

St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 1 Week 7 2020



Friday 13 March
Year 6 Shirt Orders
and Money Due

Mother's Day Orders
and Money Due

Mufti Day for
Mother's Day
Gold Coin and
Donation of Gift

12:10pm—Parish
Mass for Stage 3 and
Early Stage 1 (Kinder)

Tuesday 17 March
St Patrick's Day



Year 6 Fundraiser
Cupcake, Biscuit and
Slice Day at Fruitbreak

Thursday 19 March
Hockey Clinic K-2
Captivate Drumming

Friday 20 March
12:10pm—Parish
Mass for Stage 2

2:30pm - Whole
School Assembly led
by Stage 1

Saturday 21 March
Harmony Day

Wednesday 25 March
Feast of the
Annunciation of the Lord
Hockey Clinics Yr 3-6

Thursday 26 March
Newsletter Day
Hockey Clinics K-2
Captivate Drumming

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

We are so blessed to be able to freely choose a faith school we wish to send our children to and for me; to be able to live my vocation. Our Catholic School is fuelled by the Holy Spirit as witnessed by our celebrations marking Catholic Schools Week. This is also generational where we are celebrating 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia!

Opening Prayer: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against such things. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit." Gal. 5: 22, 23, 25, 26. Holy Spirit we ask you to be with us as we look to deepen our commitment to teaching in light of the Catholic faith. May your fruits be ever-present as we learn, grow and teach for the sake of Christ's Gospel. We make this prayer to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Scripture Reading: "Jesus said to His disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, because He abides with you, and He will be in you. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'" John 14:15-17, 25-27.

Response: *We pray for our Catholic school that it be a place where the fruits of the Spirit are evident in all facets of school life.*

Prayer: We pray for members of our school community who might be suffering in hidden ways, that our prayers and witness to God's compassion might support them in their struggles. **Response.**

Prayer: We pray for consistency and perseverance in helping our students see the relevance of a Christian value system in their daily lives. **Response.**

Prayer: We pray that the Spirit, through us, guides our students to look beyond consumerism and see the needs of the poor, to be as important as their own. **Response.**

Pause for Personal Reflection

If Catholic schools are to attain the aims and objectives of Catholic education, it is not enough that teachers/parents be academically well qualified, nor is it enough that they know the right things to say about the Catholic faith to the students. First and foremost, parents/teachers must be and must live what they teach. Catholic Ed. British Columbia.

Concluding Prayer: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you and you will be my witnesses.... to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8. Holy Spirit, your gifts came to us at Baptism and Confirmation and have led us to share the privilege of teaching in the faith community. We ask that your indwelling will strengthen us to be true to Christ’s Gospel teachings, as we engage with the students and other members of this Catholic School Community. Amen.

Peace and Joy
Anita Knezevic
Principal

Advance Notice around End of Year Dates

The only time some of these events may be subject to change are in relation to the Parish needs and the Parish Priest.



Term 2

Week 7:

- Staff Development Day: Friday 12 June 2020
- ALL K- 6 students return Monday 15 June 2020

Term 3

- Talent Quest - Date to be advised

Term 4

Week 8:

- Swim School - Monday 30 November to Friday 4 December 2020
- Christmas Concert - Thursday 3 December 2020

Week 9:

- Friday 11 December 2020 - End of Year Mass, End of Year Awards and Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Week 10:

- Monday 14 December 2020 - Year 6 Farewell Arch
- Tuesday 15 December - Swimming Carnival with Ribbons being awarded at the end of each race.
- LAST DAY for STUDENTS!

Staff Development Days: *Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December 2020*
(no students on site)

If any changes to these dates are required, you will be notified as soon as possible.

Learning

Personalised Plans (PPs)

Thank you to the parents for making the time to work in partnership with the school and teachers for our children. This is an important time each year to have the conversation about specific goals. I would like to thank Miss Dobrucki for facilitating this time together.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

This year we will be participating in NAPLAN Online tests. The testing period is from Tuesday 12 May until Friday 22 May. Please see the table below which explains when these tests will occur. NAPLAN Online tests will need to be taken in a specific order. Individual students are not permitted to sit the online tests after Friday 22 May 2020.

Test	Duration	Order	Details
Writing	Year 3: 40 minutes Year 5: 42 minutes	To be completed in the first two days	Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test on day one only. Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing).
Reading	Year 3: 45 minutes Year 5: 50 minutes	To be completed after the Writing test	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions.
Language conventions	Year 3: 45 minutes. Year 5: 45 minutes	To be completed after the Reading test	This test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Numeracy	Year 3: 45 minutes. Year 5: 50 minutes	To be completed after the Language Conventions test	This test includes number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability.



H.E.R.O Awards

Lincoln STEEN	K
Dominic GOUSKOS	K
Chris YANG	K
Kristina ROSARIO	K
Bridget Cara DELAPAZ	K
Irene HARRIS	K
Vivien CHANPOWSEE	K
Cassandra RIBEIRO	K
Natasha HOWDEN	K
Ella HANNAFORD	K
Olivia NKEMKA	K
Natalie ROZARIO	K
Anna DISSANAYAKE	1
Max DYKE	1
Tvaritha VINOTHKUMAR	1
Annabella CHRISTIE	1
Olivia ARMITSTEAD	1
Jake HANNAFORD	1
Henith BELLAMPALLI	1
Michael REALES	1
Amos INEGNERI	1
Janelle ROSARIO	1
Harrison DONALDSON	1
Olivia ANDERSON	1
Sophia ZHAO	1
Nael SHAH	1
Avaleigh FAUCETT	2
Sophia YANG	2



Congratulations to all students who received an Attendance H.E.R.O Award for being at school all day, everyday between Weeks 1 to 5 of Term 1.

