



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 10 2021

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IMPORTANT DATES

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

JUNE		AUGUST	
Fri 25 th	LAST DAY OF TERM 2 Wear pyjamas for St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal (closed in shoes please)	Thurs 12 th	School Photo Day Full Winter uniform
JULY		SEPTEMBER	
Fri 16 th	PUPIL FREE DAY	Thurs 9 th	Whole School Concert at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre 2 performances on this day- 4:30pm and 7pm
Fri 23 rd	Grandparents/Friends Day (maximum 2 adults per family)	Mon 13 th	PUPIL FREE DAY

Principal's Message

After Jesus finished teaching the crowd, the people were very hungry. The disciples came to Jesus - they had only five loaves and two fish and there were more than 5000 people. Jesus took the loaves and fish, said the blessing and gave them to the disciples for the people. They all ate their fill and there were twelve baskets of scraps left over.

Lord Jesus, you are the living bread from heaven.

May we live forever with you. Amen

Dear Parents/Carers

As Term 2 draws to a close, I want to thank you all again sincerely for your support of our children and us as a school staff.

This week, we farewell Jane Johansen who will begin Long Service Leave in Term 3 (until June 2022). We sincerely thank Jane for the decades of service she has given to our school community, and we wish her an enjoyable time off. From term 3, we welcome Amanda Percival who will join Kim O'Rourke in our office Monday-Thursday. Kim continues Wednesday-Friday.

Important Dates

Rosary Park will have a musical involving all children - Kindergarten to Year 6 - on **Thursday 9 September** at Cessnock Performing Arts Centre. There will be two performances on this date: 4:30pm and 7:00pm. We will spend the previous day (Wednesday, 8 September) at the venue for the dress rehearsal. We will bus children to the venue during the school day. Preparation for the musical will occur throughout term 3 and the dance preparations will form part of the Creative Arts/PDHPE lessons. Further information to follow.

As our school hall is no longer able to fit our school community for special events, two years ago we moved our end of year awards ceremony to the hall at St Joseph's College Lochinvar. As such, our end of year awards will be held at this venue from 5:00pm on **Thursday, 25 November**.

Our year 6 end of year dinner and liturgy will be held on **Wednesday 1 December** at our school hall.

Casual Teachers

Winter is a difficult time at school when both children and teachers are more susceptible to various illnesses. To compound this, across both Catholic and state schools in the Newcastle and Hunter regions there is a significant shortage in casual teachers. This term, there have been regular occasions where we have had to take teachers off their normal role of Aboriginal Education, COVID or EALD to cover a classroom teacher who is sick or one of the grade teachers has taken the entire class. There have also been times that we have had to split classes across the school. We acknowledge that this can be difficult for children and this is always our last resort however unfortunately with limited human resources there are no alternatives.

We, along with other Catholic Schools, have expressed our concern about this shortage of casual teachers to the Catholic Schools Office and the Human Resources department is working on ways to mitigate this. We thank our families for their understanding.

Anti-Bullying Handbook

Rosary Park adopts the Catholic Schools Office Anti-bullying procedure (handbook) to investigate and deal with issues of bullying, and to address these in a timely and procedurally fair manner. This document is attached to the newsletter.

Whilst it is important to have processes in place to address these issues when and if they arise, I would encourage families to look over this document to help to raise your awareness on the many pro-active strategies we use and ways that we work to empower our children when social issues arise for them.

Winter Uniform

As expected at this time of year, we are experiencing some very brisk and cold mornings. On such days, children are very welcome to wear a beanie and/or gloves should they need to.

Complaints and Grievances Resolution

In line with the Catholic Schools Office, Rosary Park has an agreed process for positively resolving concerns in our school community. Emailing the school is acceptable however do not expect an immediate response as this may not lead to the best outcome for all concerned as we need time to gather data etc. We would like to offer the following process for any concern you may have.

-Do you have a concern?

-Contact the office to arrange an appointment to meet with your child's classroom teacher

-Meet with your child's classroom teacher to air your concern allowing for open and honest discussion in a positive manner.

-If your concern is still not resolved to a mutual agreement you are to contact the Assistant Principal, Louise Kevin.

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We ask you give us a reasonable timeframe to address your concern, attempt to come to a mutual resolution and work in partnership with us for the good of your child. It may be difficult to find a hard and fast resolution; however, we are very open to working with you for the wellbeing of your child.

