

# St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 3 Week 5



Friday 23 August  
2019 Diocesan  
Athletics Carnival

12:10pm Parish Mass  
Stage 1

Monday 26 August  
9:10am Parent Group  
Meeting

Tuesday 27 August  
6:30pm—7:30pm  
2020 Kindergarten  
Transition Night

Wednesday 28 Aug  
Netball Gala Day

Thursday 29 Aug  
Fun Food Day  
Hot Dog Day

Friday 30 Aug  
9:30am Father's Day  
Mass followed by  
Morning Tea hosted  
by Kindergarten

Father's Day Stall  
2:30pm  
School Assembly

**SUNDAY 1 Sept  
HAPPY FATHER'S  
DAY**

Tuesday 3 Sept  
ICAS  
Digital Technologies

Wednesday 4 Sept  
ICAS - Science

Thursday 5 Sept  
Newsletter Day  
Yrs 3—6Gymnastics  
Clinics

**FRIDAY 6 SEPT  
STAFF  
DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

Most Christians would recognise the names of Lourdes and Fatima and associate these places with appearances by Mary. Few Christians would know that in the twentieth century there were 386 reported appearances by Mary. The apparitions have been spread across the globe: Fatima, Portugal; Banneux, Belgium; Akita, Japan; Syracuse, Italy; Zeitoun, Egypt; Betania, Venezuela; Manila, Philippines. Mary's reported appearances have been to men, women and children in large cities, remote areas, caves, churches, fields, homes and other places. The above mentioned appearances have been approved by the Church as having "supernatural status"; most of the remaining appearances have been denied this status.

The history of Marian apparitions stretches from the beginnings of the Church and every country in the world has its own shrines or chapels or churches, which give emphasis to the influence of Mary on the lives of the local people. Many Christians regard Mary as the female gateway through which they experience the divine. One of Britain's most popular shrines is of Our Lady of Walsingham which is more than one thousand years old and still attracts hundred's of thousands of pilgrims each year. Recently, the B.B.C. questioned some of the pilgrims as to why they had come:

"I see the Blessed Virgin not only as Mother of God, but as a leader because she was a strong woman, she was a faithful believer, she lost her own son and for me she is a model of a very strong person and for this I admire her."

"I am a mother, therefore, I can identify with her. For me, Mary is the feeling, compassionate mother; the all-embracing mother. I have the experience of having children; in that way I connect with Mary."

It would seem that Mary is a sign of hope and comfort to all Christians who, as God's pilgrim people, make our journey through life. Mary offers us a calm vision as we are tested by our own personal limitations, the circumstances that life presents to each of us and the sense of uncertainty with which our own mortality challenges us. Mary, through her life, shows us how hope can overcome anguish, inner peace can overcome anxiety and a life lived in a positive manner can overcome the fear of death.

The Assumption of Mary recognises the unique position of her being a superlative human person, who was taken body and soul to heaven. In some way, Mary's Assumption makes her a "hero" figure for us, her fellow human beings, because she was a participant in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christ followers.

The first time Jesus and Mary are mentioned together as adults, is at the Marriage Feast of Cana. When the hosts risked the embarrassment of a shortage of wine, Mary approached the "Hospitality workers" and said to them of her Son, "Do as He tells you." This advice was timeless for it can be applied to all Christians in every day and age: love God, love your neighbour, love yourself; be people of compassion and forgiveness. Of course, this requires us to be in imitation of Mary when, at the Annunciation, her "yes" was the beginning of allowing God into her life. If we join with Mary's "yes", we give ourselves the opportunity, as she did, to be perfected through our union with Christ.

Mary, we ask you to help us to find peace within ourselves through your Son, Jesus. Through your intercession, may we be inspired to greater trust and hope in our ability to live our lives, as you did yours, and to bring Christ to the world. Amen.

Peace and Joy  
Anita Knezevic  
Principal

## 2020 Kindergarten Enrolments

Thank you for all enrolments we have received to date. We are currently at capacity and any further enrolments for 2020 Kindergarten will be placed on a waiting list. We look forward to this time together!

