

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 10 2020
Tuesday 22nd September

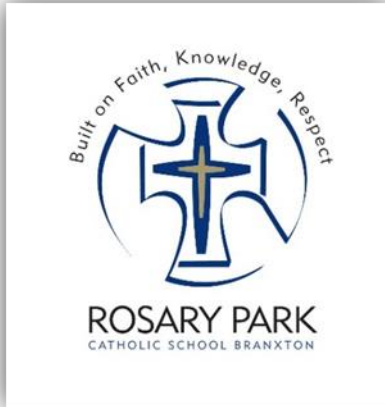
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We acknowledge the Wonnarua people-the first custodians of this land



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IMPORTANT DATES

Weekly Mass Times: 6pm Saturday Branxton; 8am Sunday Greta.

<u>October</u>		<u>November</u>	
Mon 12th	SCHOOL RETURNS FIRST DAY TERM 4		
Thur 15th	Vocabulary 'dress up' Day. Come to school dressed as a word	Wed 4th	P&F Meeting AGM 6pm via Zoom
Fri 23rd	Mercy Works Day (Year 4 to organise) and Socktober. Wear school uniform with 'crazy' socks	Fri 6th	'Virtual' Grandparent's Day

Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Carers,

Out of School Hours Supervision

A reminder to parents that supervision by staff begins at 8:30am each morning. If you need to drop off your child before this time, they need to be enrolled in St Nicholas OOSH. Over the past few weeks, we have noticed an increase in the number of children arriving at school, as early as 8am!

This is very dangerous as staff are not on duty, so if a child was to injure themselves no one would be on duty to assist. In the afternoon, the pick-up is supervised until 3:30pm. I know it can be very busy in the afternoon and sometimes parents/carers run late, so please contact the school office on 49381541 to let us know that you will be late. After 3:30pm, children waiting to be collected will be brought to the school office to wait for their parents/carers.

Office of Safeguarding

Keeping parents and carers informed about the legislation and procedures around reporting a child protection concern is important. Please read the articles below for your information.

The Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012

Under this legislation people who undertake a role in child-related work in a paid or volunteer capacity in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle are required by law to have a Working with Children Check Clearance. This 'Clearance' can be obtained from applying online at check@kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au. As a parent, if we learn about a staff member or a volunteer working in the school without a Clearance, we should talk with the Principal or Assistant Principal as soon as possible. If we believe that nothing is being done about our concerns, we can contact the Office of Safeguarding directly (Ph. 4979 1390 Mon-Fri).

Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Reporting Policy

As a parent we can report any concerns we have for a student, or group of students, to our principal, assistant principal or directly to the Office of Safeguarding (Ph. 4979 1390 Mon-Fri). Information about reporting concerns for a child can be found on the Office of Safeguarding website: <https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/reporting-abuse/>. As parents we are entitled to contact the Office of Safeguarding directly about any concerns we have about the safety, welfare or wellbeing of a child or if we are concerned that the school isn't addressing allegations of reportable conduct or abuse.

Tell Them from Me Survey

All parents/carers at Rosary Park Branxton are invited to contribute to a community consultation survey. The survey is now open (closing on 22 October 2020). The survey is anonymous, voluntary and easy to use. It takes about 20 minutes to complete and covers parents' perceptions of the school's support for learning, positive behaviours, and the promotion of safety and inclusion. Students in Years 4–6 will also participate in the survey during class time this week. Parents/carers have already received a non-consent note which was to be returned by last week if you did NOT want your child participating in the survey. The insights we gain into parent and staff communication, activities and practices at home, and parent voice on the school's support of learning, faith formation and behaviour will build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements. This is your chance to provide valuable feedback about your school and support school planning and future direction and we welcome your participation, suggestions and comments. The school community will receive findings and proposed actions for improvement following completion of the survey process.

