

# St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 2 Week 3 2021



Friday 7 May  
9:30am Mother's  
Day Mass in Church

12pm  
Mother's Day Stall

Sunday 9 May



Tuesday 11 May  
NAPLAN - Writing  
Years 3 & 5

Thursday 13 May  
NAPLAN - Reading  
Years 3 & 5

Friday 14 May  
NAPLAN - Language  
Conventions  
Years 3 & 5

12pm - Parish Mass  
Stage 1

Monday 17 May  
NAPLAN  
Mathematics  
Years 3 & 5

Wednesday 19 May  
School Athletics  
Carnival

Thursday 20 May  
Newsletter

Friday 21 May  
12pm - Parish Mass  
Stage 2

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

Unfortunately for Mary, we mostly drag her out at Christmas along with the angels to place her at centre stage; then we pack her softly into the Christmas boxes for the rest of the year.

*This too can happen with our Mums on Mother's day - we forget to be thankful and grateful throughout the year not just on Mother's Day. Indeed, this is unfortunate as we are unwittingly depriving ourselves of a rich source of gratitude and inspiration, as we journey daily through our life.*

Mary is an ageless figure in the life of the Church; she has always been and she is always available to be a powerful person in the hearts of believers. We Christians are pilgrims, people journeying through time toward our ultimate union with God. Mary has already made this journey and can be a sign of hope to all of us who travel the path of faith and continue the work of Christ through our lives. Like us, Mary too, knew hardship, sorrow, joy and peace. Things were not always clear to her and Luke tells us that "she pondered many things in her life." Luke 2:19 - 51. Mary stands out as a woman of strength who experiences poverty and suffering, flight and exile, a refugee in another country.

In everyday motherhood we catch a glimpse of Mary. A mother loves each of her children with a unique personal love; she does not lump them altogether. Her children stand equally before her; she loves each of her children for who they are, not for their gifts or achievements. They do not have to earn her love; it is enough that they are her children. As Catholic people, we instinctively feel this about Mary and feel free to take to her our worries, concerns and even distresses. In Mary, we have an insight into the maternal side of God's love which can lead us to a deeper understanding of how infinite God's love is for each of us.

Father Thomas Richstoller suggests to us; "Like Mary, we bear Christ in our bodies through Baptism and the Eucharist. We are to bring forth God to the world by our word and example. Mary's sinlessness is a model for the Church, a reminder that we are to be God's Holy people. Mary's own assumption into heaven foretells our own destiny as Christians; where Mary is, one day we hope to be."

In Mary we see a great example of how God acts. It is as though God depends on our cooperation for His presence to be made known. God waited for Mary's consent, "... let it be done to me according to Your word"; with this consent He took flesh and came amongst us. Mary is the model for holiness which consists essentially in saying "Yes" to God, as we hear and understand His word.

In material terms, Mary was poor but she was rich in her Motherhood; she was human but God-bearer. Each of us is called to be a person who, like Mary, we are invited every day to bring Christ into the world in our prayers, words and actions.

We are invited to give God a "good" reputation by the example of our Christian journey through life.

***"Mary, you heard God's request through His messenger.  
When you answered, "Yes" you risked shame and disgrace, ridicule and rejection.  
Let your trust be our inspiration,  
your faith be our guide,  
your hope is our course for courage.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the child you bore. Amen"***

Prayer adapted by Vienna Cobb Anderson.

Peace and Joy  
Anita Knezevic  
Principal



***Mass  
Friday 7 May 2021  
9:30am  
St Nicholas of Myra Church***

***Please read the email sent  
this afternoon regarding the  
latest COVID 19 update for  
church attendance and  
cancellation of picnic.***

When we're 5 years old, we say,  
"Mummy, I love you."

When we're 13, we say,  
"Mum, whatever..."

When we're 16, we say,  
"My Mum is SO ANNOYING!"

When we're 18, we say,  
"I want out of this house!"

When we're 21, we say,  
"Mum, you were right."

When we're 30, we say,  
"I want to go to Mum's house."

When we're 50, we say,  
"I don't want to lose my Mum."

When we're 70, we say,  
"I'd give up everything to have  
my Mum here with me again."

You only have one Mum.  
Appreciate her, whether she's  
here on Earth or in Heaven.

