

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Term 2 Week 4 2025**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

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

**Built on Faith, Knowledge, Respect**

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### IMPORTANT DATES

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

May		June	
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dio Cross Country (Back Up Date 3)	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	School Assembly 9am
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Reconciliation Week Morning Tea	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 School Excursion
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	School Maths Bee	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – no school
June		Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Math Olympiad Contest 2
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Catholic Schools Week begins, Liturgy, open classrooms and picnic afternoon tea	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Great Aussie Bush Camp – Year 5
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	SCHOOL PHOTOS	Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dio Spelling and Maths Bee
		Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	PUPIL

### Principal's Message

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*Lord, we thank you for the grace and blessings of this day, and for the example of the saints, who we celebrate each day. We ask for your guidance and strength to live lives that are pleasing to you, reflecting your love and compassion. We pray for those who are suffering, whether physically, emotionally, or spiritually, and we ask for your healing touch and comfort. Help us to grow in faith, love, and service, becoming more like your Son, Jesus Christ, and walking in the light of your presence. Amen*

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Dear Parents/Carers

### **MOTHER'S DAY THANKS**

I hope that all of our mums had a terrific Mother's Day recently. A huge thanks to the staff and students of Rosary Park for an amazing morning!

### **WINTER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER**

As per Compass message last week, ALL students are expected in FULL WINTER UNIFORM.

If this is a concern or an issue, please contact me as soon as practical.

### **SCHOOL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the following students on winning and being runner-up in the School Spelling Bee:

CLASS	WINNER	RUNNER UP
KINDER	Lucas	Ariella
STAGE ONE	Millie	Jack
STAGE TWO	Jayden	Theo
STAGE THREE	Hudson	Evie

All winners (except for Kindergarten) will represent the school in the Regional Spelling bee, to be held here at Rosary Park, in the coming weeks.

### **DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY**

Has been postponed due to this dreadful weather. Miss Dever and I will get information to entrants ASAP.

### **NATIONAL SORRY DAY – RECONCILIATION WEEK**

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 2025 theme, *Bridging Now to Next*, reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future.

*Bridging Now to Next* calls on all Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

### **UNIFORMS**

It is great to see so many people in their winter uniforms. They look very smart and when worn well, gives a terrific first impression of our wonderful school.

Ashley Borg  
Principal

## Assistant Principals Message

### Wellbeing:

We know that student wellbeing is the foundation for successful learning. When children feel safe, supported, and connected, they are better able to engage in the classroom and build strong relationships with others.

One powerful way to support wellbeing is by taking time to talk with your child about **kindness and gratitude**.

These conversations don't have to be long—simple questions like:

- “What's something kind you did today?”
- “Did someone do something kind for you?”
- “What's one thing you're grateful for today?”

These questions can help children reflect on their actions, grow in empathy, and develop a habit of thankfulness. These small moments of connection make a big difference in your child's emotional development.



### Student Led Conferences

The student led conference is an opportunity for every child to share their learning with their parents or carers. It enables the child to lead these learning conversations, celebrating their successes, unpacking their learning journey, and identifying the goals they have for next steps with the support of the teacher. These conferences ensure that at Rosary Park we are providing the opportunity for children to gain the most benefit from this strategy which has been proven to have a high impact on student achievement.

If you would like more information on Professor John Hattie and his research you can search his name or the name of his book "Visible Learning" on the internet or contact the school for further links to information about the benefits of student led conferences.

# Student Led Conferences Cheat Sheet Rosary Park Catholic Primary School

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## What is a student led conference

A student-led conference gives your child the opportunity to share their learning journey with you. They take the lead in celebrating their achievements, discussing their progress, and setting future goals with support from their teacher.



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## When are student led conferences

Student-led conferences will take place in Term 2, Week 10 – Monday 30th June. Each conference goes for 10 minutes.



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## Who and where is involved

Student-led conferences involve the child, their parents or carers, and the classroom teacher, and are held in the child's classroom.



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## How to book

Book via Compass. Bookings open Week 4 21<sup>st</sup> May and are open for 3 weeks and close at the end of Week 7 on the 13th June!



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## Why are student led conferences important:

Research shows one of the best ways to improve student learning is by getting children to talk about what they are learning and how they're going. Student-led conferences give them the chance to



Mackenzie Gageler  
Assistant Principal (Relieving)

## Religious Education Coordinator's Message

### Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV, born Robert Francis Prevost on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, was elected as the 267th pope of the Catholic Church on May 8, 2025, following the death of Pope Francis. He is the first U.S.-born pope and the first from the Augustinian order. Upon his election, Pope Leo XIV addressed the public from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, delivering his first words as pope: "Peace be with all of you!" His papacy marks a significant moment in the Church's history, reflecting both continuity and change in its leadership.

