

Parent/Teacher Information Evening

Wednesday - 24th February 2021



Structure for this evening....



1st Session - 6.00pm - 6.30pm

Turnaround time 6.30pm - 6.35pm (please move quickly to the second session)

2nd Session - 6.35pm - 7.00pm

(The 2nd Session is a repeat of the first session for families with more than 1 child here at St Nicholas School).

For families with 3 or more children please touch base with your child's class teacher (via email) and ask for any handouts and/or information to be forwarded on to you.

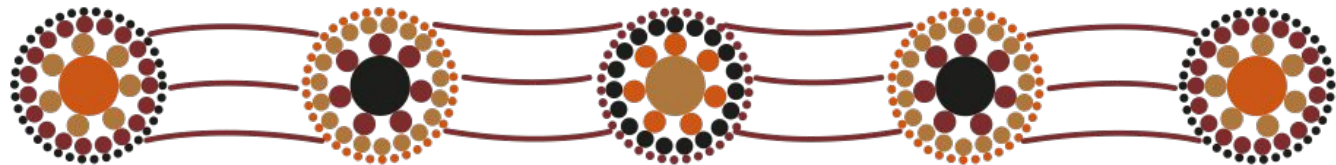




Welcome

Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge and pay respect to the traditional owners of the land on which we meet; the Kamilaroi people. As we share our knowledge, teaching and learning we pay respect to the Elders past and present and to the knowledge forever embedded within the Aboriginal Custodianship of Country.



St Nicholas School Prayer

**Loving God, we thank you for the example of St Nicholas,
who fed the hungry, brought hope to the imprisoned,
gave comfort to the lost, and taught the truth to all.
May we strive to imitate him by putting you first in all we
do.**

**Give us the courage, love and strength of St Nicholas,
so that like him we may serve you through loving our
brothers and sisters.**

AMEN



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Staffing 2021

New roles

Katie Doley
(Assistant Principal)

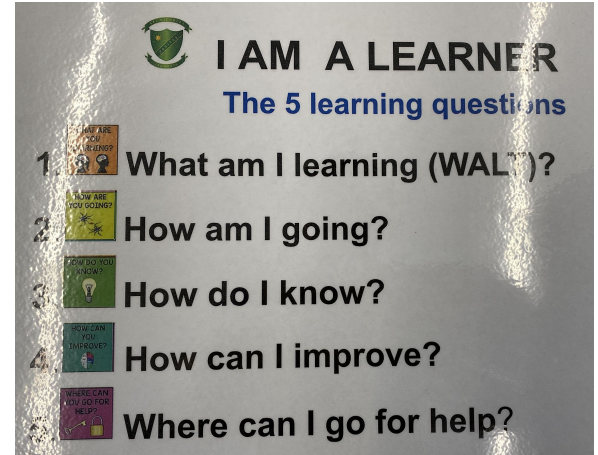
Harrold Matheson
Kindergarten Interventionist

Libby Jackson
DOV and BFD



Year 2 Expectations

- We have a strong focus for the first 5 weeks (or as long as necessary) on expected behaviour and skills needed for learning.
- We work with your child to help them gain independent work skills and resilience to enable them to successfully transition into their primary schooling years.
- We want the students to 'take charge of their own learning'.
- We expect students to ask for help when needed, but we have a saying "ask 3 before me", meaning ask 3 peers, check with a wall, board, book or Chromebook before asking a teacher.



Our learning intentions and criterias are made very clear and visible through our WALTs (What We Are Learning Today) and WILLs (What It Looks Like).



Living Well, Learning Well

A Student Support Framework for the Diocese of Armidale



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Catholic Schools Office
Diocese of Armidale

I am SAFE

- * Follow safety rules for different settings
- * Take safety drills seriously (know what to do in an emergency)
- * Hands off for physical safety
- * Say nothing hurtful
- * Use technology with care (think before searching, opening, sending, sharing)
- * Be a peacemaker (give good advice)
- * Seek help for self or others when there is a safety concern



I am VALUED, RESPECTED and CARED for

- * Attend school (be part of the team)
- * Be friendly (greet people)
- * Be positive- it's catching!
- * Take time out when you need to settle
- * Choose words and tone that are right for good conversations
- * Be a good listener
- * Care for our resources, belongings and wellbeing
- * Be a helper and a problem-solver



I am a LEARNER

- * Students and staff form learning teams (be part of the team)
- * Try hard (persist when things are tough)
- * Get back on track if re-directed
- * Self-question: - What am I learning? - How am I going?
- How can I improve my work and learning?
- What help do I need? - Who can help?
- * Don't disrupt the learning of others or the work of adults who are helping us learn



Staff at my school have:

- * A collective responsibility for all students
- * A positive, high regard for all students
- * A commitment to increasing learning, well-being, faith development and life-opportunity outcomes for all students
- * A commitment to being a skilled and helpful adult support for all students

All students, all staff, all the time:

- * People have a better day because I am here as part of the school team!



