

# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Term 3 Week 6 2023**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

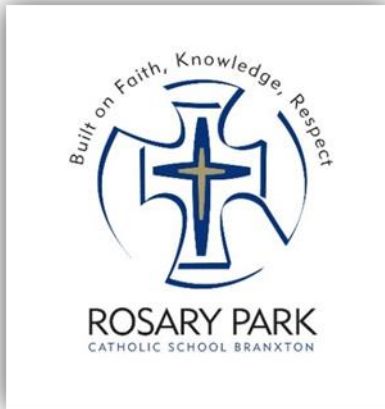
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*We acknowledge the Wonnarua people-the first custodians of this land*



Built on Faith, Knowledge, Respect

*The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults - particularly those who participate in the life of the Diocese. All employees are required to undergo a National Police Check and, where legislated, hold a Working with Children Check. Diocesan workers are expected to personally adopt and enact the Diocese's Safeguarding Commitment Statement.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

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

AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Stage 2 Soccer Gala Day	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Yr4 Dirt Detectives Excursion - Sydney
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup>	Stage 3 Soccer Gala Day	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	Branxton Holy Communion – 6pm
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Waste Free Wednesday	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Concert @ CPAC 2 performances 5pm & 6:45pm
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	Years 1 & 5 Attend Mass @9:15am. All Welcome	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup>	Father's Day Breakfast – 7:30am NO CANTEEN	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

## ADVANCE NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Year 6 Farewell Liturgy and Dinner 5:00pm

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – End of Year Awards 9:45am

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers

**Go out to all the world and tell the Good News**

**Strong is God's love for us;**

**He is faithful for ever.**

*Mark 16:15*

**National Child Protection Week** (3-9 September) is an annual event starting on the first Sunday of September. The theme 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go' aims to spread the message that to treat all of Australia's children fairly, we need to make sure every family and community has what kids need to grow up safe and supported.

Throughout Child Protection Week, and at various times through the school year, we encourage students to learn about behaviours that will help to keep them safe. One important action that children can take is to speak to a trusted adult if they have any concerns. During child protection week, our Personal Development, Health & Physical Education (PDPHPE) will focus on protective behaviours to empower and educate our children on this very important topic.

It is important that we listen to, and value, what children have to say. Where possible, include their voices in decision making and be advocates for their best interest.

The Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare, and wellbeing of children. The Office of Safeguarding (OoSG) is the structural expression of the Diocese's commitment to demonstrate the highest standards of recognising and upholding the dignity and rights of all children.

### **School Attendance**

Supporting positive school attendance is a shared responsibility - everyone has a role to play in promoting the regular attendance of students. All children should be at school on time each day and remain until the conclusion of lessons in the afternoon. This ensures a consistent routine for students which helps children feel secure, as well as allowing children to learn and grow. Days off school not only contribute to significant gaps and lost opportunities in learning, it is also hard for children to establish, develop and maintain social connections.

We ask that you try to limit appointments through the school day where possible. These appointments are important for your child to attend.

Frequent lateness should also be avoided, as children need to get into a good routine each morning. If you are having difficulty getting your child to school on time, please talk to their class teacher.



## **Office of Safeguarding**

The following site <https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide> offers tips for parents about how to keep their children safe online. The site gives a summary for the most recent downloaded apps, such as Tik Tok, House Party and as well as some of the older sites such as Instagram. For anyone who needs advice or just more information about these of social media sites, this site has some very useful information.

## **Resources to help educate and support parents and children**

PRIMARY STUDENTS	SECONDARY STUDENTS	PARENTS/CARERS
 <a href="https://padlet.com/childprotection/primary-school-students-resources">https://padlet.com/childprotection/primary-school-students-resources</a>	 <a href="https://padlet.com/childprotection/high-school-student-resources">https://padlet.com/childprotection/high-school-student-resources</a>	 <a href="https://padlet.com/childprotection/parents-carers-teachers-resources">https://padlet.com/childprotection/parents-carers-teachers-resources</a>

## **Staffing**

Annika Rooke has now taken leave from Rosary Park. We welcome Grace Matthews who is replacing Annika on Mondays as Learning Support Teacher.

Nikola Groves returns to her role as GEM & 2 White teacher next Monday 28/8 following her participation in World Youth Day in Portugal with the diocese. Thanks to Carolyn Webber and Emily Capararo who took 2 White in her absence. Carolyn Will take 2 White every Tuesday for Nikola to complete her GEM role.