### Our 2020 Kindergarten Information Evening is:

**This Term 3 Week 6 - Monday 27 August 6:30 - 7:00 pm - Stage 3 Learning Space.**

**This is where one or both parents attend (no children):**

- Leadership Team
- Current Kindergarten Teacher
- Specialists - Sam Miles

**Term 4 Week 2 Wednesday 23 October 9:30 - 11:00.** This is where one or both parents attend with the new enrolment:

- Religion, English and Mathematics

**Term 4 Week 3 Wednesday 30 October 9:30 - 11:00.** This is where one or both parents attend with the new enrolment:

- Dietician - Claudia Jah Jah .
- PBS4L - Rebecca Teulan and Hannah Khalifeh
- Contemporary Learning / School Readiness - Anita Knezevic

**Term 4 Week 4 Wednesday 6 November 9:30 - 11:00.** This is where one or both parents attend with the new enrolment:

- Visitors, Parent's Folders and Children's Show Bags, Uniform - School and Library Bags, Tab Ties etc
- Liturgy

## PLEASE NOTE THESE IMPORTANT DATES IN YOUR DIARY:

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

This term we having two Staff Development Days which will be focusing on Literacy (Reading and Writing).

There will be no supervision on:

Staff Development Day 1: **Term 3 Week 7 Friday 6 September**

Staff Development Day 2: **Term 3 Week 9 Friday 20 September**

You may be wondering why we are having two SDD that are two weeks apart?

This will allow time for our teachers to implement strategies from the first day's learning within their classroom in order to gain student samples, observations and feedback. This evidence will then be needed for the second Staff Development Day. We appreciate your understanding and support with this rationale.

# Catholic Culture

Who doesn't love a sausage sizzle on a Saturday at Bunnings !

Our Bunnings BBQ was a huge success due to the many hands and people who give of their time, effort and donations. A very huge thank you to Helena Steed for organising and being our whole day representative for our school!

Thank you to the following people for their donations to help keep our profit margins up: Mrsic Family and Broz Family for donating the onions for the day and the Merenda Family for donating the bread.

Thank you to the following people for helping to serve at the day: Allan Walker, Shehan Dissanayake, Glenn Parkes, Rong Sun, Ming Guo, Richard Guo, Sabuj Palma, Cath Strong, Nicole Rebernik, Sara Holtham, Clare Fidler, Melissa Faapoi and Cindi Busstra.

Thank you to the staff: Anita Knezevic, Rebecca Teulan, Lauren Clarke, Meg Conolly, Mary Vella, Suzanne Bannister, Fran Sidoruk, Rebecca Perreira, Kristen Camilleri, Laura Kingdom, Susannah Sinclair, Adam Simpson, Nicole & Chris Khoury and Rhonda Shirvington.

Due to all of the kind and generous donations as well as people's time, we were able to raise \$1629.21 This money goes back into the school for all students learning resources.





# Catholic Culture

## Father's Day Wrapping

Thank you to Helena Steed, Nicole Rebernik, Carmen Kukac-Broz and Rong Sun for wrapping all our Father's Day gifts ready for the stall on Friday 30 August for our wonderful dads.

## Parent Group

The next parent group meeting is Monday 26 August at 9:10am. All parents are welcome to attend.

## Term 3 Fun Food Days

The proposed Fun Food Days for the rest of Term 3 are:

- Week 6 Thursday 29 August - Hot Dog Day
- Week 9 Thursday 19 September- TBC

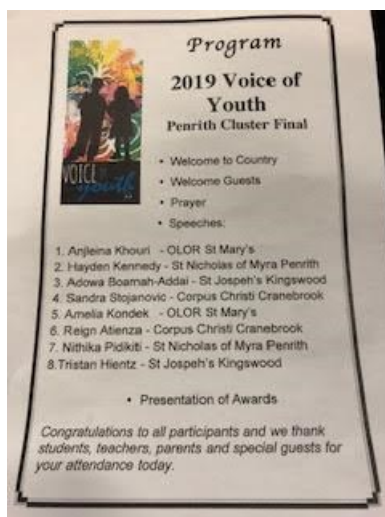
If any parents are able to assist with this day, please contact the office. If we are unable to find volunteers for this day, these days will be cancelled.

# Learning

## Voice of Youth

On Monday 12th August 2019, Stage 3 attended the Voice of Youth Cluster Final at Corpus Christi, Cranebrook. Hayden Kennedy and Nithika Pidikiti in Year 6 were the finalists representing St Nicholas of Myra. Hayden spoke about child poverty in Australia and Nithika spoke about global warming. Both students represented our school excellently and can be very proud of themselves.

