

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 8 2024

Thursday 19th June

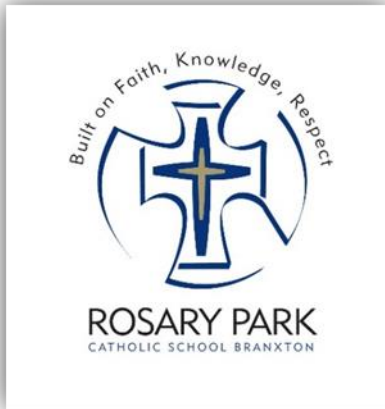
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We acknowledge the Wonnarua people-the first custodians of this land



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

JUNE		JULY	
Fri 20 th	Regional Spelling and Maths Bee	Fri 4 th	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Wed 25 th	School Assembly 9:00am followed by PEG Meeting – All Welcome	Mon 21 st	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
Fri 27 th	Dio Spelling and Maths Bee	Wed 23 rd – Fri 25 th	Canberra Excursion – Year 6
Mon 30 th	PUPIL FREE DAY – Student Led Conferences	Mon 28 th	GRANDPARENTS DAY – Liturgy followed by Open Classrooms and shared afternoon tea
JULY		Wed 30 th	Assembly and 100 Days of Kinder Celebration
Wed 2 nd	Regional Athletics Carnival	AUGUST	
Thu 3 rd	Polding Touch Trials	Fri 1 st	Aspire – Year 6
Thu 3 rd	PJ & Beanie Day – GOLD COIN DONATION to the Winter Appeal	Tue 12 th	ICAS English
Fri 4 th	CRAZY HAIR DAY – Donation to Wigs for Kids Foundation (Online Only see Newsletter for QR Code)	Fri 15 th	Taronga Zoo Excursion – Year 3

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to share your message through this newsletter. We ask for your guidance as we prepare each edition, that our words may be clear, truthful, and inspiring. May this newsletter be a source of encouragement and hope for all who read it, and may it draw them closer to you. Bless the content, the readers, and the work of our hands., Amen

Principal's Message

UNIFORMS

It has been very much noticed during my tenure at Rosary Park that uniforms are generally worn well. Over the past few weeks, however, it has become quite sloppy. An expectation of our uniform is that it is worn well, with shirts tucked in and sleeves not rolled up.

A note about hair: We are not dictating the types of hair cut your child should have but if a boy's hair is past the collar, the expectation is that it is tied back so it is neat and presentable (including the mullet style)

Headbands / Ribbons / Bows etc: Any of these decorative types that go in girl's hair (and some boys) need to be the same colour as the school uniform (either BLUE or WHITE)

As I said to Year 5 / 6 the other day, the standard you walk past is the standard you expect.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES – NOW CLOSED

At the time of reading this newsletter, the Student Led Conferences will be closed to parent viewing. This means you will need to have written down or noted the appointment time, somewhere in your diary. It also means you are no longer able to book a conference with your child's teacher.

These are a very important part of our Leading Learning Collaborative journey, where your child will facilitate the session with their teacher and yourself alongside.

Please speak with your child's teacher if you need a late appointment and if this can be accommodated.

ENROLMENTS AT ROSARY PARK

We are at capacity in Years K, 1 and 2 and closing in on very limited vacancies in Year 3. This is magnificent for our school and shows the quality of work being produced throughout the school. If you have any friends or family wanting to make the switch, they will need to get in quickly. Please contact the school for any inquiries.

STAFFING TERM 3

With Ms van Duuren leaving the school next term, to take up an appointment in the United States, we will be interviewing for:

- Primary Coordinator (1 day per week)
- Pedagogical Mentor (1 day per week)

We also have an executive release teacher position for the above roles, as this is a release role. This will be advertised shortly.

Rosary Park also received funding for an additional 10 hrs per week Learning Support, which we will be interviewing for in the near future.

When these appointments are finalised, we will inform our community.

YEAR 6 – REMAINDER OF THE YEAR

For Year 6 families, Ms Kate Burgess has kindly offered to work with Year 6 Blue between Term 3 and the end of the Year, with Mrs Paige Pringle as the substantive teacher.

Paige will work Monday – Wednesday, with Kate Thursday and Friday.

Thank you, Kate, for helping Rosary Park again! The children on Year 6 love you and will relish your hard work with them.

