

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 10 2025
Thursday 26th September

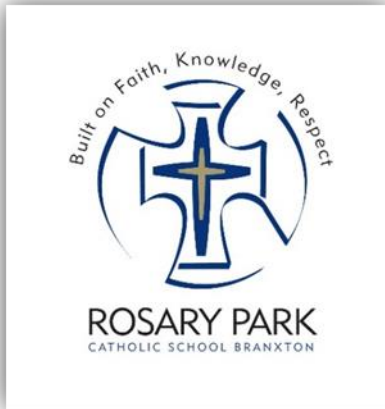
Rosary Park Catholic School

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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 2024

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

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
Fri 26 th	Catherine McAuley Feast Day – Liturgy, reflection in classrooms & afternoon tea	Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st	Book Week – Scholastic Book Fair
Fri 26 th	LAST DAY OF TERM 3	Wed 29 th	Assembly followed by PEG meeting
OCTOBER		Fri 31 st	Lower Hunter Netball Gala Day Stages 2 and 3
Mon 13 th	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4	NOVEMBER	
Fri 17 th	Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day	Wed 5 th	Assembly
Fri 24 th	Book Fair Wish Lists	Fri 7 th	PEG Colour Fun Run – volunteers welcome

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday 24th October 2025 (9:45am – 11:00am) – First Kindergarten orientation session – all parents and children to attend

Friday 14th November 2025 (60 min per small group from 9:30am)

All parents and children to attend. Children will need to bring their morning tea.

Thursday 27th November 2025 (90 min per small group from 9:30am)

Small group visit. Time to be advised at first session of Orientation. Parents to drop off and return for part of the small group play session.

Friday 21st November – PEG School Disco

Friday 28th November – School Swimming Carnival

Principal's Message

Prayer for the End of Term

Loving God, we come to the close of another term, and we give thanks for all that has taken place in our learning community.

Thank you for the opportunities to learn, grow, and build relationships with our peers and educators. We are grateful for the knowledge acquired, skills developed, and the joy and connection experienced.

We ask for your grace as we reflect on the challenges and successes of the past term. Help us to carry forward the lessons learned and the friendships we have made.

Bless our families and loved ones as we enjoy time together during the holidays. Grant us rest, rejuvenation, and moments of joy.

Protect us and guide us during this break, keeping us safe and healthy. Help us to return to the new term refreshed, renewed, and ready to continue our journey together.

Amen.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A busy, yet successful term has greeted us to end Term Three for 2025. Thank you to all of the staff, students and families who have wholeheartedly supported the school in its endeavours. I wish you all a Happy and Safe break. We return OCTOBER 13 (MONDAY).

STAFFING CHANGES

We farewell Miss Chloe Morgan as she and her partner, Isaac, await the impending birth of their first child, due in November. Thank you for your wonderful work in Year Four and for your service to Rosary Park, Miss Morgan. We cannot wait for the news!

Her replacement for Term 4 at this stage, will be Miss Nellie Connolly. Miss Connolly is currently employed at Corpus Christi, Waratah and has a special education background. We look forward to her arrival.

There were two Permanent Full Time teaching positions posted recently. We have held interviews but are still waiting on clearance from the Catholic Schools Maitland Newcastle. When we can progress to letting our community know, we will do so.

A Learning Support Teacher position will also be advertised, when we are able to do so. This was due to the earlier resignation of Mrs Nichola Ellis.

The school is also working on obtaining a Pastoral Care Worker for 14 hours per week.

BON VOYAGE!

Miss Gageler and Miss Easton have finished school a little early this term to undertake a Pilgrimage, sponsored by the Catholic Schools Maitland Newcastle and the school. Their Pilgrimage will take them to Turkey, Greece and Italy, as they embark on a spiritual journey, in the footsteps of St Paul. We wish them all the best for their trip and cannot wait to hear all about it.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms will be SUMMER UNIFORM from now until the remainder of the year and into TERM 1, 2026. Please ensure that correct uniforms are worn at all times, including jewellery, headbands, etc. All hair that can be tied back, must be tied back.