Next Friday 1 September Alanna Seysener starts maternity leave. We wish her all the very best as she awaits the birth of her first child in October.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tiffany Nolan on the safe arrival of her beautiful daughter Piper Grace on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2023.

## **Road Safety**

We have recently had several concerned members of the public contact us about our children walking and riding bikes to and from school. We have spoken to groups of children at school to remind them of safety in crossing roads and ensure that this is done at traffic lights and crossings, as well as when riding in suburban streets to be aware of driveways. PLEASE remind your children of these important messages.

Parents need to be VIGILANT when dropping children near St Nick's. PLEASE watch them cross the driveway.

## **School Shoes**

Black **leather** jogger type shoes made by Asics, Nike, Skechers etc ARE permitted at Rosary Park. If these shoes are mesh or canvas shoes they ARE NOT allowed. See examples (from various price points) below that **are permitted**. Feel free to contact us if you need clarification,

[https://www.rebelsport.com.au/p/nike-court-borough-low-2-ps-kids-casual-shoes-black-us-11-57982501.html?gclid=EAlaIqObChMI7IDWnpug-QIV65NmAh2DSwVEEAQYASABEgLPD\\_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds](https://www.rebelsport.com.au/p/nike-court-borough-low-2-ps-kids-casual-shoes-black-us-11-57982501.html?gclid=EAlaIqObChMI7IDWnpug-QIV65NmAh2DSwVEEAQYASABEgLPD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

[https://www.rebelsport.com.au/p/under-armour-charged-assert-8-ps-kids-running-shoes-black-us-2-57500905.html?gclid=EAlaIqObChMI7IDWnpug-QIV65NmAh2DSwVEEAQYBCABEgJhKvD\\_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds](https://www.rebelsport.com.au/p/under-armour-charged-assert-8-ps-kids-running-shoes-black-us-2-57500905.html?gclid=EAlaIqObChMI7IDWnpug-QIV65NmAh2DSwVEEAQYBCABEgJhKvD_BwE&gclsrc=aw.ds)

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## **Uniform**

We will move to full summer uniform from Monday 11 September. If the weather is warmer in the week before this, children can wear FULL summer uniform.

Our students adhere to our school's Uniform Policy with a high degree of consistency, and we greatly appreciate parental support shown in this aspect of school. Adherence to our policy strengthens pride in our School and promotes a positive image.

## **Just a few reminders regarding jewellery and nail polish**

- Students may wear one small stud or one sleeper in each ear lobe (silver or gold)

- One necklace of a religious significance (e.g. cross)
- One single signet ring
- One plain gold or silver golf bangle
- *No nail polish* to be worn at school

**Hair must be neat and tidy. Collar length hair must be worn in a ponytail or plait.** Scrunchies, hair clips, rubber bands, ponytail holders, etc must be **blue/white** in colour and is to be worn in the hair and **not worn on the wrist**.

Tracks, rats tails and patterns cut into the hair are NOT permitted. Thank you for your cooperation in this regard. If children have a mullet it must be blended at the sides and CANNOT touch the collar (or it must be tied back).

I will be on leave in week 10 of this term (from Monday 18 September ) and will return to school Thursday 12 October (Term 4). Please contact Janelle Dixon (Assistant Principal) in my absence.

Kind regards,

Sallyanne Stanbridge (Principal)

## Assistant Principal Message

### New 3-6 Syllabus for Mathematics and English - Online Training for staff

This term, we as a school have given our Year 3 to 6 teachers time to complete online training modules on the new syllabus documents. The new Mathematics and English Syllabus' will fall into line with the changes that have already been made to the K-2 documents. There have been some changes to the language used and the terminology in the documents, as well as changes to when and how content is taught. It is important that teachers are given time to access these documents and become familiar with the new structures during the trial period.

### National Child Protection Week

The theme for this year's Child Protection Week is "Where we start matters." At Rosary Park we have regular conversations around child safety, identifying safe and trusted adults and engage in lessons to support positive mental health and wellbeing. From September 3-9 across the diocese our schools have a particular focus on child safety and wellbeing. During this time, we educate our community about agencies that are available to support us in recognising and upholding the dignity and rights of all children and vulnerable adults.

At Rosary Park we are working on a new banner for our gate which will be displayed during Child Protection Week. Keep an eye out to see how creative we can be in designing a focal point for a week that has such an important message around child safety and wellbeing.