For your child:

Your child has the opportunity to discuss any of their issues with their classroom teacher, Louise Kevin or Sallyanne Stanbridge. We are here to help and promote a positive schooling experience, however, if we are unaware of any issues, we cannot deal with them. Therefore, the first step for your child is to **tell a teacher!**

COVID Intensive Learning Funds

In term 3, we will move our focus of support using the COVID funds to students in year 3 & 4. Tiffany Nolan & Brienna Vollmer will provide the support for this across 4 days/week. Parents whose child will be receiving support through this funding will receive a letter about this.

Caring Group

Just a reminder that Rosary Park has a Mercy Caring Group to assist families in need. This is following in the footsteps of the founders of our school, the Sisters of Mercy, who offered hospitality, food and shelter for those in need.

If you would like to be on the caring group roster, please forward your contact details to admin@branxton.catholic.edu.au, you may like to offer to cook, provide a lift to and from school, take children to sport etc. Our Caring Group Coordinator, Mrs Jess Dougherty, will then compile a roster. Any family that needs the services provided by our Caring Group (or know a family that needs assistance), can contact Sallyanne Stanbridge directly, and all requests remain confidential.

The Caring Group is then given information about what a family might need to assist e.g. cooked meals, with the school then informing the Caring Group what assistance is required and for the length of time. If you or members of your family are experiencing any difficulties, please contact me, so that we can help you.

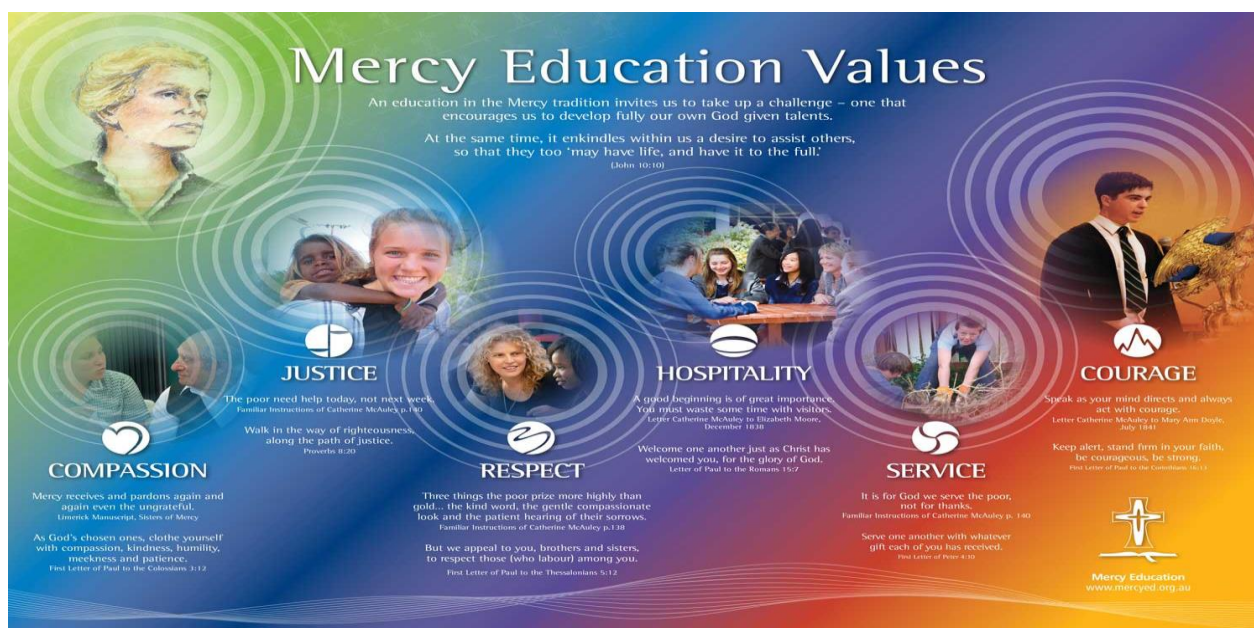
Kindergarten 2022

These are now closed and offers of enrolment will be posted this week.

Thank you so much for your support this term. Enjoy a restful break.

Kind regards, Sallyanne Stanbridge (Principal)

Religious Education Coordinator's Message



Parish Mass Times:

It is always lovely for children to participate in Mass and Liturgical celebrations in our Parish. Currently Mass is celebrated at 5:00pm Vigil (each Saturday) at St. Brigid's Braxton and at St. Catherine's Greta at 8:00am.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal:

This term, for the month of June, we are raising awareness of St Vincent de Paul and the work they do with the poor in our local community. We invite our students to donate perishable goods, that is, food items that can be kept in the cupboard for a while. This year, we will ask particular year groups to bring in a specific item. We welcome you to bring what you can in these categories:

- Kinder** - toiletries, including shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby wipes
- Year 1** - drinks including tea, coffee, cup-of-soup, poppers of juice, long-life milk, etc.
- Year 2** - canned goods
- Year 3** - cereal
- Year 4** - biscuits, either sweet or savory
- Year 5** - Spreads like vegemite and jam, marshmallows and hot chocolate powder
- Year 6** - toiletries, including shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant.

