

St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 2 Week 1



Tuesday 7 May

Diocesan Cross
Country

7pm - Parent
meeting for
First Holy
Communion
Yrs 4 - 6

Friday 10 May

9:30am
Mother's Day
Mass in Church
followed by
Morning Tea in
School hall
12pm—Mother's
Day Stall

Sunday 12 May Happy Mother's



Day

Monday 13 May

9:10am Parent
Group Meeting

14 - 24 May

Yrs 3 & 5 Naplan

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Thurs 16 May

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Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

Welcome back to an awesome Term 2 ahead and it was fantastic to see all of the students return safely and well rested! What a terrific way to commence with our Easter Liturgy Celebration as a school.

We Rejoice in the Risen Lord!

Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God." John 20:28

Easter is at the heart of our Christian faith. Without a strong, unswerving belief in the resurrection of Christ, then, as St Paul writes, "empty too is our preaching; empty too your faith" (1 Corinthians 15:14).

The Easter season lasts for fifty days, from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday. The liturgical colours are white; the Gloria and Gospel Alleluia are returned to the liturgy and all signs point to the joy of the season.

Jesus' resurrection was first evidenced not only by the empty tomb but His many appearances to His disciples. These experiences of the risen Christ in the lives of the disciples and the coming of the Holy Spirit, transformed a group of frightened followers into dynamic witnesses who first spread the message of the Good News.

At liturgy, the lit paschal candle reminds us that Jesus is with us. We experience the risen Christ in many ways; in our daily actions, through family and friends, in the proclaimed word, in the blessed gifts of bread and wine. With Thomas, we profess, "My Lord, my God."

As people of the resurrection we bring the Good News of Easter to others. We share the great joy that accompanies the promised gift of everlasting life. As did the first disciples, we don't do this alone; Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to guide our lives and our Church. Alive in the Spirit, we go forth to give glory to God's name by all we say and do.

We pray to our Father, help us to be committed to the risen Christ. May your kingdom shine through our lives and actions. May we walk always in the light of your love. Amen.

Peace and Joy
Anita Knezevic
Principal



Catholic Culture

2020 Kindergarten Enrolments

Thank you to all of the Parents / Carer's for sharing your positive experiences with your neighbours and friends. Our school has a great reputation because of how you speak and share of your child's schooling experience, it is also in how our students speak to each other, wear their uniforms, both within our school, at our parish Masses as well as in the local shopping centres.

Enrolments have commenced. Please, particularly if you have a younger sibling, place these forms into the school as soon as possible. As a school we have no record or way of knowing when the younger child is due to commence.

I love meeting our new parents and their children - it is a fun and exciting time particularly as our 2019 Kinders enter into their second term of schooling.

Parent Group

Thank you to the Parent Group for a great Term 1. We are so blessed by everyone's generosity of time, support and energy. As always, any Parent/Carer is welcome to attend these meetings. This terms meetings are on **Monday 13 May at 9.10am (Week 3)** and **Monday 3 June at 9.10am (Week 6)**.

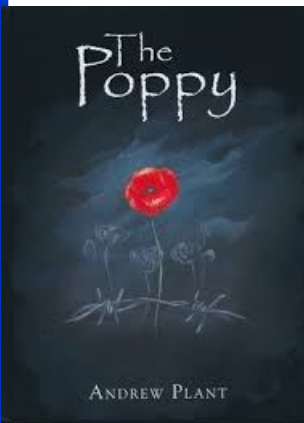


Mother's Day Wrapping Helpers

Thank you to our parent helpers, Sarah Lestal, Amanda Falzon, Nicole Rebernik and Nicol Hadchiti for wrapping our Mother's Day gifts ready for our stall next Friday 10 May.

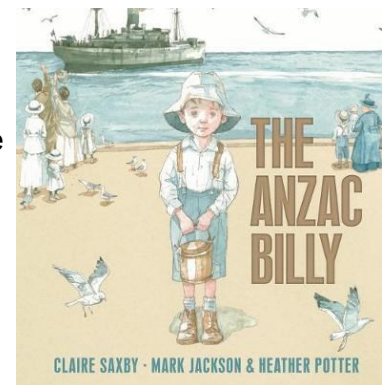
Stage 2 read the book ***The Poppy*** and reflected on and shared our experiences of ANZAC day. We were amazed to make connections

between how we as Australian's always remember the people who serve in the war and how the people of Villers-Bretonneux in France have never forgotten the Australian soldiers as well.



