

St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 3 Week 5
2017



Fri 18 Aug
Cancer Council
Fundraiser

9:15am
Stage 3 Liturgy

Sat 19 Aug
Bunnings BBQ
Fundraiser
North Cranebrook

Mon 21 Aug
Orders and money
due for Cheese and
Bacon Roll Day

Voice of Youth
Cluster Final
Stage 3 Attending

Parent Group
Meeting 6:30pm
ALL WELCOME!

Tues 22 Aug
Netball Gala Day
7pm - Kindergarten
2018 Transition
Evening

Thurs 24 Aug
Fun Food Day
Cheese and Bacon
Roll Day

Fri 25 Aug
BOOK WEEK FUN
Assembly led by
Stage 3
12:20 - 1:10pm -
Open Learning
Spaces (Student
Led Conference)
1:10 - 1:40pm Fruit
Break Picnic
1:50pm - Book
Week Parade

Sun 27 Aug
Parish Mass
10am—School
Participation

Wed 30 Aug
Stage 2 Excursion

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

Last Tuesday (15 August) is one of the Holy Days of Obligation in our Church. It is the Feast of the Assumption, Mary's special feast day. Catholics are required to attend Mass on this day.

If we were asked to offer a phrase or two to describe the word "mother," most of us would come up with something like this: an amazing, multi-talented person, who gives birth, demonstrates loyalty, bears sorrow, offers support and encouragement, looks after her family. Well, from the most ancient of times, Mary has been venerated under the title of God-bearer or Mother of God. Down through the ages, paintings and statues of Mary have mostly given expression to a "motherly smile," a smile that is welcoming and expresses peace and serenity.

The Christians of the early Church would have been well aware of the role Mary fulfilled as a constant connection with Christ. It was she who had nurtured Him during the years leading up to His public life. She had a leading role at the marriage celebration in Cana, when Jesus began His public life. At the end of His life, Mary witnessed the sorrowful events of the Passion, Crucifixion and Death of her Son. Mary was with the Apostles when they gave witness to the facts of the Resurrection and Ascension. It was Mary, the constant Mother, who prayed with the Apostles and sustained them in their belief until the First Pentecost.

There is little written about Mary, especially what happened after Pentecost, but there is strong evidence, through tradition, that at the end of her life she was united with her Son in a manner similar to how her Son was united with His Father. After an in-depth study of tradition and the early writings of the Church, and after broad consultation with bishops, theologians and lay people, Pope Pius XII in 1950 declared that, "... The Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory."

Mary is a strong example of her life in service of God. Mary's speech is recorded only four times in the Gospels, her physical presence is noted 24 times, as the way by which she exercises her ever "Yes" to God. Despite this her presence and importance in our Catholic faith was sacramental, by being united with her Son and Father completes the fidelity to truth and love, as a supreme witness to Abba. Mary lived a pure human existence to its fullness. This is the Christ-meaning expressed by the Christian sacraments as they trans-signify human life. Mary lived these sacraments by being pure in giving life to Jesus and His death and resurrection--the primordial sacrament of God's saving presence.

Mary had been so closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, so it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe and declare, that she must be with Him body and soul in heaven. Mary is now in a position to be mother to all people for all time.

**"Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us, your people, now,
and at the hour of our death.
Amen."**

Peace and Joy
Anita Knezevic

Catholic Culture

Thank to the families and students for your support with our Cancer Council fundraiser this Friday. Unfortunately cancer has a way of touching many people's lives and this is our way of supporting our family during their time of grief. I am sure your hearts join me in offering our condolences and prayers for and with our family at this time of sadness especially with Father's Day approaching next week.

Thank you for your ongoing support and opportunities provided to our all of our students through your generosity of time, donations and support for not only whole school fundraising, Fun Food Days and Year 6 Graduation Fundraising.

Term 2's Whole School Fundraising

Cadbury Chocolates

Thank you to all of the parents and carers for selling - hopefully not eating the boxes of chocolate. Due to your ongoing support of this fundraiser we were able to raise \$2023.85. I would like to thank Lidia Vlores for organising this fundraiser for our school.

Term 3

Bunnings BBQ North Penrith - is this Term's major fundraiser!

