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Term 1 Week 9 2020



Friday 10 April
Good Friday

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

Yesterday we celebrated **The Annunciation: Mary shows us how to commit to Christ.** Here is a prayer you could use at home or for personal prayer time.

PRAYER: Mary, you received Jesus with ready obedience and undivided heart. Help us with our everyday problems, our weaknesses and deficiencies, our uncertainties, to receive Jesus as you did.

SCRIPTURE READING PART 1: "God sent the Angel Gabriel to a girl whose name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, 'Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you.' Mary was troubled by the angel's message and wondered what it meant. The angel said to her, 'Don't be afraid, Mary, you will become pregnant and give birth to a Son and you will name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High'."

COMMENT 1: "In Mary we have a powerful reminder that God's power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we could ask or imagine. 'Blessed is she who believed that the promise made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' Blessed are we, when we believe in the promise of salvation given to the world by the Word Made Flesh. May our faith be as fruitful as Mary's, giving birth to God's life within us." Sr. Gemma Simmonds.

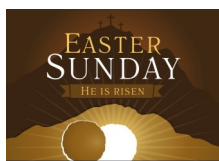
SCRIPTURE READING PART 2: "Mary said to the angel, 'How then, can this be?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come on you and God's power will rest upon you. For this reason the holy child will be called the Son of God.' 'I am the Lord's servant,' said Mary, 'may it happen to me as you have said'." Adapted. Luke 1: 26-38.

COMMENT 2: "Gabriel's visit to Nazareth shatters the simplicity and ordinariness of Mary's existence. God's saving plan, God's 'yes' to humankind, is unveiled before her, and she is invited to play a major part in its fulfilment. Her response is a quiet 'Yes', uttered with the whole of her being, and resonating till the end of time. Each day, in so many ways, God approaches us through the demands of love, big and small, which punctuate our lives, and we are invited to say our 'Yes'." Sr. Gemma Simmonds.
Pause

PRAYER: Mary, full of courage, may your spiritual strength and trust in God inspire us, so that we might know how to overcome all the obstacles that we encounter, as we try to see more clearly the direction of our own lives. Teach us to trust the events of our life with a real sense of Christian responsibility. Enable us to be one with you in introducing Christ to our particular world. Amen.

TAKE AWAY THOUGHT: Mary, sustain us on our journey of faith, obtain for us the support of the Spirit.

Peace and Joy
Anita Knezevic
Principal



Sunday 12 April
EASTER
SUNDAY

COVID-19 Q & A below.....

Thank you for your support and patience during this time! I am so proud of everyone's care and safety concern for their child, each other and our staff as well.

Thank you to the parents and carers who already have followed the communication process outlined in the email sent on Monday afternoon.

Thank you to the parents who have acknowledged the hard work of our dedicated staff with emails of thanks, fun photos of 'schools' being set up at home and pictures of the students in their school uniforms. We are loving the learning that is being shared via Seesaw and Google Classrooms. It is bringing us great joy and connectedness! We are feeling valued by you as parents, as the work we have invested in creating for your child is being completed - keep it coming!



It is expected that all students at home are completing the Home Learning Tasks and are sharing this with the teachers as requested. As previously stated this work will go towards Semester 1 Reports so the teachers will be using the learning shared to add to their Term 1 assessments.

Please know we as a staff are missing your children and our faith community events. It is when we go without these community and faith gatherings that we realise how much we need a sense of connection and belonging we have to one another.

School Gatherings

Any school gatherings which we usually enjoy and celebrate we can no longer hold as per the NSW Department of Health. This includes:

- Holy Week and Easter Liturgy
- Easter Hat Parade
- Mother's Day Stall
- Mayoral Reception for Leaders and Certificate Presentation
- Excursions and Incursions
- ANZAC services / Liturgy
- Assemblies

If we are able to provide alternatives via Google Classroom/ Seesaw we will inform you as per our normal communication processes.

2021 Kindergarten Enrolments

During the midst of the current climate this can be something that easily slips our mind. Thank you to all of the new and existing families who have already completed their enrolment forms. I am disappointed to not be meeting you all face to face as this is a time I really enjoy!

In the interest of everyone's health and safety, the usual process of a welcome interview with the child, parent/s and the Principal is unable to take place at the moment.

- Please download the enrolment application from the schools website.
- Once completed email this into the school.
- The application will be reviewed.
- If questions arise from the application the Enrolment Officer or Leadership Delegate will make a phone call to clarify.
- A letter of acceptance or recommendation will be sent to you via the post .

2021 is an exciting year and we are beginning to fill up our numbers so please do not delay!