During Kindergarten's Library visit this week we shared '***The Anzac Billy***'. We discussed what a 'Billy' was (not a person's name) and how we still use them today when camping.

The children couldn't believe that letters and food sent to soldiers took weeks and weeks transported by ship.



Learning

NAPLAN

In May 2019 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3 and 5. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools. In 2019, all NAPLAN tests will be online except for Year 3 Writing.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted between 14-24 May 2019. Catch up tests will occur throughout the test period for any students who were absent on the day of a test.

Week 3 Monday 13 May	Tuesday 14 May	Wednesday 15 May	Thursday 16 May	Friday 17 May
	Year 5 Writing Online Year 3 Writing paper test	Year 3 Reading Online	Year 5 Reading Online	Year 5 Language Conventions Online
Week 4 Monday 20 May	Tuesday 21 May	Wednesday 22 May	Thursday 23 May	Friday 24 May
Year 3 Language Conventions Online	Year 3 Numeracy Online	Year 5 Numeracy Online		

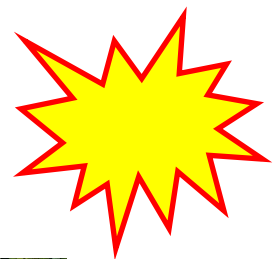
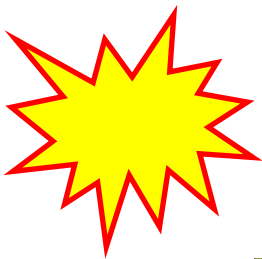
Attendance

Attendance H.E.R.O Awards

Congratulations to all students who received an Attendance H.E.R.O Award for being at school all day, everyday between Weeks 6 to 11 of Term 1.

Amos INGEGNERI	K	Akshata KARTHIKEYAN	4
Andros SOURLAS	K	Aubrey PARKER	4
Esha NATH	K	Isabel MRSIC	4
Etonia MADRAITABUA	K	Jeremy KENNEDY	4
Harrison DONALDSON	K	Kalai BEEDLE	4
Isabella RAMIREZ-SAW	K	Lachlan MUELLER	4
Jake HANNAFORD	K	Larena XIBERRAS	4
Janelle ROSARIO	K	Weskerr ALAMGIR	4
Michael REALES	K	Benjamin WALKER	5B
Olivia ANDERSON	K	Ethan JOINES	5B
Olivia ARMITSTEAD	K	Joseph EZEKIEL	5B
Sophia ZHAO	K	Joshua CHRISTIAN	5B
Sophie EDWY-SMITH	K	Lara WHITE	5B
Angelica DAVID	1	Rachel IDRIS	5B
Deante MERENDA	1	Sakethram HARIPRASAAD	5B
Eden BLASZCZYK	1	Carlo REGINA	5G
Eliza KASSOUF	1	Julian FALZON	5G
Jadey LAU	1	Keeva LEMAIRE	5G
Lachlan MCINTOSH	1	Marina BROZ	5G
Megan BAC	1	Raymin LESLIE	5G
Michelina HEAD	1	Richard REALES	5G
Molly LEMAIRE	1	Andreas PHILLIPS	6
Nicholas FALZON	1	Benedict DELA PAZ	6
Sophia YANG	1	Brown MATHEW	6
Uzziah SCRIMMAGER	1	Evie GIBBS	6
Ella HERBERT	2	Hayden KENNEDY	6
Hailey LAU	2	Maree DANKHA	6
Hannah REBERNIK	2	Ruari BROWN	6
Holly RIGO	2	Skye HALADUS	6
Lola GIBBS	2	Talya AROKIANATHAN	6
Noah EDWY-SMITH	2		
Sailosi MADRAITABUA	2		
Abby MCINTOSH	3		
Angela DANIEL	3		
Christian FALZON	3		
Dominic KASSOUF	3		
Jacob WHITE	3		
Jan Simon MAYPA	3		
Thomas MUELLER	3		
Tyce SCRIMMAGER	3		

Attendance H.E.R.O. Awards (Here Everyday, Ready On time)



Religious Education



St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith
Sacramental Program

First Holy Communion 2019

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 7th May 2019 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

Statement on behalf of the leaders from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. (CEDP)

On 17 March, Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv made a strong statement about the terrorist attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand. We share Bishop Vincent's horror, grief and distress at this senseless violence and loss of life. Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta condemns Islamophobic, racist and extremist violence in all its forms. Together, we take up the invitation of Pope Francis and the Grand Imam, Sheikh Ahmed al-Tayeb, to "all persons who have faith in God and faith in human fraternity, to unite and work together so that it may serve as a guide for future generations to advance a culture of mutual respect in the awareness of the great divine grace that makes all human beings brothers and sisters." (Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together, Abu Dhabi, 4 February 2019). As leaders in our school communities and the Catholic Education Office, we reject the language of racism and intolerance, and proudly commit ourselves to work together for mutual respect and human solidarity. This statement, issued on 12 April 2019, is made on behalf of the leadership of 80 Catholic systemic schools as well as system leaders from the Diocese of Parramatta.