Thank you to all of the parents and carers for volunteering your time for **THIS Saturday's** Bunnings BBQ. We look forward to raising some more money for the school. Even if you were unable to help on the day - it would be great to see you and serve you the most delicious sausage sizzle of your life!!



Fun Food Days

Thank you to all involved organising, and distributing our Pie and Sausage Roll Day raising \$35.25 and our Noodle day \$9.65

Year 6 Graduation Fundraising

Thank you to Sarah for being our Grade 6 Representative. Thanks to our school and staff community for your support with our Year 6 Fundraisers!

- Donut King \$132.25
- Krispy Kreme \$222.00
- Subway \$210.10 (Cookies were donated by a Year 6 parent)

It has come to our attention that the procedures around dropping of and collecting of children from the '**Kiss and Drive**' zone are not being adhered to.

Firstly, please **DO NOT** overtake another car in the turning circle or mount the island. Not only is it dangerous but also illegal.

Please try and leave home 5 minutes earlier to avoid rushing and causing stress to yourself and your children. Please have your child's bag and hats inside the car not in the boot.

Essentially, the 'Kiss and Drive' zone allows for only a two minute period where a vehicle can be stationary and children may be dropped off or picked up. The driver **MUST NOT** leave the vehicle. Some people have been parking in the zone for much greater length of time and getting out of their vehicles to walk children to the entrance gates in the morning. This is inconvenient for other drivers.

Finally, please **DO NOT** start queuing up to collect your child before 3:15pm

We are very fortunate to have a well developed 'Kiss and Drive' zone that operates smoothly when all concerned follow correct procedure.



Learning News

2018 Kindergarten

WOW I am always blessed by how many kind words of excellence I hear as referrals from existing families about our school. Thank you for being the role models of our Catholic faith community at St Nicholas of Myra. For 2018 Kindergarten we are completely full with a long waiting list. Our first transition meeting will be held this term on Tuesday 22 August 7:00-8:00pm in the school hall, entry via Higgins Street. I look forward to seeing a parent or both parents at this evening and thank you again for continuing this special journey here at St Nicholas of Myra.

PBL Staff Learning

On Monday 8 August Wednesday 9; Stage 2 Teachers, Stage 3 Teachers, Lisa Cutajar, Adam Simpson and Anita Knezevic attended the advanced course for Project Based Learning. This added further depth and insights into how we can ensure the rigour of our content and the learning process that take place for all of our students in Stage 2 and Stage 3. We were then fortunate enough to have Dr Janice Trinidad and Richard Santos visit our school, ask Stage 2 and 3 students questions and then work collaboratively with our teachers to plan future projects. This is rigiouress in its work and exciting in its nature. We know this as the students can articulate and remember their PBL learning from earlier this year. The students, Mrs Cutajar and I have interviewed expressed not only their engagement for the learning but their learning processes which were successful and areas for improvement.

As you may be aware each year I attend as well as send staff to be qualified in their First Aid Certificate. The following staff are attending this learning tomorrow; Lisa Cutajar, Kristen Inskip, Ros Cole and Rhonda Shirvington. There are two parts to this learning; the first is the theory and the second is the practical component. I thank them for the time they have given completing a 100 multiple choice test prior to their attendance today and for taking on this learning for the safety and wellbeing of our community.

PBS4L Focus

I AM A LEARNER

During Term 2, teachers noticed students coming late to their lines and therefore taking time out of learning after each break. As a solution, we are using music to give students time to get to their lines. The SRCs choose the stage who is **ready for learning** when the music stops. The stage with the most stickers at the end of the week will choose the song for the following week.

We will be in the right place at the right time.

We will set a good example to others.

We will follow instructions from the teacher.

We will listen to others.

