

St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 1 Week 11
2017



FRIDAY 7 APRIL

LAST DAY OF
TERM 1

**THURSDAY 13
APRIL**

HOLY THURSDAY

FRIDAY 14 APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY

SUNDAY 16 APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY

**MONDAY
24 APRIL**

ALL STUDENTS
RETURN TO
SCHOOL READY
FOR
TERM 2

**TUESDAY 25
APRIL**

ANZAC DAY
(PUBLIC HOLIDAY)

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

I would like to thank you for a remarkable Term 1 of super hard thinking and learning, Steppin' into Stem-athon, fun food days, Opening School Masses, Open Learning Spaces, Liturgies, Easter Hat Parade and the most important aspect of our faith Holy Week.

Lent is a time when we think of those who are needy. We think about those who are suffering. During Lent we give of ourselves to help others.

Part Three: Almsgiving, Ways of Helping and Generous Giving

Who is the man in the picture giving money to?



He is giving money to Jesus! You see, whenever we help someone in need, we are helping Jesus!

Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!

- Matthew 25:40

Ways of Helping

At school it is customary for children to give money to Caritas. Caritas uses the money we give to help those in need.

There are many other things that we can do. We can:

- Give our time to help someone near to us. There are many people around us who might need help.
- Share a special talent with others. For example, we can sing or perform for old people in a nursing home.
- Give something to someone who has nothing. For example, we can go through our toys. We can decide which ones we can give to children who don't have any toys to play with.

Helping those in need is a way of showing Jesus that we want to be better people. We want to be more like him. Almsgiving is not just for the wealthy. Everyone has something to give. Jesus gave us the biggest gift, himself.

Generous Giving

It doesn't matter how big or small the gift is, Jesus is happy if the gift comes from our heart, even if it is a small gift.

Jesus looked around and saw rich people dropping their gifts in the Temple treasury, and he also saw a very poor widow dropping in two little copper coins. He said, 'I tell you that this poor widow put in more than all the others. For the others offered their gifts from what they had to spare of their riches; but she, poor as she is, gave all she had to live on.'

- Luke 21:1-4

We deepen our relationship with God through our choices over Lent.

Part Four : Symbols of Lent

As we journeyed in the Holy Week event yesterday we noticed that there are symbols of Lent which are evident each year.

There are many symbols in the church during Lent. They are very different, but they have one thing in common. They remind us that Jesus is our saviour. Through Jesus our sins have been forgiven. We are saved. Jesus gives us spiritual strength to live good and holy lives.

Cross

During Lent we often find a plain cross in the church. It has a purple cloth draped over it. This symbol reminds us that Jesus took away our sin. He died on the cross. It reminds us that we should be sorry for disobeying God.

Palms

On Palm Sunday churches all over the world are decorated with palms. The palms remind us that Jesus is a great King. He is our saviour.

Bread and Wine

Often we find a small stand with bread and wine in the church. Sometimes the bread has been replaced by wheat. These symbols remind us that Jesus gave us his body and blood. They are our spiritual food. They help us to become more like Jesus.

These symbols are especially important on Holy Thursday.

Foot Washing

Foot washing is a symbol used on Holy Thursday. This symbol reminds us of Jesus' command to love one another.

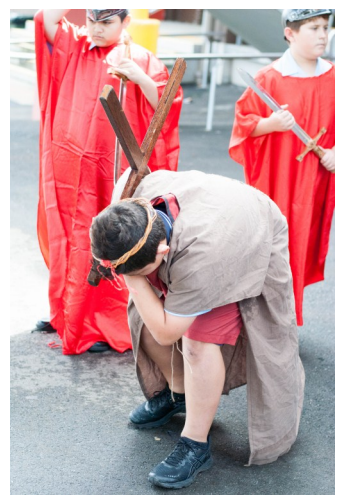
Crown of Thorns

On Good Friday we will often find a crown of thorns in the church. Sometimes there are also nails. These symbols remind us that Jesus died on the cross for our sins.

Have a safe and Holy Easter Break!

Anita Knezevic
Principal

Religious Education News



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Parish Sacramental Program:

Congratulations to the children who participated in the Rite of Reconciliation and received the Sacrament of Penance for the first time. The ceremony that the Sacramental team prepared was beautiful and so meaningful for the children. They were well prepared and had an understanding of the importance of this special time with God and their parish community.

Congratulations to the following children:

Talya Arokianathan

Mia Barrett

Benedict Dela Paz

Diane Faustino

Ethan Joines

Te Aroha Wharerau-Daniels

Marina Broz

Harmony Culley

Nishelle Nagaretnam

Anita Steed

Isabella Surene

Julian Falzon

Joseph Ezekiel

Isla Fletcher

Jayden Harvey

Richard Reales

Ryan Campora-Kaal

Lylah Clarke

Katherine Faustino

Makayla Ivanova-Britt

Hayley Teuma

Emil Benny

Lachlan Criss

Ellie Moen

Chelsea Sharpe

Savannah Attard

Isabella Kassouf

Lilah Lestal-Braid

Rachel Idris

Ian Geraldez

Keeva Le Maire

Bonnie Rigo



St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith

Sacramental Program

First Holy Communion 2017

Parents wishing to enrol their children in the program must attend an information session, which will be at

*St Nicholas of Myra Church on
Tuesday 2nd May 2017 at 7.00pm.*

Further information regarding the program will be given at this meeting.

To be eligible for First Holy Communion, children must be in year 4 or above. They must be baptised and have made their First Reconciliation.

If your child has not been baptised, and you wish to enrol them in the program, please contact our Sacramental Coordinator, Colleen Nicholas.

