

# St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 4 Week 1  
2016

## SAVE THE DATE

**Fri 14 Oct**

Mission Team Mass  
Parramatta  
Cathedral

12pm Stage 2  
Parish Mass

**Mon 17 Oct**

9:30am 2017  
Kindergarten  
Transition

Order and  
money due for  
Chicken Chipees  
Day

**Tues 18 Oct**

12pm Stage 2  
Reconciliation

**Wed 19 Oct**

6:30pm Stage 3  
Parent Session  
PDH

**Thurs 20 Oct**

Chicken Chipees  
Day

Curriculum  
Overviews

**Fri 21 Oct**

12pm Stage 3 &  
ES1 Parish Mass

**Mon 24 Oct**

9:30am 2017  
Kindergarten  
Transition

6:30pm Parent  
Group Meeting  
ALL WELCOME!

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

It seems that we already find ourselves at the end of the year. Where did the time go? But what a year it has been! Throughout 2016 we have celebrated numerous events together: Kindergarten's big arrival to 'big school', excursions, liturgies, the opportunity to take part in several Gala Days, our Bunnings BBQ, Fun Food Days, Mission initiatives, St Nicholas of Myra mini Olympics and so much more.

Whilst all of these have been fun, we have not steered away from our purpose and drive to provide quality teaching and learning in every classroom space. The fruits of our labour have been evident in our NAPLAN results, Religious Literacy Assessment, MAI tracking and classroom assessments. Students and teachers alike have worked hard to achieve growth and reach new goals. All parties, parents and carers included, have been involved in obtaining positive results.

That being said, the year is not over yet. We have so much to look forward to:

- Way of the Cross Relics visiting our school
- Kindergarten Transition 2017
- St Nicholas of Myra Feast Day
- Talent Quest
- Swimming Program
- Graduation

More liturgies, more gala days, more fun, more learning!!!

Of course, our year will conclude with the Season of Advent and the anticipation of the arrival of our Lord Jesus at Christmas. A time where, despite the busyness of the jolly season, we reflect on the year and the many graces that have been bestowed upon us. A time where we are invited to live out our mission as disciples and to serve the less fortunate in our community. Let us not forget Christ's message of faith, hope and love in the term to come.

So as we embrace this term, let us continue to work together for the students of St Nicholas of Myra. Let us remind our students that, *'true success comes not from an individual, but from a collective effort.'*

Warm regards,  
Pascale Joseph  
Acting Assistant Principal

## Principal's Lunch

Allanah Chen Isabel Mrsic  
Carlo Regina Makayla Ivanova-Britt  
Caitlyn Fitzpatrick Charlene Abelgas  
Grace Nenadic Elizabeth Sommers  
Andre Galea







On the last Friday of Term 3, Stage 3 students participated in a Touch Football gala day at St Mary's. The students showed great skill, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations to the Year 6 boys team who went through the day undefeated to claim top spot in their pool. A big thank you to the parents who came to support and especially our three coaches, Mr Parkes, Mr Shepard and Mr Haladus, for their expert coaching tips and management of the teams on the day.

Mr Simpson







A selection of boys and girls from Stage 2 attended the Touch Football Gala Day on Friday 16 September

The day started well with both teams securing a win. The children then played another 5 games and while they didn't win they certainly improved each and every game. Well done to you all!

We would like to thank all the parents and carers for making a commitment to take their children to and from the game and also being their cheer squad on the day. A special thanks goes to Mr Parkes and Mr Haladus for coaching our teams on the day.

Mrs Cutajar



## A Parents Guide to Snapchat?

What is Snapchat? - Snapchat is an application which is free to download on iOS and Android devices that allows users to send images and videos ('snaps') to each other. Snaps can be viewed for up to 10 seconds before they 'dissolve'.

Its important that Parents are aware of apps their children are using on line to keep them safe. **ThinkUknow** has various fact sheets for parents to keep them up to date on things like What is the age restriction for Snapchat? Should I be worried if my child is using Snapchat? Does an image really delete on Snapchat? What are the potential problems with Snapchat?

For more information go to <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au> and click on the link for Parents.

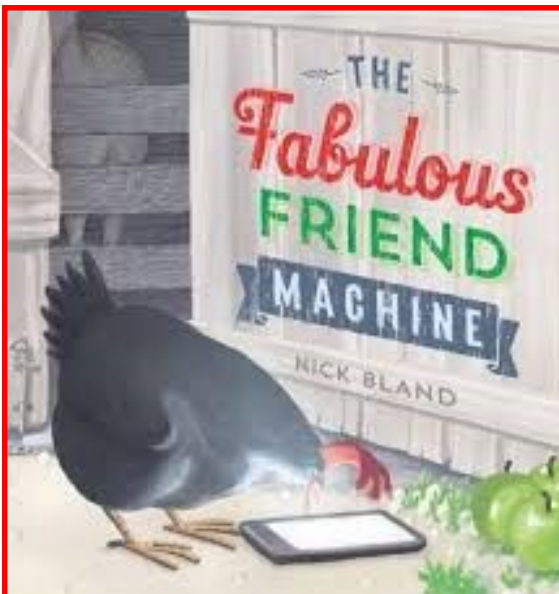


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With children using Mobile phones and devices at a very young age this picture book is a 'Must Read'.

I have been sharing this book with our students this week and their engagement with this book has been very insightful.