Kind Regards

Janelle Dixon  
Assistant Principal

## Religious Education Coordinator's Message

Families are invited to join as on Thursday the 30th of August at 9.20am for mass. This will take place at our local parish St Brigid's Braxton. Year 1 and Year 5 classes will be attending. When we attend Mass, the priest greets the congregation, asking us to begin with the sign of the cross before greeting us, saying, "The Lord be with you." You will hear this greeting frequently. It means many things. It is both a wish (may the Lord be with you) and a profound statement of faith (as you assemble for worship, the Lord is with you). It is an ancient biblical greeting: Boaz returned from Bethlehem (we read in the Book of Ruth 2:4) and said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you!" The ritual response to this greeting is, "And with your spirit," by which we return the hello, the good wishes, the statement of faith.

It was wonderful to be able to take our Kindergarten students to the church last week as for many of them it was their first time in our local church. The children were beautiful and were accompanied and supported by their Year 6 buddies.

### Father's Day

We invite families to join us on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September to acknowledge and celebrate Father's Day. We will serve our Father's Day breakfast (bacon and egg rolls for dads, grandfathers, and other father figures) from 7:30am.

Please RSVP via QKR with approximate numbers for catering purposes.

There will be a coffee van on site as well for the morning. Please bring correct money.

\$4 for small

\$5 for large

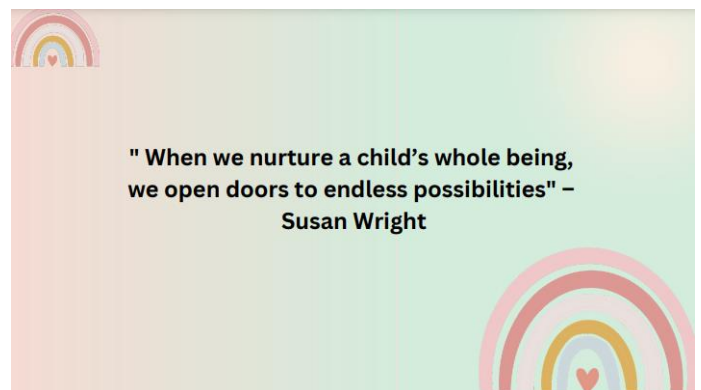
We look forward to seeing you there!

### Wellbeing week:

Last week our year 6 teams have met with their teacher leader to discuss ideas and initiatives they have for the school and an activity they would like to run for our school wellbeing week. I thank Miss Dever, Mr Standing, Miss Morgan and Mrs Seysener for leading and supporting each leadership team.

Next week we recognise and celebrate wellbeing week. It is an opportunity for kids, parents and staff to take 'time out'. The wellbeing of our students, staff and families is of great importance at Rosary Park. Enjoy quality time with your beautiful children and remember NO homework for Week 7.

In classes next week students will be taught the importance of student wellbeing and why we dedicate 1 week of each term to no homework and have activities at school each day in that week.





# Wellbeing Week 7

## **MAKE IT MONDAY**

Join the Mercy team in the hall at lunch time to create artwork for the elderly.

## **TEAM SPORT TUESDAY**

Staff vs students at lunch time on the basketball court.

## **WASTE FREE WEDNESDAY**

Pack a lunch box that is as waste free as possible.

## **TASTE IT THURSDAY**

Enjoy a pancake with the PBL team at lunch time.

## **FITNESS FRIDAY**

Join the active lifestyle team on the playground for some fun activities. Music will also be played at break times.



## Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to our students that competed in our Rosary Park Public Speaking competition last Wednesday. The winners went on to compete in the Regional Competition at Abermain on Tuesday. We are all so proud of their efforts.

Stage 1 representative: Holly Nevin

Stage 2 representative: Nevaeh Diebert

Stage 3 representative: Shonoo Appelkamp



Kind Regards

Amber Van Duuren

### **BOOK WEEK 2023**

RPCS will be holding our book week in Term 4 Week 4 (Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October to Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November).

The week will consist of:

1. A **Scholastic Book Fair** – running from Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October to Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.
2. A **vocabulary dress-up costume parade** – (as we did in 2022) on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November. More information to come.
3. And an opportunity for students to visit other classrooms and work with different teachers, on an activity based off one of the Children's Book Council of Australia short-listed books.

Keep an eye out for more information!