Please DO NOT hesitate to contact or visit me if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions on how we can make Rosary Park Branxton the very best it can be.

Have a wonderful fortnight,

God Bless,

Mr Ashley Borg
PRINCIPAL

Religious Education Coordinator

Warm Wednesday:

Last week, our Year 6 Mercy Team warmed hearts and hands with Warm Wednesday, serving up hot Milos before school in exchange for a gold coin donation. The cosy treat was a big hit with students and staff alike! All funds raised will go directly to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, helping those in need during the colder months. Thank you to everyone who supported this wonderful act of mercy! A big thank you to **Miss Rae** for leading and supporting our Year 6 students in this act of service. Thank you also to everyone who donated and helped make this Mercy action a success!



Pajamas and Beanie Day

On Thursday the 3rd of July (Week 10 Term 2), students are invited to wear their pajamas and or a beanie to school. We kindly ask for a gold coin donation that will go towards our winter appeal.

Mercy Show case: Honouring Our Mercy Tradition – Term 3 Assemblies

As a school founded on the Mercy tradition and inspired by the works of the Sisters of Mercy and Catherine McAuley, we are committed to helping our students live out the Mercy Pillars in meaningful ways.

Across Term 3 and 4 each grade will begin our assemblies with a **5-minute showcase** of their grade's Mercy Pillar. These creative presentations may include poems, songs, artwork, short dramas or other imaginative ideas.

We warmly invite all families to attend these assemblies and support our students as they celebrate and share the values that shape our Mercy community

Term 3	
Week 2	Year 6 - Courage
Week 4	Year 1 - Respect
Week 6	Year 4 - Justice
Week 8	Year 2 – Compassion
Week 10	Year 3 - Hospitality
Term 4	
Week 2	Kindergarten – God's Love
Week 4	Year 5 – Service

Kind regards

Mackenzie Gageler
Religious Education Coordinator

Thursday 12 June 2025

Dear Families,

RE: Changes to St Nicholas OOSH Branxton Before School Care Operating Hours from Term 3 2025

To reflect the care needs of families, St Nicholas OOSH Branxton will be updating the before school care operating hours to start earlier at **6.30am**.

This means from **Monday 21 July**, at the commencement of term 3, before school care will be operating on **Monday to Friday from 6:30am to 8:45am**.

This change will be applied to family bookings and families are asked to continue following the arrival procedures when dropping off their children to care.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us at contactus@stnicholasmn.org.au.

Yours sincerely,



Ellen Shaw

AREA SERVICE MANAGER

CRAZY FRIDAY JULY 4

hair day

at Rosary Park!



Please
donate to
Baylee's
cause using
the QR
Code!



On Friday July 4, our own Baylee, in Year 2, will be cutting her hair for Kids with Cancer - Wigs4Kids.

All children and staff are invited to come to the last day of Term Two in free dress and CRAZY HAIR!

PRIZES for the MOST CRAZY HAIR in each Year Level!

Schedule for the day:

9:00 - 11:15 - Regular learning for children

11:15 - 12:00 - Regular lunch break (canteen still running)

12:00 - 1:00 - Year 6 Tabloid Sports

1:00 - 1:15 - students to assemble in the COLA and get the hairdresser to cut Baylee's hair in front of the students.

1:30 - 2:00 - Recess break

2:00 - 3:00 - Clean up and get ready for the holidays!

Weekly Awards

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

Weekending 13th July 2025 (Term 2 Week 7)

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	Mercy Award
Kinder Blue	Anakin K	Louis J	Ivy Ellis
Kinder White	Lottie L	Riley M	Levi W
Year 1 Blue	Ally C	Thomas S	Pearl B
Year 1 White	Astrid C	Lara A	Ivy T
Year 2 Blue	James D	James L	Bonnie D
Year 2 White	--	--	--
Year 3 Blue	Matilda B	Theo C	Leo B
Year 3 White	Nicholas L	Bronson Q	Scarlett C
Year 4 Blue	--	--	--
Year 4 White	Lexi D	Reni S	Minh B
Year 5 Blue	Braxton T	Frances M	Hannah C
Year 5 White	Liam D	Jye D	Hudson W
Year 6 Blue	Hudson O	Indi M	Samantha F
Year 6 White	Kyson C	Karmichael A	Shelle C

