

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Term 1 Week 10 2022**  
**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

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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**

APRIL		MAY	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> - Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Liturgy	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Full winter uniform starts
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM 1</b>	Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Athletics Carnival – Maitland Athletic Centre
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SCHOOL RETURNS TERM 2</b>	Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Anzac Service at Rosary park 10:45am Parents Welcome	Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic Schools Week
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	Priests/Parish Leaders/Principals Day Sallyanne at CSO	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	P&F Meeting 6pm
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b> . NO SCHOOL for children today  OOSH care available 0448 751 549	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Awards Assembly 2:15pm Parents Welcome TBC
MAY		Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	School Photos FULL WINTER UNIFORM
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:30 Year 6 parent talk from St Joseph's College staff (at Rosary Park)  9am Student talk	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Aussie Bush Camp
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Awards Assembly 2:15pm Parents Welcome TBC  Also Mothers Day Celebrations	JUNE	
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Awards Assembly 2:15pm Parents Welcome TBC	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Aussie Bush Camp

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

Pope Francis recently shared his thoughts on our long-held tradition of fasting during this season of Lent.

- a. Fast from hurting words and say kind things.
- b. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- c. Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- d. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- e. Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- f. Fast from complaints, contemplate simplicity.
- g. Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- h. Fast from bitterness; fill hearts with joy.
- i. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- j. Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- k. Fast from words, be silent and listen.

*Not bad really and giving a very different reflection on taking on or giving up. Hope your lent is going well as we prepare for the joy of Easter!*

### **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Thank you to the many parents who have attended parent/teacher interviews in these last few weeks. It is important that as educators and parents we communicate openly and regularly in order to meet the best outcomes for our children. For those parents who did not make an appointment, teachers have again contacted you to make a time. It would be appreciated that you contact the school and make a time with your child's teacher.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers for the many hours they have taken in preparing for these interviews (as well as the actual time in the interviews).

### **Leading Learning Collaborative (LLC)**

Next week the LLC team from Rosary Park will once again attend Professional Learning with Lyn Sharratt (via Zoom from Canada). The two days' training will give us an opportunity to learn more and reflect on our next directions as a school in improving student outcomes. Our Professional Learning in Term 2 staff meetings and our Professional Learning Team meetings will continue our learning and planning in this area.

### **Complaints and Concerns - A Positive Approach**

Concerns arise at schools for a variety of reasons, sometimes due to the very busy nature of the school environment.

In addition to solid teaching & learning, there are many extra curricula activities to enhance school life and a great deal of coordination is required. Accordingly, many considered decisions are made every day by our professional team to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and the wider community, and promote learning for all. At the same time, the school community is quite diverse, with many individuals or groups having vastly different opinions on how things should be done.

It is inevitable therefore, that times will arise when some parents agree with the school's actions while others disagree and wish to discuss the matter and seek clarification with the school. We welcome such discussions and encourage parents to raise issues so that they can be dealt with speedily and resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Raising concerns or seeking clarification is not a negative experience if everyone focuses on it being a solution-focused experience by valuing everyone's opinions. The following process for presenting and managing parental concerns works well and is the way we manage all concerns at our school.

### **Complaints Procedure:**

The following procedure is used to resolve complaints or concerns at our school.

STEP 1: Try and establish the facts before contacting the school. Many concerns are quickly resolved once the parent is aware of all the facts.

STEP 2: In the first instance, speak to your child's teacher about the matter.

STEP 3: Let the school know via letter, email at [admin@branxton.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@branxton.catholic.edu.au), telephone (49381541) or in person at the office, that you have a concern, providing details of the issue.