Parents/carers can access the survey by this link: <http://tellthemfromme.com/sy5gf>

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program 2021

In Term 2, Year Four parents received information about the device they will be required to purchase for their Year 5 child in 2021. Year Four parents are now invited to a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 28th October at 5:30pm to meet with Catholic Schools Office IT and Rosary Park staff to learn more about the philosophy behind the Stage 3 (5/6) BYOD project and the device specifications for their child in 2021. Zoom invitations will be sent out to those parents who replied next term.

Farewell

Farewell to Indy and Spencer Johansen who will be leaving at the end of term. We wish you well and hope you enjoy your new school.

Water bottles

The directive remains from NSW Health that all drinking bubblers remain closed at school. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day, especially as the weather warms up.

Thank you

Thank you to the many families who have reached out and joined our Mercy caring group recently to cook meals for a family in need. This will continue next term and Jess Dougherty is putting together a roster for this. If you would like to be added to the list please email us at admin@branxton.catholic.edu.au

Fees

Term 3 fees are now overdue and payable. If you are paying fees off on a regular basis, please ensure it is enough to have them paid prior to the end of November 2020.

Thank you for your support throughout the term of our school and your children in what have been difficult and challenging times. I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy some sunshine and precious family time.

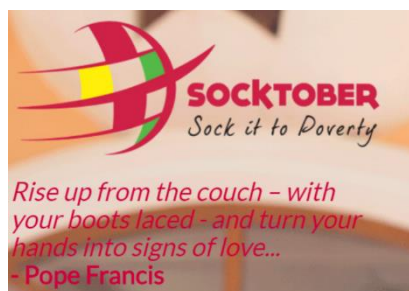
Kind regards,

Sallyanne Stanbridge (Principal)

Religious Education Coordinator's Message

Prayer

Lord, I let go of the worries, resentments and fears
That I can sometimes hold on to so tightly.
Let me open my hands and my heart to receive freely
All the gifts that I need at this time.



Mercy Works and Socktober – Friday 23rd October

Year 4 are working hard to plan activities for Mercy Works. This charity supports long term development projects, working with some of the most challenged people in Australia and the South-East Asia Pacific region, improving health, enhancing social wellbeing and expanding educational opportunities. Year 4 have been learning about the Founder of the Sisters of Mercy, Catherine McAuley and the work these religious sisters have done throughout the world. The Y4 children

will provide games and activities for the children of Rosary Park. Children can **bring in coins in Week 2** of the term and these can be exchanged for Mercy Works **Tokens** to be spent on the Friday.

Since the day will already be exciting, we have decided to celebrate Socktober on the same day. Children are invited to **wear bright, colourful socks** (they can be decorated if the children desire) with their school uniform. If you are interested in reading more about raising money for Socktober, have a look at <https://www.socktober.org.au> . Children



can bring a gold coin on the day which will go to the Missions. Many thanks for your support of these charities. We are looking forward to an exciting day!



Liturgy Updates

We continue not to be able to celebrate Liturgies in the same way at Rosary Park which challenges us to be more creative! Next term, Y1 will lead us in prayer for All Saints Feast Day on Friday 30th October. Grandparents Day will be celebrated on Friday 6th November, Y2 will lead us in prayer for Remembrance Day on Wednesday 11th November. All of these occasions will be filmed and made available to you via Compass. Watch out for the e-version to celebrate and pray with us!

Making Jesus Real

Making Jesus Real (MJR) is a practical and activity based philosophy and is aligned to Religious Education and Values Education programs throughout Australia. At Rosary Park we have aligned our Positive Behaviour Support with the concepts associated with Making Jesus Real. Some strategies have included discussion about our weekly focus at morning assembly and by rewarding students who have displayed the qualities of Jesus at our Friday awards assembly through our 'MJR Award'. A great way to help your child with this at home, is to check in with them each day about how they acted like or experienced Jesus in their day:

As the term comes to a close, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday,

Kate Levido

Acting Religious Education Coordinator



There's more to say after R U OK?

To whoever is reading this,

I need to let you know – don't say "I can't do this", because you can. You can do hard things. You need to have faith in yourself and say "I can do this" in your head a few times. So never say "I can't do this", because you can and you need to know that! Maybe you could say "I can't do it yet" or "I will be able to do this with practice".