Weekending 20th July 2025 (Term 2 Week 8)

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	Mercy Award
Kinder Blue	Gordon H	Hunter P	George H
Kinder White	Alani B	Ivy T	Polly L
Year 1 Blue	Mason P	Sophia S	Ava S
Year 1 White	Dustin P	Ayla K	Luca C
Year 2 Blue	Donnie B	Lara T	Myla W
Year 2 White	Savannah H	Leilani D	Stella M
Year 3 Blue	Parker G	Ethan T	Grayson B
Year 3 White	Eleanor C	Ari S	Tony P
Year 4 Blue	Ken P	Indy M	Finn M
Year 4 White	Annabelle L	Jayden M	Louella T
Year 5 Blue	Addison K	Luke H	Hunter I
Year 5 White	Max K	Liam R	Jaxon B
Year 6 Blue	Lola M	Charli F	Eyden G
Year 6 White	Nevaeh D	Taylah B	Georgie W

Principals Awards:

Toby B, Sofia P, Lottie L, Pearl B, Lara A, Sawyer D, Evie E, Theo C, Elijah C (x2), Reuben L, Olivia D

JULY 2025

WINTER

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM





butjungbaaguwa by Nicole Chaffey in the PACC Art Gallery

Nicole Chaffey's latest art exhibition explores identity, memory, and Country through deeply personal works rooted in her Biripi heritage and ancestral connection to the Australian landscape. Free Entry.

Open till 12 July Monday to Friday 9am - 4.30pm & Saturday 10am - 2.30pm | FREE

MONDAY 7 JULY

Wonnarua Art and Culture Workshop

Come along to this special workshop and learn more about the oldest living culture in the world with local indigenous artist, Kerri-Ann Taggart. Bookings essential.

MONDAY 7 JULY Kurri Kurri Library 11am - 12pm | Ages 4 - 12 | FREE

MONDAY 7 JULY Cessnock Library 2pm - 3pm | Ages 5 - 12 | FREE

Pom Poms Galore!

Learn an easy way to create your own pom poms, then put together a festive pom pom garland! All materials and tools provided. Bookings essential.

MONDAY 7 JULY Cessnock Library 4pm - 5pm | Ages 5 - 12 | FREE



Lego Club

We supply the Lego, just bring along your imagination!

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Polymer Clay Creatures

Come along and challenge your friends to a polymer clay creature competition! Create a surprise creature within the time limit and vote on the best design! Prize for the winning creature.

MONDAY 7 JULY Cessnock Youth Centre 11am - 12pm | Ages 11 - 18 | FREE

TUESDAY 8 JULY

THE LISTIES at the PACC

The Listies return with 110% Ready — a hilarious, high-energy comedy show for kids which explores the chaos of morning routines, packed with puns, slapstick, and silliness. Call the Box Office today on 4993 4266 or visit mypacc.com.au to book!

TUESDAY 8 JULY PACC Theatre 2PM & 6pm Shows | Ages 4 - 400 | Tickets \$25 Accompanying adult FREE (must obtain a ticket when booking).



Wayapa Storytime with Sarah Corrigan

Storytelling, movement and nature-based craft are used to introduce children to Wayapa Wuurk, an Aboriginal based earth mindfulness, story meditation with movements to promote sustainability, connection and community.

TUESDAY 8 JULY Cessnock Library 10am - 10:45am | Ages 0 - 6 | FREE

Wish Pouch Power: Manifest Your Dreams

Ready to make your dreams a reality? In this fun and interactive workshop, you'll learn the basics of manifestation and create your very own wish pouch. We'll explore how to set intentions, visualize your goals, and use crystals, herbs, and affirmations to bring your dreams to life. Get ready to unlock your inner magic and start manifesting!



TUESDAY 8 JULY Cessnock Library 1:30pm - 2:30pm | Ages 11+ | FREE

Dungeons and Dragons

Learn the basics of the game, make new friends, and embark on exciting adventures in a fun and safe environment. Unleash your creativity and immerse yourself in a world of fantasy and adventure! No need to book, just come and join in.

TUESDAY 8 JULY Kurri Kurri Library 4pm - 5pm | Ages 10 - 18 | FREE

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WEDNESDAY 9 JULY



Assemble your own Rain Stick

Join us in celebrating NAIDOC week with a creative workshop that invites young people to assemble and decorate a rain stick. Template designed by Indigenous Artist Kerri-Ann Taggart.