Each class will collect these items in their classroom and watch their stockpile grow throughout the month of June.

At the end of June, we will invite a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society to our school and give Rosary Park's generous offering.

Thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of those in need in our community.

Out of Uniform Day

We will be having a **PJ and hot chocolate day** on **Friday 25th June**.

Details: \$1 to come out of uniform and in your PJs for the day and \$2 for a hot chocolate with a marshmallow at lunch. Money raised will go to our St Vincent De Paul Winter appeal.

May God bless you,

Amber van Duuren

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Gifted Education

Tournament of Minds (TOM)

This term, children in Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 have been attending training sessions for TOM. The children have been participating in mini challenges that they have had to solve and present in small groups. I would like to thank all the children who have participated each week. Unfortunately, I can only choose seven children to be in the final team next term. Selection notes have been given out this week. Children will begin preparing for their long-term open-ended challenge at the beginning of Term 3.

Chess

This term we have been receiving weekly chess lessons from the Sydney Academy of Chess. This week will be our final week. I have been fortunate enough to attend the afternoon session after school each week and it has been wonderful to see the children's chess skills continually improve.



ICAS

This year, Rosary Park will be offering students in Years 2-6 the opportunity to complete the Maths, English and Spelling Bee ICAS Assessments. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment. Your child will be presented with high-quality, expert-developed questions, allowing them to apply their learning without the need for prior study or revision.

Parent payment system

Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessments parent payment system (PPS) for Mathematics, English and Spelling Bee. Through this system parents can pay for ICAS directly online while tests will still be held at our school. Below are the prices, sitting dates, and closing dates to register for each assessment. Please note that it is your responsibility to register your child to sit these assessments. We are unable to purchase individual assessments this year.

School Access Code: DQT166

Parent page: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

Assessment	Date of assessment	Closing date for parents to register and purchase using PPS	Price
English	Term 3, Week 6. Monday, 16 August 2021 to Friday, 20 August 2021	Sunday, 1 August 2021	\$17.05 (inc. GST)
Spelling Bee	Term 3, Week 7. Monday, 23 August 2021 to Friday, 27 August 2021	Sunday, 8 August 2021	\$17.05 (inc. GST)
Mathematics	Term 3, Week 8. Monday, 30 August 2021 to Friday, 3 September 2021	Sunday, 15 August 2021	\$17.05 (inc. GST)

If you have any questions about the ICAS assessments, please forward them to admin@branxton.catholic.edu.au.

Jessica Mead

Sports News

Cross Country:

Recently Nate Hamson attended the Polding Cross Country carnival at Eastern Creek. Nate did an outstanding job and came home with a gold medal for his age group. This is a huge achievement for Nate and this is the first time, we have had a student from Rosary Park Branxton reach the NSWPSA level for Cross country. Please join us in congratulating Nate for his outstanding achievement! We wish Nate the best of luck for NSWPSA cross country which is to be held at Eastern Creek early next term.



Rugby Union:

Recently Nate Jury and Xavier Thomas participated in the diocesan Rugby Union trials. Both boys represented our school with pride and enjoyed the day. Nate Jury was successful in being named for the diocesan Rugby Union team for Polding in Forbes. Nate did a fantastic job getting this far despite playing a different position at the trials. Please join us in congratulating both boys on their wonderful achievements.



Regional Athletics Carnival:

On Friday we have 42 students representing our school at the regional athletics carnival which is held at Maitland Athletics Centre. We wish all students the very best and know they will make us proud representing our school. Students need to be at school **by 7.15am**. Parents can sign their child out after the completion of the child's events via Mrs Rooke (team manager).

Mackenzie Gageler

Sport Coordinator

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) News

On Thursday 24th June, the second last day of Term 2, our PBL team leaders Claire Jordan and Benji Matt will be rewarding our students for their great behaviour throughout the term. Students that have not received red cards in term 2 will receive a small cup of hot chips. Infants' children will receive their hot chips at lunch time followed by primary students receiving their hot chips at afternoon tea. If this isn't exciting enough, they will also be running teacher vs students sport games at second half lunch.