Written by Zoe Kendall – Year 4

To whoever is reading this,

I want to let you know to be yourself and don't change, because changing's not you and it's not your true self. If someone is bullying you they need to learn you're not going to change. Don't change just to make yourself look good or fit in. You already look good and you fit in and you're amazing in this world. All those bullies will lose their friends, it will stop people from liking them. So you need to be yourself because people want to see you, not a different person.

Written by Zoe Kendall – Year 4

Garden Beds

Rosary Park Catholic School were lucky enough to receive a donation from Cessnock Bunnings Warehouse of 2 garden beds and both flowers and vegetable plants to grow. Year 2 have been looking closely at living things and how they grow as part of our Science unit. We have also been able to use the garden beds during Mathematics when focusing on area and length. They have been able to watch the plants grow from day 1. It has been a place for children when they need some time away and a place to go where it is peaceful and quiet. We are so lucky to have a place where children can go and learn about how living things grow. The children have taken on great responsibility and shown great leadership by remembering to water the plants daily.

We thank Cessnock Bunnings for the wonderful learning opportunities they have provided to our school and we look forward to seeing our vegetables grow.



Week 7



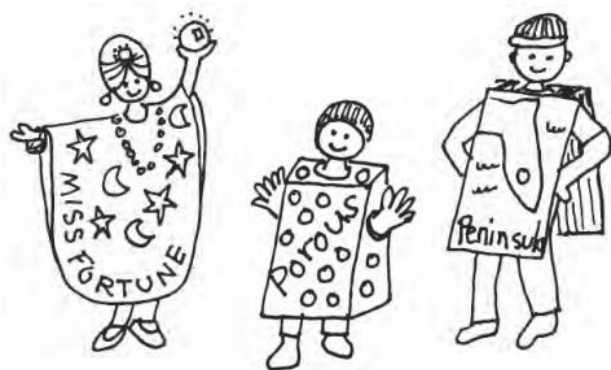
Week 10



Mackenzie Gageler

REMINDER!! Thursday 15th October (Term 4, Week 1)

Rosary Park's Amazing Vocabulary Day



Dear Parents,

This year we will be having our **Amazing Vocabulary Day** on Thursday 15th October (Term 4 Week 1). We ask all students to come to school dressed as a word. This day will provide a great opportunity for students to expand their vocabulary and learn from their peers. Students will be sharing their word with their grade as well as defining it and giving an example in a sentence. Additionally, students will be engaging in fun

vocabulary activities throughout the morning to compliment the focus of the day.

Weather permitting we will have the students do a small parade around the school, so that all students will have a chance to show off their fabulous costumes.

Prizes to be won.....All students that participate (have a costume) on the day will have their name placed into a hat and **one** name from each grade will be drawn during our Friday assembly.

The **Learning Intention** for the day is "I know my word, I understand what it means and I can use it in a sentence".

The **Success Criteria** is as follows:

All students **must** have a card that has their word clearly written, a definition and a sentence.

In addition to the card...

It would be **amazing** if your costume reflects the word and you have the word written somewhere on your costume.

It would be **great** if part of your costume reflects the word and you have the word written somewhere on your costume.

It would be **nice** to have an accessory (such as a hat) that reflects the word and has the word written somewhere on it.