Happy Reading,

Ms. Flynn & Mrs. Dewey

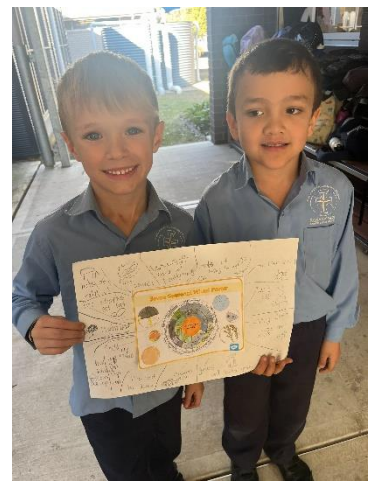
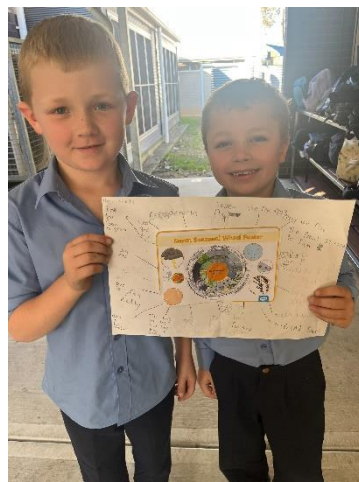
### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education**

As part of their English and Science programs, Year 1 have been comparing the 4 main seasonal calendars to the seasonal calendar of the Larrakia people of Darwin who follow 7 seasons. The students loved learning about the ways that the weather patterns guide them to understand and apply sustainable living practices.

Some examples of this were:

- when turkey bush and wattles are blooming it is the best time to collect cockles.
- collecting only a few turtle eggs from each nest, so that there would be enough turtles hatching for the following season.
- understanding that they change their diet to suit the best foods for harvesting, for example native cherries and berries.
- collecting shellfish and mangrove worms on the mudflats as they become exposed by rain during the rainy season.

Students were encouraged to use symbols, pictures, and words to document their learning.



# SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE MATILDAS... WEAR GREEN AND GOLD DAY!



In Australia sport brings us together. On Wednesday the 16th we wore green and gold to show our support for the Matildas for their match against England! Our students enjoyed a penalty shootout against our Active Lifestyle team. A big thank you to Mr Standing and the Active Lifestyle team for organising this fun day!



# GOAL!



## Weekly Awards

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

Week ending Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (Week 3)

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Award One</b>	<b>Class Award Two</b>	<b>MJR Award</b>
<b>Kinder Blue</b>	Hunter W	Millah L	Carter A
<b>Kinder White</b>	Savannah H	Madi N	Amelia H
<b>Year 1 Blue</b>	Hendrix M	Hunter A-L	Reeve W
<b>Year 1 White</b>	Ayla B	Brynn S	Vincent L
<b>Year 2 Blue</b>	Annabelle B	Holly N	Jesse S
<b>Year 2 White</b>	Cruz J	Sofia P	Arielle F
<b>Year 3 Blue</b>	Noah L	Sasha A	Hunter I
<b>Year 3 White</b>	Braxton T	Linda P	Elke B
<b>Year 4 Blue</b>	Luke W	Aleah D	Indi M
<b>Year 4 White</b>	Sophie C	Jacob L	Hudson O
<b>Year 5 Blue</b>	Madeleine P	Korban L	Samantha R
<b>Year 5 White</b>	Jonah M	Rawson D	Liana R
<b>Year 6 Blue</b>	Holly W	Owen S	Sophie C
<b>Year 6 White</b>	Aurora L	Amelia S	Joel C

Week ending Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023 (Week 4)

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Award One</b>	<b>Class Award Two</b>	<b>MJR Award</b>
<b>Kinder Blue</b>	--	--	--
<b>Kinder White</b>	Tanner H	Porter B-S	Mason B
<b>Year 1 Blue</b>	Matilda B	Piper R	Lauren M
<b>Year 1 White</b>	Charlie D	Callum F	
<b>Year 2 Blue</b>	Indy M	Ellesse S	Addison B
<b>Year 2 White</b>	Jayden M	Aubree M	Cooper S
<b>Year 3 Blue</b>	Jackson L	James S	Addison S
<b>Year 3 White</b>	Lachlan B	Liam R	Matthias K
<b>Year 4 Blue</b>	Ruby N	Lilly S	Jesse C
<b>Year 4 White</b>	Sophie C	Liam P	James D
<b>Year 5 Blue</b>	Allen D	Ella R	Aden P
<b>Year 5 White</b>	Logan K	Harry W	Nevada A
<b>Year 6 Blue</b>	Lacey N	Will L	Lara D
<b>Year 6 White</b>	Cohan Y	Isabelle W	Kai M