*Voice of Youth was a fun experience and it was very nerve wracking. The most fun part was the encouragement I got from my friends and family. The teachers were a big part in my speech and I thank them as well. **Hayden Kennedy***



# Learning

## Stage 1 Walking Excursion

On Friday the 9th of August, Stage 1 participated in a Walking Excursion to explore some historical sites in our local community. Braving the extremely windy day we set out to the St Stephen's Anglican Church, Memorial Park and our own parish St Nicholas of Myra. At each site we stopped to observe the features of each building and made connections to the names of significant people involved at each site.

Thank you to our parent helpers on the day: Nicole Rebernik, Jessica Conde, Felicia Meyer, Amanda Falzon, Kim Steen, Leigh Parkes and Jo Currey.



## Education Mass

On Tuesday 13 August the Mission Team members from Stage 3 along with Mrs Sara Holtham, Mrs Khoury and Ms Knezevic attended the Diocesan Education Mass and Mission Expo at Parramatta Cathedral.

We attended Mass with the Bishop and members from each school in our diocese before listening to the mission initiatives and events from schools and organisations. We have learnt new things about Mission and can not wait to organise more events for our school. A big thank you to Mrs Sara Holtham who attended the Mass with us on the day.





# Literacy and Numeracy Week

## Literacy and Numeracy Week - WOW!

In the morning we kicked off with our most important SUPER POWER - READING!! Our teachers selected and shared their favourite books which later linked to the K-6 Trivia Questions in the middle learning session! These teams were so competitive and attentive it was great to see the stages come together in a friendly competition.

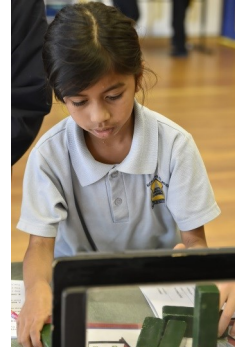
Following Fruit Break our students welcomed our parents and family members into our learning spaces to share and show off their great learning since the Term 2 student led conferences.

I know you are all wondering, 'what's next?' how do you top off an already awesome day - well we finished this exciting day with our Book Parade!

Then came along Tuesday - 'What's next?' I hear you wonder! Well the WORLD of MATHS!

The students completed 17 activities based on a range of mathematical concepts. Some of the tasks included following paths, racing weights down different paths, visualizing shapes, calculating distances, solving puzzles and creating reflecting shapes.

Some excellent learning and a bit of mathematical fun!



WONDER .. ful... Wednesday welcomed in a surprise just for our students where our terrific and dedicated staff put in hours of rehearsal to perform a version of "The Lion King!" Please read some of the student's reviews on page 11 - they are quite entertaining!



Thank you to the Literacy and Numeracy Week Committee; Mrs Sidoruk, Mr Simpson, Mr McMahon, Mrs Clarke, Miss Dobrucki and Miss Teulan for their planning and preparation in order to celebrate learning in Literacy and Numeracy in many different, fun ways!

## Matific Competition

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the recent Matific competition. Students were working hard before school and during both break times to collect the stars. Although no one won any of the prizes, students should be proud of their efforts competing against schools from all over Australia and New Zealand.

A special mention to Nabhya Singh who came third out of all the Year 1 students in Australia and New Zealand with an amazing 2491 stars collected. WOW!

Class winners will receive a Matific certificate for collecting the most stars in their class.



Class	Winner
K	John Wood
1	Nabhya Singh
2	Stephanie O' Connor
3	Allanah Walker
4	Emara Aurisch
5	Richard Reales
6	Nithika Pidikiti



## Cyber Safety- How much do you know?

At St Nicholas, one of our three expectations is "I am Safe". This expectation transfers between school and home. Students live in an age where the technology is available in many different forms. We must work with the students to keep them safe on the internet, just as we would around roads and swimming pools. They need explicit modelling and open communication with parents and carers about their internet and gaming habits.

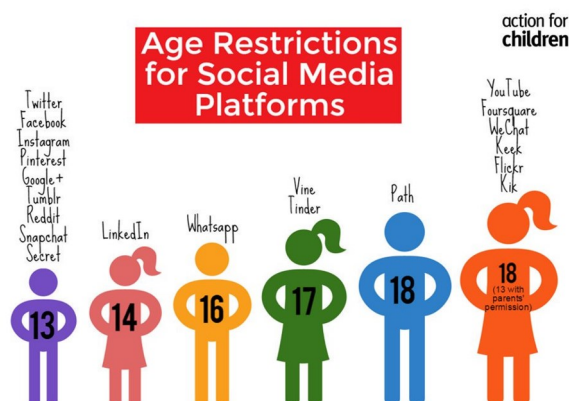
The office of the e safety commission, <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/online-safety-guide> offers some practical advice for parents and carers as well as some tips for managing your child's online habits.

