

St Nicholas of Myra School

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Term 4 Week 1
2021

Dear St Nicholas of Myra Families,

Welcome back to Term 4 and what a way to kick it off with our Penrith Panthers Grand Final win!!

On Monday 5 December, we celebrate our school and parish Patron St Nicholas of Myra. About four hundred churches in England alone are named for St Nicholas, a very kind and good bishop who lived in Lycia, which was southeast of Turkey. It is believed he was present at the Council of Nicea. The many legends about his life make it difficult for us to know exactly how Bishop Nicholas helped the people win his diocese of Myra to love and serve God and one another. However what we do know is that each story demonstrates the love of service he gave freely to children, the poor, the traveller and anyone else in need without looking for recognition or thanks for the good deeds.

St Nicholas was especially kind to poor people who had no one to help them. One story tells how St Nicholas freed three unjustly imprisoned officer's. Another tells how he brought back to life three innocent boys who were murdered.

One of the best known stories is about a poor man who did not have enough money for his three daughters to get married. At that time, a girl had to have a certain amount of money before she could get married. St Nicholas felt sorry for the man and his daughters. He planned a way to help them.

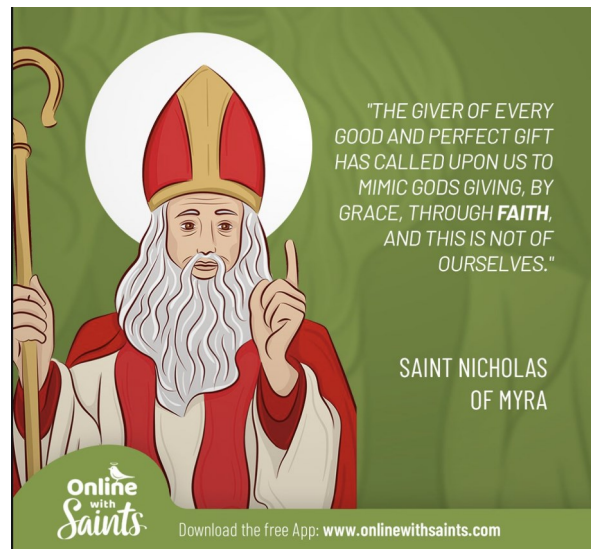
One night Nicholas took a bag of gold and threw it through an open window into a room where the man was sleeping. St Nicholas then hurried away, so that the man would not know where the gold came from. Not long after this, St Nicholas heard that the eldest daughter had gotten married. St Nicholas tried his secret trick again. Once again it worked. This time there was a wedding for the second daughter. Some time later, St Nicholas took a third bag and threw it into the man's house. This time, as he was hurrying away the poor man caught up with him. The man thanked St Nicholas over and over again for helping him. His youngest daughter was soon married.

All during his life, St Nicholas showed love for God by helping people. Even today, in the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland on the eve of St Nicholas' feast, children put out their empty shoes to receive gifts from St Nicholas. In America and England, St Nicholas has come to be known as Santa Claus.

St Nicholas, pray for us and help us to give gifts of love to others!

What can we learn from St Nicholas of Myra? We can learn to give willingly and freely to help others without wanting any recognition, thanks or reward for these good deeds. We learn to know and love each person for who they are; to help them by being sensitive to their needs showing respect and keeping their dignity.

Peace and Joy
Anita Knezevic
Principal



2022 Kindergarten Transition

Thank you to the 2022 Kindergarten families who were able to join us for our invitational Parent Zooms this week. While we wait further advice from NSW Health and CEDP in regards to Kindergarten Transition programs on site, please keep an eye on your emails each week for information videos about our school and the learning that takes place here.

Enrolments for 2022

We understand that family circumstances alter and that children sometimes need to change schools. If you know that you will not be attending St Nicholas of Myra in 2022 please advise the school and complete a notification of leaving form that is available from the school office. You are reminded that concerns regarding financial difficulties is not a reason for seeking another school, as the Catholic Education Office and St Nicholas of Myra can and will assist families with meeting these costs when genuine financial difficulties arise.

If you know of anyone considering a Catholic school education for their child at St Nicholas of Myra from 2022, in any grade, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible to assist us with our planning.

2022 ENROLMENTS

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Boutique school encourages kids to be active and responsible

St Nicholas of Myra Primary School is nestled in the heart of the Penrith CBD.

"Our school has a warm, friendly feel which is often commented on by our families and their extended members when they attend our community events as well as by any visitors," School Principal Anita Knezevic said.

"We are a boutique school as we are all like a small family unit where all of the staff know the students and families.

"We strive for our graduate students to be active, curious, informed and responsible citizens who uphold their Catholic faith in order to flourish in an ever changing world.

"We love learning and believe our children are at the centre of learning. Our students are expected to articulate and share their learning celebrations and next steps with their parents.

"The feedback we gain from neighbouring high schools is that our students are kind, well mannered, confident and have great learning approaches.

