

St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 1 Week 3
2018



Thurs 15 Feb

Term 1 Calendar
and Curriculum
Overviews to be
emailed out today

6 - 6:45pm
Meeting for Desti-
nation Imagination

Tues 20 Feb

Nepean Zone
Swimming
Carnival

Fri 23 Feb

12:10pm
Parish Mass
Stage 2 attending
Church

2:30pm Assembly
Stage 3
coordinating
School Hall
All Welcome!

Mon 26 & Tues 27 Feb

Personalised Plan
Meetings

Wed 28 & Thurs 29 Feb

Various High
School
Presentations to
Year 5 & 6

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

What a wonderful start to the Term! Thank you to all of the families who assisted our Student Led Conferences this week! A focused and precise manner in which to bring all voices together to support the learning and wellbeing of our children.

I would like to acknowledge the beautiful Mass Mrs Nicole Khoury led with Father Pio. Our theme for this year is "Let your light Shine." Father Pio's messages from his homily were simple and something we all can practise; the call to pray daily. Simple prayers:

- Thank you Jesus for.....
- I praise you Jesus for....
- I am sorry Jesus for..... and
- Jesus I love you!



As we began our Lenten Journey yesterday with our Ash Wednesday Mass and Liturgy, Father Pio's call to pray more maybe a great action to do during Lent.

God our Father,
You formed us from the dust of the earth
And brought us to new life in Christ
Through the waters of Baptism.
We ask you to change our hearts
As we journey through these forty days of Lent.
Help us to see Jesus in everyone we meet,
And to serve him in all persons,
Especially the poor, the sick and the lonely.
By your grace, may our prayers and sacrifices this Lent
Help us grow closer to each other and to you,
As one family in Jesus.
We make this prayer to you in His name.
Amen

Peace and Joy

Anita Knezevic

Principal





*Opening
School
Mass*

Truth Through Learning

Our New Student Leaders and Teachers



Truth Through Learning

Communication, Routines and Procedures

Photographs and Videos

At times during the year, St Nicholas of Myra students have the opportunity to be photographed and videoed. These photos and videos may be used as part of grade assessments, be uploaded to the school website or placed in school publications e.g. Newsletter Photographs may also be used in publications to promote the school in newspapers and other media. When you enrolled your child, you gave us permission to do this. If you wish to withdraw this authorisation and consent, you need to notify the school in writing or email stnicholas@parra.catholic.edu.au



MEDICATION

Parents are required to complete a Medication Administration form before medication can be administered at school. School Staff are only permitted to give medication prescribed by a doctor. They are unable to give Panadol or any other Paracetamol, unless prescribed by your doctor. Medication should be sent in the original container with the child's name, dosage and time of administration clearly marked. A letter is required from the doctor stating the type of medication prescribed the dosage and the time it is to be administered. Many doctors agree that medication that is to be given three times a day does not need to be administered at school. It can be administered: morning – breakfast; after school; before bed at night. No children are to carry medication in their bags (with the exception of asthma relievers).

Thank you to the Parents who have already have contacted the office.



Return notes and monies in a sealed envelope or plastic zip bag with your child's name and subject e.g. MARY JONES Year 2 Excursion. Your child

is to give **ALL** notes to their classroom teacher. They are then put in the class message bags and sent to the office.

Please send all notes in by their due date



Birthdays

At St Nicholas of Myra we enjoy celebrating children's birthdays. If you would like to bring in a cake it would be appreciated if all birthday cakes bought in were individual e.g. cupcakes or donuts. Individual servings make it easier to distribute to other children in a timely manner. A gentle reminder we are a nut aware school. Thank you!

Communication, Routines and Procedures Communication

Have you a new your email address?

Have you changed address?

Do you have a new telephone number?

Have your emergency contact details changed?

Has your child's medication changed?

If YES, please notify the school in writing or email stnicholas@parra.catholic.edu.au

Thank you to the parents who have already updated their information with the school



Uniforms

Thank you for sending your children to school looking so smart in their uniforms. We at St Nicholas of Myra take pride in our appearance and uniform. When we are on a bus or walking in public we are representing our school. It has come to our attention that some children are carrying a variety of coloured and branded back packs. The St Nicholas of Myra blue back pack is part of the school uniform and all students must be using these. These are available for purchase at the school office \$40. Predominately white sneakers are required on sports day, once again too many black and multi coloured sneakers are being worn.