**WEDNESDAY 9 JULY Cessnock Youth Centre
3:30pm - 5pm | Ages 11 - 18 | FREE**

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WEDNESDAY 9 JULY Kurri Kurri Library 12pm - 1pm | Ages 5 - 12 | FREE

Papier Mache Bowl Making



Create your own colourful papier mache bowl from tissue paper, to keep or give as a gift. Warning – wear old clothes, as this activity can get messy! Bookings essential.

WEDNESDAY 9 JULY Kurri Kurri Library 3pm - 4pm | Ages 5 - 12 | FREE

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WEDNESDAY 9 JULY Cessnock Library 4pm - 5pm | Ages 10 - 18 | FREE

THURSDAY 10 JULY



Sensory Storytime



Children of all abilities are invited to come and enjoy a storytime in a peaceful and calming environment.

THURSDAY 10 JULY Cessnock Library 10am - 10:45am | Ages 0 - 6 | FREE

Film and Craft at Branxton



Branxton Community Hall has a brand new screen and projector – come and enjoy a free afternoon at the movies! Our July holiday film is about a loveable little bear who journeys back to his birthplace. Bookings essential.

THURSDAY 10 JULY Branxton Community Hall 12pm - 2pm | Ages 5 - 12 | FREE

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FRIDAY 11 JULY

SING Out Loud! Double Movie Day at the PACC



Join us at the PACC for a fun-filled movie day the whole family will love, as we bring Sing and Sing 2 to the big screen – in a real theatre, just like in the movies!

Call the Box Office today on 4993 4266 or visit mypacc.com.au to reserve your tickets!

FRIDAY 11 JULY PACC Theatre | SING at 10am | FREE

FRIDAY 11 JULY PACC Theatre | SING 2 at 1pm | FREE



Karaoke Night at CYCOS



Grab the Mic and sing your heart out!

Join us for a fun karaoke night at the youth Centre. Dinner provided.

FRIDAY 11 JULY Cessnock Youth Centre 5pm - 8pm | Ages 11 - 18 | FREE



Family Code Club



Learn how make websites, video games and apps. Have fun and build cool stuff with us! No coding experience required. Bookings essential.

THURSDAY 10 JULY Cessnock Library 4pm - 4.45pm | Ages 8+ | FREE

MONDAY 14 JULY

Design your own Jumper



Come Along for our fun hands-on program where young people will design and personalize their own jumpers using the cricut machine. All materials included

MONDAY 14 JULY Cessnock Youth Centre 1pm - 3pm | Ages 11 - 18 | FREE



Dreamcatcher Crafting for Teens



Enjoy creating intentional dream catchers as a tool for emotional release, mindful reflection, and inviting in clarity and peace. Bookings essential.

MONDAY 14 JULY Cessnock Library 12pm - 1pm | Ages 12+ | FREE

Kitchen Science



Enjoy discovering some basic scientific principles with ingredients from your kitchen. Warning – wear old clothes, as this workshop can get messy! Bookings essential.

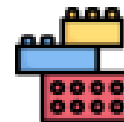
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MONDAY 7 JULY Kurri Kurri Library 4pm - 5pm | Ages 5 - 12 | FREE



TUESDAY 15, WEDNESDAY 16, THURSDAY 17 JULY

3 Day Polyphonics Program at CYCOS



Polyphonic is a **3 day** inclusive music program for young people aged 13–17. This program was created by teenagers, for teenagers. Facilitated by a Registered Music Therapist, Polyphonic provides young people with the opportunity to learn instrument skills, experiment with music tech, and meet other young people.

No musical experience is required—just an interest in making music!

Teenagers with disability are encouraged to apply. Scan the code to apply!

15 - 17 JULY Cessnock Youth Centre 2.30pm - 4.30pm | Ages 13 - 17 | FREE



TUESDAY 15 JULY



Kitchen Science



Enjoy discovering some basic scientific principles with ingredients from your kitchen. Warning – wear old clothes, as this workshop can get messy! Bookings essential.