## Websites and Apps

Some websites seem harmless, but can contain some content not appropriate for children. Common video platforms such as YouTube, Vimeo and DailyMotion contain content for all ages and allow anyone to access this content while social media platforms such as facebook, instagram, Google +, snapchat and Whatsapp allow students to chat and send images. These apps and websites have clear age restrictions due to their content and easy access to comment and sent messages and images.

Some practical tips to ensure students are accessing safe materials include;

- have a shared agreement for technology use including what can be accessed and time to be used
- having technology in common areas only
- not using headphones to watch videos
- technology facing outwards so it can be seen
- research child friendly alternatives such as YouTube Kids
- ensuring technology is locked away after a certain time
- discuss your child's internet use



# Awards

## Merit Awards

K	Anna DISSANAYAKE
K	Max DYKE
K	Annabella CHRISTIE
K	Henith BELLAMPALLI
1	Megan BAC
1	Samara COULTON
1	Brayden WATTS
1	Gagana PIDIKITI
2	Holly RIGO
2	Hannah REBERNIK
2	Ella HERBERT
2	Nevaeh COULTON
3	Abby MCINTOSH
3	Angela DANIEL
3	Amisha NAGARETNAM
3	William DOUGLAS
4	Lachlan MUELLER
4	Isabel MRSIC
4	Mark DANIL
4	Kalai BEEDLE
5B	Isabella KASSOUF
5B	Sakethram HARIPRASAAD
5B	Hayley TEUMA
5B	Keoni SCRIMMAGER
5G	Ryan CAMPORA-KAAL
5G	Maddison REYNOLDS
5G	Raymin LESLIE
5G	Marina BROZ
6	Lachlan CRISS
6	Nicholas STEED
6	Monique KNIGHT
6	Maree DANKHA

## Silver Awards

K	Ethan TEUMA
K	Harrison DONALDSON
1	Alyssa MIRUKAJ
1	Cindy GUO
1	Nabhya SINGH
1	Madison HERRERO
1	Knox CURREY
1	Ava BILBOW
1	Deante MERENDA
1	Michelina HEAD
1	Uzziah SCRIMMAGER
1	Jadey LAU
1	Scarlett PARKES
1	Gagana PIDIKITI
1	Sophia YANG
1	Sophia YANG
1	Nicholas FALZON
1	Eliza KASSOUF
1	Michael NAGARETNAM
2	Stephanie OCONNOR
2	Holly RIGO
2	Everlyn STEEN
2	Nathalie ASKANDER
2	Nevaeh COULTON
2	Hailey LAU
2	Noah EDWY-SMITH
2	Joseph HADCHITI
2	Rishi RENJU

## Gold Awards

1	Cindy GUO
1	Nabhya SINGH
1	Madison HERRERO
1	Ava BILBOW
1	Uzziah SCRIMMAGER
1	Scarlett PARKES
1	Sophia YANG
1	Eliza KASSOUF
2	Stephanie OCONNOR
2	Hailey LAU
2	Joseph HADCHITI
4	Lachlan MUELLER
4	Jeremy KENNEDY
4	Phoenix BRIGGS
5B	Nash NEILL
5G	Raymin LESLIE

## Silver Awards

4	Benjamin DELA PAZ
4	Lachlan MUELLER
4	Isabel MRSIC
4	Skyla HILL
4	Emara AURISCH
4	Jeremy KENNEDY
4	Domenic CONDE
4	Lolah LESTAL-BRAID
4	Georgia TAYLOR
4	Phoenix BRIGGS
4	Akshata KARTHIKEYAN
4	Kayla KARNCHANAKUL
5B	Joseph EZEKIEL
5B	Nash NEILL
5B	Joshua CHRISTIAN
5G	Raymin LESLIE
5G	Isabella SURENNE





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# Sporting News

## Zone Athletics Carnival

On Friday 9 August students from St Nicholas of Myra attended the Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sports Centre to compete against local schools. All students competed to the best of their abilities with many outstanding results on the day. A special mention to Joseph Ezekiel who was the 11 years boys champion on the day.

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Nepean at the Diocesan Carnival on Friday. Senior Boys Relay Team (Bay Hill, Ruari Brown, Joseph Ezekiel and Brown Mathew), Susie Vella (High Jump), Joseph Ezekiel (100m, 200M and Long Jump) and Brown Mathew (100m and Long Jump). We wish you all the best.

