoury via the school office.



Learning News

Online Homework- Frequently Asked Questions

What devices can I use Lexia and Matific on?

- Lexia and Matific can both be used on any computer or Chromebook by going to <http://www.lexiacore5.com/>.
- iPad and Android devices can also be used by downloading the Lexia Core5 UK and Matific app.

What email address do I put in when I log into Lexia?

You will need to put your teacher's email address in so your device recognises you are from St Nicholas. Please do not use these to contact the teachers.

How long should my child spend on Lexia each week?

Primary- 40 minutes Infants- 20-30 minutes

Students can spend more time on Lexia if they wish. They do not need to complete a level each week. There is a lot of content in each level (especially upper primary) and it may take them a couple of weeks to complete a level. The program will save where the child is up to and continue from where they are up to next time they log in.

How long should my child spend on Matific each week?

Your child's class teacher will set a number of tasks to complete each week.

What if my child does not have access to the internet or a device at home?

There is a PAKZ Homework Group that runs twice a week where students can access a device to complete their homework. These are held one morning from 8:30 (day varies and you will be notified on Seesaw) and Friday Lunch.

Dear Mrs Knezevic,

Our school is a good school with an excellent playground. Our playground is fabulous in many ways. The playground is superb because of its area and is very large. Our playground is the best on earth.

Our playground is safe because it is in sections and mostly nobody wouldn't bump into each other. Our playground is respectful and helps us learn as well. The sandpit teaches us capacity and volume, the basketball court teaches us concentration and in the playground we respect others.

It's the best playground because it has a sandpit, eight square handball courts(never knew they existed until I came to this school), fresh grass to play on, fake grass (I like it), balls to catch and kick with. It's the most spectacular playground. I think it would be fantastic if there was equipment to play on.

I like our school playground because it's safe, respectful and learning is happening all the time, it's the best playground ever. I just wish it had equipment like a slide, monkey bars, spider web and maybe trampolines.

From Nithika

World of Maths Day

On Friday 20 October, we had a visit from the World of Maths. Students from Years 1-6 had to work in teams to solve a variety of hands on maths problems. The problems allowed students to see how maths is applied to some real life situations. Kindergarten also enjoyed a session of hands on maths activities run by some Stage 3 students.





Stage 1 PBL Presentations



Stage 2 PBL



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

- ☺ Mrs Rebecca Lloyd's Resignation
- ☺ Salad Roll Fun food note
- ☺ Curriculum Overview
- ☺ 13 Cure note & fridge magnet
- ☺ Book Club
- ☺ 2018 Diocesan School Fees

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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