## Formation

**ANZAC Liturgy**—Thank you to those parents who attended the ANZAC liturgy. It was a reverant ceremony to honour those who serve for our country. The service can be found on the St Nicholas of Myra Youtube channel.

### **What are we learning in RE?**

#### **Sharing Our Faith**

Each newsletter I will be asking a question for you to ask your child about their faith. It would be wonderful to see parents and students engaging in dialogue together with the question posed. It would be wonderful to see responses either written down, drawn or creatively depicted each fortnight. These responses can be shared via Stage SeeSaw pages or to the school email.

#### **Question:**

***Why do you think God put us together as a family?  
What is your role in our family?***

# General News

## 2022 Kindergarten Enrolments are underway and places are being accepted!

We accept enrolment applications at any time for any grade.

2022 Kindergarten Enrolment Interviews have commenced and places are being accepted by families. Current St Nicholas of Myra families who have a child commencing school in 2022 are encouraged to complete an enrolment form as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

The process:

1. Enrolment forms can be found online at—  
<https://ceo-web.parra.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/02-Form-A-Enrolment-Application.pdf> or in the school office.
2. Once you have submitted your paperwork via email, post or have handed it into the office.
3. The School Enrolment Officer will contact you to make an interview time with one or both parents and the enrolling child attends.
4. COVID check ins and practices are in place. Again if you would like to wear a mask during this enrolment interview that would be preferable.

## Winter Uniform

Winter uniform should be in place as of Monday 3 May 2021. Thank you for the support with the children's uniforms for our school photos on Monday. They looked beautiful and handsome.

Just a friendly reminder that hair accessories should be school colours as well as gloves, beanies or additional warmer jackets on top of their school jackets/ jumpers.

Thank you for representing our school with respect and pride.

## Library Books

A big thank you to all those families who assisted their children finding their overdue library books. Great team work!



**There are times when we need to contact Parents and Carers. It is important that we have your most up to date details. Please send an email to the office with your new details.**

# Sporting News

## Cross Country

On Tuesday 4 May, students represented St Nicholas of Myra at the 2021 MacKillop Diocesan Cross Country. Students raced against competitors from every school at Sydney Motorsport Park. Thank you to the teachers and parents for supporting the COVID restrictions and making the day successful for all.

Congratulations to the following students for giving their best effort on the day.

Max Faapoi	Dominic Kassouf
Madison Herrero	Adrian Burdanowski
Sophie Edwy-Smith	Xavier Isaac
Lachlan McIntosh	Zac Herrero
Nicholas Falzon	Mark Danil
Joey Hadchiti	Harmoni Hill
Zain Danil	Nox Hill
Lilah Surene	

## Sporting Gala Days

Please note the following Gala days have been confirmed as of 30 April 2021. All days are still subject to change due to ongoing COVID 19 procedures and weather.

DATE	Stage	Sport	Location	Time	Players Needed
Wed 26 May	Stage 3 Girls	Soccer	Jamison Park	8:30am-2:30pm	11 a side Max 14 players
Wed 9 June	Stage 3 Boys	Soccer	Jamison Park	8:30am-2:30pm	11 a side Max 14 players
Wed 14 July	Stage 2 Boys and Girls	Soccer	Jamison Park	8:30am-2:30pm	8 a side Max 12 players
Fri 23 July	Stage 3 Boys and Girls	Touch Football	Kingsway Fields	8:30am-2:30pm	7 a side Max 12 players
Fri 27 Aug	Stage 2 Boys and Girls	Touch Football	Kingsway Fields	8:30am-2:30pm	5 a side Max 10 players
Mon 18 Oct	Stage 2 Boys and Girls	Basketball	PVRSC	8:00am-4:00pm	5 a side Max 10 players

Students will be able to sign up and trial for these events closer to the gala day dates. Students will be selected for these teams based on their skill in the chosen sport, as seen in the trials and their engagement at school each day in being safe, respectful and a learner.