ANNUAL SCHOOL VISIT

In the first week of Term Four, the Diocese and Catholic Schools Maitland-Newcastle will be visiting the school on the Thursday. This is a process which will now happen once every three years, to allow the Diocese and Catholic Schools to get a snapshot on how we are travelling.

I am very happy with how the school is operating, so am very excited to show off our beautiful school.

ORIENTATION DAY KINDERGARTEN 2026

I cannot believe that it is Orientation for Kindergarten already! We will be holding this on the second Friday in Term Four (24 October). Current Kinder parents may receive communication from Miss Rae and Mrs Lunn regarding some help on the day.

MOBILE PHONE AND WEARABLE TECHNOLOGIES AT ROSARY PARK

As part of the Catholic Schools commitment to safety, the Diocese has re-written a Mobile Phone and Wearable Technology Procedure.

As part of these procedures, Rosary Park have undertaken the process of updating our documentation.

As of TERM FOUR (October 13, 2025), Rosary Park Branxton will be a "SWITCHED OFF AND AWAY" school.

What does this mean?

This means all Mobile Phones and Wearable Technologies will be 'off and away' during school hours.

Students will be responsible for switching off their Mobile Phone/s and or Wearable Technology/s upon entering school grounds and storing safely it/them in their bag or locker during school hours.

Should a student choose to keep their watch on, then it must be set to SLEEP, DO NOT DISTURB or SCHOOL MODES. This means that the watch is unable to make calls, receive messages or take photos.

Students MUST have their phones SWITCHED OFF and IN THEIR BAGS or IN THE OFFICE. There are NO exceptions to this rule for phones.

Students are not permitted to remove their Mobile Phone and or Wearable Technology/s from storage to use during school hours including designated breaks.

They may switch on their mobile phones and wearable technologies upon the conclusion of school hours after they exit school grounds.

How can Parents Help?

In order to assist in the effective management of this plan, **Parents/Carers should refrain from contacting their child on their personal mobile phone/s and wearable technology/s during school hours.** in order to maintain a safe productive learning environment for all students.

If a parent/carer wishes to contact their child during school hours, they may contact the school via phone. In school related settings, please refer to the event details for contact processes and details.

How will the procedure be regulated?

As per our school behaviour management procedure, any breaches of this policy, management plan and user agreement will result in disciplinary action.

1st Warning – Phone or Wearable Technology is to be placed in bag – documented in Compass

2nd Warning – Phone or Wearable Technology is held securely at the Office until the end of the day – documented in Compass and email sent home to parents.

3rd Warning – Phone or Wearable Technology is held and parent to come and collect (given back to student at the conclusion of the day) – documented in Compass and phone call / email to parents. Yellow Card

Any further breaches of the Plan will result in a Red Card and a parent meeting to discuss support which may be required.

If you have any questions relating to this correspondence, please contact Mr Borg via email or phone.

SEE YOU ALL OCTOBER 13!

Mr Ashley Borg

PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal's Message

Japanese School Visit

A few weeks ago, we had a visit from students and teachers who attend Izumigaoka Junior High School, in Ide Town Japan. The students were staying with families from St. Joseph's College at Lochinvar. The two schools have a sister school agreement and have been alternating visits since 2012.

During their day with us our students taught them some favourite Aussie sports including cricket, soccer and netball. At assembly the Japanese students and teachers gave a presentation showing us what school is like in Japan and performed a dance. We shared lunch time and after lunch the Japanese students taught Year 5 and 6 children how to make origami animals. It was wonderful to see the students finding ways to communicate and enjoy time together despite the language barrier. It was a great experience for all involved to learn about language and culture. We hope to continue this tradition when they visit St. Joseph's again in 2027.





This is a great photo including the principal, teachers and students from Izumigaoka Junior High, St Joseph's College Lochinvar and Rosary Park Catholic School.

Uniform

We still have a number of children without hats at school and a number of items in the lost property box. Please ensure all items that come to school are clearly labelled, including lunch boxes and drink bottles. Names tend to fade over time. We would appreciate it if parents could check, and rewrite faded names before the children return to school next term.

