

# St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 2 Week 5

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

Welcome back to all of the students this week!  
Please read further into the newsletter to celebrate our return to school - HOORAY!



The Ascension of the Lord  
Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Each person of the Blessed Trinity is fulfilled by fully giving self lovingly to the other two persons, and fully receiving the love of the other two persons. It is an everlasting circle of love between three divine persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are made in the image and likeness of God, and we are fulfilled only by giving ourselves to others out of love and fully receiving God's love for us.

I hear Jesus' commission to invite others to become disciples of love: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Where do I start? Instead of focusing on my reluctance, I think of God's eagerness to be in a fuller relationship with me. For only by fully giving and receiving do we become our true selves. God will always be with us in this work because it is God's work.

## Staffing Announcements

### Miss Hannah Khalifeh

While Mrs Khoury continues to recover from her injury, Miss Hannah Khalifeh is fulfilling the Acting Religious Education position. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Khalifeh on this acting role!

## Staffing Announcements

### Mrs Suzanne Bannister

It is with great trepidation that I announce to our school community that Mrs Suzanne Bannister who joined our school in 1991 is retiring. Her sunny disposition and positive 'we can do this' attitude has supported many students, families and staff throughout the years here at St Nicholas of Myra.

Her vast depth of experience and knowledge is awe inspiring and has benefitted many of the past and present students here as well as our staff. Mrs Bannister has always been an advocate for the learner and a strong foundational member of our school community.

We will dearly miss Mrs Bannister and wish to give her a farewell she truly deserves for the service, love and dedication to student learning of 29 years at St Nicholas of Myra and 41 years in education. As we are awaiting to see how the restrictions with COVID-19 lift, in order to celebrate this wonderful educator and all round great person! We will keep you all up to date as we are informed.

Peace and Joy  
Anita Knezevic  
Principal

### Staff Development Days (SDD) - Term 3 Week 1 Friday 24 July 2020

We previously advertised a SDD for this **Term Week 7 Friday 12 June, this is now POSTPONED.** Due to COVID-19 and in order to support families and students learning and return back to school we have postponed this until **Term 3 Week 1 Friday 24 July.** This SDD is about our new Religious Education Curriculum which is the foundation for students learning in Term 3.

## PMeCollection

Just a friendly reminder to support students with their reading, the school has subscribed to and will be using the PM eCollection. Students are assigned texts by their classroom teachers at their instructional level and over the weeks build a library of texts that they will be able to read independently. In Week 3 all students received their login to their individual SeeSaw account, as well as a couple of instructional videos showing how to access the features.



The program is available on laptops, iPads and android software:

- On desktop computers or laptops, or non-Apple devices such as Android tablet launch a web browser and go to <https://app.pmecollection.com.au/login>
- iPad users can download the "PMeCollection" app from the App store for free.

If you require any support or have any questions, just ask, Miss Maggie Dobrucki (Leader of Learning)

We would love to see more students accessing the site.  
Here's what a couple of our students had to say:

Ozias - Kindergarten

*"I like reading on the app because I like learning some words."*

Daniella - Stage 1

*"My favourite part about it is that I read all of the books and read flowers for Grandma and Jolly Rodger Pirate all by myself. I didn't know the word 'for' and then I pressed it and I could hear it. It helps me when I get stuck, after I tried sounding it out."*

Avaleigh - Stage 1

*"I like that I can read certain books that I don't have at home. I like that the words I don't know and I can press on it and it tells me and I like drawing on the text as well. My mum covered up a word and I had to try and think what would make sense in that space."*





Welcome back BBQ

Thank you to the Merenda family for donating the bread for our surprise sausage sizzle! The children loved it!





# General News

## Uniform

### Winter Uniform

All students should now be wearing full winter uniform.

### Sports Uniform

From Week 5 onwards, students are able to wear sports uniforms on the following days:

- **Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten)**- Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)**- Tuesdays and Thursdays
- **Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)**- Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- **Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6B & 6G)**- Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Please label your child's clothing



Girls Winter Uniform	
Tunic	Black/Blue/Maroon check
Slacks	Navy Blocker Style
Blouse	Long Sleeve, sky blue, Peter Pan collar with embroidery
Tie	Tab tie (available from school)
Sloppy Joe	Navy blue with school crest
Jacket	Navy blue with school crest
Socks	Navy knee high
Stockings	Navy
Shoes	Black Leather (not black joggers)
Hat	Navy slouch hat

Boys Winter Uniform	
Trousers	Navy blue long blocker style (not jeans or cargo pants)
Shirt	Sky blue, long sleeved with school crest
Sloppy Joe	Navy blue with school crest
Jacket	Navy blue with school crest
Socks	Plain navy blue
Tie	Blue and gold stripe
Shoes	Black leather (not black joggers)
Hat	Navy slouch hat

### Library Borrowing Days

- Early Stage 1 - Wednesday
- Stage 1 - Thursday
- Stage 2 - Wednesday
- Stage 3 - Thursday

All students must have a library bag to be able to borrow. A recycled shopping bag is fine.