General News

Winter School Uniform

Full winter uniform is to be worn by the end of Week 3 Monday 13 May 2019. Of course if the autumn weather is cooler for your child you may like to wear this earlier.

School Photos

Get ready to smile! Our school photos are alternated between summer and winter uniforms. This year it will be next Term (Term 3) Monday 22 July, the students will be wearing full winter uniform.



Earn & Learn

Let's stick together with Earn & Learn. Between 1 May and 25 June 2019 collect as many stickers as you can. Sticker sheets were sent home with your child on Wednesday 1 May, so start filling them up and return them to school. The more we get, the more amazing school equipment we can earn. Don't forget you can always download and print extra stickers sheets at:

woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn



Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Messages

Student data validation

CEDP has been in the process of validating important student data currently captured in FACES. Since December, we have had just under half of all families complete the student data validation survey. If you have received this survey please complete the information requested. Follow up letters will be sent to any families who have not made these changes from Week 2.

Our system and school requires accurate and up-to-date student information as part of our duty of care and to support the needs of all learners. To ensure the information we currently have is correct, we are asking families to validate key information such as contact details and emergency contacts.

To access the survey the link is below. **However, in order to login, each family will need the unique code that they would have received either in the SMS, email or letter we sent in December or February. Without that code, they won't be able to go beyond the login page.**

<https://tinyurl.com/cedpstudentinfo>

Please ensure you are completing it for the correct child/children, you will need to provide the following details when you login in:

1. Your family code, which is <xxxx>
2. Date of birth of the eldest child still attending a Catholic school in the Parramatta diocese (dd/mm/yyyy)

We ask families to complete the survey by 31 May 2019. Any questions about the survey can be directed to the Community Liaison team on 9840 5796. Thank you for your support of this important project.

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Tell Them From Me (TTFM)

As part of our focus on school effectiveness, all CEDP schools including ours will be participating in an online survey for students – *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)*. *The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help them improve.*

During **27 May to 14 June 2019**, all students (Years 4 -6) will be given the opportunity and time to participate in this survey during regular school hours. Students who agree to complete the survey will be given a random username and password to access and complete the survey online. Students' names cannot be linked to their responses which allows it to be completely anonymous. Results will show all student scores combined together – it is not possible to single out individual students in the results.

The survey takes approximately 35-40 minutes to complete. The survey measures include such topics as emotional and social well-being and behaviours and attitudes linked to student success. The survey also allows students to give their thoughts and feedback in open-ended question responses.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, please email the school this request with your child's name. This is not the first year we have participated in this survey, nor the only way in which we gain student voice. In previous years we completed the Quality Catholic Schools (QCS Survey). If, during the survey, your child is uncomfortable answering any question, he/she should leave it blank and move on to the next one. Your child can stop the survey at any time.

As with all data sets we collect we analyse this as a staff and create action plans from which to address areas of growth.

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Chatterbox, Student Data Validation and New Zealand Chatterbox

Join Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, for a transparent and engaging Q&A session with parents and guardians from learning communities throughout the diocese.

Held at St Andrews College in Marayong, the event will begin at 7pm with light refreshments, followed by a Q&A session with Executive Director Greg Whitby where parents will have the chance to raise their questions around education and school in today's world.

Can't make it in person? This event will also be live-streamed via the CEDP Facebook page. Be sure to click on 'Interested' or 'Going' to be reminded before the discussion goes live! You can do this via the event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1988053254654264/>

Free ticket registration for this event will be available from Monday, May 20th at 9am by visiting chatterbox.parra.catholic.edu.au.

If you have any questions or would like further information in regards to this event, please contact Lachlan Andrews from Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta via landrews8@parra.catholic.edu.au or on 9840 5790.

Correspondence

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Sticker Sheet

St Nicholas of Myra Parish

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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

A good start to the day

- Punctual
- Organised and ready to learn
- A calm start to the day