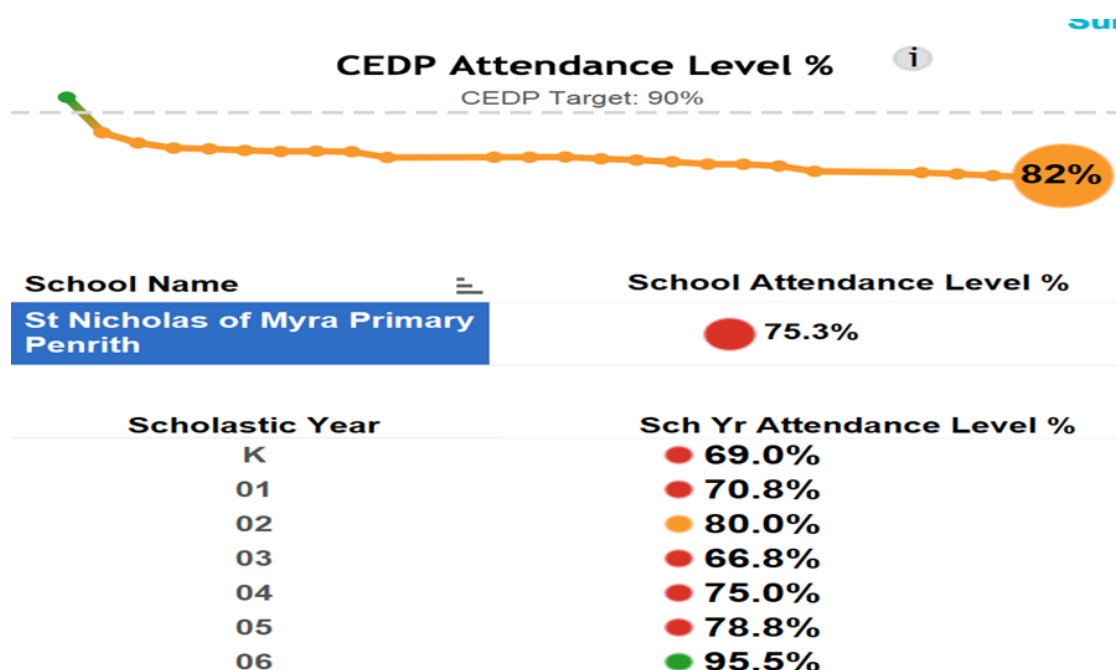


Learning News

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support to keep unwell children at home. This obviously affects our attendance level overall however with the wellbeing of children and staff at the forefront this is much appreciated at this time. Usually we are often in close range of the targeted level of 90% attendance, as you can see this fortnight this is not even close. This is not only due to the types of illness but also for how long they are lingering. We know this - and a huge thank you to our parents and carers for notifying us of student absences via emails, notes and skoolbag. A big congratulations to our Year 6 for a 95.5% for being overall our healthiest grade halfway through Term 3!

Thank you to Parents and Carers who are notifying the school office when absent letters have been sent out incorrectly. We appreciate and welcome your feedback so we are able to identify and avoid as much as possible any errors with attendance codes.



ICAS Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to the following students for their active learning by participating in the ICAS Mathematics Competition.

Year 3

Makayla Ivanova
Richard Reales
Raina Kim
Sakethram Hariprasaad
Mia Barrett
Ethan Joines
Lara White
Maddison Reynolds

Year 4

Tayla Arokianathan
Nithika Pidikiti
Nicholas Steed
Hayden Kennedy
Andrew Masic
Isaac Brown

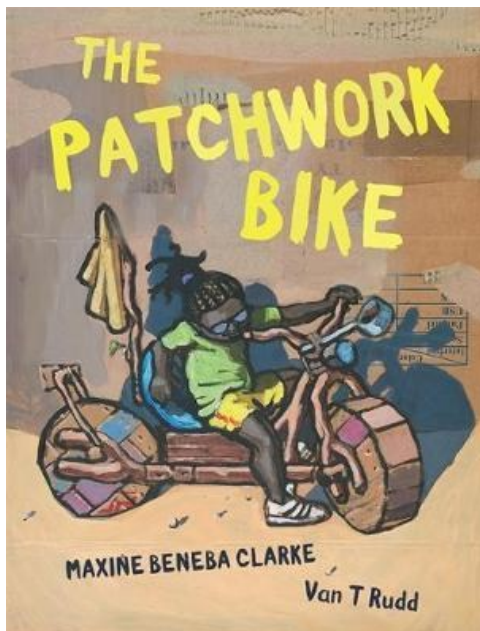
Year 5

William Brown

Year 6

Jakob Lestal Braid
Brendenn Powell
Christopher Nicholopoulos

Learning News



Established in 1945, the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) is a not-for-profit, volunteer run organisation which aims to engage the community with literature for young Australians.