Ph: 4721 2509

Email: sacramental@stnicholasofmyra.org.au

St Nicholas of Myra Parish

326 High St Penrith

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

Learning News

Release from Face to Face (RFF) - Physical Education and Creative Arts

This term we had RFF of Physical Education and Creative Arts on Mondays and Tuesdays. Thank you for your flexibility this term and this will return to Wednesday and Thursday for the remainder of this year. Students will be required to wear their sports uniform on the days below. Please see the table below to assist you with this change.

Physical Education and Creative Arts

Wednesday	Thursday
Stage 2 Stage 3	Stage 1 Early Stage 1

Except for:

- Wednesday 3 May 2017 will be Early Stage 1 and Stage 1
- Thursday 4 May will be 2017 Stage 2 and 3

2018 Kindergarten Enrolments

Thank you for the wonderful support from our current families and for the positive support of our school in our local community. We were blessed and appreciative to receive the feedback from our Huston Visitors that they would love to send their children to our school. This is often echoed from our current families and from new families who join the St Nicholas of Myra community. From interviews this week, we are currently at capacity numbers for 2018, therefore any further enrolments will be placed on a waiting list. Our school is only as great as the people who are a part of this Catholic learning community - so thank you very much!

Principal's Lunch

At St Nicholas of Myra we have Five Core Values, Compassion, Co-operation, Responsibility, Respect and Justice.

Congratulations to Grace Meyer, Allanah Walker, Skyla Hill, Joseph Ezekiel, Audrey Sullivan, Evie Gibbs, Ante Broz and Gabrielle Xinos for consistently displaying these throughout the year.



Catholic Culture

Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

1st - Angelo Isaac
2nd - Will Brown
3rd - Levi Briggs
4th - Goncalves family
5th - Noah Edwy-Smith

(then there were 50 other prizes)

Certified Easter Egg Raffle winner Natalija Jurenc!



Thank you to Mr Michael Graham for donating the Easter Show tickets for our certified Easter Egg Raffle, your support for this great cause for the last four years is greatly appreciated!

A big thank you to the following parents for organising, sorting and wrapping the Easter Eggs: Sarah Lestal, Linden Regina, Amanda Falzon, Lidia Vlores, Cathe Cohen, Cathy Strong and Simone Mitchell.

Thank you to the St Nicholas of Myra community for your generous Easter Egg giving to make this a successful fundraiser!

Thank you to Penrith Bowling Club for their donation of a \$40 dinner voucher included in 1st Prize!



We raised \$506.00

Fun Food Days—Healthy Fruit and Yoghurt

Thank you to Hamssa Danil, Rosemary Polistina, Lidia Vlores and Clare Fidler for organising and serving this delicious and healthy snack.

Thank you to the Polistina Family who donated all the fresh strawberries and blueberries. Thank you to the children and parents who support these days.

We raised \$90.70



Easter Hat Parade



Truth Through Learning

General News

School photos - Wednesday 17 May 2017

Each year we alternate between summer and winter uniforms for school photos. This year it will be in the winter uniform. A friendly reminder about school uniform—also a tab tie for the girl's.



Backpack

Don't forget to check out our
Clothing Pool for your
uniform supplies!



Library Bag

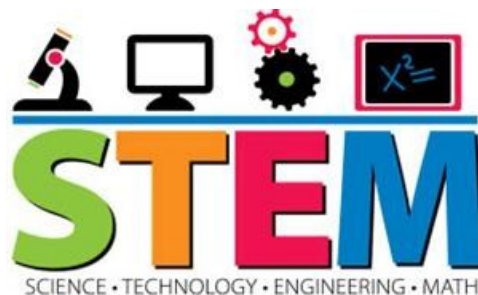
Please, please label
all of your
child's belongings.
Hats, jackets,
shirts, shorts, pants,
lunchboxes, drink
bottles and stationery.



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Steppin' into STEM-athon 2017

We would like to sincerely thank Questacon,
The Museum of Applied Arts and Science, The
Powerhouse Museum and The National
Maritime Museum for their support and very
generous donation of family passes for our
Steppin' into STEM raffle prizes.



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

☺ Diocesan Cross Country—Selected students



Join our Easter Family Night

Bunnings Warehouse North Penrith, 2169 Castlereagh Road Penrith

FREE



Time: 5:30pm – 8pm

Date: Thursday 6th of April 2017

Activities:

*Face Painting *Kids D.I.Y. Workshop *Easter Egg Hunt
*Easter Bunny Appearance at 6pm *Popcorn *Fairy Floss

Rise of the Guardians – Playing at 6:30pm

200 bean bags for seating (sharing a bean bag with a loved one may be necessary)

*Event will run rain, hail or shine.

Bookings recommended – for more information speak to a team member in-store, Call 02 4720 2000 or go to www.bunnings.com.au/north-penrith to book.

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EASTER TIMETABLE - ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA CHURCH

Thursday 6th April

2nd Rite Reconciliation (Communal) 7.00 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10th, 11th, 12th April

10.00am – 11.00am - Individual Reconciliation

Wednesday 12th April

No evening 7pm Mass

Holy Thursday 13th April

No Morning Mass

7.00pm (only) Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration (until 10.30 pm PMR1)

GOOD FRIDAY 14th April

10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7.00pm Waiting at the Tomb (Reflection of Jesus' life through prayer')

HOLY SATURDAY 15th April

NO reconciliation and NO 9am Mass

7.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass only

EASTER SUNDAY 16th April

7.00 am, 8.30 am, 10.00 am and 6.00 pm