

# St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 3 Week 5 2020



**Tuesday 25 Aug**  
ICAS Digital Technologies

Talent Quest  
Auditions Fruit break

**Wednesday 26 Aug**  
ICAS English

Talent Quest  
Auditions Lunch and Fruit break

**Friday 28 Aug**  
Tell Them From Me Survey Period Ends

**Tuesday 1 Sept**  
ICAS Mathematics

**Wednesday 2 Sept**  
ICAS Spelling Bee

**Thursday 3 Sept**  
Newsletter Day

**Friday 4 Sept**  
Father's Day Liturgy via Zoom for all Stages

Father's Day Stall

Assembly coordinated by Kindergarten

**Saturday 5 Sept and Sunday 6 Sept**  
First Holy Communion Masses St Nicholas of Myra Church  
Various allocated times

**Sunday 6 Sept**  
**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**



Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

If a small child hurts their finger, falls over during a game or is upset they run to mum crying. All mum has to do is to kiss the finger, give a hug or listen to their child and all is well again. Children know their mother loves them and has made a great many sacrifices for them.

In the same way we look on Mary as our Heavenly Mother. She is the Mother of us all. We look on her as our Mother who loves us a great deal, who watches over us to protect us. She is the Mother to whom we can tell every joy and every sorrow. Since Mary is our Mother, she has all of a Mother's intense love and interest for us. We may go to her with confidence - confiding to her our interests, laying before her our sorrows and difficulties, having her as a source of help in all our needs and temptations.

We remember Jesus' words as He was dying on the cross; he said to Mary, 'Woman behold your Son', and to John He said, 'Son, behold your Mother' (John 19:26-27). As Catholics, we have always regarded this moment as being symbolic for us: as Jesus was dying on the cross He gave us His Mother to be our Mother also.

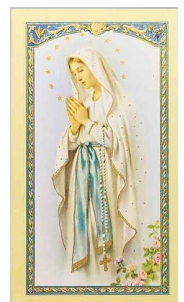
We celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15. The Assumption is when we honour Mary's journey into heaven. Assumption means that God takes the individual body and soul into heaven without him or her suffering death. As the Holy Mother, Mary's assumption reflects God's promise to all His children. All who obey God and believe, as Mary did, will join God in heaven.

Catholics hold Mary's assumption as a reminder that God loves them and yearns for them to join Jesus, Mary, and all the saints in heaven.

## **The Magnificat**

*My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden.  
For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed;  
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.*

*And his mercy is on those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,  
he has put down the mighty from their thrones,  
and exalted those of low degree;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent empty away.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his posterity forever. (Luke 1:46-55)*



Peace and Joy

Anita Knezevic  
Principal

# General News

## School Fees

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's 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 3 fees are due by 26 August 2020. If you have paid or set up an arrangement, Thankyou. 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.

## Attendance Concern Letters & Student Attendance Plan Meetings

Whilst some students individually are achieving very positive attendance rates, others are having difficulty maintaining an attendance level above 90%. As per CEDP Absenteeism processes and procedures, *Attendance Concern Letters are being issued to students who have frequent absences and an attendance rate that is classified as emerging absenteeism (<90%)*. We understand that testing and waiting for Covid-19 results can take up to 3 days. This will also be taken into consideration.

The attendance of students who receive a *Attendance Concern Letter is monitored by Mrs Vella, our Attendance Family Liaison Officer. If an improvement in attendance is not evident, parents may be contacted to arrange a time to discuss and develop a Student Attendance Plan via Zoom.*

If you require any assistance or guidance with improving your child's attendance please make contact with the school.

every learner  
every day 

## Father's Day Stall

The St Nicholas of Myra Father's Day Stall will take place on Friday 4 September 2020 where students who have pre-ordered their gifts in Term 2 will visit the stall by class group after lunch break and select their Father's Day gift.

Please send in a plastic bag with your child on the day to store their 'secret' gift to dad. This year the stall will be run by St Nicholas of Myra staff due to Covid-19 restrictions but thank you especially to Nicole Rebernik from the Parent Group for selecting, ordering and arranging the gifts into their gift value.



# Positive Behaviour Support for Learning (PBS4L)

## PBS4L News

This fortnight, Weeks 5-6, the PBS4L playground focus is: 'I can be respectful to the environment.' This includes being responsible with food, rubbish as well as walking around gardens rather than through them. Students can earn a double points playground token for their stage when staff observe this expectation in the playground. The stage with the most tokens at the end of **Week 6** will receive reward time towards an activity of their own choosing for their stage.

Congratulations to **Stage 1** who were the winners for the Weeks 1-3 round of the playground initiative! The students in Stage 1 voted for a game within their class group for their reward time.

## Year 1 - Good Afternoon Mr Judge



## Year 2 - Hide and Seek



## PBS4L Mascot Competition!

The PBS4L Mascot Competition is well underway!

