

St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 4 Week 5 2019



Thurs 14 Nov

Gymnastics Gala Day

Fri 15 Nov

2020 Parent Group
Nominations Due

Parent Helper
Breakfast RSVP Due

Swim School
Permission Note and
Assessment Form
Due

Year 6 Graduation
Dinner Final Payment
Due

Mon 18 Nov

9:10am - Parent
Group Meeting and
Formation of 2020
Parent Group

Wed 20 Nov

7:30 - 8:30am
Parent Helper Thank
You Breakfast

Stage 3 Taronga Zoo
Excursion Notes Due

Fri 22 Nov

Year 6 Fundraiser
Sausage Sandwich
and Juice

12pm Parish Mass
Stage 2

Tues 26 Nov

Yrs 4&5 Leadership
Day at School

Thurs 28 Nov

Stage 3 Excursion to
Taronga Zoo

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

This week we remember those who have served with Australia's Armed Forces. We remember their sacrifices for the sake of peace and pause to honour them in reflection and prayer. Below is a prayer and a Litany for Remembrance Day. You may wish you one part each day or pray this as a family.

Let us pray... Lord, many persons we know and love have served in our Armed Forces to help make the world a more peaceful place. We lift them up to you – those who have died and those still with us. May our prayer today help bring them and their loved ones comfort, peace and hope. We make this prayer to You in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

A LITANY FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

The response to our petitions is: **Jesus, Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.**

For all who have served the cause of peace in our armed forces, we pray...

For all who have lost loved ones due to war, we pray...

For all who continue to suffer due to war, we pray...

For all who long for Your peace, we pray...

For all who dedicate their lives to Your peace, we pray...

For all who bring Your comfort to veterans and their families, we pray...

For all of us – called to be messengers of Your peace, we pray...

The response to our petitions is: **Jesus, Hope of Humanity, hear our prayer.**

For all who live in despair, we pray...

For all who seek healing of body, spirit and soul, we pray...

For all who live with great losses due to war, we pray...

For all who trust in Your promises, we pray...

For all who cling to Your words, we pray...

For all who minister to veterans and survivors with Your Gospel, we pray...

For all of us – called to be messengers of Your hope, we pray...

The response to our petitions is: **Jesus, Restorer of Life, hear our prayer.**

For all whose faith has been wounded by war and violence, we pray...

For all whose sense of purpose has suffered due to war and violence, we pray...

For all whose sense of self has been broken by war and violence, we pray...

For all whose journey remains incomplete without You, we pray...

For all who seek completeness in You, we pray...

For all who lead veterans and their communities to fullness of life in You, we pray...

For all of us – called to be messengers of Your Gospel of Life, we pray...

The response to our petitions is: **Jesus, Healer of All, hear our prayer.**

For all whose bodies bear the marks of war, we pray...

For all whose spirits bear the scars of war, we pray...

For all whose wounds are bound up in the prison of addictions, we pray...

For all who have not yet experienced Your healing love, we pray...

For all who rely on Your healing presence in their lives, we pray...

For all who bring Your healing to veterans and their families, we pray...

For all of us – called to be messengers of Your healing love, we pray...

The response to our petitions is: **All praise to You, Jesus, Lord and Redeemer.**
For Your Gospel of comfort and peace...
For Your victory over death and the promise of everlasting life...
For Your presence with us always, to the end of the age...
For Your gift of the Spirit, Who makes us whole...
For Your gift of peace, poured into our hearts at Baptism...
For Your messengers who bring us Your Good News of love and peace...
For Your call to help spread the Good News with our lives...
Let us take a moment to remember all whose needs remain in our hearts this week.

Peace and Joy
Rebecca Teulan
Assistant Principal

Delegate for Friday 15 November 2019

This Friday 15 November, the Leadership Team and some of the teachers will be attending the funeral of Ms Knezevic's Father. The Assistant Principal from St Joseph's Kingswood, Mrs Lisa Howell will be at St Nicholas as the delegate for the day.

Catholic Culture

2019 World Teacher's Day

A huge thank you to the following parents; Clare Fidler, Helena Steed, Nicole Rebernik, Sarah Lestal, Nicole Hadchiti, Hamssa Danil for their delicious luncheon to celebrate all of the hard work and time the teachers give to our students. It was very much appreciated by all of the staff.