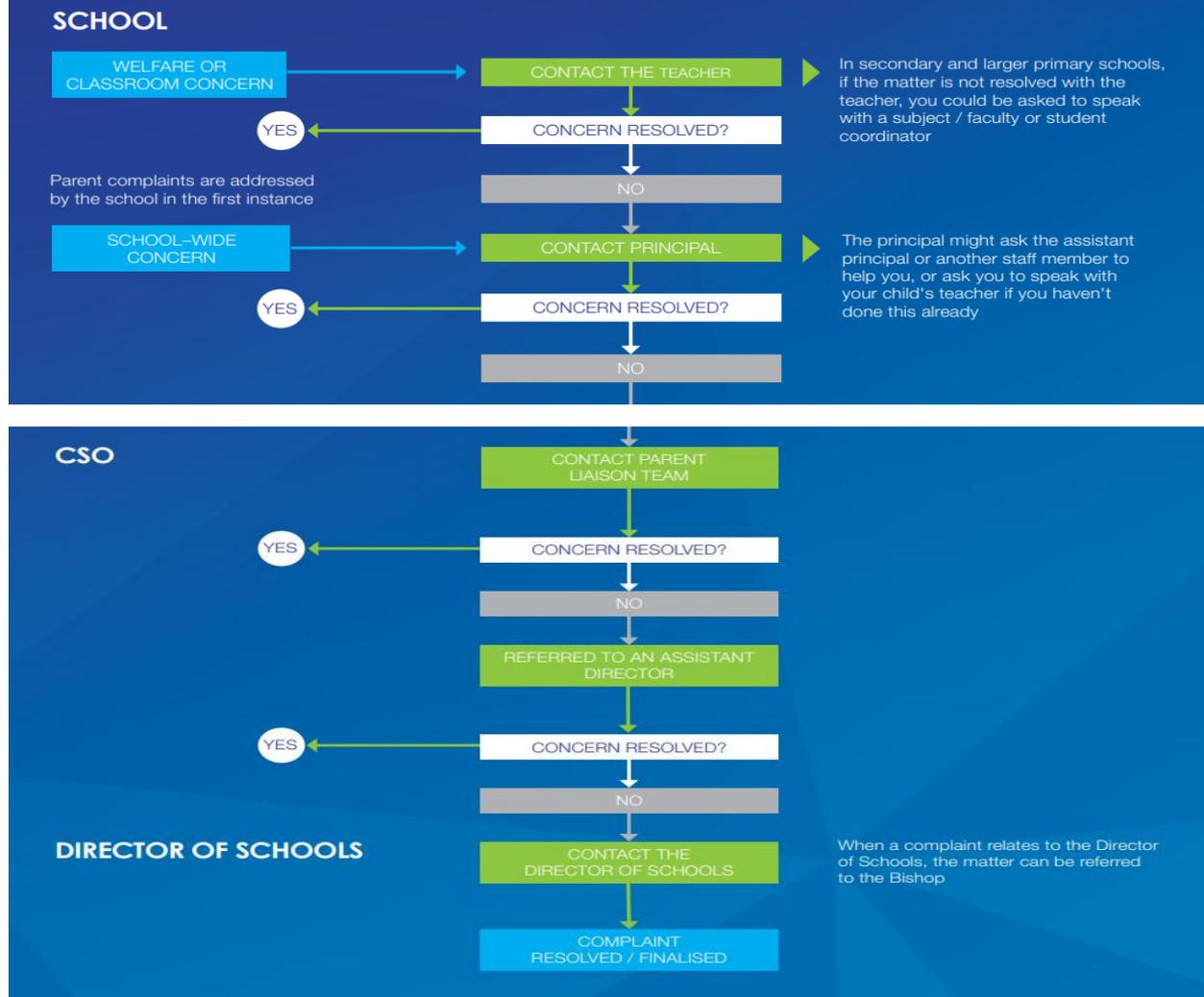
STEP 4: The school WILL investigate the concern and the most appropriate person will contact you to discuss the matter or organise a meeting. Almost 100% of problems are resolved at this point.

STEP 5: If, however, the matter remains unresolved, additional support from a member of the Executive or Principal may be required which usually involves a formal appointment to discuss the issue.

STEP 6: Support from the Catholic Schools Office is sometimes sought to help solve problems. Contact details for the CSO Parent Liaison and Resources Officer are available from the Principal or CSO on 49791200.

For further advice, please see the COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES RESOLUTION POLICY (AUGUST 2013) for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle which can be accessed via the CSO Website and is found under Policies.

# Complaints Resolution Pathway for Parents and Carers



## Winter Uniform

Changeover to winter uniform occurs in Term 2. Unless we have a cold snap earlier, all children are expected to be in full winter uniform by the start of Week 4 (16th May). In the two weeks prior to this, parents are welcome to use their discretion and if there is a cold snap children can wear their Winter uniform. Your support is greatly appreciated to maintain our very high uniform standard. All items are available at Flanagan's Menswear, Vincent Street, Cessnock.

School photos are Tuesday 31 May. Full Winter uniform to be worn.

## Social Media- Tik Tok

*"Respect and empathy for others is far more important than getting laughs, likes or followers"*- eSafety Commissioner.

Rosary Park is committed to student safety and wellbeing. We want our students to be responsible online citizens and to be able to navigate this space in a safe and respectful manner. The eSafety Commissioner has put out some information recently regarding concerns with Tik Tok and a worrying trend amongst its younger users. This can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2HQwQzA>

Tik Tok is a video-sharing app, where its users film themselves in a 10-15 second clip. These clips are usually set to music, uploaded, and are viewed by followers and strangers alike. Tik Tok is a new, rebranded version of the previous app Musical.ly.

