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Term 3 Week 1

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

Welcome to Term 3; we hope you are all well and staying safe! This is not the start we were hoping for and we look forward to seeing our students on site and hear their laughter as soon as possible.

This term's newsletters will commemorate and help to broaden our knowledge of some less familiar Saints and today is the Feast of St Bonaventure! A saint we often do not hear of and potentially do not know about. He was a Bishop and Doctor born in Italy not far from Naples and Canonized in 1482.

After Bonaventure's death, someone wrote, "At the funeral there was much sorrow and tears; for the Lord had given him His grace, that all who saw him were filled with an immense love for him."

Bonaventure was baptised John. The story is told that when he was about four years old, he was deathly sick. His mother begged Francis of Assisi to come and cure her child. Francis simply touched the little boy and he was cured instantly. As an adult, Bonaventure entered under the Franciscan order. From there he went to Paris, where he became a good friend of the great St Thomas of Aquinas. They both studied at the famous university of Paris. Eventually Bonaventure became professor of theology there.

After some years, Bonaventure became the Father General, the person in charge of the Franciscan order. He held this position for seventeen years. He became a Bishop against his wish and then was appointed a Cardinal shortly before his death. He died at the Second Council of Lyons which he had prepared.

Bonaventure wrote many books about theology as well as a biography of St Francis Assisi. He wanted to teach everyone how to live closely with God. His spiritual life centered on Jesus, especially his passion and death.

In 1588 St Bonaventure was proclaimed "Seraphic Doctor" (meaning a Doctor of the Church). When Thomas Aquinas asked Bonaventure where he got his knowledge, Bonaventure pointed to the crucifix and said, "I study only the crucified one, Jesus Christ."

What can we learn from St Bonaventure? His devotion to Jesus and our faith.

He wanted to teach everyone how to live closely with God. What a great and simple message during this time where we can feel alone; St Bonaventure, pray for us!

Peace and Joy
Anita Knezevic
Principal



Formation

During this time it is important that we encounter in prayer. I have included below Prayers of Intercession you may like to say together as a family at this time.

Our response is: God, protect them.

For all in direct patient care; give them strength for their service and strength to ask for help when they are in need.

Response: God, protect them.

For all the sick; bring them to full health and restore them to those who love them.

Response: God, protect them.

For all those isolated in their homes; sustain them in joy and peace.

Response: God, protect them.

For all those who have died and those who grieve their loss in isolation; comfort them in their sorrow.

Response: God, protect them.

For decision-makers at all levels; send them your wisdom and good counsel to serve their communities.

Response: God, protect them.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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.

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**HAVE
FAITH
AND
STAY
STRONG**

Question:

How does prayer help us?

Winter Sleepout

Unfortunately we are unable to hold the St Vincent de Paul Winter Sleepout this year due to the current lockdown and restrictions. Thank you to those who showed interest in the event.

I encourage you and your family to have a sleepout at home in your lounge room or family room and post a photo to your class Seesaw. St Vincent de Paul is working hard for those in our community at this time and any support is greatly appreciated.

We do still have the online fundraiser link open if any families would like to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Sleepout Appeal. Please find the link below.

<https://my.fundraise.vinniesnsw.org.au/vinnies-school-sleepouts/st-nicholas-of-myra-primary-school-2021-winter-sleepout>

Please note: when opening the link the details of the sleepout have not been changed to a home sleepout.

School Fees

Due to current COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, the printing of Instalment 3 statements has been postponed until further notice.

In addition, the CEDP Executive team will shortly confirm what form of support will be offered to families affected by the extended lockdown.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rhonda Shirvington, Finance & Enrolment Secretary on 0247 523 300 or email myra-prthfees@parra.catholic.edu.au



Congratulations to **Stage 3** who were the winners for the Term 2, Weeks 7 - 10 round of the playground initiative!

The PBS4L playground was: I participate in games respectfully. Stage 3 students received a total of 450 tokens over the four weeks. This will be celebrated when students return to school.

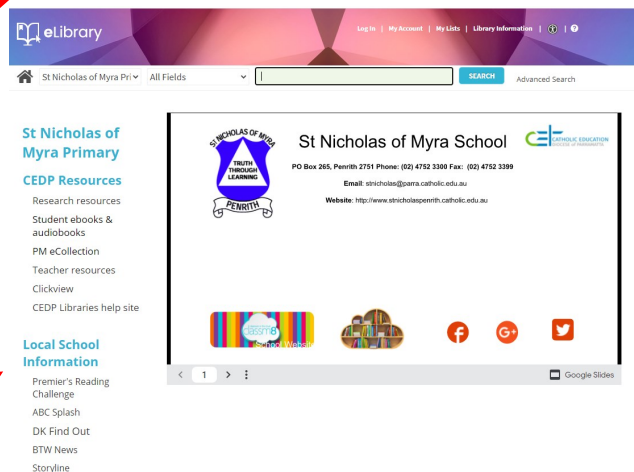
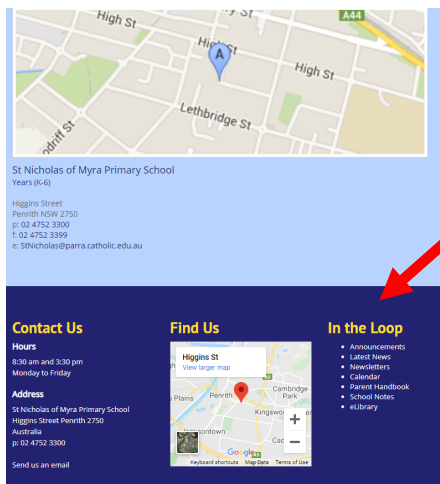
When we return to face to face teaching we will resume the PBS4L playground initiative.