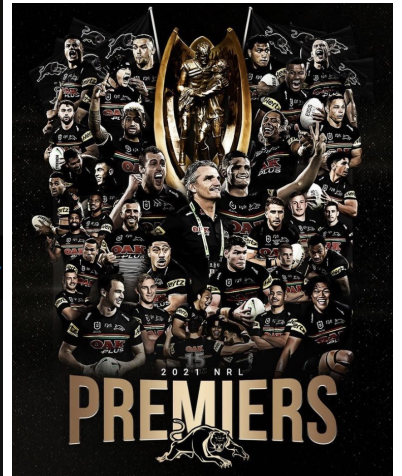
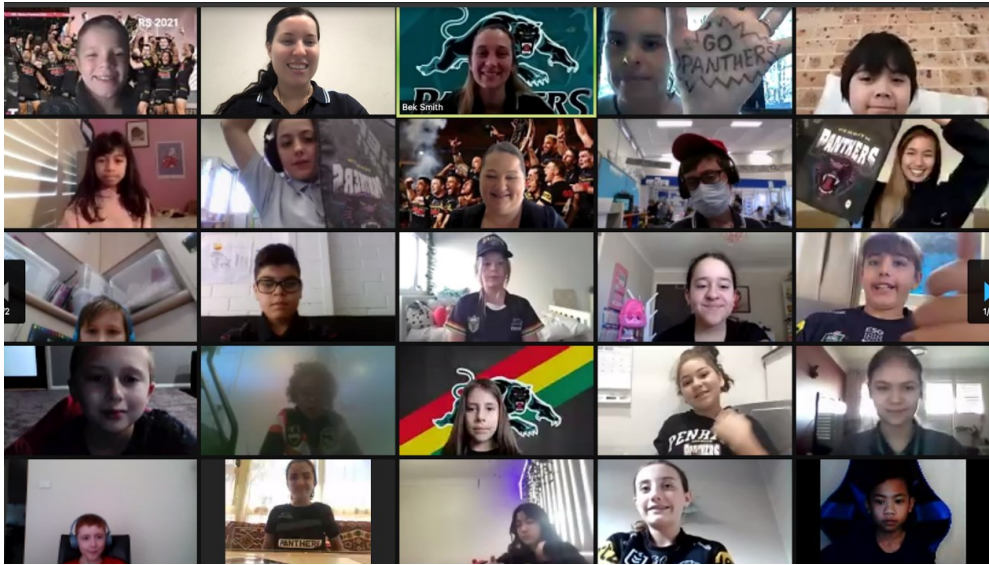
"When schools are opened to visitors again, I invite you to come and visit. In the meantime please feel free to look at our website and phone the school for enrolment inquiries or procedures. We are enrolling for 2022 and 2023 Kindergarten and accept enrolments throughout the year as well."

For more information about 2022 at St Nicholas of Myra Primary School, call 4752 3300 or visit www.stnicholaspenrith.catholic.edu.au.



Penrith Panthers

To celebrate the Penrith Panthers winning the 2021 NRL Grand final on the weekend, students dressed in Panthers colours during their Zooms on Tuesday.





2021 NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students completing the
2021 Premiers Reading Challenge...well done!

Scarlett Findlay
Robert Wood
Ella Hannaford
Jake Hannaford
John Wood
Lola Gibbs
Brian Nguyen
Odessa Gibbs

Amanreet Kaur
Ozias Arokianathan
Courtney Herbert
Tvaritha VinothKumur
Sophia Yang
Ella Herbert
Jacob White
Isabel Mrcic

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Club**

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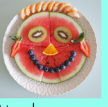

https://scholastic.com.au/media/6534/bc-digital-issue-8_p3.pdf

Family Fun Friday

Last term we began Family Fun Friday and have enjoyed seeing all of the family fun activities the students have engaged in. Students can earn points for their sports house/ team by completing activities from the grid assigned each week and post on Seesaw. The winning team will have a special prize once all students have returned to school. It's not too late to earn points for your team as we will continue to have Family Fun Friday for Week 1 and 2 of Term 4. You can enter as many of the activities as you can but please only post on Seesaw on the Friday afternoon so that we can track and monitor the points. Check out the image which has the points for each house for the past three Family Fun Fridays.

FAMILY FUN FRIDAY

POINTS UPDATE



Well done to all the students who submitted photos to Seesaw and via email for the Family Fun Friday Activities.

The points have been tallied for Week 10 and added on to the running tally. The points have never been closer!

Bradman 971
Freeman 972
Hackett 974

Make sure you enter this Friday with the new activities to earn points for your Sports House. The prize will be awarded once all grades back at school.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of Caritas Australia, I would like to thank you and the entire School community for your generous donation towards **Project Compassion 2021**.

Through your generosity and by aspiring to "Be More", you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

Please find attached a **Certificate of Appreciation**. Due to the current lockdown, we have decided to send you a digital certificate, this year.

Please also allow me to alert you to Caritas' Emergency Response Appeal for victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti. I have attached an appeal flyer, and you can find more information at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/emergency-response-appeal/>

With kind regards and prayers for your health and safety,

Sebastian Salaske-Lentern
Peace, Justice and Ecology Coordinator & Diocesan Director of Caritas
Diocese of Parramatta

Correspondence Emailed

- ☺ Reminder - Week 10 Remote Learning Survey
- ☺ R U OK? Day
- ☺ Holiday Activities - Spring 2021 with Penrith City Council
- ☺ Free Family Fun with Parliament of NSW
- ☺ St Nicholas of Myra Primary School Enrolments 2022 and 2023
- ☺ Positive Partnerships—Free Webinar—Returning to School
- ☺ A Note of Thanks...
- ☺ Letter from Greg Whitby—End of Term 3
- ☺ End of Term 3 and Term 4 Info
- ☺ School Fees Statements and Cancelled Excursions/Activities
- ☺ Rebecca Teulan Announcement
- ☺ Return to School
- ☺ NSW Police Child Safety Handbook
- ☺ Term 4 Week 1 Remote Learning Survey & Reminder
- ☺ Return to School Update
- ☺ Remote Learning Survey for Term 4 Week 2
- ☺ St Nicholas of Myra Drive Through - Allocated Times for Remote Learning Packs K - 2 only

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