Communication, Routines and Procedures

Kiss n Ride and Traffic

Procedures Safety of our children on the way to and from school is paramount in all our minds. Safe pedestrian, safe driving habits and parent-carer role modelling of safe behaviours will contribute much towards the safety of our children. Please be considerate of our neighbouring businesses by not blocking their driveways or parking on their premises. Higgins Street is patrolled by the local police and rangers on a regular basis, therefore you need to be aware of traffic and parking regulations to avoid fines.

- Do not park across driveways or enter neighbouring businesses carparks
- Children must always alight from the car from the **LEFT** hand side
- Backpacks in the car not the boot
- The driver **MUST NOT** leave the car
- Plan to leave home earlier in the morning so your child isn't rushing to get out of the car if running late
- In the afternoon please do not start to queue up Higgins Street before 3:10pm
- Make sure your family name is on the dashboard of your car. This helps staff on duty to have children prepared and ready to get into their correct car



School Absences



When your child is absent you can choose one of the following

- Send via Skoolbag app
- Email stnicholas@parra.catholic.edu.au
- On his or her return sent a note into the teacher explaining the reason
- Ring the school if your child is going to be absent for an extended period of time or your child has a contagious disease

The Skoolbag logo, featuring the word 'Skoolbag' in a blue sans-serif font and a yellow backpack icon to the right.

Complete communication solution

Icons for an iPad, a Windows Phone, and an Android phone.

How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

An iPhone with the Skoolbag app icon on the screen. The icon is a black circle with a white Apple logo and the word 'iPhone' below it.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

An Android phone with the Skoolbag app icon on the screen. The icon is a black circle with a white Android robot logo.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school file to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

A Windows Phone with the Skoolbag app icon on the screen. The icon is a black circle with a white Windows logo.

Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

Don't forget to like us on Facebook!



Our Chinese Visitors



General News

2019 Enrolments

2019 Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) enrolment interviews will commence from Monday 26 February 2018. In the meantime you can download the enrolment form from our website or come on in and pick one up from our school office, gather the relevant paperwork and submit your child's enrolment ready for this date. **Siblings of students need to provide their form early as well.** Enrolments will start from Monday 26 February until the spaces are filled.

Opal Cards

An important requirement of School Opal is the need for students to Tap On and Tap Off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services.

If students don't Tap on and Tap off, services may be cancelled or reduced due to the lack of recorded patronage. With this in mind, we again ask for your assistance in reminding your students that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card. This in turn helps us ensure we are able to provide the appropriate level of service to your students.

To assist the schools, Busways is developing a campaign to further promote and encourage the use of School Opal. We will also continue to conduct boarding checks on School Opal cards over the coming months. Students without an Opal Card will be given a brochure to take home identifying how they can get an Opal Card.

Please support Busways staff with afternoon boarding's and checks to ensure minimal delays to bus departure times and demonstrate a united front to students on bus travel and Opal Card use.



Sporting News

Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the following students who will be attending the Zone Swimming Carnival:

Tayla Arokianathan
Ella Becroft
Julian Falzon
Natalija Jurenec
Hayden Kennedy
Brayden Parkes
Jai Parkes
Richard Reales
Anita Steed
Alex Stevens
Audrey Sullivan
Lilly Vlores
Laim Wamsley



Learning News

Learning

Action Plans

Each year our staff analyse data sets to inform our next year's goals and action plans. Below is our focus in Religion (RE), English (English) and Mathematics (Maths).

RE: For students to deepen their understanding of Jesus/God by making connections between scripture, prayer, sacraments and church traditions/teachings.

English: For all students to understand and demonstrate the reciprocity between reading and writing.

Maths: For all students to improve and use visualisation and reasoning skills in multiplication and division.

This term in Catholic Schools Week, we usually offer parent workshops, this year we will be offering this during Term 3 in Literacy and Numeracy Week.



Space Camp

Congratulations to the following Stage 3 students that have been selected to attend Space Camp in the United States in October. These students had to submit a 2 minute video application to demonstrate why they should be selected to attend Space Camp. These video applications were viewed by 3 independent judges from outside of St Nicholas, including the staff from the Catholic Education Office, to determine the successful applicants.