Children without a hat will be limited to playing under the sheltered areas of the playground.

Hairstyles

Hair must be neat and tidy. Please be mindful when visiting the hairdressers in the holidays, in keeping with the school tone, hairstyles should not be outlandish - no Mohawks, tracks or rat tails. Extremes of style and colour are not appropriate. Layering of hair or changes in length from front

to back should be subtle and blended through. Children with long hair past their collar, should have it tied back in a band.

Holiday Learning

Don't forget to keep learning during the holiday break. There are many simple ways to continue the learning for your child/children during the holidays. Never underestimate the impact of participating in simple learning games and activities with your child/children.

For younger children

- Identify numbers and letters/words in the environment when driving in the car, walking around town or at the shops
- Play karaoke – let children read the words and sing, this builds graphological or picture (what a word looks like) knowledge to assist reading and spelling
- Build multiplication knowledge – identify grids or arrays in the environment how many rows and how many columns
- Cook together – talk about mass the meaning of kg, g, l, ml etc
- Use adjectives (describing words) to describe some objects in nature – who can think of the most describing words
- If you must watch something on a screen, turn on subtitles for more exposure to print
- Count down the days of the holidays on a calendar
- Use an analogue clock to identify bedtime, bath time etc Where is the big hand? What does it mean when the big hand is on 6? etc
- Categorise objects using various criteria eg. Size, shape, colour, manmade/natural
- Use items in the environment to create an artwork

For older children

- Estimate the total of a group of objects in the trolley
- Calculate the cost of a day out – movie tickets plus the cost of lunch for the whole family etc
- Cook together – double or halve the ingredients in a recipe to allow for more/less people
- Read the instructions to a new game
- Read a book with your child – you read left hand pages, and they read the right
- Design an outdoor obstacle course and time how long it takes to complete the activities – can you get faster over the holidays?
- Use a calendar
- Tell the time on an analogue clock

End of Term

As we come to the end of term 3, teachers are busy planning engaging classroom programs across the curriculum to help children achieve their identified goals. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school via the admin email or give us a call to arrange time for a conversation.

I hope everyone enjoys some extra quality time with family and friends during the holidays. Don't forget to keep seeking colour run sponsors, I am excited about this fun day with the children next term. I look forward to returning for term 4, our final (and very busy) term for 2025.

God Bless and Stay Safe,

Janelle Dixon

Assistant Principal

Religious Education Coordinator's Message

Save the date:

Please save the date: **Friday, 17th October (Term 4)**, we will be celebrating the **Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary**—a special occasion for our school community at Rosary Park. This day invites us to reflect on the meaning behind our school's name and the values it represents. The rosary is a symbol of peace, devotion, and the power of prayer—central to who we are.

To mark the day:

- We'll begin with a **liturgy led by Year 6**.
- This will be followed by a **shared afternoon tea**, including a **cake stall** (gold coin donation).
- Students are encouraged to wear **crazy socks** to support **Socktober**.
- We'll finish the afternoon with our **whole-school final Talent Quest**—a fun and joyful way to end the celebration.

Looking forward to a meaningful and memorable day together!

We look forward to celebrating this special day with our school community!

Parish Mass

This term, most grades had the wonderful opportunity to attend Mass, celebrated by Fr Thomas. Our students did a great job participating in the liturgy, showing reverence and enthusiasm throughout the service. It was a beautiful experience for our school community to come together in faith.

Staff Formation Day

On Friday of Week 8, staff participated in a formation day called Muruny, which focused on Aboriginal spirituality and explored what we, as a Catholic school, can learn from this way of being. We discussed how to embed the Aboriginal spirit into our liturgies and classrooms in simple and meaningful ways. Staff also had the opportunity to slow down during our busy days, taking time for individual reflection while feeling the sand on the beach and listening to the sounds of

nature. We were fortunate to travel off-site to Newcastle for this experience. All staff look forward to applying their new knowledge and bringing it to life in our classrooms and school community.