Students are excited and have discussed some creative and significant ideas for the Mascot that reflects our school expectations and our local community. All entries for the competition are due by **4:00pm on Friday 4 September** using the PBS4L Mascot entry form.





# Religious Education

## Mary MacKillop Liturgy

On Friday 7 August, each stage held a liturgy in their learning space to celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. All students were reverent and able to reflect on the life of Mary MacKillop. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join the Zoom and participate in the liturgy.



St Nicholas of Myra

# Literacy & Numeracy Week

**Monday 7 September Week 8**

## **Book Week Celebrations**

Zoom Book Week character parades

Stage 3- 9:15 - 9:35 am

Kindergarten- 9:40 - 10:00 am

Stage 1- 10:05 - 10:25 am

Stage 2- 10:30 - 10:50 am

Teacher's favourite picture books.

11:40 - 1:10pm

Literacy Trivia

1:40 - 3:10pm

Drama Literacy Activities

**Monday 14 September Week 9**

## **World of Maths**

Incursion for all students from

K-6

9:30- 11- Stage 3

11:45- 12:55- Stage 1

1:40- 2:40- Stage 2

Early Stage 1 will complete fun mathematics activities in their classroom.

**St Nicholas of Myra will be celebrating 2020 Literacy and Numeracy Week in September. We acknowledge that the official 2020 Literacy and Numeracy Week date has been moved to October.**





# Extra Curricular News

## ICAS Assessments

Congratulations to the following students for their active learning by participating in the ICAS Science Assessment this fortnight:

Stephanie O'Connor  
Ella Herbert  
Angela Daniel  
Jacob White  
Joyce Fawzy  
Mark Fawzy  
Lara White



## Talent Quest

This term we are excited to host our yearly Talent Quest but it will look a little different.

Auditions begin this week and continue into Week 6 with a range of talents from different stages being showcased.

Unfortunately we are ceasing singing activities in liturgies, our school bell and in Creative Arts due to new Covid-19 restrictions. For our Talent Quest, individual students can record their singing at home for the audition and if they are chosen. The audition process is taking place in stage groups and the necessary cleaning is occurring in between each stage's audition time during lunch and fruit break.



In Week 7, we will announce to students and families which performances have been chosen to perform for the talent quest. In Week 9, Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 September, we will begin filming the performances to be put together as an iMovie. Students will watch the pre recorded video of the Talent Quest in their stage spaces on Tuesday 22 September. This will be posted on Seesaw for all students and parents to view.

## Musica Viva

Last week our students had the opportunity to take part in a live stream concert performed by Rhythm Works. The children were excited to hear the songs they had been learning about during Creative Arts lessons and gave great feedback as they listened to each performance.

Nox in Year 4 even got to hear his voice being made into a musical loop! Here is a sample of how some of the children felt about the show:

*"I thought that every song had a great beat and sound."*

Mark D Year 5

*"I liked the rhythm in each song."*

Jayden M Year 5

*"I enjoyed the live chat and feedback. It was great to hear my name mentioned!"*

Audrey S Year 6B

*"My favourite song was Liffey Falls."*

Amrita K Year 6G:



# Extra Curricular News

## Arts and Craft

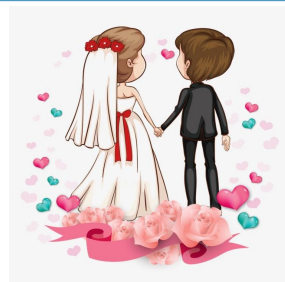
On Mondays, there is a flurry of creative activity when students converge in the Stage 2 classroom during lunch to paint, draw, stencil and do all things artistic!

Last Monday, spring was in the air as students used materials from nature to make a beautiful springtime collage. The week before, students worked hard and made origami sculptures. Each week, students are given different materials to create an open-ended art work. It is lovely to see them working together and chatting happily as they produce their original creations. Given the new COVID - 19 guidelines, we will make the necessary adjustments to lunchtime activities to be stage based.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Margaret Dobrucki and John - Paul Sorbara on their pending nuptials on Saturday 29 August 2020. I am sure you will all join me and congratulate the future husband and wife on their wonderful wedding day and future life filled with health and happiness.



## Mrs Suzanne Bannister's Farewell

As announced earlier in the year, Mrs Suzanne Bannister is retiring this year. We are in the process of putting together a slideshow of photos and memories. If you have any photos of Mrs Bannister, we would be grateful if you could email these to the school email by Monday 7 September.

## ***Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey.***

Over the last couple of weeks, we have invited students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our school using an online survey. The surveys are an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process.