Parent Group

Week 6: Monday 18 November 2019 - This is where we accept and self nominate 2019 Parent Group Roles and Stage Representatives. We also set The Fun Food Days for Term 1 as well as organise who will assist the major fundraisers each term. By the Parent Group Roles (Chairperson and Canteen Coordinator) being a one year commitment it allows others to step in and also ensures many people are represented across our school community.

2019 Parent/ Helper Thank You Breakfast - Wednesday 20 November 7:30am - 8:30am

A huge thank you to all who have helped throughout the year with book covering, Bunnings BBQ, Raffle Ticket stapling, fun food days, fundraising, canteen, morning teas etc In order for us to show our appreciation of your many helping hands, time and effort we would love to invite you to a scrumptious breakfast. Invitations were sent out last Friday. Please RSVP by Friday 15 November.

Year 6 Fundraiser - Ice Cream Day - Friday 8 November

Thank you to all our families who supported our Year 6 Fundraiser - Ice cream Day last Friday 8 November. A special thanks to our coordinator Mrs Helena Steed and Year 6 Parent Helpers - Mrs Rosie Brown, Mrs Joanne Culley and Ms Cath Strong who served out over 150 ice-creams to our students on a particularly hot day. \$283.75 was raised for Year 6 graduation.

2020 Kindergarten Transition

What a wonderful Transition program we have had this year. I would like to thank the parents and their children for the time to come and participate. It takes a village to organise the experiences, communication and administrative tasks - so thank you to all of the staff for their many hands and generous hearts.

Extra Curricular

Basketball Gala Day

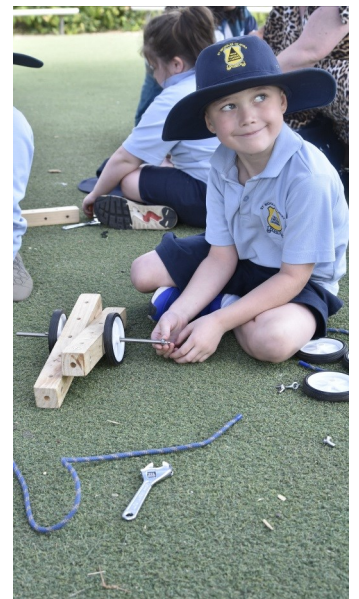
On Wednesday 30 October, our Stage 2 and 3 students attended the Basketball Gala Day representing St Nicholas. The students played a number of games throughout the day. All students represented their school with pride and improved their skills and teamwork throughout the day.



Learning

On Monday 28 October Kindergarten had an incursion for their Science and Technology Unit. We have been learning about how things move using push and pull forces. We were able to have fun learning about this by building and driving Billycars. We had lots of fun and the parents enjoyed helping and watching too!

Kindergarten 2019



Truth Through Learning

Learning

Year 5 Leadership Day

L.E.A.D. with Courage™: Stage 3 Leader's Program

In preparation for Stage 3 next year and the leadership responsibilities required, the current Year 4 and Year 5 students will be participating in a leadership day. The program will occur in the school hall on Tuesday 26 November 2019. This day is facilitated by an outside company who organises and guides the students through various leadership activities.

Xavier Day

On Friday the 1st of November Year 5 travelled to Xavier College to experience being a high school student for the day. We got to participate in three lessons. The first lesson was art where we had to use charcoal to sketch a hat and then use the shading pencil to make shadows. We then moved into the Design and Technology rooms where we raced F1 cars made by previous students. Lastly we did a tour of the gym and played a game of oz tag. My favourite activity was oz tag because it was great to work as team to win the only red tag game of the day. I can't wait to go to high school.- **Rachel Idris 5 Blue**

When we went to Xavier I was amazed at how huge the school grounds were. I enjoyed participating in the design and technology lesson racing Formula 1 cars because they flew across the room and it was great to watch. My favourite part of the day was doing sport with the PE teacher because it was a new game and my team finally won a game. I can't wait to go to high school because I want to explore more of the learning areas.- **Joshua Christian 5 Blue**

Last week Year 5 got to go to Xavier, we met the principal, assistant principal and some of the leaders of the school. We got a chance to explore the areas such as the gym where we saw Mr. McMahon do a chin-up, the art room where we got to observe and draw a hat and also one of my favourites which was the woodwork part of the school because we got to race wooden cars made by other students to see which was the fastest - **Monette Banda 5 Gold**

St Nicholas of Myra Mission Day

On Thursday 31 October the students of St Nicholas were involved in Mission activities including crazy sock day, a prayer liturgy and soccer ball kicking competition. All students also created a piece of work based on their Mission unit of work in RE which was displayed in the hall for all Stages to visit. Thank you for all the generous donations to Catholic Mission.