Year 5 Leadership Changes to the process:

The annual student leadership selection process begins in **Year 5**, guided by the Year 5 teachers. In **Term 4**, students participate in a **Leadership Workshop Day** facilitated by the Religious Education Coordinator and Stage 3 staff. This day introduces leadership concepts and supports students as they begin working through a **Leadership Nomination Portfolio** as part of a whole class focus on leadership.

All students will submit a **preference order (1–4)** for the teams they would most like to be a part of:

- Active Lifestyle Team
- Mercy Team
- Environmental Team
- PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) Team

Students wishing to pursue a more formal leadership role (Team leaders) will also nominate at this time.

Important Note:

While students indicate their preferred teams, they will not be informed of which team they will be placed in until after the nomination and selection process is complete. Students nominating for leader must be **willing to lead any of the four teams**, regardless of their preference order.

God Bless,

Mackenzie Gageler
Religious Education Coordinator

Library News

Dear Parents and carers,

For book week 2025 we are celebrating a Vocabulary Day on **Thursday the 30th of October at 9:15am on the basketball court (weather dependent)**

All students and staff will need to choose a word and dress up representing their chosen word.

There are only TWO RULES for making a costume:

1. Show your **WORD** on the costume you are wearing.
2. Write the **definition of your word** on the costume somewhere, so the children can share the meaning with their class.

This can be a very simple activity, and we encourage the children to choose a word, design how they will represent it and what they will wear on the day.

Here are some examples below,



Parents are welcome to come and view this parade starting at 9.15am.

As always thank you for all your support,

Kind Regards
Melanie Flynn
Teacher Librarian

High Potential and Gifted News

Dear Parents and Families,

Next Friday, 3 October, [Young Space Explorers](#) will open its doors at the **International Convention Centre Sydney**. Thousands of students and families are expected to attend this once-in-a-generation event – but they need to register to secure their place.

Space Day is a **free, hands-on STEM experience** featuring:

- Astronaut meet-and-greets
- VR space cadet training and rover driving challenges
- Live science shows and demonstrations
- LEGO® build zones and interactive experiments
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When: Friday 3 October 2025 (school holidays)
Where: International Convention Centre Sydney
Cost: Free – registration required
Registration: [Registration Link](#)

HPGE Blog – Our Best-Kept Secret

We encourage schools to share our latest HPGE Blog in their newsletters:

[Our Best-Kept Secret for High Potential and Gifted Learners](#)

This blog highlights the innovative strategies and support in place for High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) and showcases the inspiring work being done across our community.

HIGH POTENTIAL AND GIFTED STUDENT HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

IGNITION = E³: EXTEND + ENRICH + EXCEL

THURSDAY
18 DECEMBER
2025

WE'RE THRILLED TO INVITE OUR DIOCESE'S
HIGH POTENTIAL AND GIFTED STUDENTS TO
OUR NEW HPGE HOLIDAY PROGRAM.

A HALF-DAY ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITY
DESIGNED TO **EXTEND, CHALLENGE, AND**
INSPIRE EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS.

WORKSHOP CHALLENGE

The Great Detective Challenge – A multidisciplinary program blending English, Maths and Logic into a thrilling investigation. Working in teams, students will unlock clues, crack codes and solve puzzles - building critical thinking, problem-solving and collaboration skills while exploring themes of justice and human behaviour.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

PRIMARY PROGRAM (CURRENT YEARS 3–5)

18 December, 9:00am – 12:00pm

SECONDARY PROGRAM (CURRENT YEARS 6–10)

18 December, 1:00pm – 4:00pm

 **ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE**
24a Heritage Drive, Chisholm

WHY TAKE PART?

Extend – Tackling Complex Challenges

Push beyond the usual classroom tasks and dive into thought-provoking activities designed for high-potential and gifted minds.

Enrich – Broadening Horizons

Explore exciting new ideas, real-world challenges, and hands-on projects that expand your knowledge and spark curiosity.

Excel – Reach New Heights

Collaborate with like-minded peers in a supportive, high-energy environment and maximise your potential.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

This year's HPGE Holiday Workshop is exclusively offered to selected students in years 3-10 within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.



**SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER
YOUR INTEREST**

REGISTRATIONS
CLOSE **24 NOVEMBER**

COST \$65 PER STUDENT

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARNTS OF YEAR 5 & 6 STUDENTS

Student BYOD Devices important message: Windows 10 is reaching end of life

Action is required for students with BYOD Windows 10 devices as Windows 10 will soon no longer be supported by Microsoft.

To ensure your student device security you should upgrade to Windows 11 as soon as possible. Microsoft has announced that support for Windows 10 will end on 14 October 2025, meaning it will no longer receive critical security updates.

To stay protected and ensure optimal performance, it is strongly recommended that all students with BYOD Windows 10 devices follow Microsoft's instructions and upgrade to Windows 11 as soon as possible. There is no charge for this upgrade.

- We ask that all families with Student Windows 10 computers complete this process before 15 October 2025 so that students do not experience disruptions to their learning.
- Most newer devices will support Windows 11.
- If the device is too old, you may need to consider an alternative supported device (where possible).
- If you need assistance or have questions about upgrading, please reach out to the IT support team in our school.

Why this matters:

- Microsoft will **stop supporting Windows 10** from **15 October 2025**.
- Upgrading to Windows 11 ensures your child's device remains secure and supported.
- **Student Work Protection:** Staying current helps safeguard assignments, projects, and personal data.

[Ways to install Windows 11 - Microsoft Support](#)

[Upgrade to Windows 11: FAQ - Microsoft Support](#)

Read our FAQs for more support:

How do I check what version of Windows am I running?

- Select **Start > Settings > System**, then select **About**. You then see **Edition, Version**, and **OS Build** information.

What if my device can't upgrade?

If a Student's BYOD laptop is running **Windows 10** and **can't be upgraded to Windows 11** (usually due to older hardware), Microsoft is offering a **free security update program** to help keep the device safe for **one more year**.

The Windows 10 Extended Security Updates (ESU) program is designed to keep your current Windows 10 PC protected after support ends, helping you stay secure during the transition.

How to Join Microsoft's ESU Program

Microsoft has made it easy to enrol directly from the laptop:

- On eligible computers, a setup wizard will appear in **Settings > Windows Update**.
- There are **three ways to enrol**:
 1. **Free** – Sync your settings to the cloud using Windows Backup. You must be logged in as administrator and with a Microsoft account.
 2. **Free** – Use 1,000 Microsoft Rewards points.
 3. **Paid** – Buy a one-year license for **\$30 USD** (families cover this cost).

[Extended Security Updates \(ESU\) program for Windows 10 | Microsoft Learn](#)

Branxton Vacation Care

Branxton OOSH

Rosary Park Primary School, 26-42 Station St, Branxton, 2335 | 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Price Key

(price per day)

Day Camp



\$83

Incursions



\$98

Excursions



\$113

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Monday September 29

Christopher Robin's Tea Party



A Winnie-the-Pooh themed tea party full of games and imagination! Children can find Pooh's honey jar, build a house for Eeyore, play pin-the-tail, wear Piglet's ears and enjoy a magical Hundred Acre Wood experience.

Tuesday September 30

Jumping Castles



OOSH will be filled with giant jumping castles for a day of bouncing, sliding, and obstacle courses. Children can jump to their heart's content and enjoy hours of energetic fun!

Wednesday October 01

Branxton Community Day



A fun day exploring Branxton! We'll visit the pet shop to feed and pat animals, stop by Dear Petal to make our own flower posies, and finish with lunch provided by a local favourite at the park before heading back to OOSH.

Thursday October 02

Wheels Day



Bring along your bike or scooter and cruise through a day of outdoor fun! Children will ride, race, and enjoy a safe, active day on wheels!

**Please bring your helmet and refrain from bringing electric scooters or similar modes of transport to OOSH.*

Friday October 03

OOSH's Got Talent!



Step into the spotlight at OOSH's Got Talent! Children are invited to sing, dance, tell jokes, or showcase special skills. A day filled with fun, amazement, and applause as we celebrate the talents of our OOSH community.

Monday October 06

Public Holiday



St Nicholas OOSH will be closed for the Public Holiday.