Tik Tok is intended for users 13 years and over (<https://support.tiktok.com/en/privacy-safety/for-parents-default>). Please consider restricting your child's access, if you become aware of them using this form of social media.

### **iParent on the eSafety website**

The website for the eSafety Commissioner has an information section for parents. It contains some useful tips to assist parents at home to protect their digital lifestyle. This space is referred to on the site as iParent and can be found at <https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>.

I would encourage you to access this resource especially as we are now accessing technology more often at home. Please ensure that you have clear guidelines in place to monitor your child's technology use, especially online.

### **Enrolments**

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2023 are now open. Please contact the school office for an enrolment package, if you have a child eligible for kindergarten or know of someone intending to seek enrolment.

### **Anzac Day**

Our local RSL will run their usual Anzac Day service on Monday 25 April. Rosary Park children are invited to march (in summer uniform) and attend the service. This will start with meeting from 11am, march to rotunda at 11:30 for the service

Rosary Park will hold our Anzac liturgy at school from 10:45am on Wednesday 27th. This will be held outdoors so you are welcome to join us. If it is wet weather the event will move indoors so as you can appreciate, we cannot have parents at a large indoor event and parents will be unable to attend.

### **Advanced Notice**

Our Athletics Carnival on Thursday 19 May.

Winter uniform starts Monday 16 May

School Photos 31 May

Thank you for your support in term 1. We wish a happy, holy, and safe Easter.

Kind regards,

Sallyanne Stanbridge (Principal)

### **Congratulations!**

We would like to offer a huge congratulations to Charli Cole (netball) and Cohan Young (Rugby League) who were successful at the Diocesan trials making the Diocesan team to compete at Polding. Well Done!

### **Weekly Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on Friday 18 March 2022.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Award One</b>	<b>Class Award Two</b>	<b>MJR Award</b>
<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Hendrix M	Taylah G	Brooklyn Y
<b>Kinder White</b>	Logan B	Parker G	Jack H
<b>Year 1 Blue</b>	Cooper S	Annabelle B	Campbell C
<b>Year 1 White</b>	Aramaia M	Harry M	Noha M
<b>Year 2 Blue</b>	Ivy H	Max K	Jackson L
<b>Year 2 White</b>	---	---	---
<b>Year 3 Blue</b>	Boon E	Owen G	Jema M
<b>Year 3 White</b>	Indi M	Cruz G	Aleah D
<b>Year 4 Blue</b>	Brooke H	Lexi B	Louis D
<b>Year 4 White</b>	Lianna R	Sam R	Aria B
<b>Year 5 Blue</b>	Henry J	Jamie R	Chelsea S
<b>Year 5 White</b>	Isaac G	Asha M	Will L
<b>Year 6 Blue</b>	Leah-Rose C	Oscar S	Alice L
<b>Year 6 White</b>	Tex E	Sasha C	Will H

Congratulations to the following students who received awards on Friday 25 March 2022

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Award One</b>	<b>Class Award Two</b>	<b>MJR Award</b>
<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Kenny A	Ava W	Amelia H
<b>Kinder White</b>	Koa V W	Ava M	Dominic P
<b>Year 1 Blue</b>	Boston B	Addison B	Holly N
<b>Year 1 White</b>	Mackenzie H	Anderson P	Lexi D
<b>Year 2 Blue</b>	Anika F	Jackson L	Luke H
<b>Year 2 White</b>	Lucy S	Tao D	Blake C
<b>Year 3 Blue</b>	Luke W	Elijah C	Cooper C
<b>Year 3 White</b>	Alex I	Ruby N	Shelle C
<b>Year 4 Blue</b>	Piper J	Rawson D	Elsa G
<b>Year 4 White</b>	Ty I	Zara L	Marley G
<b>Year 5 Blue</b>	Lisa O	Nate h	Aurora L
<b>Year 5 White</b>	Aston P	Ava J	Victoria A

<b>Year 6 Blue</b>	Oliver W	Amy M	Lewis D
<b>Year 6 White</b>	Sam G	Michael H	Ella M

**Principal's Awards:**

Hunter I, Eyden G, Indy Y, Holly W, Ivy H, Will H

**Term 1 PBL Reward**

Next Friday 7 April each grade will celebrate our positive behaviour throughout term 1 with a special reward. The children have agreed upon this reward with their teachers. Our PBL team will assist the grades with this reward. We thank all children for their positive behaviours throughout Term 1.

**Diocesan Leadership**

Since the passing of Bishop Bill last year, we are without the faithful leadership of a bishop in the Maitland/Newcastle Diocese. The following is a prayer as we await the appointment of a new bishop to guide the faith community.