If you are interested in assisting in coaching teams on the day, please contact Mr Simpson and Mrs Beirne via the school email. Thank You





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# Awards

(Monday 3 May 2021)

## Gold Awards

Cassandra RIBEIRO	1
Lincoln STEEN	1
Natalie ROZARIO	1
John WOOD	2
Olivia ANDERSON	2
Sophia ZHAO	2
Jadey LAU	3
Jayden TEUMA	5
Xavier ISAAC	5
Alena TEREPO	6
Skyla HILL	6

## Silver Awards

Cyndianna FORRESTER	K
Felix DYKE	K
Olivia SPAIN	K
Robert WOOD	K
Cassandra RIBEIRO	1
Elloise FLOOD	1
Jake MEYER	1
Lincoln STEEN	1
Naoelle TIPLER	1
Natalie ROZARIO	1
Rome HILL	1
Amos INGEGNERI	2
Anna DISSANAYAKE	2
Jake HANNAFORD	2
John WOOD	2
Levi FENECH	2
Loreley LESTAL-BRAID	2
Michael REALES	2
Olivia ANDERSON	2
Olivia ARMITSTEAD	2
Sophia ZHAO	2
Sophie EDWY-SMITH	2
Tvaritha VINOTHKUMAR	2
Eden BLASZCZYK	3
Jadey LAU	3
Marcus RICHARDSON	3
Jayden TEUMA	5
Oliver FELTON	5
Xavier ISAAC	5
Zachary HERRERO	5
Alena TEREPO	6
Isabel MRSIC	6
Lolah LESTAL-BRAID	6
Skyla HILL	6

## Merit Awards

Cyndianna FORRESTER	K
Faith HILL	K
Hannah Rose TINTO	K
Logan EDWY-SMITH	K
Auri PALMA	1
Ella HANNAFORD	1
Elloise FLOOD	1
Ozias AROKIANATHAN	1
Anna DISSANAYAKE	2
Jake HANNAFORD	2
Levi FENECH	2
Sophia ZHAO	2
Cindy GUO	3
Eden BLASZCZYK	3
Megan BAC	3
Scarlett PARKES	3
Everlyn STEEN	4
Hannah REBERNIK	4
Joseph HADCHITI	4
Nevaeh COULTON	4
Christian FALZON	5
Liana TAMER	5
Sofia CAMPORA-KAAL	5
Zachary HERRERO	5
Alena TEREPO	6
Aubrey PARKER	6
Jayden MENDONCA	6
Willow ALEXANDER	6





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# Learning

## NAPLAN Online

The NAPLAN Online test window is nine days. Day 1 is a Tuesday and Day 9 is the Friday of the following week. The writing test must be scheduled within a two-day test window and schools must schedule writing from the first day of the appropriate two-day test window. For Year 5, the writing window is day 1 and 2. The tests need to be taken in a [specific order](#). Individual students are not permitted to sit the online tests after Day 9. For Parent and Carer support the following link may be helpful. <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
<b>Writing</b>	Year 3 students do a paper-based writing test (on day 1 only)  Year 5 must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2 only)  Years 7 and 9 must start on day 2 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 2 and 3 only)	Year 3: 40 minutes  Year 5: 42 minutes  Year 7: 42 minutes  Year 9: 42 minutes	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)
<b>Reading</b>	To ensure online schools are able to complete NAPLAN tests within the nine-day testing window, Years 7 and 9 students can start with reading on day 1; however, writing must start on day 2 as the writing test takes priority over any rescheduled reading tests from day 1  To be completed <b>before</b> the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 minutes  Year 5: 50 minutes  Year 7: 65 minutes  Year 9: 65 minutes	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
<b>Conventions of language</b>	To be completed <b>after</b> the reading test	Year 3: 45 minutes  Year 5: 45 minutes  Year 7: 45 minutes  Year 9: 45 minutes	This test assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
<b>Numeracy</b>	To be completed <b>after</b> the conventions of language test	Year 3: 45 minutes  Year 5: 50 minutes  Year 7: 65 minutes  Year 9: 65 minutes	This test assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability

**Year 4 and 6 students will continue their learning in the Hall during the test period.**

## Correspondence

- ☺ School photos reminders
- ☺ Second Hand Clothing Stock on Hand
- ☺ Mother's Day Mass
- ☺ Carer's NSW brochures
- ☺ Letter from Bishop Vincent Education Legislation Amendment Bill
- ☺ Term 2 Parent Calendar
- ☺ Term 2 Curriculum Overviews
- ☺ NAPLAN Online 2021 - Year 3 and Year 5 only
- ☺ Mother's Day Mass and Picnic COVID-19 Update

## St Nicholas of Myra Parish

326 High St Penrith  
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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

Label me please!