Tuesday October 07

Aqua Golf & Putt Putt



We're off for a day of outdoor fun at Aqua Golf and Putt Putt! Whether you're new to the game or a mini golf pro, enjoy fresh air, friendly competition, and the thrill of hitting golf balls over the water.

Wednesday October 08

Oz Tukka



Join Linda from Oz Tukka as she shares her passion and knowledge of native bush foods. Children will see, touch, smell, and taste the unique ingredients First Nations peoples have enjoyed for thousands of years.

Thursday October 09

Tie-Dye



Get ready to splash into a world of colour! Children will get creative and hands-on as they twist, fold, and dye their own vibrant tie-dye designs to take home and wear.

Friday October 10

Pyjama Party



Chill out and enjoy the last day of the holidays before heading back to school. Wear your favourite PJs, have fun with party games, and then relax with a movie and popcorn.

Booking Information

How to make a booking

- Complete our booking request through Xplor
- Confirm your enrolment details are up to date through Xplor (if you are not yet enrolled with St Nicholas OOSH, you will be sent a link)
- Any outstanding fees have been paid
- For more information on how to book, [CLICK HERE](#)

Child Care Subsidy

Did you know you are entitled to a discount of up to 90% off your fees through the Australian Government's Child Care Subsidy? To ensure you receive your entitled subsidy, remember to confirm your CCS enrolment via the Centrelink website or app.

Cancellations and Absence

To change your booking, simply reach out to the St Nicholas OOSH service you requested a booking for. Please note, our cancellation policy requires notice of five (5) business days for cancellation of Vacation Care bookings. If you cancel within 5 business days of your booking, you will be charged the full rate. If your child is sick or otherwise unable to attend for one of your bookings, please let us know with as much notice as possible by phoning or texting the service's mobile number. Please note, you will still be liable for any fees incurred on this day. If children are unwell, please refrain from bringing them to care.

What to Bring

- **Wide-brimmed hat** – School hats are usually best. When the UV is 3 or above, children will be required to wear a hat. Sunscreen is provided and routinely applied as per our Sun Protection Policy. If your child is sensitive to standard broad-spectrum 30+ sunscreen, please provide appropriate sunscreen clearly labelled with your child's name.
- **Morning tea and lunch** – OOSH staff are not able to heat or cook food. Please ensure anything sent can be eaten straight from their lunch box. Our service is a nut-free zone. Breakfast and afternoon tea are provided.
- **Enclosed shoes** must be worn, such as joggers or sneakers.
- **Refillable water bottle**
- **Spare set of clothes** in case of an accident or excessive mess.
- **Jumper or jacket**

Additional Information

Risk assessments are completed for all excursions and are available onsite for viewing. An OOSH staff member can provide a copy of any risk assessments to parents/ caregivers upon request.

Please note, the suggested outcome may not map the pedagogical intent of the planned experience. This is a broad suggestion, but should not be held as the only possibility. The choice of an outcome relates directly to the learning and benefits we anticipate children will gain from the experience, however should you wish to alter this outcome due to your own curriculum understanding, we welcome this.

Weekly Awards

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

Week ending Friday 19th September 2025 (Week 9)

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Toby B	Owen E	Jimmy S
Kinder White	Xavier H	Lucy P	Riley M
Year 1 Blue	Emily G	Daytona A	Ally C
Year 1 White	Archie M	Scott N	Ivy T
Year 2 Blue	Darcy J	Addison M	Lara T
Year 2 White	Carley O	Mason B	Savannah h
Year 3 Blue	Matilda B	Jenson F	Grace S
Year 3 White	Charlie C	Matilda C	Hunter A-L
Year 4 Blue	Mason C	Finn M	Liam H
Year 4 White	Landyn W	Caelan G	Addison R
Year 5 Blue	Claire B	Braxton T	Jaiden X
Year 5 White	Susan P	Fletcher B	Isaac L
Year 6 Blue	Ellie Y	Hudson O	Elijah C
Year 6 White			