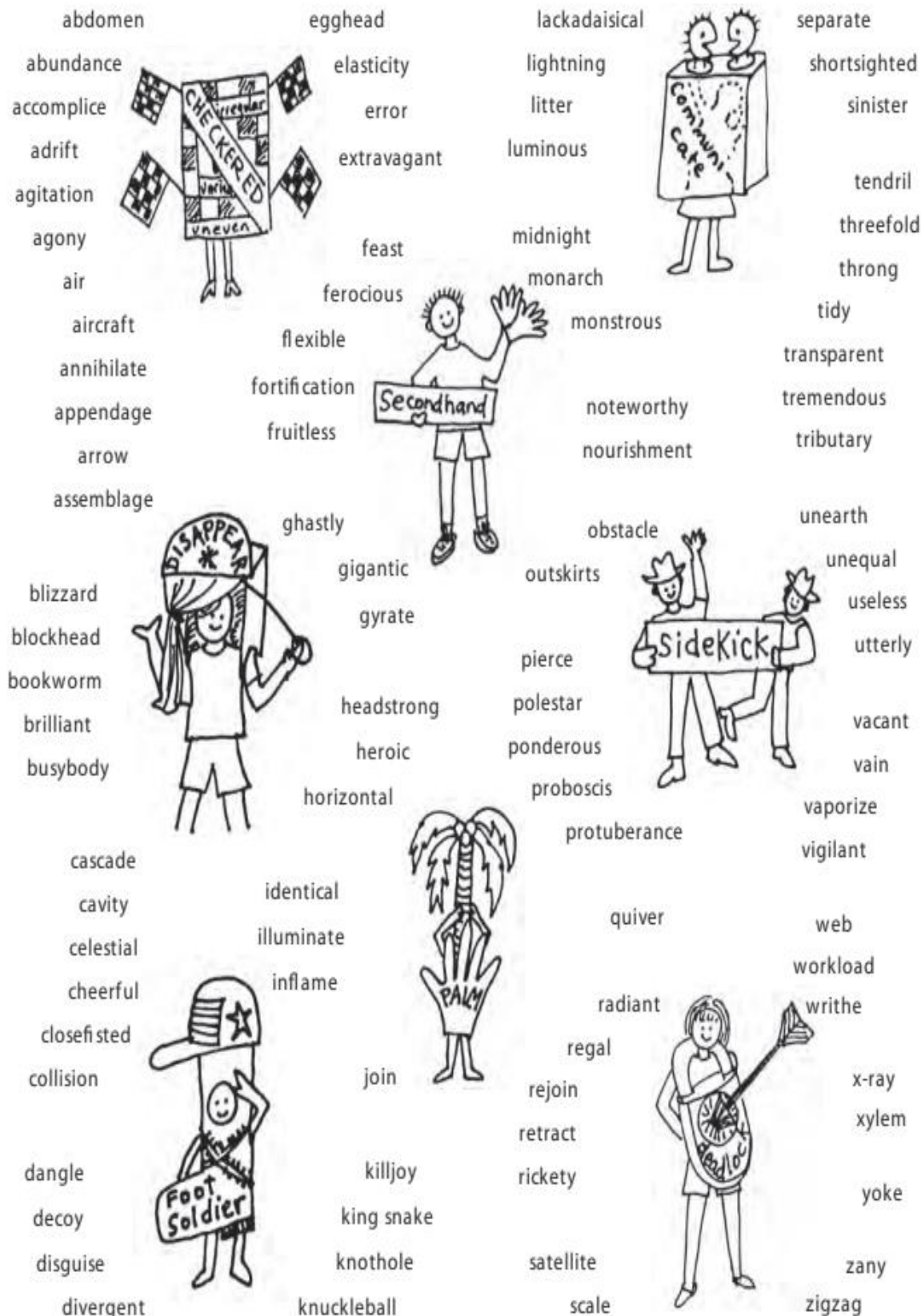
For some marvellously inspirational ideas Google "Vocabulary Parade" or click on the following link:

<https://www.pinterest.com.au/search/pins/?q=vocabulary%20parade&rs=typed>

We look forward to seeing your vocabulary costume.



100 Vocabulary Words to Spark Costume Ideas!



Weekly Awards

Congratulations to those children who have received awards this past fortnight.