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## KISS & RIDE



**For Weeks 5 and 6 - Kiss and Ride will need to be staggered to assist social distancing;**

- Infant children (Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 ) and their siblings only are to be picked up at **2:50pm**. ***Please be aware the gates will be closed from 2:45pm.***
- Primary will be at **3:10pm**- Please do not arrive before this time to assist with the flow of traffic.

Changes to Kiss and Ride may need to continue until the end of term but you will be advised in the coming weeks.

## Transport

With the recent announcement of social distancing on bus services, Busways has clarified to us that school services are not affected and will not have limited capacity. Transport for NSW and Busways have increased cleaning measures on board bus services and will continue to monitor transport usage to support students travelling safely to and from school.

The Busways' policy is that no school student will be left behind and as such, school students will be given priority over other passengers on regular route services even if this means a service goes over physical distancing capacity. All services will continue to operate to a normal timetable until advised otherwise. Students will still be required to tap on and off with their Opal card when boarding.

## Community Events: Assemblies, Awards and PBS4L

### Welcoming back students...

Our Kindergarten Teachers are greeting all children from all stages from 8:30am at the front gate to reassure the children and welcome them back to school during Week 5.

### Assemblies, Canteen, Masses/Liturgies and Excursions, Awards, Birthdays, and PBS4L

At this point in time there will still be no assemblies, canteen, Masses/ Liturgies and excursions. Awards and Birthdays will continue in each Stage's space, rather than at the whole school level as we still are encouraging social distancing. Over this first week with all of the students returning, those children who have had their birthdays will be celebrated in their Stage learning space.



# General News

## Office Procedures

Thank you to the parents and carers who are social distancing, emailing rather than coming into the office area. If it is necessary to come into the office we are asking that there only be one family in at the time, particularly in the morning when arriving late or collecting for a medical appointment. If someone or a family is already in the office please wait outside until they leave. Thank you in advance for this support in order to keep each other safe.

## ***A big thank you to the parents and carers who took up the invitation to complete the Google Form about home/ remote learning!***

If you would still like to complete this please just click the link below, this will be closed on Monday 1 June 2020. Parent and Student Voice during Remote Learning: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSXDO3rzNqvYpooQpRQWP\\_g44qMZfDCc8wg2WNrL1338Tf5g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSXDO3rzNqvYpooQpRQWP_g44qMZfDCc8wg2WNrL1338Tf5g/viewform)

**Purpose:** To hear your and your child's insights and voice around your observations of your child's strength / proud moments as well as what you feel are their next steps in learning from your perspective.

This is an opportunity and purely invitational for you to share with us your perspectives, observations and insights about your child/children's learning. It is our way of valuing the inordinate support you have shown to us during this time.

This is purely an invitational Google Form (for parents/carer's) which we have added into the Students Learning Timetable for Friday Week 4. If you, as a parent do not wish to respond then hit delete, there is no judgement, we just wanted to give you an opportunity for us to share and celebrate our great work together. You may like to complete the form separate to your child or together with your child, this is your decision and discretion.

There are only 3 questions and should at the most take 5 minutes (depending on the quantity of child/children). For families with 1 or more children you will need to complete one per child.

## Lunchtime activities

The Library is opened Wednesday and Thursday during lunchtime. This is a time for children to engage in some passive play. Our large chess set has been a hit with our Stage 3 students. Lego, stencil drawing, craft or just reading are some of the many activities going on in our Library.





### **PBS4L Focus this week**

Our PBS4L focus this week is 'I am safe and respectful when I keep my hands and equipment clean.' This week students have participated in PBS4L lessons around this focus and have had opportunities to practice. Some examples of this include, following the displayed hand washing poster when washing hands for 20 seconds and using hand sanitiser before eating and after playtime.



*Truth Through Learning*

## Correspondence

- 😊 Welcome Back - Monday 25 May 2020 (email)
- 😊 Semester 1 2020 Reports (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