General Information

- It is very important that students arrive at school on time and (as much as possible) leave appointments for outside school hours. (8.45am-2.55pm)
- With before school care now available to parents through Esteem Kids and with a duty of care to staff and students, from Week 6 onwards, St Nicholas School gates will not be open until the arrival of the first school bus at approximately 8.10am. It is not appropriate for children to be at school before this time.
- Please notify the school if your child is absent. This can be done using the 'Add Attendance Note' function in the Compass Parent Portal. Due to government legislation, notification of your child's absence must be received no later than 7 days after your child's last day of absence. If you haven't received an email about creating a Parent Compass account please phone the office and we'll have one emailed out to you.



Some Changes

- Year 2 do not have fruit break during the morning session.
- Year 2 do not have weekly news, however, we incorporate the speaking and listening component of the syllabus with our daily VCOP activities
- Year 2 do not complete Look, say, cover, write, check for spelling or complete weekly spelling tests. Instead, we focus on grapheme and phoneme and word study activities. If you like you can do the spelling lists at home as we provide the words on the weekly communication page.





Year 2 Chromebooks

- Exciting News!!!!!! Year 2 have received a new Chromebook. This Chromebook will follow them and be for their learning until Year 6.
- Our expectation is that they handle their Chromebook with care and understand that it is one of the tools they will use to support their learning.
- Any misuse of a Chromebook will result in their Chromebook being confiscated. Expectations will be revisited.
- ICT user agreements have been sent home and signed by most already.
- We will gradually send information of various log in details home when required. We will aim to have the children proficient at school before sending these home.





Year 2 Home Communication



- A weekly communication sheet will be glued into the home communication book which details revision activities and notices.
- We have a Year 2 2021 - St Nicholas Primary School Facebook page that will also include reminders of upcoming events. We will also endeavour to share our learning through photos and videos here.
- We ask that all communication from you to us is via email unless an urgent or unexpected change or message occurs during the day and then we ask that you ring the office and they will let us know. Please limit these phone calls and ensure your child knows their home routine, as the office is often inundated with these messages.





Year 2 Home Revision



The school has an official 'no homework policy', this being said, we believe that some simple activities such as sight words and reading, consolidate and support the development of literacy skills. We encourage reading to be done with an adult who can see the text to enable them to stop the child when they make an error. The readers that will be sent home will be at their tested PM level so should not require too much assistance.

Please send them back in the green home communication bag on Friday's, along with their home communication book where they will paste the home communication note.





Anaphylaxis



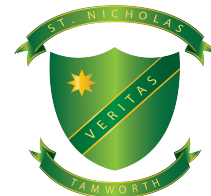
Just a reminder that we have children in infants that are anaphylactic. The school is 'allergy aware' and we ask that you don't send in nuts and nut products.

We appreciate your support in keeping our students safe.





Uniform Policy



School Uniform- Sports Uniform worn 3 days -
Monday, Wednesday, Friday by all grades.
Please ensure children have correct socks,
jewellery (1 signet ring, plain studs, medical
bracelet), no nail polish, green hair
ribbons/bows or school fabric scrunchie only.

ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL UNIFORM

All children are required to wear the following uniform:

Girls Summer

Green socks
Black shoes (no skate shoes)
Green and white uniform dress
Bottle green broad brimmed hat

Girls Winter

Bottle green tartan pinafore
Long sleeved green shirt
Black shoes
Bottle green long socks or stockings
School tie
School sloppy joe
Bottle green broad brimmed hat

Boys Summer

Grey socks
Black shoes (no skate shoes)
Bottle green broad brimmed hat
Green short sleeved shirt
Grey shorts (no cargo shorts / no outside pockets)

Boys Winter

Long grey trousers (no cargo pants / no outside pockets)
Long sleeved green shirt
Black shoes
Grey socks
School tie
School sloppy joe
Bottle green broad brimmed hat

<https://stnicholastamworth.catholic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2020/02/School-Uniform-Policy.pdf>



Year 2 Excursion Calala Cottage

History unit: The Past in the Present.



- Wednesday 10th March (Week 7) 2HS and half of 2I going
- Thursday 11th March (Week 7) 2M and half of 2I going

Please no lunch orders on the day your child is attending so that they can eat quickly and hop onto the bus ready to depart school at 11:15am. We will return to school at 1:20pm.

Students going on Wednesday may wear sports uniform, students attending on Thursday to wear School uniform.