## Principal's Awards

Baxter D, Ashton P, Jack C, Archer K, Emily R, Hunter I, Cooper T, Blake C, Braxton T, Victoria A, Teagan S, Arielle F, Hendrix B, Dylan R, Sylvester R, Ava M, Maya S, Aubree M, Liam D, Asha M, Elijah C, Noha M, Myla W, Tristan C, Piper J, Nick L, Finn M, Reeve W, Lisa O, Zoe H, Savannah H, Charli F, Sharni L, Isabella T, Dominic P, Ava J, Samantha R, Cohan Y, Maci H, Connor T, Stella M, Vivienne S, Annie H, Aliyah P, Jackson A, Ella Y, Holly N, Madi N, Holly W

# Waste free Wednesday

Waste Free Wednesday will be  
held on the 30th of August

The reason we are doing this is  
because there is too much rubbish in  
our school playground so we have  
decided to do another waste free  
Wednesday.

Kids will have to pack lunches with no  
rubbish in their lunch boxes because  
there will be no bins on the playground.  
If you have rubbish you will have to  
take it home.



# Road safety



## Wearing helmets and riding safely

### Wearing helmets

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it's the law. The helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand standards and needs to be securely fitted and fastened on your child's head. It should be buckled firmly so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.

Always remember to check that your child is wearing a helmet whenever they're playing or riding on wheels –

- Bikes
- Foot scooters
- Rollerskates
- Skateboards
- Rollerblades

### Riding safely

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they aren't ready to cycle near traffic or on the road. Until they are at least 10 years old, your child should ride off-road away from vehicles and driveways.

The safest places to ride bikes, scooters and skateboards are within fenced areas. This helps your child from riding or falling onto the footpath or the road. Children under 16 and their

accompanying supervising adult riders may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling. Riders need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out.

At intersections, riders must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the **STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!** procedure.

For more information on keeping our kids safe around schools visit the parents section on [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au)

### Messages to share with your children in Kindergarten to Year 4

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from the roads

### Messages to share with your children in Years 5 and 6

- Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate
- Ride your bike away from busy roads

[www.safetytown.com.au](http://www.safetytown.com.au)

## LEFT UNATTENDED

**SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 7PM**

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Bring them back!

find our  
parents!

Put the Prime Minister on the naughty step

**ASPIRE**  
MUSIC. DANCE. DRAMA.



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Book Club Issue 6 is now out with some awesome new titles available to purchase! All orders can be placed online through [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). Last day for orders to be placed is 2:45pm Monday 28/08.

Happy Reading  
Erin Dewey  
Library Assistant



## AUDITIONS 2024

Registrations for the ASPIRE 2024 auditions are now open for students from Year 4 to Year 12. The auditions will be held at the Newcastle Convention and Exhibition Centre NEX, King St Newcastle (Wests Newcastle).

Registrations for auditions close on Friday 22 September 2023. Once we receive your registration, you will receive all relevant audition information during the first week of the holidays. This will include the audition dates and times.

### ENSEMBLES

#### DANCE AUDITION

Monday 23 October 2023

The 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 ready about what you might like to do.

#### 2024 ASPIRE AUDITION FORM



#### INSTRUMENTAL AUDITION

Monday 23 October 2023

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

#### DRAMA AUDITION

Tuesday 24 October and  
Wednesday 25 October 2023

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). Students will also be required to prepare a short one-minute monologue. A list of topics for Junior applicants will be on the ASPIRE website from Week 7 of Term 3, whilst Senior applicants will be required to source a monologue of their choice.

#### VOCAL AUDITION

Thursday 26 October 2023

For the one-hour 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 will 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 available on the ASPIRE website at the end of term 3 2022. You will be required to sing with the backing track (we provide). A link will be provided to each applicant so they can practice.

1. Follow the link or scan the QR code: <http://mn.shor.tn/ASPIREAuditions>
2. Fill in the form to apply

For more details go to [aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au](http://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au)

## INFORMATION SHEET 2024

ASPIRE is the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools Office's Creative and Performing Arts program.

### ABOUT ASPIRE

With an emphasis on fostering creativity, ASPIRE has a large number of programs on offer including in school workshops and production support, professional development for staff as well as special projects in areas such as song writing, scriptwriting, devising theatre and choreography, ASPIRE also produces an original theatrical performance annually where students audition to be part of either the design, vocal, dance, instrumental and production ensembles.

### SAVE THE DATE 2024

**ASPIRE @ THE CIVIC THEATRE NEWCASTLE**

**WEDNESDAY 31 JULY 2024 - 11.00 AM**

**THURSDAY 1 AUGUST 2024 - 11.00 AM**

**FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 2024 - 11.00 AM**

**FRIDAY 2 AUGUST 2024 - 7.00 PM**

**SATURDAY 3 AUGUST 2024 - 7.00 PM**

\$15 PER STUDENTS

Accompanying teachers free.