2020 Enrolments for this year, for children in other Stages (K - 6)

Thank you to the parents who have inquired into enrolling their child/children into our school. In the interest of everyone's health and safety, the usual process of a welcome interview with the child, parent/s and the Principal is unable to take place at the moment.

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Attendance

Unfortunately there is still no official agreement with government authorities about the coding of absences. We maintain that the attendance code "flexible" should be used to recognise that by learning from home, students are complying with Government directions and that this is a variation in attendance rather than an absence. We will continue to keep you updated on the progress of these discussions.

*A reminder that it remains important that schools are still informed when students are absent from their studies due to ill health or another reason. **If your child is not completing home learning due to illness please send an absent note via skoolbag as this will be recorded differently. If you know your child will not be completing the home learning due to a doctor's certificate please write the time period in the one message.***

Canteen and Fun Food Days

The school canteen and our planned Fun Food Days have been closed, given the current circumstances. Thank you for your understanding.

Easter Egg Raffle and Donations

Thank you for the received donations. Given the physical and financial constraints that are now required to follow. We will accept any further raffle tickets already sold until Friday 3 April (Week 10). These can be dropped off when picking up a resource pack or when convenient for you. The Raffle will still be drawn on Monday 6 April and the school will email the winners of which then you can reply a time to pick these up from the school before the Easter holiday period begins (Thursday 9 April).

Mother's Day Wrapping and Stall

This will be postponed until further notice.

Assemblies - including awards on Friday, Monday morning assembly and bronze awards, birthdays

When school resumes, so will these awards and birthday acknowledgements. In the meantime feel free to post a photo of the birthday girl/boy to Seesaw so we can still acknowledge your child.

COVID-19 CEDP and school support for School Fees

Fee Relief

No child who meets the enrolment criteria will be refused enrolment or disadvantaged because of a family's financial circumstances. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected the financial circumstances of many families in a sudden and unprecedented way. In response, CEDP is taking the following actions:

- the School Fee Liaison Unit has stopped all fee follow-up activity - schools must do so as well
- Term 2 fee statements will not be issued until there is a clearer understanding of the likely duration of the crisis
- we will ask parents to pay us "what they can afford when they can afford it" with an expectation that those not too severely financially impacted by this crisis will continue to make their contributions
- schools are to refund any payments made for any cancelled excursions
- if schools are unable to get a rebate from the operator of a cancelled excursion, CEDP will make good to the school
- there will be no refund on postponed excursions at this point as it remains possible that the excursion may still occur.

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 and the Government's advice.

Term 2 Week 7:

- Friday 12 June 2020 - Staff Development Day

Term 4 Week 8:

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

Term 4 Week 9:

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

Term 4 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
- Tuesday 15 December 2020 - LAST DAY for STUDENTS!

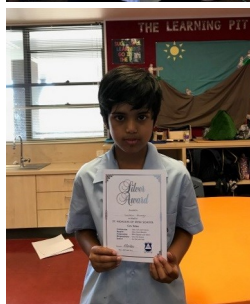
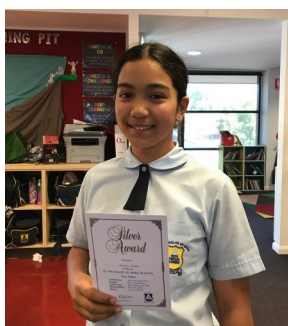
Staff Development Days: Wednesday 16, Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December 2020 (no students on site)

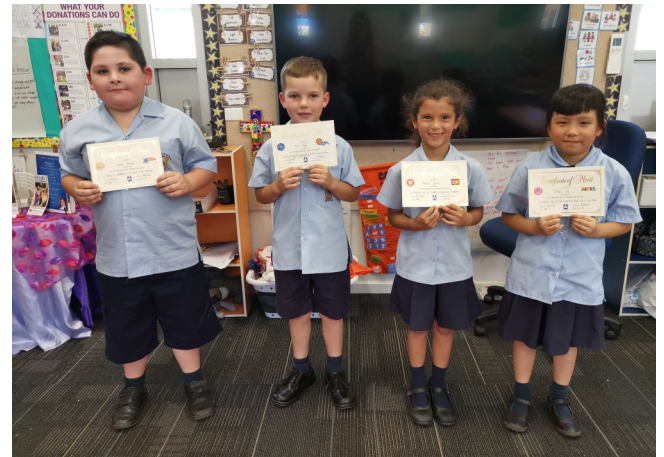
Gold Awards	
1	Ethan TEUMA
2	Madison HERRERO
2	Scarlett PARKES
2	Simone HARVEY
2	Sophia YANG
3	Nevaeh COULTON
3	Travis HOWDEN
5	Aubrey PARKER
5	Lolah LESTAL-BRAID
5	Weskerr ALAMGIR