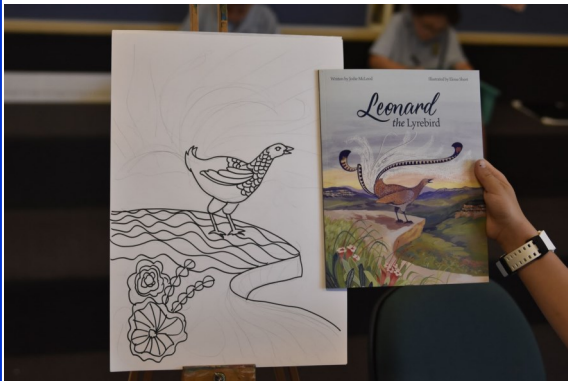
Learning

Westwords Update

Stage 2 have just completed their last week with author Jodie McLeod and Illustrator Eloise Short. Jodie led the students through recrafting their writing with a focus on changing 'tell' sentences to 'show' sentences and focusing on the emotional journey of the character throughout the story.

Eloise led the students through the artistic progress of sketching, erasing and sketching until you are happy with the work. We then used black outline with bright, contrasting colours to add a surreal effect to the artworks.

All students are working especially hard on completing their published writing and they left us with this quote to ensure we are always creative and always writers!



"The best part was when Elloise came and she showed us the techniques of how to draw and she made it really easy".
Kalai Year 4

creativity is
**EXPERIMENTING,
GROWING, TAKING
RISKS, BREAKING
RULES, MAKING
MISTAKES, &
HAVING FUN.**
-Mary Lou Cook

"My favourite part was when I got to draw my artwork and got to colour it".
Mark Year 4

"I like that we got to work with a real author and illustrator, and they showed us techniques of how to improve our writing and illustrations".
Emara Year 4

"The WestWords team were able to help us recraft our story and prepare our stories to be published in a book"
Leo and Billy Year 3



Awards—Week 4

1	Brayden WATTS
1	Gagana PIDIKITI
1	Jadey LAU
1	Max HANLEY
2	Amelia FIDLER
2	Isaac JOINES
2	Nevaeh COULTON
2	Nevaeh-Rae SULUAPE
2	Rishi RENJU
3	Jacob WHITE
4	Brendan LESLIE
5B	Lilah LESTAL-BRAID
6	Shelby BAC

Gold Awards



Merit Awards

K	Isabella RAMIREZ-SAW
K	Olivia ARMITSTEAD
K	Thomas FALZON
K	Tvaritha VINOTHKUMAR
1	Eliza KASSOUF
1	Michelina HEAD
1	Simone HARVEY
1	Sophia YANG
2	Grace MEYER
2	Hailey LAU
2	Joseph HADCHITI
2	Noah EDWY-SMITH
3	Liana TAMER
3	Maryam YAMAYAN
3	Nox HILL
3	Sofia CAMPORA-KAAL
4	Emara AURISCH
4	Gabriel SULUAPE
4	Phoenix BRIGGS
4	Willow ALEXANDER
5B	Benjamin WALKER
5B	Lara WHITE
5B	Nash NEILL
5B	Rhiarna MIRUKAJ
5G	Chelsea SHARPE
5G	Harmony CULLEY
5G	Ian GERALDEZ
5G	Te Aroha WHARERAU-DANIELS
6	Elle RIETKERK
6	Elyssa GREENTREE
6	Hayden KENNEDY
6	Skye HALADUS



Awards—Week 4

Silver Awards	
K	Amos INGEGNERI
K	Esha NATH
K	Ethan TEUMA
K	Harrison DONALDSON
K	Isabella RAMIREZ-SAW
K	Janelle ROSARIO
K	Josiah COLLENTINE
K	Levi FENECH
K	Loreley LESTAL-BRAID
K	Olivia ANDERSON
K	Sophie EDWY-SMITH
1	Angelica DAVID
1	Ava BILBOW
1	Brayden WATTS
1	Cindy GUO
1	Eden BLASZCZYK
1	Eliza KASSOUF
1	Gagana PIDIKITI
1	Harmoni HILL
1	Jadey LAU
1	Lachlan MCINTOSH
1	Madison HERRERO
1	Marcus RICHARDSON
1	Max HANLEY
1	Nicholas FALZON
1	Samara COULTON
1	Scarlett PARKES
1	Sophia YANG
2	Adrian BURDANOWSKI
2	Amelia FIDLER
2	Angelo ISAAC
2	Deng GARANG