*We would like to invite you to complete the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Partners in Learning survey. As we value the role of parents and carers within our school community we would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Nicholas of Myra Primary.*

### **Survey dates:**

The survey window is open from: **Term 3, Week 4 to Week 6 (Monday 10 August – Friday 28 August 2020)**

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You are able to access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device by using the URL below:

<http://tellthemfromme.com/stnicholasofmyra2020>

# Awards - Friday 14 August 2020 - Week 4

Merit Awards	
K	Auri PALMA
K	Irene HARRIS
K	Juleina LOTONUUBROWN
K	Rome HILL
1	Alana DEOLIVEIRA
1	Andros SOURLAS
1	Isabella RAMIREZ-SAW
1	Max DYKE
2	Eden BLASZCZYK
2	Micheline HEAD
2	Simone HARVEY
2	Sophia YANG
3	Hailey LAU
3	Hannah REBERNIK
3	Rishi RENJU
3	Zain DANIL
4	Abby MCINTOSH
4	Jayden TEUMA
4	Sofia CAMPORA-KAAL
4	Xavier ISAAC
5	Georgia TAYLOR
5	Isabel MRSIC
5	Odessa GIBBS
5	Skyla HILL
6B	Chelsea SHARPE
6B	Joshua CHRISTIAN
6B	Lara WHITE
6B	Maddison REYNOLDS
6G	Isabella KASSOUF
6G	Lilah LESTAL-BRAID
6G	Mark FAWZY
6G	Nishelle NAGARETNAM

Silver Awards	
K	Courtney HERBERT
K	Isabella TEUMA
K	Jake MEYER
K	Juleina LOTONUUBROWN
K	Lucas DUMONT
K	Natalie ROZARIO
K	Natasha HOWDEN
K	Olivia NKEMKA
K	Ozias AROKIANATHAN
K	Parv GULATI
1	Ethan TEUMA
1	Jake HANNAFORD
1	Josiah COLLENTINE
1	Karthik CHIKKA
1	Levi FENECH
1	Loreley LESTAL-BRAID
1	Michael REALES
1	Skye GALE-VERIKETIS
1	Sophie EDWY-SMITH
1	Tvaritha VINOTHKUMAR
2	Brayden WATTS
2	Cindy GUO
2	Harmoni HILL
2	Knox CURREY
2	Madison HERRERO
2	Max FAAPOI
2	Molly LEMAIRE
2	Nicholas FALZON
2	Sophia YANG
3	Amelia FIDLER
3	Angelo ISAAC
3	Zain DANIL
3	Ella HERBERT

Silver Awards	
4	Allanah WALKER
4	Leo ALEXANDER
4	Maryam YAMAYAN
4	Oliver FELTON
4	Xavier ISAAC
5	Aubrey PARKER
5	Isabel MRSIC
5	Jeremy KENNEDY
5	Mark DANIL
5	Matthew FIDLER
5	Odessa GIBBS
5	Willow ALEXANDER
6B	Maddison REYNOLDS
6B	Rhiarna MIRUKAJ
6B	Sakethram HARIPRASAAD
6G	Benjamin WALKER
6G	Ethan JOINES
6G	Ian GERALDEZ
6G	Ishan SWARUP
6G	Ryan CAMPORA-KAAL
6G	Te-Aroha WHARERAU-DANIELS



Gold Awards	
K	Natalie ROZARIO
K	Olivia NKEMKA
K	Ozias AROKIANATHAN
1	Skye GALE-VERIKETIS
2	Harmoni HILL
2	Knox CURREY
2	Molly LEMAIRE
3	Ella HERBERT
4	Allanah WALKER
5	Matthew FIDLER
5	Odessa GIBBS
6B	Maddison REYNOLDS
6G	Te-Aroha WHARERAU-DANIELS





# Awards - Friday 14 August 2020 - Week 4





## Correspondence

- ☺ Executive Director Letter - Covid19 - latest changes for schools
- ☺ Literacy and Numeracy Week— Book Week
- ☺ Term 3 Calendar
- ☺ OLMC COVID-19 Case

## St Nicholas of Myra Parish

326 High St Penrith  
4721 2509

### 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

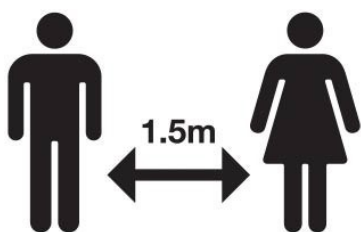


Please take the time to label all your child's/children's items.

Many lost jumpers and jackets are unable to be returned as they have no names or have previous owner's names.

**LOST  
& FOUND**

# NOTICE



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## REMINDER

In keeping with COVID-19 NSW Health Regulations, please minimise visits to the School Office by emailing/phoning any requirements ie 2nd hand clothing, payments over phone and any other notifications.

We ask that if you are signing your child in late or taking early, that you allow ONE family at a time into/out of the School Office.

Thank you for keeping us all safe!