Here are some of their comments:

"That's what my mum does"

"My big brother is always texting, even at the dinner table"

"I bet he nearly got run over because he was playing Pokemon Go"

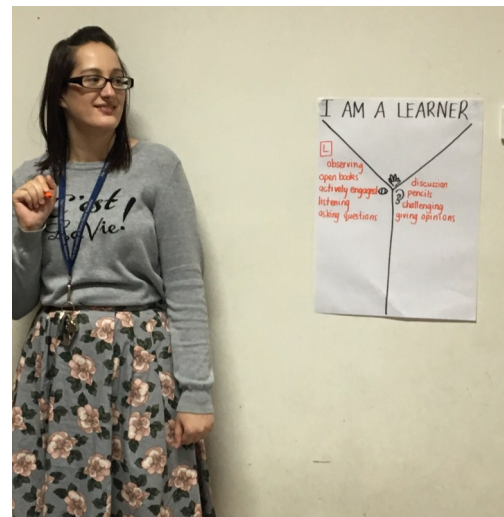
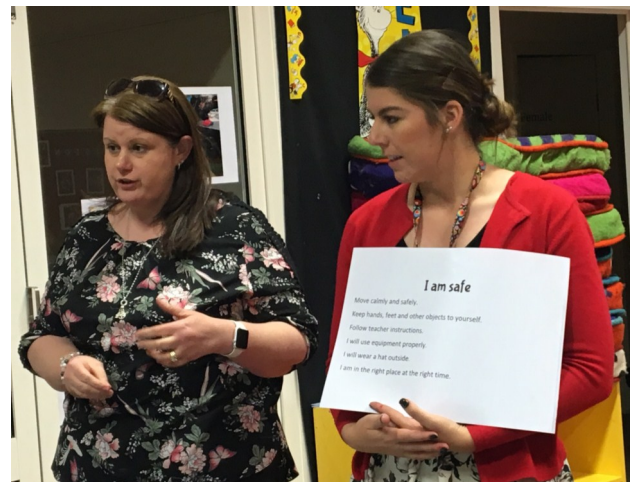
"When people have their heads down looking at a screen I know their not really listening to me"

"Real friends are who you can see and touch and talk to in person"

Food for thought isn't it!

Mrs Masters Library





## PBS4L - Positive Behaviour Support for Learning

At St Nicholas of Myra we explicitly teach students the expectations so there is a clear understanding by the whole school community.

- 😊 I am a Learner
- 😊 I am Safe
- 😊 I am Respectful

Thank you to the school community who came along to our information sessions.

## 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials

Currently only the Summer Sports of AFL, BASKETBALL, CRICKET, SOFTBALL & TENNIS are open and registrations close on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October as these trials will be held in November 2016.

All Winter sport registrations of Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union & Touch will open on 7<sup>th</sup> November for 2017 trials.

Any Primary students enrolled in Year 5 and 6 in 2017 are invited to participate in the Parramatta Diocesan Team Sport Trials during Term Four in 2016 and Term One/Two in 2017.

It is important to note that these trials are generally for those children who display an above average ability and/or have representative experience in their chosen sport. While teams are open in age it is **strongly recommended that only children of a representative standard in Years 5 & 6 in 2017 be invited to attend.**

Parramatta Diocesan trials will be held in the following sports:

\*AFL (boys), Basketball (B&G), Cricket (B&G), Diving (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Football (B&G), Golf (B&G), Hockey (B&G), Netball (girls), Rugby League (11yrs & Opens), Rugby Union (boys), Softball (B&G), Tennis (B&G), & Touch(B&G).

To be eligible for selection for these trials an Online Team Registration Form must be completed that can be accessed via the website [www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au). This online form is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** for the 2017 Parramatta Diocesan Primary Sport Team trials. Parents may complete this form to attend a selection trial. One form is to be completed per child, per individual sport. Each sport has its own criteria therefore, it is imperative that the correct form is completed.

Please note that your online registration is an **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ONLY** and **MUST be approved by the child's school**. In order for the child to attend the nominated trial or event this may come down to the discretion of the school as to who is selected to attend the trial. In some sports only 2 students per school can be nominated. **All fields and especially "Representative Experience" MUST be completed.**

Please ensure that the SUBMIT button has been pressed upon completing the form and notification email will be sent to the parent/guardian listed on the form confirming this expression of interest has been received.

**Under no circumstances will a child be eligible to trial if the Online Registration Form has not been completed and approved by the school by the closing date.**

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**I will email schools after the closing date of the 28th October and it is the responsibility of schools to notify students if they are successful or not in meeting the selection criteria.**

**This will be done at least one week prior to the trial date if the student is to attend to the Parramatta Diocesan trial for their selected sport by providing a trial information sheet.**

Kind Regards,

*Margaret*

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

- ☺ Swim School Program
- ☺ Stage 3—PDH Unit—Parent Only Meeting
- ☺ Stage 3—Teacher Changes
- ☺ Fun Food Day - Chicken Chipees Day
- ☺ Catholic Outlook
- ☺ Book Club



**St Nicholas of Myra Parish**  
326 High St Penrith  
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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



**Museum of Fire** 28<sup>th</sup> annual

# Doll, Bear & CRAFT SHOW

**Saturday**  
**OCTOBER 29**  
**Sunday**  
**OCTOBER 30**  
**9:30am to 4:00pm**  
**@ The Museum of Fire**  
**1 Museum Drive, Penrith**

**Jewellery & Craft**  
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