

# St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 2 Week 3

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

We hope you were spoilt with hugs, sloppy kisses and cups of tea on your Mother's Day, last Sunday!

Mary the Mother of God: always a friendly ear and a source of inspiration and strength!

## CANTICLE

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
My spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour;  
For He has looked with favour on His lowly servant.  
From this day, all generations will call Me blessed:  
The Almighty has done great things for Me  
And holy is His name. Canticle of Mary. Luke 1: 46.



## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you. The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you." Luke 1: 28.

INTERCESSION: Through you, Mary, we express our thankfulness for all the gifts and attributes with which we have been blessed and which allow us to be different from all other people, to be uniquely ourselves.

SCRIPTURE: "I am the Lord's Servant," said Mary. "May it happen to me as you have said." Luke 1:38.

INTERCESSION: Through you, Mary, may we accept Jesus into our lives in the same generous manner as you did. Through your intercession, may we carry Him to others as you did.

SCRIPTURE: ".... And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been terribly worried trying to find you." Luke 2: 48.

INTERCESSION: Through you, Mary, we ask for wisdom to deal with the unexpected, when things don't go to plan.

## PAUSE FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE: Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. When the wine had given out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They are out of wine." John 2: 1, 3.

INTERCESSION: Through you, Mary, we express our wish to be perceptive of the needs of others and generously respond to those needs, as did you and Jesus.

SCRIPTURE: "Standing close to Jesus' cross were His mother, ..... ." John 19: 25.

INTERCESSION: Through you, Mary, we pray that we be true and loyal to the people close to us in life, even in times of stress or doubt. We pray for loyalty to Jesus, his teachings and our Christian practices.

SCRIPTURE: Then the Apostles went back to Jerusalem ..... and went up to the room where they were staying. .... They gathered frequently to pray as a group, together with the women and with Mary, the Mother of Jesus ... ." Acts 1: 12-14.

INTERCESSION: Through you, Mary, we ask for perseverance in our self-belief, when things don't seem to be going as well as expected. We ask for perseverance in friendships, when those we trusted and loved seem to have abandoned us.

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TAKE-AWAY THOUGHT: It's amazing how much you can hear,  
when no one is saying anything.  
Elaine St James.

Peace and Joy  
Anita Knezevic  
Principal



## Catholic Culture

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Thank you to the following parents for commencing this Mother's Day - Nicole Rebernik, Helena Steed and Sarah Lestall.

I would like to further thank Samantha Arnold, Sharon Cooling and Mary Vella for organising the gifts, wrapping and distributing these over this week to ensure that we continue to celebrate the love of our Mums!

Thanks to the joint parent and school partnership we were able to raise \$866.00



# Learning

## Transition back to School

What a great week we have had seeing the students smiley faces! Thank you for supporting the schools plan with this slow transition back to school.

## Semester One Reporting

As stated in the Term 2 Curriculum Overviews, there will be an adapted Student Report due to Covid-19. Depending on Covid-19, Student Led Conferences may occur onsite or via a Zoom meeting. Information about Student Reports and Student Led Conferences will be communicated soon.

## 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. Here is the current process for you to follow:

- 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 have currently received 20 applications which is fantastic and we usually only accept 31. So please act today, don't delay!

## Winter Uniform

As Term 2 has commenced, school uniform is to be worn daily for any students learning on site. Full winter uniform is to be worn by the start of Week 4 Monday 18 May 2020. Of course if the autumn weather is cooler, your child may like to wear this during Week 3 as well. Only students attending school on a Wednesday will need to wear sports uniform (as sport will be on the learning timetable on this day). All other days, students are expected to be wearing full school uniform.