Successful Applicants

Ellie Walker
Arad Razaghi
Talya Arokianathan
Lucy Keane
Jai Parkes
Brayden Parkes



Catholic Culture

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Cheers and Tears Morning Tea - Kindergarten's First Day at School

Thank you to Emma Williams and Felicia Meyer for providing and assisting at the Cheers and Tears Morning Tea welcoming the 2018 Kindergarten parents and carers and being a listening ear to them as they send their child to Kindergarten for the first time.

Fun Food Day - Shrove Tuesday

A huge thank you to our parents who share and live our faith with this fun food day of Shrove Tuesday Pancake Day whether by organising or participating in this fun food day! Thank you to Cathe Cohen and Helena Steed. Monies raised will be published in the next newsletter.

Parent Group

Thank you to the Parents and Carer's who attended our first meeting. We have some exciting news about some different fundraisers; a school Fete on 19 May and a Trivia night later in the year - date to be decided.

Some clarification around the Fundraising. When it is for a charity or a different event it will be named on the note, i.e. Caritas - Project Compassion monies collected go to Caritas, our usual Fish Finger Fun Food Day also is donated to Caritas.

Our visitors from China

During Week 2, Stage 3 were lucky to have 29 students from China join our learning space after lunch each day. We learnt so much from them as learners and also a lot about their culture. Here are some of our reflections:

What I thought about the Chinese students coming to our school: It was amazing because I got to see different faces and what they are like. I really learnt a lot about them, about their country, what they do, and what they want to do when they grow up. I got a buddy named Lucy and she was nice and taught me some things about maths and how to work out some solutions. She also taught me about their language.

Thanks for coming to our school Chinese Exchange students I had a lot of fun and I am going to miss you.

From: Tara Teuma

I loved having the students visit our school. They were friendly and helped me with my maths. **Selena**



Get involved in the School Banking program.

St Nicholas of Myra is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits. Children who deposit money into their Youthsaver account through School Banking earn Dollarmites tokens, which they can save up and redeem for exciting rewards.

The rewards available during 2018 are:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Pad
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light
- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Slushie Maker Cup
- Zoom Flying Disc



School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year.

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

All you need to get involved in the School Banking program is a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account. You can open an account for your child in one of two ways:

1. Online

Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open a Youthsaver account.

2. In branch

Visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for yourself and your child, like a driver's licence and birth certificate.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking day is Tuesday. Each week you need to send in deposit book with completed slip and money with your child which will be put in message bags to come to the office for processing.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

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



- 😊 Student Led Conferences Information Sheet (email)
- 😊 Student Led Online booking form (email)
- 😊 Student Led Conference Questionnaire
- 😊 Pancake Day order form
- 😊 Curriculum Overviews (email)
- 😊 Term 1 Calendar (email)
- 😊 Letter from Bishop Vincent (email)
- 😊 Sacramental Programme Yrs 3 - 6
- 😊 Zone Swimming Note (selected students only)
- 😊 Kindergarten Dinner Invitation

McCARTHY CATHOLIC COLLEGE

75 Mackellar Street, Emu Plains

Enrolling now for 2019

Open Evening: Tuesday 6 March 2018
Time: 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Meet the Principal, staff and student leaders

Tours of the College facilities
Trade Training Centre information
Enrolment packages available
Presentations at 4.15pm, 5.00pm and 5.45pm

Xavier College Open Night

Xavier College Open Night will be held on Tuesday March 6 from 4.30pm - 6.30pm. Prospective students and families are welcome to attend.

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

St Dominic's College

OPEN DAY 2018

Sunday the 4th of March

You are invited to join us for our Annual Open Day at the College from 10am to 2.30pm.

The morning session starts at 10:00am, followed by a tour of the College at 10:30am.

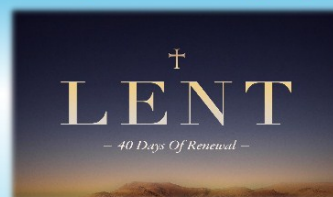
The afternoon session starts at 12:30pm followed by a tour of the College at 1:00pm.

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Hang out, have fun and eat pizza!



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