TUESDAY 15 JULY Kurri Kurri Library 3pm - 4pm | Ages 5 - 12 | FREE

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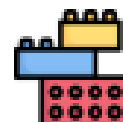
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TUESDAY 8 JULY Cessnock Library 4pm - 5pm | Ages 5 - 12 | FREE



WEDNESDAY 16 JULY



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WEDNESDAY 16 JULY Kurri Kurri Library 11am - 12pm | Ages 12+ | FREE

Plaster Painting for Kids with Party Chameleon



Join Party Chameleon for an afternoon of fun decorating your own plaster figurines! All materials and tools provided. Bookings essential.

WEDNESDAY 16 JULY Kurri Kurri Library 3pm - 4pm | Ages 5 - 12 | FREE

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WEDNESDAY 9 JULY Cessnock Library 4pm - 5pm | Ages 10 - 18 | FREE

THURSDAY 17 JULY

Sensory Storytime



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THURSDAY 17 JULY Cessnock Library 10am - 10:45am | Ages 0 - 6 | FREE



Reading, Enjoying and Making Comics



An introduction to comic book storytelling – this workshop explains how comics work through accessible and practical examples – use everything you've learned to script and draw your own simple comics! Bookings essential.

THURSDAY 17 JULY Kurri Kurri Library 10am - 11am | Ages 7 - 12 | FREE

THURSDAY 17 JULY Cessnock Library 1pm - 2pm | Ages 7 - 12 | FREE

Plaster Painting for Kids with Party Chameleon



Join Party Chameleon for an afternoon of fun decorating your own plaster figurines! All materials and tools provided. Bookings essential.

THURSDAY 17 JULY Branxton Community Hall 3pm - 4pm | Ages 5 - 12 | FREE

FRIDAY 18 JULY

Family Code Club



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FRIDAY 18 JULY Cessnock Library 4pm - 4.45pm | Ages 8+ | FREE



Cessnock City
Libraries events



Cessnock Youth Centre
Outreach Service (CYCOS) events



Cessnock Youth Centre 49D Aberdare Rd, Aberdare NSW 2325
Cessnock Library 65-67 Vincent St, Cessnock NSW 2325
Kurri Kurri Library 251 Lang St, Kurri Kurri NSW 2327
Branxton Community Hall, 35 Bowen St, Branxton 2335
PACC 198 - 202 Vincent St Cessnock NSW 2325

All young people are welcome to engage in any activity hosted by Cessnock City Council. For information on accessibility and inclusion call us on 02 4993 4359 or email youthcentre@cessnock.nsw.gov.au



Indigenous Game: Tambil Tambil

Pronounced '**tam-bil tam-bil**'

This is a throwing and dodging skills game.



Players:

- Groups of 4-12 players

Playing area:

- A designated area suitable for the activity.

Equipment:

- Paper ball, sponge balls or soft fleece balls
- A small shield (bat) for protection only- optional.

Game play and rules:

- One player represents a kangaroo. The kangaroo stands 10–15 metres in front of a group of players, who are spread out along a line.
- The 'kangaroo' hops or runs around in front of the group, dodging the throws until they are hit by a thrown ball. When hit, the player falls over, and the player who hit him or her becomes the new kangaroo
- A supply of balls is provided for the throwers. Players do not move out past the line to retrieve thrown balls unless the game is stopped and they are directed to do so.

Variations:

- Players throw their weapons 'weakly' at each other by lobbing, rolling or bouncing tennis or sponge balls towards each other. (This is recommended for younger players.)

Safety factors needed to be considered to avoid injury to the dodging player. The use of soft balls and keeping a distance of at least 2m is advised. Avoid aiming balls above the waist. It is possible to substitute a person for some types of targets.

Source: Yulunga Traditional Indigenous Games | Australian Sports Commission (sportaus.gov.au)



Hunter New England
Local Health District

@HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au
<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

**FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT
BRANXTON COMMUNITY HALL!
FILM & CRAFT - AGES 5-12
THURSDAY, JULY 10TH 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

**Come and celebrate the new screen and projector
at Branxton Community Hall
with a FREE afternoon at the movies!**

**Join us for a screening of a heartwarming film about a lovable little bear
and his journey back to his birthplace.**

Plus, enjoy some fun crafting activities too!

FREE ENTRY!

See you there!



**Bookings essential. Book your place by clicking on
"What's On" here: cessnock.nsw.gov.au/libraries
or by calling Cessnock Library on 4993 4399
or Kurri Kurri Library on 4937 1638. Or scan code.**



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