Tickets through Civic Theatre Box Office in Term 2 2024

### HOW TO AUDITION FOR ASPIRE 2024

The ASPIRE Audition Application is an online process.

The following QR code will direct you to the:

**2024 ASPIRE AUDITION FORM**



1. Follow the link or scan the QR code: <http://mn.shor.tn/ASPIREAuditions>

2. FILL IN THE FORM TO APPLY

### AUDITION DATES

Auditions for ASPIRE 2024 are now open for students from Year 4 to Year 12. The auditions will be held at the Newcastle Convention and Exhibition Centre NEX, King St Newcastle. (West Newcastle).

#### DANCE

**INSTRUMENTAL**  
Monday 23  
October 2023

#### JUNIOR DRAMA

Tuesday 24  
October 2023

#### JUNIOR DRAMA

**SENIOR DRAMA**  
Wednesday 25  
October 2023

#### VOCAL

Thursday 26  
October 2023

Please contact Anne Atkins, ASPIRE admin, if you have any queries regarding auditions: [anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au) or by phone (02) 4979 1331

For more details go to [aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au](http://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au)

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## HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

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## DYNAMIC DANCE

**DATE:** Monday 25 September 2023

**LOCATION:** The Place, Charlestown

**TIME:** 9.00 am – 3.00 pm

**COST:** \$80.00

Get creative on the dance floor as you have fun looking at choreography and how we can use dance to tell a story and show different types of characters. You'll spend the day using a range of movement patterns in your work and develop skills in performance and creating movement ideas.

This workshop is open to students who are in Year 4 to Year 7.

To reserve your place please complete the online registration form below or call Anne Atkins on **02 4979 1331** for more information.  
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## PLAY IN A DAY

- DATE:** Wednesday 27 September 2023
- LOCATION:** Catholic Schools Office, Newcastle
- TIME:** 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
- COST:** \$80.00

Have a day filled with drama of the best kind as you work together to create a short performance piece in just a few hours. Starting the day with a simple idea you will develop skills in working as a team as well as creating characters and scenes as you all contribute to a short piece that you'll share at the end of the day.

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## SENSATIONAL SINGING

- DATE:** Tuesday 26 September 2023
- LOCATION:** Catholic Schools Office, Newcastle
- TIME:** 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
- COST:** \$80.00

Join likeminded peers in this supportive workshop that will look at how we can develop our performance skills and confidence when it comes to singing both in a group and as a soloist. If you are keen to learn more about delivering a song and really engaging an audience then this workshop is for you!

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Kurri Kurri Gymnastics club

# Holiday Camp

Spring holidays 2023

**Mon 25th Sep**

**Gymnastics & Craft**

**1pm-3pm**

**Trampoline & Tumbling Fun**

**3pm-5pm**

**Tue 26th Sep**

**Gymnastics & Craft**

**10.30am-12.30pm**

**Obstacle Adventure**

**1pm-3pm**

**Wed 27th Sep**

**Gymnastics & Challenges**

**1pm-3pm**

**Obstacle Adventure**

**3pm-5pm**

Gymnastics & Craft - 1.5hrs of Gymnastics then a fun craft activity

Tramp & Tumbling Fun - Jump and tumble on all types of trampolines

Gymnastics & Challenges - 1.5hrs of Gymnastics then challenges

Obstacle Adventure - Ninja warrior style circuits and time trials

**Tue 3rd Oct**

**Gymnastics & Craft**

**1pm-3pm**

**Obstacle Adventure**

**3pm-5pm**

**Wed 4th Oct**

**Gymnastics & Challenges**

**10.30am-12.30pm**

**Trampoline & Tumbling Fun**

**1pm-3pm**

**Thu 5th Oct**

**Gymnastics & Challenges**

**1pm-3pm**

**Trampoline & Tumbling Fun**

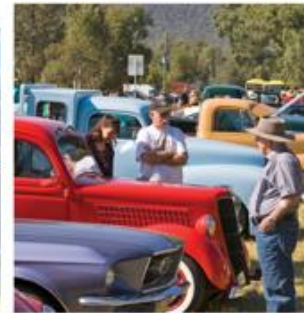
**3pm-5pm**

**\$25 per session  
\$45 double session (in the same day)**

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or 4004 3100  
Open to all 4 years plus**

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