## Catholic Schools Week 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Catholic Schools Week is a week that is celebrated by all Catholic schools in Maitland Newcastle. This year the theme is "One call. One mission. Pilgrims of Hope". This year is extra special because it is the Jubilee year. This Jubilee year is marked as a time to re-establish our relationship with God, one another, and all of creation. In 2025, we are called to respond to Jesus' call. May Catholic Schools Week remind us that we are to live as pilgrims of hope. The heart of all we do as Catholic schools is Jesus Christ, and during Catholic Schools week, we are reminded to embrace a life marked in trust, faithfulness and love! In the Maitland Newcastle Diocese, there are 58 schools celebrating Catholic Schools week. 17 000 staff and 150 000 students.



God Bless,  
Grace Dever  
Religious Coordinator (Relieving)

## Aboriginal News

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of May, Year 4 visited **Baiaame Cave on Wonnarua Country**. The day began with a **smoking ceremony led by a local Elder Uncle Warren** to cleanse and prepare us for our time on Country. At the cave, Uncle Warren **shared the story of Baiaame and creation**, helping us connect deeply with the land and its history. We finished the morning with a **bushwalk** and enjoyed **lunch under the trees**.





Katrina Easton  
Aboriginal Educator

## Sports News

### P.E. Lesson Update

This term, I have

been teaching Kindergarten, Year 1, and Year 3 students about "target games" in PE lessons. These games help students develop important skills like hand-eye coordination and motor skills.

What are Target Games? Target games involve sending an object towards a target while avoiding obstacles. Examples include croquet, golf, archery, boccia, and bowling.

What Skills are being Developed:

- Fundamental Movement Skills: Learning how to throw and catch, considering the body as a target.
- Hand-Eye Coordination: Practicing aim and accuracy in different formats.

These activities are designed to help students improve their ability to project objects towards targets, enhancing their overall physical abilities.



Chelsea Edwards  
RFF Teacher

### Scone Horse Sports

Olivia D did a great job of representing Rosary Park at Scone School Horse Sports on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of May.

Olivia and her pony "Spirit" had an amazing day and rode their hearts out and even came home with some ribbons, competing against 15 riders in their age group.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place straight barrel
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place 3 mug
- 4<sup>th</sup> bending
- 4<sup>th</sup> western pole bend
- 5<sup>th</sup> in the utility

She also got to meet Dr Harry Cooper and record some interview questions that may appear on his show. What an exciting day, horse riding, ribbons and Dr Harry..... well done, Olivia, you have made us all proud!



## MUSIC LESSONS

Violin, piano and guitar lessons available during the school day on Thursdays.

Please contact Upper Hunter Conservatorium on 65414888, or complete the online enrolment form via the below link:

[Student Enrolment Form](#)

**Ask for lessons with Susan Langbein.**

## Weekly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards.

### Week ending 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Term 2 Week 3)

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Zoe S	Sophia F	Toby B
Kinder White	Hannah P	Zachary N	Isabella B
Year 1 Blue	Aurora M	Harvey D	Daytona A
Year 1 White	--	--	--
Year 2 Blue	--	--	--
Year 2 White	--	--	--
Year 3 Blue	Jordie D	--	--
Year 3 White	Alexis I	Maici B	Harrison A-L
Year 4 Blue	Holly N	Anderson P	Zoe H
Year 4 White	Kade B	Will M	Hendrix B
Year 5 Blue	Noah L	Claire B	Jaiden X
Year 5 White	Aria G	Isaac L	Susan P
Year 6 Blue	Sylvester R	Layla K	Elijah C
Year 6 White	Stirling R	Owen C	Sam J

### Week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 (Term 2 Week 4)

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Ari P	Hudson W	Zaylee D
Kinder White	Lucy P	Logan D	Kelsie L
Year 1 Blue	Harvey D	Bentley K	Eva N
Year 1 White	Scott N	William H	Bruno B
Year 2 Blue	--	--	--
Year 2 White	Baylee H	Indy M	Lylah H
Year 3 Blue	--	--	--
Year 3 White	Olivia D	Emily R	Tony P
Year 4 Blue	Stanely H	Alfie T	Annie H
Year 4 White	Mackenzie H	Caelan G	Addison B
Year 5 Blue	Tuan N	Levi C	Elke B
Year 5 White	Blake C	Shahaan S	Addison S
Year 6 Blue	Halle G	Calen C	Ellie Y
Year 6 White	James D	Aleah D	Maxwell T

## Principal's Awards

Noah L, Maddi N, Henry C, Amelia H, Zoe C (x2), Hunter B, Mia D, Jacob L, Zoe S, Sophia F, Hendrix B







## Active Travel: Small Steps, Big Benefits!

Encouraging your child to walk, ride, or scoot to and from school is a simple way to boost their daily physical activity.

Active travel helps improve focus, fitness, and overall wellbeing — plus it's a great opportunity to build independence and enjoy time outdoors. Even walking part of the way makes a difference!

You could:

-  Walk all or part of the way
-  Ride a bike or scooter (with a helmet!)
-  Park a short distance from school and walk the rest
-  Join a walking group or “walking bus” with other families



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