**Prayer for the appointment of our new Bishop**

Shepherding God  
you reveal your way of unfailing love  
in the image of the Good Shepherd  
who seeks the lost,  
shows compassion  
knows and is known by the sheep  
and lays down his life for them.

We your people of Maitland-Newcastle  
are without a bishop to shepherd us.

We ask that your Holy Spirit  
who moves through this great south land,  
inspire the choice of our new Bishop,  
empower his 'yes'  
and open our hearts in hospitality and love.

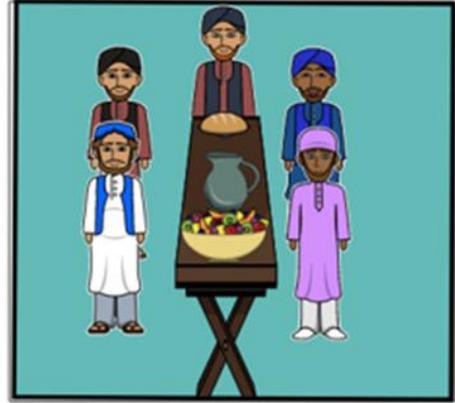
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us  
Mary MacKillop of the Cross pray for us.

**The See is Vacant  
LET US PRAY**

**Holy Week Overview**

What is Holy Week? Why is it important to Christians?

<p><b>What is Holy Week?</b></p>	<p><b>What is Palm Sunday?</b></p>	<p><b>What is Holy Thursday?</b></p>
		
<p>Holy week is the week leading up to Easter.</p>	<p>Palm Sunday is the day Jesus came into Jerusalem and the people were waving palms to welcome him.</p>	<p>Holy Thursday is the day Jesus had the Last Supper, washed his disciples feet and prayed in the garden.</p>
<p><b>What is Good Friday?</b></p>	<p><b>What is Holy Saturday?</b></p>	<p><b>What is Easter Sunday?</b></p>
		
<p>Good Friday is the day Jesus died on the cross for us. Good Friday is always the Friday before Easter.</p>	<p>Holy Saturday is the day before Easter and the day after Good Friday. On this day Jesus was put in the tomb.</p>	<p>Jesus is not in the tomb. He has risen from the dead. Today we celebrate the resurrection.</p>

Create your own at Storyboard That <https://www.storyboardthat.com/storyboards/sydneylee/holy-week/copy>

## FINANCE NEWS

Everyone should have received a communication from the CSO regarding a form to complete allowing you to be changed to a joint debtor. This should enable both parents /carers to authorise events etc.

Please return the forms to [cso.sassupport@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cso.sassupport@mn.catholic.edu.au) to all the CSO process the request. As you can imagine the volume of requests will be great, and they will endeavour to have them completed as soon as possible.

Please find the form below.

## Joint accounts on Compass to manage permissions and payments

22 March 2022

The Catholic Schools Office recently transferred its finance systems to align with the Compass Student Information System used across our schools.

To ensure we have accurate information and accessibility for parents and carers to provide permissions for their child's schools activities, such as off-site school events and school excursions, it's important for families to have the correct access and where relevant, joint access.

For security reasons, Compass is established similar to other institutions where only one person has certain permissions. This form is for families that have a single debtor currently established with only one access to the portal for financial matters and we want to make this easier for you. We ask that you complete and return the information below and provide your consent for us to transition you to one jointly accessible account.

A jointly accessible account means that either of the named parties can provide their consent/ permission for school-related activities, view transactions or make payments. Updating your account to joint accessibility will not change your statement transactions.

If you choose not to provide your consent, your school can continue "as is" with only the one nominated parent or carer responsible for providing all consents and payments in the portal.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this change, please contact your school.

**Please complete the below to enable us to update you to a joint account across All Schools your child/children are enrolled at. This form must be completed, signed and returned to [csso.sassupport@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:csso.sassupport@mn.catholic.edu.au).**

<b><i>Insert name of parents/carers for joint accessible account</i></b>	
<b><i>Insert Student Name/s</i></b>	<b><i>Insert School Name and Suburb</i></b>

We provide our permission to change the debtor title to be shown as a joint account i.e. with both names.

We understand the current transactions on this school fee account will not change, it is the title that is being altered to show both names.

We consent to transfer any outstanding fees to consolidate to a joint account.

We understand there is no change to the fee proportion of 100% per child.

We understand this change will allow all nominated persons the same access to the Compass portal.

We understand that with a joint account, we are jointly responsible and severally liable for the payment of all fees and expenses incurred while our child is enrolled within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle irrespective of Court Orders or personal agreements made between parents and carers.

We acknowledge that we will advise the school of any change in our circumstances and ensure contact details are up to date as soon as practicable.

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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