



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Term 2 Week 6 2025**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

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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**

JUNE		JULY	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 School Excursion	Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Regional Athletics Carnival
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - no school	Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Polding Touch Trials
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Math Olympiad Contest 2	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	CRAZY HAIR DAY – Donation to Wigs for Kids Foundation
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	Great Aussie Bush Camp – Year 5	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly 9am -All Welcome PEG Meeting afterward	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Regional Spelling and Maths Bee	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Canberra Excursion – Year 6
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dio Spelling and Maths Bee	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Day – Liturgy followed by open classrooms and shared afternoon tea.
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	PUPIL FREE DAY – Student Led Conferences		

## Principal's Message

He is waiting for you,

He is close to you.

He loves you,

He is merciful,

He forgives you,

He gives you the strength to begin again from scratch!

Everybody!

Pope Francis

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Student led conferences.

Teachers are busily preparing Semester One reports and these will be available via Compass from Tuesday 24 June.

*Monday 30 June is a PUPIL FREE day*, and, on this day, all our children will participate in student led conferences with you and their teacher. All parents are expected to attend with their child on this day between 8am & 5:15pm.

Bookings for conferences are already open for you to book a 10 min session and bookings close and the end of Week 7 (weekending 13<sup>th</sup> of June).

### Communication to families

Rosary Park uses our fortnightly newsletter to communicate messages and dates for upcoming events. The table at the start of the newsletter is to assist families when adding dates to their calendars. In addition, Compass is used to remind parents as the event draws closer.

There is now a new feature in Compass that informs us of how many families read the messages sent via the platform. We will always endeavour to send messages during business hours but please understand that there are times when this is not feasible.

### Excursions

We have some very exciting excursions to Tocal on Friday with Year Two and the Great Aussie Bush Camp for Year 5, all happening within the next two weeks!

God Bless you on your journey of learning, fun and adventure.

### The Children and Young Person's (Care and Protection) Act 1998

Parents need to be aware that as teachers in the state of NSW we are required by law to report certain information to the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ). Reports to the Child Protection Helpline (Ph. 132 111, 24 hrs/7 days) must be made where we have reasonable grounds to suspect that a child or young person is at risk of significant harm and our concerns are current. Risk of significant harm may occur from a single act or omission or to a series of acts or omissions.

We can get help to determine whether we need to report by using the DCJ online Mandatory Reporters Guide: <https://reporter.childstory.nsw.gov.au/s/>

We can also contact the Office of Safeguarding (Ph. 4979 1390 Mon-Fri). Information about the roles and functions of the Office of Safeguarding can be found here:

<https://officeofsafeguarding.org.au/>

### Staffing

Ms Chloe Morgan has been blessed with the wonderful news of the impending birth of her first child, due in November.

Ms Amber van Duuren has informed us of her exciting opportunity to work in the USA, commencing in Term Three.

Mrs Janelle Dixon will be back on deck with Rosary Park, commencing next week. We welcome her back after a six week stint at St Patrick's Lochinvar.

### Wellbeing Week

Next week is wellbeing week. Our student teams have thought of some great activities for us as a school community to participate in during week 7. 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. Here are some ideas for you and your child:

- Organise a play date with a friend.
- Get to a park for the afternoon.
- Play a board game or card game with your family.
- Have a special dinner.
- Go for a walk/bike ride/scooter ride.
- Have a milkshake or a special treat after school.
- Watch a movie.
- Cook or bake a meal together.
- Learn something new

Reach out for support when you need it – from colleagues, friends, family, your GP, a psychologist, or an employee assistance program through your workplace. Lifeline – 24-hour telephone counselling 13 11 14.

God Bless,

Mr Ashley Borg

PRINCIPAL

## **Assistant Principal's Message**

### **Uniform reminder:**

At Rosary Park, we take great pride in the appearance of our students. We appreciate the support of families in upholding our uniform expectations to help students present themselves with pride each day.

### **Jewellery Guidelines:**

To ensure safety and consistency, students may wear:

- One pair of small, plain **gold or silver stud earrings** (*hoop earrings are not permitted*)
- A watch
- A religious medal or cross on a fine chain, worn under the shirt

### Hair Accessories:

Students are welcome to wear ribbons, but these must be in **school colours only**. Bright or novelty hair accessories are not part of the uniform.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our school's high standards and helping our students represent Rosary Park with pride and respect.

### Wellbeing week:

Next week, we will be celebrating Wellbeing Week a time to slow down, focus on what matters most, and enjoy time with family.

To support this, there will be no homework set during the week. We encourage families to take this opportunity to unwind together perhaps go for a walk, play a board game, read a book, or simply enjoy a quiet evening at home.

Our Year 6 Leadership Teams have been busy planning some wonderful activities to support wellbeing and bring joy to our school community. A big thank you to them for their creativity and leadership!