## 2019 Zone Team

Skyla Hill	Rachel Idris	Talya Arokinathan	Monique Knight	Kalai Beedle
Susan Vella	Skye Haladus	Oliver Simmons	Maree Dankha	Marina Broz
Nathan Howden	Joseph Ezekiel	Travis Howden	Charlene Abelgas	Brown Mathew
Tyce Scrimmager	Bay Hill	Dominic Kassouf	Nishelle Nagaretnam	Liam Wamsley
Ruari Brown	Sofia Campora-Kaal	Zachary Herrero	Maddison Reynolds	





# Student Reviews - The Lion King

## Kindergarten

### Mini Book Review

Title The Lion King  
Author teachers

Rate the book by stars (the more you fill in, the better the book).



Circle words that describe this book:

Exciting

Surprising

Scary

Boring

Inspiring

Confusing

Funny

Interesting

Entertaining

Sad

Heartwarming

Educational

One sentence summary:

The story is about  
when Simba became King

What was your favorite part of this book?

my favourite part was  
when Simba had a baby.

Reviewer's Name Levi Date 21.8.19



## Year 1

My favourite part was when Pumba and Timon were running around because they were scared of big Narla. I rate the performance 5 out of 5 because it was very funny. **Alyssa Mirukaj**

## Year 2

My favourite part of the Lion King performance was when Scar was talking to Simba because it was funny. I rate the performance 5 stars because it was the BEST SHOW EVER! **Nathalie Askander**

## Year 3

Simba gets lost and Nala comes to bring him back home. I would recommend this to a friend because it was really funny and a nice story. My favourite character was Pumba because he was funny. **Amisha Nagaretnam**

## Year 4

I liked the production, it was very entertaining. I could tell who was who because the acting was very good. I would recommend this to people that haven't seen The Lion King because it summarises it for you. I would give this 4 stars because it was pretty realistic, except it was missing a few important scenes. **Isabel Mrcic**

## Year 5 Blue

Wow! On Wednesday our fabulous teachers put on a production (reader's theatre) of The Lion King. We were taken to the hall and had to wait wondering what would happen as it was a surprise. Ms Knezevic entered the hall as Rafiki and it was hilarious as all the teachers became animals. I particularly liked when Mrs Khoury who was Zazu and Miss Conolly who was young Simba were arguing and then Miss Conolly poked Mrs Khoury. They were so funny changing their voices and showing expression on their faces. It was also very funny when Miss Conolly was trying to ditch Mrs Khoury and whispering. I do feel that Mr Simpson could have had a bigger role as Scar as I would have liked to have seen more scenes. **Lilah Lestal-Braid**

## Year 5 Gold

What a wonderful play of the Lion King. I really enjoyed it! First of all, I really liked the introduction, it is a huge thumbs up for all the teachers and especially Ms Knezevic as she played Rafiki and set the tone for the whole play. Mrs Masters did a perfect job acting out Timon she really put comedy into the play. Everyone was laughing and having such a great time when she was acting. Mrs Khoury acted really good as Zazu because she changed her voice especially when she was getting annoyed with Miss Conolly as Simba. Mrs Khoury changed her voice to show how she was feeling as the character. I really enjoyed listening to all the music as well and singing along. I understand why the teachers did not do the whole play but it would have been awesome if they did. I had a great morning and will never forget this play. I would like to thank all the teachers for the time and dedication they put into the play for us. **Verity Rodrigues**

## Year 6

I liked when Ms Knezevic sang AHHH SABINAA at the start. The funniest part was when Timone, Nala and Pumba were talking. My favourite character was Rafiki because Ms Knezevic had so much expression. I rated it 4.5 out of 5 stars because it was very interesting and all the teachers had amazing expressions. **Maree Dankha**





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## Correspondence

- ☺ Reminders—Assembly 16/8/19  
via email
- ☺ Hot Dog Day
- ☺ Netball Gala Day—selected  
students
- ☺ Father's Day Gathering—  
update via email

## 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

## Sibling Discounts

Reconciliations to external sibling discounts are conducted by CEDP. If your circumstances change in regards to sibling discounts please notify us immediately. Failure to do so could result in a increase in fees throughout the year and your current payment arrangement may not cover the balance of your account.

# School

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## Did you know

Your child's best learning time is the start of the school day  
just a little bit late doesn't seem much but

He/she just missing,	That equals ..	Which is ...	and over 13 years of schooling that's ...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40mins per week	Over 2.5 weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 and a half years

every learner  
every day