Week ending 11 September, 2020

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Matthias Kelly	Spencer Johansen	Jaxon Brown
Kinder White	Jackson Lacey	Ella Yeoman	Lachlan Bartley
Year 1 Blue	Jesse Cavanagh	Owen Clifton	Alex Lyall
Year 1 White	Elijah Collier	Boon Engel	Owen Gough
Year 2 Blue	Aliyah Papacostas	Judson Radcliffe	Indy Johansen
Year 2 White	Rose Drever	Flynn Russell	Sharni Lyttle
Year 3 Blue	Cooper Thomas	Holly Wilson	Kai Mueller
Year 3 White	Olivia Libreri	Willow Roberts	Hamish Alston
Year 4 Blue	Sally King	Lewis Drever	Oliver White
Year 4 White	Amy Murray	Kiera Libreri	Eva Haynes
Year 5/6 Blue	Jarrood Charker	Emma Edwards	Annabella Treloar
Year 5/6 White	Darcey Fuller	Miley Young	Bella Thompson
Year 5/6 Gold	Jessica McKelvey	Jack Yeatman	Bridie Richards

Week ending 18 September, 2020

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Levi Cousins	Joey Alston	Evie Corry
Kinder White	Covey McLaren	Ivy Hanlon	Ellie Ayscough
Year 1 Blue	Samuel Dodd	Samuel Waters	Jema Matt
Year 1 White	Calen Crossman	Jacob Lunan	Evie Smith
Year 2 Blue	Ella Robertson	Elara Black	Elsa Gray
Year 2 White	Olivia Costa	Nevada Adamthwaite	Sam Richards
Year 3 Blue	Asha Messenger	Macy Dun	Indy Young
Year 3 White	Sophie Costello	Chelsea Simmons	Archer Kowalski
Year 4 Blue	Charlie Cole	Ava Davies	Alice Lawler
Year 4 White	Ella Mathewson	Harper Shuttleworth	Oscar Schneeweiss
Year 5/6 Blue	Amira Mueller	Ruby Costello	Haylee Ellison
Year 5/6 White	Fletcher Knodler	Zavier Van Wyck	Johanna O'Nions
Year 5/6 Gold	Hugh Dilley	Claire Fisher	Allie Bowditch

Principal's Awards

Congratulations to those children who have received Principal's Awards this past fortnight.

Week ending 11 September, 2020



Harry White, Liam Russell, Hunter Bondin, Lisa Olive, Robert Campbell and Bella O'Connor.

Week ending 18 September, 2020



Charli Cole, Tyler Standen, Amber Murrell, Rae Killick, Wade Grosso, Ethan Wright, Luke Wright, Mason Hamson, Lola Murray, Rose Drever, Michael Hardy, Lachlan Bartley, Noah Roessler and Jessica McKelvey.

Registration & Information Days for 20/21 Season
Monday 12th & 19th October from 4 - 5.30pm at Singleton Gym & Swim

www.singleton.swimming.org.au

Main Objectives

- *Gaining confidence in the water & in racing
- *Developing a life skill
- *Building new friendships
- *Achieving personal bests
- *Enjoyment

SASC is a registered Active Kids Provider.
Download your \$100 voucher to eliminate rego costs at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>



Singleton Amateur Swimming Club
Since 1928

Due to COVID-19 pressures, we have reduced our fees to \$100 for all swimmers.

Active Kids Vouchers will cover this fee automatically online at point of purchase.



**First Competition night is Thursday 22nd October
5.30pm for a 6pm start**

Our club welcomes all abilities from our junior swimmers through to our national swimmers. We look forward to meeting new families and welcoming back familiar ones.

Our club offers two free trial nights for new swimmers.

Competition nights are now held Thursday evenings throughout school terms 4 and 1 from 6pm.

Last comp night is Thursday 18th March 2021.

KEEP CALM AND SWIM



St Nicholas Early Education

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St Nicholas Early Education – Branxton is now selling coffee.

You can order your coffee at the kitchen window located at the front left hand side of the building.

You can purchase a Coffee Card for \$20 – 4 coffees 5th one is free or Medium for \$5. **Eftpos only**

So why not come on over after dropping off the kids for a well earned delicious coffee.