Here's what's happening during the week:

**STUDENT  
WELLBEING WEEK 7**

**Strong minds, kind hearts,  
healthy lives.**

**Take a plant home Tuesday**

Students to come and plant a seed to take home from the Enviromental team.

**Warm Wednesday**

Bring a gold coin donation and enjoy a warm Milo before school supported by the Mercy team.

**Thoughtful Thursday**

On Thoughtful Thursday, the PB4L team will be looking out for students who show hospitality and kindness to others. These students will receive a Hospitality Heart as a thank you – just like a kindness boomerang, their good deeds will come back to them!

**Fitness Friday**






Fitness Friday: Year 6 students will lead a 10-minute movement break in classrooms at 10:00am, promoting active lifestyles across the school.

## Student led conference:

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

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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!
- 5 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

### Catholic Schools Week 2025

This week is Catholic Schools Week! It 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.

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Rosary Park celebrated Catholic Schools Week with a liturgy led by Year 4, followed by open classrooms, a shared afternoon tea and lots of fun games led by Year 6. It was lovely to celebrate Catholic Schools with the whole school community.



### Pyjama and Beanie Day

On the second last day of term, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (Week 10 Term 2), students are invited to wear their pyjamas and/or a beanie to school. We kindly ask for a gold coin donation. Half the money raised will go towards our St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal and the other half will be donated to DIPG. You can also donate through the Qkr app.

For more information, see the links below:

[https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=22439182550&utm\\_content=178285340775&utm\\_term=st%20vincent%20de%20paul%20winter%20appeal&gad\\_source=1&gad\\_campaignid=22439182550&gbraid=0AAAAADrjW17Gf6YHtBeVHDdJApXO4RxEc&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI9ary4Z-4jQMVKIBLBR2v1grvEAAYASAAEgIyYvD\\_BwE](https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=22439182550&utm_content=178285340775&utm_term=st%20vincent%20de%20paul%20winter%20appeal&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=22439182550&gbraid=0AAAAADrjW17Gf6YHtBeVHDdJApXO4RxEc&gclid=EAlaIQobChMI9ary4Z-4jQMVKIBLBR2v1grvEAAYASAAEgIyYvD_BwE)

<https://rundipg.org/>

God Bless,  
Grace Dever  
Religious Coordinator (Relieving)

## Year 3 News

### Year 3 Poetry and History – Honouring the ANZACs

This term, Year 3 students have been exploring the power of poetry, thoughtfully linking their writing to our history unit on commemorations and celebrations. With a special focus on the ANZACs, students reflected on themes of bravery, sacrifice, and remembrance. We are proud to share this beautiful poem written by Maisy C., capturing the spirit of the ANZACs with heartfelt words.

## ANZAC POPPIES

In the battle fields poppies grow,  
a reminder of soldiers lost.  
The breezes blow them to and fro,  
shaking off the winter frost.

We remember where soldiers lie,  
their final place to rest.  
We hold our poppies high,  
and remember they did their best.

We wish they could come home,  
the brave lost in Flanders fields.  
But they do not rest there alone,  
the blanket of poppies are their shields.

By Maisy C

Mrs Allen and Miss Graham

## Sport News

### Diocesan Touch Trials

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, Shelle C competed on the Lower Hunter touch football team at the Diocesan selection trials in Newcastle. Shelle was successful at these trials and will compete at the Polding selection trials in July! Well done, Shelle!

### Cross Country

Jesse C, Ellie Y and Annie H will be competing at the Polding Cross Country at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June! Good luck to our cross-country runners!

Grace Dever  
Sports Coordinator



## Weekly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards.

### Week ending 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 (Term 2 Week 5)

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Tillie E	Harvey M	Reuben L
Kinder White	Elias C	Reggie B	Savannah R
Year 1 Blue	Lewis S	Spencer C	Zoe M
Year 1 White	Archie M	Angus M	Olivia M
Year 2 Blue	--	--	--
Year 2 White	Amarni L	Carley O	Claire D
Year 3 Blue	Vinnie L	Charlie D	Alfie W
Year 3 White	Eli B	Sonny R	Brynn S
Year 4 Blue	Willow J	Allie D	Boston B
Year 4 White	Jenny N	Aubree M	Jack C
Year 5 Blue	Sasha A	Braxton T	Hunter B
Year 5 White	Amarlie K	Fletcher B	Ella Y
Year 6 Blue	Jesse C	Johnny N	Hugh M
Year 6 White	--	--	--

### Week ending 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 (Term 2 Week 6)

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Alayah G	Jimmy S	Toby B
Kinder White	Ava M	Xavier H	Liliana H
Year 1 Blue	Cleo P	Carter L	Aster R
Year 1 White	--	--	--
Year 2 Blue	--	--	--
Year 2 White	Sadie R	Gus W	Brooklyn Y
Year 3 Blue	Sadie R	Gus W	Brooklyn Y
Year 3 White	--	--	--
Year 4 Blue	Jaxon C	Cooper S	Brailyn L
Year 4 White	Emily S	Elliana D	Layla M
Year 5 Blue	Ellie A	Lucy S	Matthias k
Year 5 White	Charlize L	Linda P	Lachlan B
Year 6 Blue	--	--	--
Year 6 White	--	--	--