## Attendance

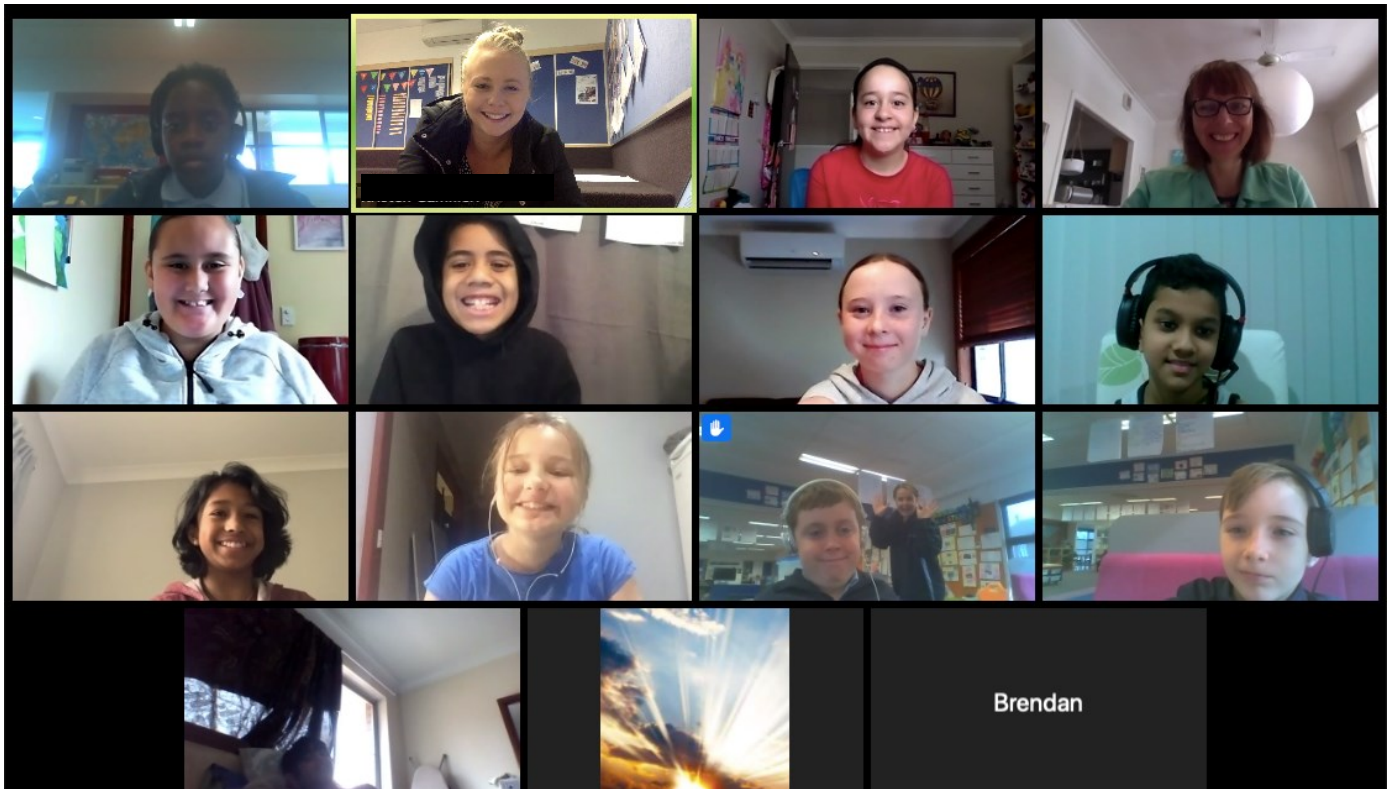
During the current Covid-19 situation, the following codes are being used:

- Students that have attended school are marked as '*present*'.
- Students that are learning from home are marked as '*flexible*'. *This approach will not negatively affect student attendance records and will continue until advised otherwise.*
- Students whose parents inform the school via email or skoolbag that their child is unable to complete learning/attend school due to illness are marked as '*sick*'.
- Students who are not doing any learning at home and where the teachers have followed up with every measure to support you and your child, e.g. loaning technology, technology support etc will be marked as '*absent*' for that day's learning.

If students are not attending their rostered days during Weeks 3 and 4, please email the school to let us know. In this case, the expectation is that students continue with their online home learning as they have in previous weeks. Opportunities to Zoom with their teachers will continue.







*I will teach you in a room.  
 I will teach you now on ZOOM.  
 I will teach you in your house.  
 I will teach you with a mouse.  
 I will teach you here and there.  
 I will teach you because I care.  
 So just do your very best.  
 And do not worry about the rest.*







## *Zoom Zoom Zoom Learning*



## School Fees

Many families are concerned about fees in the current environment. There are two links below which explains how fee relief support is available to those experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19.

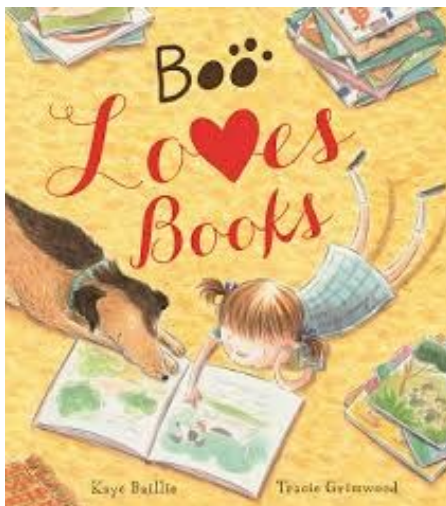
The letter sets out a clear process for parents and carers to receive the help they need. Please note:

- There are multiple ways that families can apply for fee relief, including via an electronic form (Qualtrics), a downloadable PDF and hard copy (available from the school)
- A Fee Relief 'Frequently Asked Questions', as well as a link to electronic form and the downloadable PDF will be placed on the CEDP and school websites
- There is no cut-off date for applications for fee relief at this time.

## [COVID - 19 Fee Relief Information](#)

## [Fee Relief Request](#)

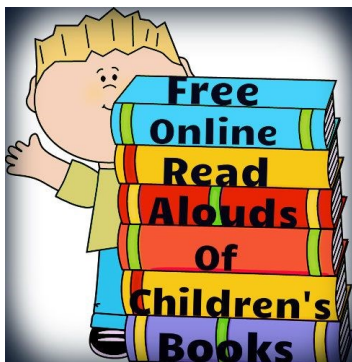
We are here to help. If you would like to have a confidential conversation about any of these matters, please contact Rhonda Shirvington at the school to discuss.



Picture book that celebrates the love of reading. It's a beauty, perfect for K-2 children



A beautiful new series. Great small chapter books for those children starting independent reading.



- ☺ Daniel Radcliffe and other stars are reading Harry Potter aloud
- ☺ Check out Penrith Library as staff are reading books online
- ☺ Storyline Online
- ☺ Mums and Dads have a go at recording yourselves reading a book. Your kids would love it! They can listen to it anytime.
- ☺ Video your child reading to their pets