Silver Awards	
K	Bridget Cara DELAPAZ
K	Jake MEYER
K	Natalie ROZARIO
K	Olivia NKEMKA
K	Ozias AROKIANATHAN
K	Rome HILL
K	Vivien CHANPOWSEE
1	Ethan TEUMA
1	Olivia ARMITSTEAD
1	Skye GALE-VERIKETIS
2	Harmoni HILL
2	Knox CURREY
2	Lachlan MCINTOSH
2	Madison HERRERO
2	Scarlett PARKES
2	Simone HARVEY
2	Sophia YANG
3	Isaac JOINES
3	Nevaeh COULTON
3	Travis HOWDEN
4	Allanah WALKER
4	Amisha NAGARETNAM
4	Angela DANIEL
4	Ashton GALEA
4	Maryam YAMAYAN
4	Thomas MUELLER
4	Xavier ISAAC
4	Zachary HERRERO
5	Aubrey PARKER
5	Lolah LESTAL-BRAID
5	Skyla HILL
5	Weskerr ALAMGIR
5	Willow ALEXANDER

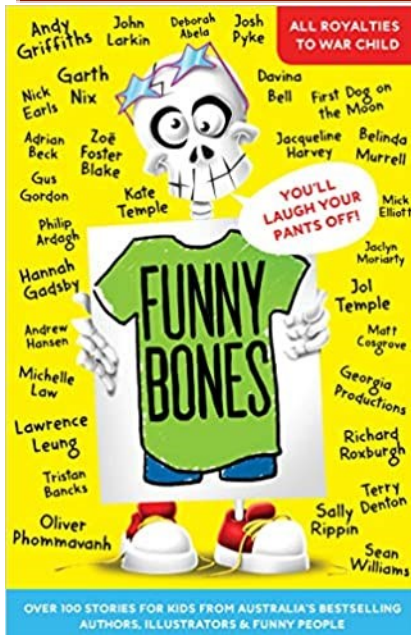
Merit	
K	Cherish COLLENTINE
K	Courtney HERBERT
K	Jae LIM
K	Kristina ROSARIO
1	Annabella CHRISTIE
1	Esha NATH
1	Nael SHAH
1	Tvaritha VINOTHKUMAR
2	Deante MERENDA
2	Jadey LAU
2	Madison HERRERO
2	Max FAAPOI
3	Hailey LAU
3	Joseph HADCHITI
3	Stephanie OCONNOR
3	Travis HOWDEN
4	Abby MCINTOSH
4	Allanah WALKER
4	Jayden TEUMA
4	Thomas MUELLER
5	Isabel MRSIC
5	Jeremy KENNEDY
5	Lachlan MUELLER
5	Odessa GIBBS
6B	Audrey SULLIVAN
6B	Lachlan PERRIN
6B	Lara WHITE
6B	Richard REALES
6G	Isabella KASSOUF
6G	Mark FAWZY
6G	Monette BANDA
6G	Ryan CAMPORA-KAAL

Awards 20 March



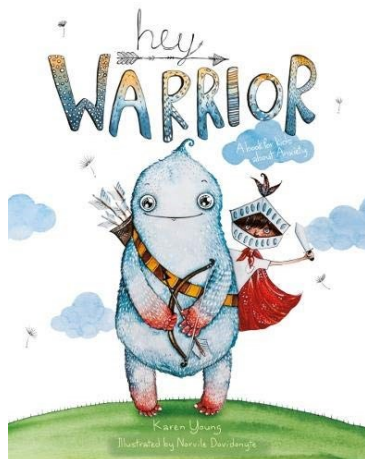


Recommended Reads



This book is filled with over 100 of short stories. We have shared a few during our library visits. The children loved them. Great for reluctant readers. I would encourage you to grab a copy from your favourite book supplier. Mrs Masters Library Assistant

'A bumper book to tickle your funny bone with over 100 hilarious one-liners, jokes, shaggy dog tales as well as silly stories and wise-cracking cartoons from Australia's favourite comedians, children's authors and illustrators, that raises money for War Child Australia. If you think you've heard every funny story there is then think again ... Funny Bones is a super-huge collection of rib-tickling stories, cartoons, comics, jokes and much, much more that's bound to get even the most serious kid laughing'



Kids can do amazing things with the right information. Understanding why anxiety feels the way it does and where the physical symptoms come from is a powerful step in turning anxiety around. This is a great picture book for parents to read and then share with their child.

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