SPRING HOLIDAYS AT CESSNOCK CITY LIBRARY

Spring has arrived – and so have the September/October holidays! Cessnock City Library is very excited to announce a return to programming in the library these holidays with a workshop run by the amazing Gillian Hewitt from Imaginaturalists and a closer look at animals and their excretory habits with Emma Best from Newcastle Museum. Places are strictly limited, so hop online and book your spot now!

Imaginaturalists Drawing Nature Workshop – Tuesday

September 29th, ages 8+, Cost \$5.00

Drawing Nature - explore our natural world through creativity in this beautiful workshop run by local artist Gillian Hewitt, founder of Imaginaturalists.

Cessnock Library 11.30am – 12.30pm

Kurri Kurri Library 2.00pm – 3.00pm



Whose Bum Is That? – Wednesday October 7th, Ages 6+, Cost \$5.00

Join Emma Best from Newcastle Museum in a guessing game with a difference – a closer look at some of our native animals and their dietary and excretory habits. Masks and latex gloves will be provided and must be worn during this workshop, in line with our COVID safe practices.

Kurri Kurri Library 11.30am – 12.30pm

Cessnock Library 2.30 – 3.30pm



Take Home Craft Pack

Take home a library craft pack – make your own mask lanyard, learn to weave on a cardboard loom, put together a mini catapult, and make a little origami jumping frog. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and Youtube channel for demonstrations of how to make your little jumping frog and weave on your cardboard loom.



Escape the Room – Online!

Some very clever librarians have been putting together excellent virtual escape rooms over the past few months, including Hogwarts, Star Wars and Dr Who escape rooms – test your skills by going to the Young People tab on the library's home page



ASPIRE

MUSIC.DANCE.DRAMA

AUDITIONS 2021



Auditions for ASPIRE 2021 are now open for students from Year 4 to Year 12. The auditions will be held at the Newcastle Convention and Exhibition Centre (Wests Newcastle) which is on the site of the old Newcastle Workers Club in Newcastle.

Registrations for Auditions close on **Friday 25 September 2020**. An email will be forwarded to you during the first week of the holidays with all relevant audition information including your audition date and time.

// HOW TO AUDITION FOR ASPIRE 2021

The ASPIRE Audition Application is an online process

The following instructions will direct you to the online audition form.

- 1/ Go to the ASPIRE website – aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au
- 2/ Click on JOIN US
- 3/ Click on 2021 AUDITIONS
- 4/ Then click on the link: [CLICK HERE TO APPLY ONLINE FOR ASPIRE 2021](#)

Please contact Anne Atkins if you have any queries regarding auditions email: anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au or by phone 02 4979 1331

// ENSEMBLES

DANCE AUDITION: MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2020

The dance audition is entirely workshop-based. You will be taken through some skills-based exercises before learning some new choreography. You may have an opportunity to add your own choreography so it's a good idea to have some ideas in your head about what you might do.

DRAMA AUDITION: TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2020 AND WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2020

The drama auditions are comprised of a half hour workshop comprising of a series of drama exercises in movement, voice, character work and devising (creating short scenes). Auditionees will also be required to prepare a short one minute monologue. A list of topics for Junior applicants will be on the website from Week 7 of Term 3 whilst Senior applicants will be required to source a monologue of their choice.

INSTRUMENTAL AUDITION: MONDAY 26 OCTOBER 2020

All instrumental auditions are 10 minutes. You are required to prepare a short piece that you feel shows off your ability. After performing your piece for the panel, you will either be given some sight reading, asked to perform some scales or asked to improvise around some chords or with another instrument.

VOCAL AUDITION: THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER 2020

For your vocal audition you will be placed in a group of up to 20 students of similar age. The first part of the audition will comprise learning a new song as a group and some simple movement to go with it. This allows us to see how well you pick up new music, lyrics and movement and place them together, but it should also be fun! In the second half of the audition everyone will be required to sing the first verse and chorus of one of the ten selected songs. The list of songs will be live at the end of Term 3 2020. You will be required to sing with the backing track, and a link will be provided for each song so you can practice.

aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au

Please refer to the ASPIRE website for all ASPIRE information, forms, updates, photos and the newsletter.

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