Gala Day Postponements

Please be advised that due to current Covid restrictions the upcoming Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day and Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day have been postponed. At this stage we have no further information to provide families in relation to the Zone Athletics Carnival. When this information becomes available to us we will inform families via Skoolbag.

Library News

Students of St Nicholas of Myra have access to our CEDP eLibrary. It is **SAFE** and **FREE**. There are a few ways of accessing this. You can go to: <https://www.stnicholaspenrith.catholic.edu.au/> Scroll down to the very bottom on the page. Click elibrary which is located under 'In the Loop'.

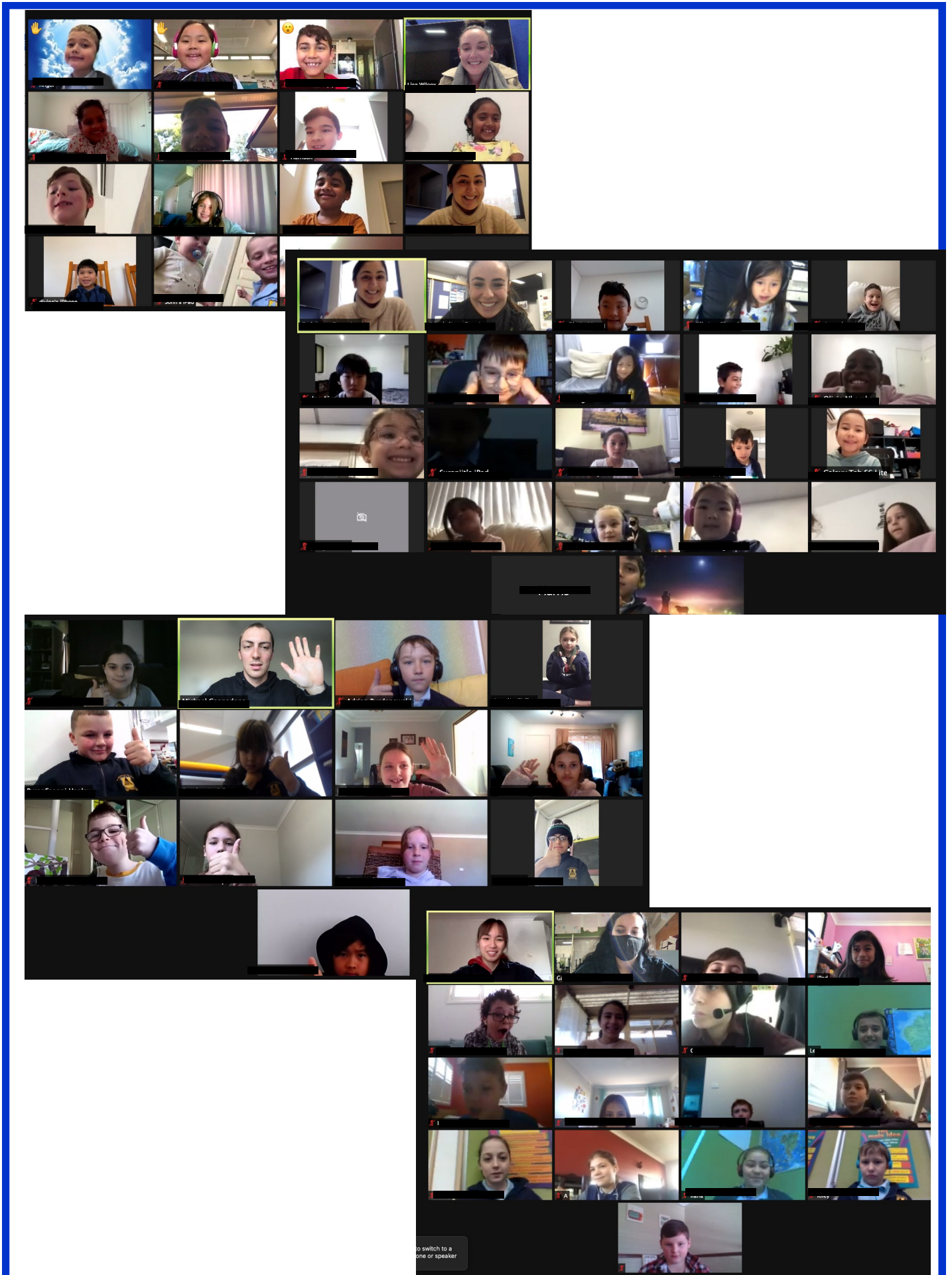


You will find lots of fun information at DK Find Out. Storyline has famous actors reading story books.

Check them out!



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