Holly RIGO	3
Hannah REBERNIK	3
Ella HERBERT	3
Rishi RENJU	3
Zayd SHAH	3
Travis HOWDEN	3
Jacob WHITE	4
Allanah WALKER	4
Angela DANIEL	4
Leo ALEXANDER	4
Benjamin DELA PAZ	5
Jeremy KENNEDY	5
Odessa GIBBS	5
Willow ALEXANDER	5
Saif SHAH	5
Nathan HOWDEN	6B
Joseph EZEKIEL	6B
Maddison REYNOLDS	6B
Audrey SULLIVAN	6B
Sakethram HARIPRASAAD	6B
Marina BROZ	6B
Benjamin WALKER	6G

Sporting News

Cross Country

On Wednesday 11 March students participated in the school cross country. Students had to run 2km and 3km around the school for fun, fitness and the chance to represent St Nicholas at the 2020 Diocesan Cross Country. Congratulations to all students who gave their best effort on the day.

Thank you to the following parents for assisting with this exciting event on the day, Angela Gibbs, Melissa Howden, Nicole Rebernik, Helena Steed, Joanne Currey, Cristina Porral and Anissa Richardson.



General News

School Fees

Leaving Students

A term's notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the principal before the removal of a student or a full term's fees will be payable. The notice can be given any time during term for the next term. One exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment, that is, the notice period of 10 school weeks will be waived in this circumstance.

The requirement for a term notice (10 school weeks) is recognition by the family of the commitment to assist with funding of the school by having their child take a place that could have been offered to another family. Unless the student is present for the August census or the student is able to be replaced mid-year, which is unlikely, the loss of the student will most certainly result in the loss of significant government funding. Thus a term notice provides the school with an opportunity to replace the student within the next term. Special circumstances that would warrant a waiving of this notice, include;

- moving due to employment transfer
- sale of house
- the student has been offered full time employment (High School)
- the student has been offered an apprenticeship (High School)

Due Dates

School fees have been issued and Term 1 fees are due by 18 March 2020. If you have paid or set up an arrangement, thank you. If you wish to discuss setting up an arrangement or if you require assistance please do not hesitate to contact Rhonda Shirvington in the school office. All matters are treated with strict confidence.

- Term 1 due date is 18 March 2020
- Term 2 due date is 3 June 2020
- Term 3 due date is 26 August 2020

2021 Kindergarten Enrolments

Thank you to all of the existing and new families for attending last Monday's twilight tours. These were a huge success and had a great number of parents and carers attend. Please ensure you complete your 2021 Kindergarten enrolment forms sooner than later. Particularly if you have a sibling as we don't have any list or knowledge of this on our files, therefore we need you to send in your forms as soon as possible, as positions are accepted from the enrolment interview.

Thank you to our wonderful families for speaking so kindly about our school. Our reputation in the community is a reflection of all of us, by the way in which we speak and treat one another, wear our uniform, participate in the parish, community and school events. Thank you for your constant positive support and partnership.

Raffle Ticket Consent Form - Correction

Thank you to those families who have already returned their Raffle Ticket Consent form sent home earlier this week.

Please note correction to the year referenced - it should have stated 'This note is giving permission for any raffle until the end of 2020 etc' not 2019 as stated.

Thanking you for your constant support of our fundraising efforts for St Nicholas of Myra School.

Cyber safety

Your child may not tell you if they are experiencing bullying behaviour online because of a fear it might make things worse for them or they may lose access to their devices and the internet.

Signs to watch for;

- being upset after using the internet or their mobile phone
- changes in personality, becoming more withdrawn, anxious, sad or angry
- lack of sleep
- appearing more lonely or distressed
- unexpected changes in friendship groups
- a decline in their school work
- changes in their sleep patterns
- avoidance of school or clubs
- a decline in their physical health
- becoming secretive about their online activities and mobile phone use

Some tips to ensure children's safety when using technology could include;

- turning off chat and messenger functions on ipads, phones, gaming systems and smart televisions
- having technology designated to certain areas of the house. e.g. lounge room
- no devices in the bedroom for younger children
- all screens off in bedrooms after a certain time for older children
- having set times for technology use e.g all family members switch off at dinner time
- discussing the apps and websites children are using
- all screens off at least one hour before planned bedtime
- devices charged overnight in a place your child cannot access

Please visit the Office of the Esafety commissioner for more detailed resources and assistance.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>



Correspondence

- ☺ Mother's Day Order Form
- ☺ Cross Country Permission
- ☺ Raffle Ticket Consent Form
- ☺ Chocolate Awareness (email)
- ☺ Easter - 2020 including Easter Donations Request, Easter Hat Parade and Easter Holy Week Reflection (email)

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



Canteen Price List

Canteen Open—Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Lunchtime (11:10am)

Item	Sell Price
Moosies Blue 85ml	\$ 1.00
Moosies Chocolate 85ml	\$ 1.00
Zooper Dooper 70ml	\$ 0.50
Fruit Drink Poppers 250ml	\$ 1.00
M2GO Chocolate Milk 250ml	\$ 2.00
M2Go Strawberry Milk 250ml	\$ 2.00
Grainwaves Sour Cream 28 g pack	\$ 1.00
Chips Red Rock Sea Salt 28g pack	\$ 1.00
Mini Pretzels 30g	\$ 1.00