Our groundsperson Mr Levido and some of our children have recently redecorated one of our playground benches and transformed it into a Buddy Bench. This is a place for children to go to if they are feeling lost or in need of a friend. We are encouraging children to support those on the bench at these times by asking if they are ok or need help. This is another strategy we have in place as part of our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Framework.



Photos from Curious Legends incursion



Year 4 enjoy Curious Legends



Weekly Awards

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

Week ending 11 June, 2021

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Willow Jackson	Annabelle Bielby	Taylah Hampson-Dunn
Kinder White	Annabelle Lunnon	Ellesse Skowron	Harry Milgate
Year 1 Blue	Luke Healy	Hunter Bondin	Charlize Lott
Year 1 White	Noah Linton	Tao Dumas	Lachlan Bartley
Year 2 Blue	Kendra Collier	Kyson Crossman	Eliza Dagg
Year 2 White	Ellie Young	Aleah Dilley	Sam Jacka
Year 3 Blue	Hunter Bondin	Logan Knodler	Brooke Healy
Year 3 White	Aden Pople	Flynn Russell	Ella-Grace Walpole
Year 4 Blue	Lina Poje	Holly Wilson	Olivia Libreri
Year 4 White	Miley Robertson	Layla Hedger	Shonoa Applekamp
Year 5 Blue	Amelia Dagg	Tia Killick	Ethan Wright
Year 5 White	Tex Engel	Charlie Cole	Bella O'Connor
Year 6	Callan Lyttle	Bridie Richards	Darcy Burgess

Week ending 18 June, 2021

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Brailyn Longmate	Addison Rattray	Stella Bunner
Kinder White	Jack Cooper	Adara Evans	Mackenzie Hammond
Year 1 Blue	Jaiden Xuerub	Blake Collins	Amarlie Kiem
Year 1 White	Joseph Alston	Ivy Hanlon	Liam Dobos
Year 2 Blue	Darby Thomas	Liam Pike	Owen Clifton
Year 2 White	Penelope Bunner	Nash Goddard	Sam Waters
Year 3 Blue	Madeleine Parkes	Piper Jury	Sharni Lyttle
Year 3 White	Elara Black	Charlie Bush	Liana Rock
Year 4 Blue	Ashton Pople	Robert Campbell	Owen Simpson
Year 4 White	Zac Binnie	Stella Walters	Leo Ramsay
Year 5 Blue	No awards		
Year 5 White	No awards		
Year 6	No awards		

Principal's Awards:

Alex Lyall, Amber Murrell, Leah Wishart, Brock Wishart, Kendra Collier, Rae Killick, Archer Kowalski, Lachlan Bartley, Mikayla Gillings, Amelia Saxby, Aleah Dilley, Abigail Parkes, Kyson Crossman, Zoe Kendall, Kai Mueller, Elke Bereza, Xavier Thomas, Shelle Cole, Will Ledingham, Ella Yeomans, Lexi Barlow, Allie Dodd, Annedrea Harris and Bryce Bogacz.



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Nutrition Snippet

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HEAL
COUNTRY!
4-11 JULY 2021

With the theme of NAIDOC this year being "Heal Country!", it is an opportunity for all Australians to come together to celebrate the rich history, diverse cultures and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as one of the oldest continuing cultures on the planet. Here's a healthy Indigenous recipe to share with your family from the Heart Foundation Cookbook 'Flavours of the Coast' Koori Cookbook!

Kangaroo Spaghetti

10 minutes preparation time + 25 minutes cooking time

By Terry Rankinmore



Ingredients:

1 tablespoon of olive oil
600g of kangaroo mince
500g of fresh mushrooms, sliced
1 onion, diced
1 large green capsicum, sliced
1 large red capsicum, sliced
1 bunch of celery, sliced
1 can of diced tomatoes
Parsley
4 cups of cooked pasta
1 tablespoon of tomato paste

Method:

1. Heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil in wok or frying pan.
2. Brown mince then add onions, mushrooms, celery, capsicum and cook for 10 minutes.
3. Add the canned tomato and tomato paste and simmer for 5 minutes.
4. Boil the pasta until cooked.
5. Serve the mince on top of the cooked pasta and garnish with parsley.



Health
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Local Health District

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<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

APPLIES TO BOTH KERBED AND UNKERBED ROADS

Changes to Cessnock City Council's PARKING ENFORCEMENT POLICY

Cessnock City Council has recently changed its Parking Enforcement Policy. As of the **17 August 2021** vehicles are no longer permitted to park on nature strips with no kerb and gutter. Council's Policy now brings our local area into line with **NSW Road Rules 2014**.

CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL



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