### Principals Awards:

Aramaia Mc, Tristn Collier, Johan C, Zoe M, Angus M, Tillie E, Asha W, Baxter D, Caelan G, Will M, Scarlett C, Tanner H, Mackenzie H x 2, Kendra C x 2, Kenny A

# Promoting Responsible Pet Ownership



Cessnock City Council is excited to invite your school to participate in our 'Responsible Pet Ownership' competition. We can't wait to see what designs your budding little artists come up with!

Responsible Pet Ownership is important to ensure our pets are safe, happy & healthy, as well as ensuring community safety. Council's Ranger Services Team work hard to educate the community about responsible pet ownership, however we'd love to help spread the message even further - and what better way to do that than by showcasing the creative talents of youth in the Cessnock LGA!

There are 5 categories to choose from and each school must select one artwork from each category to be submitted. Entries will be judged by a panel formed at Council. The winning entries will be turned into a sticker (approx. 120cm x 24cm) and displayed on the external toolboxes on our Ranger vehicles. Please encourage children to keep their design within the box provided on the entry sheet. This helps us to ensure the art can be scaled up appropriately.

The winning students will be given the opportunity to have their photo taken with their artwork displayed on the vehicles. (Parent/Carer consent and a signed release form will be required for the winning photo opportunity). Each of the 5 winners will receive a \$50 prepaid VISA gift card and an enlarged print of their design.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible, the artist needs to be enrolled in a school/home-schooled within the Cessnock LGA from Kindergarten-Year 6. Entries must include the attached form and clearly state the name of the student, the school they attend and their class.

Submissions can be made digitally by emailing [ranger.crms@cessnock.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ranger.crms@cessnock.nsw.gov.au) or hard-copy entries can be collected from your school office once the competition has concluded. (Please let us know if you'd like us to pick up in person).

If submitted electronically please retain hard copies. Entries close 29 June 2025. Please ensure that all 5 entries (1 from each category) are submitted together.

## Categories for entry:

1. Shut the gate, protect your mate – Make sure your yard is secure and gates are closed so your furry friends don't let themselves out for a walk and get lost.
2. Collar and tag – Make sure your dog wears a collar with a tag that includes their name and an adult's phone number in case they get lost.
3. Exercising your pet – Join your adult family members on dog walks and have fun playing with your dog at home in your yard. Dogs get bored too!
4. Walking on a Lead – To keep your dog safe, have an adult hold the leash when they're outside your yard.
5. Caring for your pet – Help your dog stay happy and healthy by giving them food, clean water, a comfy place to sleep and visits to the vet for check-ups.

Any further questions are to be directed to Ranger Victoria Reid at: [ranger.crms@cessnock.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ranger.crms@cessnock.nsw.gov.au)



## *What we are looking for*

We are calling every school community in the Cessnock LGA to assist us by running their own 'in-house' competition, selecting your single best artwork from each of the 5 categories to put forward to be judged by Council:

### *1. Shut the Gate, Protect Your Mate*

Make sure your yard is secure and gates are closed so your furry friends don't let themselves out for a walk and get lost.

### *2. Collar and Tag*

Make sure your dog wears a collar with a tag that includes their name and an adult's phone number in case they get lost.

### *3. Exercising Your Pet*

Join your adult family members on dog walks and have fun playing with your dog at home in your yard. Dogs get bored too!

### *4. Walking on a Lead*

To keep your dog safe, always have an adult hold the leash when they're outside your yard.

### *5. Caring for Your Pet*

Help your dog stay happy and healthy by giving them food, clean water, a comfy place to sleep and visits to the vet for check-ups.

**Each school should be sending in  
a maximum of 5 entries; one from each category.**





## Power Up with Breakfast

Eating a healthy breakfast kickstarts the day, giving you energy for physical activity and boosting focus, concentration, and memory — all important for learning!

Breakfast is also a great time to get important nutrients. Here are some easy and healthy breakfast ideas:

- 🍏 Wholegrain cereals like Weet-Bix, Cheerios, Sultana Bran, or porridge
- 🍏 Wholegrain toast with avocado, tomato, or reduced-fat cheese
- 🍏 Untoasted muesli with low-fat yoghurt
- 🍏 Raisin toast
- 🍏 Fruit and veggie smoothies

In a rush? Try quick grab-and-go options like a tub of low-fat yoghurt, a piece of fruit, overnight oats, or dry cereal to snack on.

Even a small breakfast can help your child do their best at school!



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