2	Ella HERBERT
2	Hailey LAU
2	Hailey LAU
2	Holly RIGO
2	Isaac JOINES
2	Nevaeh COULTON
2	Nevaeh COULTON
2	Nevaeh-Rae SULUAPE
2	Noah EDWY-SMITH
2	Rishi RENJU
2	Stephanie OCONNOR
2	Travis HOWDEN
2	Zain DANIL
3	Abby MCINTOSH
3	Jacob WHITE
3	Jayden TEUMA
3	Liana TAMER
3	Sofia CAMPORA-KAAL
4	Aubrey PARKER
4	Brendan LESLIE
4	Isabel MRSIC
4	Kalai BEEDLE
4	Mark DANIL
5B	Jayden HARVEY
5B	Lilah LESTAL-BRAID
5G	Carlo REGINA
5G	Harmony CULLEY
5G	Ian GERALDEZ
5G	Lylah CLARKE
5G	Nishelle NAGARETNAM
5G	Richard REALES
5G	Savannah ATTARD
5G	Verity RODRIGUES
6	Evie GIBBS
6	Shelby BAC



General News

Enrolments for 2020

We understand that family circumstances alter and that children sometimes need to change schools. If you know that you will not be attending St Nicholas of Myra in 2020 please advise the school and complete a **Notification of Leaving** form that is available from the school office. If you are seeking another school due to financial difficulties, please contact Mrs Shirvington to discuss this further. Parramatta Education Office and St Nicholas of Myra can and will assist families with meeting these costs when genuine financial difficulties arise.

We have healthy enrolments for most classes in 2020, with some children on waiting lists, so in fairness to these families we ask you to let us know if you are changing schools. If you know of anyone considering a Catholic school education for their child at St Nicholas of Myra from 2020, in any grade, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible to assist us with our planning.

Christmas Celebration Concert Raffle

Our Christmas Celebration Concert is fast approaching, being on Friday 6 December which we end the night with the Christmas Raffle draw.

We are looking for donations towards our Christmas Raffle—such as restaurant vouchers, gift cards, small electrical items, toys, gift baskets, home wares or anything suitable for a family raffle. All items must be new.

If you own a business, or know someone who does, who may be able to assist, please contact the school office.

Lunch in the Library

Our Library is now opened at lunchtime on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This is a time for our students to enjoy some passive play. Lego has been a huge hit with some amazing creations being assembled. It also provides an opportunity for some students to develop friendships outside their usual circle! Sharing, problem solving, creating are just some of the skills children get to experience during lunch times. Mrs Masters—Library Assistant



Correspondence

- ☺ Parent Group Role Nominations
- ☺ Parent Helper Thank You Breakfast
- ☺ Christmas Celebration BBQ
- ☺ Christmas Celebration BBQ Help Request
- ☺ Year 6 Fundraiser—Sausage Sizzle & Juice Combo

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

CYBER SAFETY CHALLENGING YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY

Join the PRC and our guest speaker,
the School Liaison Officer for NSW Police

REGISTER FOR FREE TODAY

When: Monday 18 November
Where: Institute of Mission- Flushcombe Rd & Marion St Blacktown
Time: 7pm- 9pm

Join the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta's Parent Representative Council for an informative session delivered by the NSW Police School Liaison Unit with a focus on cyber safety in today's world.

Our speaker will help parents understand the modern day challenges facing our young people within the online world.

Learn how you can protect your children from online risks - including texting or inappropriate behaviour, this session will cover the skills, knowledge and strategies that you need to empower your child online.

Registration is free but required.

Visit <http://bit.ly/33dKTIL> to register.

Cinema IN THE Park

SATURDAY 30
NOVEMBER



PENRITH
CITY COUNCIL



TIME: 6pm until late,
movie commences at dusk.
WHERE: Regatta Park,
River Road, Emu Plains
FEATURE FILM: 'Dumbo'
Kids activities & food for sale.
For more information phone 1300 736 836.

penrith.city/events