The CBCA presents annual awards to books of literary merit, for outstanding contribution to Australian children's literature.

In 2015, the CBCA celebrated 70 years of enjoying and promoting the best of Australian literature for children and young people.

This week when visiting the Library the children have been read aloud 'The Patchwork Bike' one of the shortlisted Picture Books of the Year.

Book Week Fun—Friday 25 August

- 11:40am Assembly Led by Stage 3
- 12:20—1:10pm Open Learning Spaces
- 1:10—1:40pm Fruit Break Picnic
- 1:50pm—Book Week Parade

Each week the children visit the Library. During this time we introduce them to new authors, different genres and guide them to reading material that will capture their attention and imagination. Children need to read what they enjoy. Here are a few suggestions for home:

- **MAGAZINES** - Sports, cooking, fishing, BMX, craft, gaming etc
- **COMIC BOOKS** - they are visual and suit all ages
- **NEWSPAPERS & TV GUIDES**
- **THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER!**

Sporting News

Netball Cup Regional Final

On Tuesday 8 August, some Stage 3 girls competed in the Netball Cup Regional Final at the Genea Netball Centre at Homebush. The girls had a great day, winning two out of their four games. They all tried very hard and showed great sportsman ship throughout the day. They also got to meet Sam Poolman from the Giants Netball team. Thank you to Mr Vlores for coaching, our umpire Emily Vlores and the parents and grandparents who came to support the team.



Sporting News

Last Thursday 10th August under warm sunny skies, 22 children represented our school at the Nepean Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sports Park.

Congratulations to Joseph Ezekiel, Makalya Ivanova-Britt, Isabella Surene, Nathan Howden, Rachel Idris, Ruari Brown, Lachlan Criss, Skye Haladus, Bay Hill, Levi Briggs, Riley Dowling, William Goncalves, Alex Stevens, Darcy Brown, William Ezekiel, Christian Finianos, Breanna Haadus, Zye Hill, Raphaela Idris, Emily Keane, Samuel Simmons and Gabrielle Xinos..

They competed in a variety of events including 100m, 200m, 800m, relay and long jump. It was a fabulous day and the children competed well, tried their best and we achieved some outstanding results on the day!

A big congratulations to the following 4 children who will be completing in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival on Friday 25th August

Darcy Brown- 800m- 4th place

Snr long jump- 3rd place

100m- 2nd place

200m- 1st place **and was joint Senior Girls CHAMPION!**

Raphaela Idris- 11 yrs 100m - 1st place andbroke the zone record!

11yrs 200m- 1st place

11yrs Long Jump-1st place.....and broke the zone record!!!

and.....**was 11 girls CHAMPION!!**

William Ezekiel 11yrs 200m - 4th place

Joseph Ezekiel 9yrs 100m- 1st place

9yrs 200m- 1st place

Long jump 2nd place and.....**Junior boys RUNNER UP!**

We wish you all the best of Luck!



Sporting News



Congratulations!

*Last week we were fortunate to have Brittany Vearing from **NSW Netball** visit our school to provide a one week netball clinic for all children K-6. The children participated in a variety of activities and games to develop and improve their netball skills of passing, positioning and footwork. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we thank NSW Netball for providing this opportunity, especially with the upcoming Netball Gala Day next week....*



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

- ☺ Stage 3 Excursion
- ☺ Cheese and Bacon Roll
- ☺ Colours of Ireland



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

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6:00pm



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Corpus Christi Primary School Market Day



Saturday 16th September 2017 - 10AM to 2PM

Stalls include:

Licensed kids' clothes	Candles	Children's Craft
Fresh produce	Small gifts	Beauty Products
Jewellery	Plants	Sock monkeys

Family Fun:

Face Painting	Magician	
Plaster painting	Spray tattoos	Jumping castle

Corpus Christi Primary School,
90 Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook

RAIN, HAIL OR
SHINE



For information on stall availability
please email
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with subject 'Spring Market'

Food vendors: sausage sizzle doughnuts Gozleme
ice-cream cakes/slices tea/coffee scones