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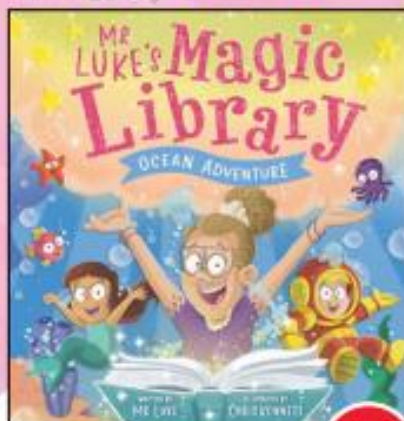
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Kinder Blue	Callum F	Eleanor S	Gordon H
Kinder White	Logan D	Hunter W	Jaxon K
Year 1 Blue	George A	Lewis S	Aurora M
Year 1 White	--	--	--
Year 2 Blue	Donnie B	Carter M	Amari J-B
Year 2 White	Stella M	An N	Ava G
Year 3 Blue	Hallie D	William M	Ethan T
Year 3 White	Lauren M	Maici B	Hendrix M
Year 4 Blue	Baxter D	Nicholas S	Aramaia M
Year 4 White	Baxter A	Ellesse S	Layla M
Year 5 Blue	Charlize L	Addison K	Frances M
Year 5 White	Liam D	Lucy S	Aria G
Year 6 Blue	Laylah K	Lola M	Indi M
Year 6 White	Jacob L	Mia W	Parker S

Principal's Awards

Tate K, Ella Y x 2, Nevaeh D, Ayla K, Lexi D, Addison K, Anakin K, Carter A, Armani L x 2, Ivy T, Viv S, Harlyn H, Finn M, Carley O, Abbey A, Connor T, Eli B, Addison M, Addison R, Luca C



You're invited to our SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

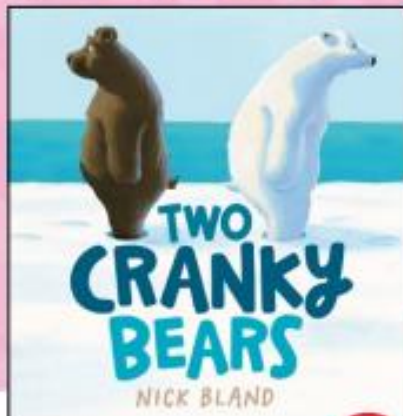


OCEAN ADVENTURE

Mr Luke's class opened a magic book and found themselves under the sea!

100144570 | HB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

\$10



TWO CRANKY BEARS

Can two cranky bears learn to share?

100144522 | HB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

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WOMBAT

A funny look into the life of a wombat.

100141320 | PB PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+

**SPECIAL
VALUE
\$6**

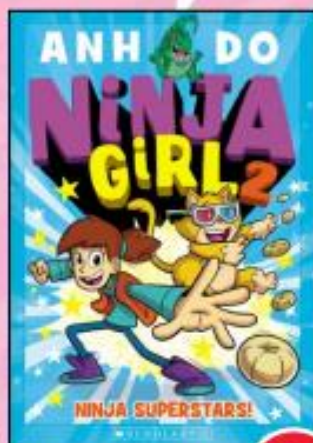


THE PUPPY PARADE

A new series all about Ella and Olivia's puppy, Bob.

100144370 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 5+

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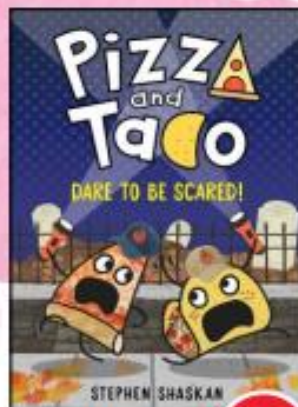


NINJA SUPERSTARS!

Can Ninja Girl and Karate Kitten save the town from evil lizards?

100145003 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+

\$10



DARE TO BE SCARED!

Pizza and Taco go Ghost Pepper hunting!

100145054 | GRAPHIC NOVEL | AGES 6+

\$10



SLEEPOVER BFFS: BIG DREAMS

These BFFs make a business out of planning sleepover parties for people!

100145640 | PB NOVEL | AGES 9+

\$10



EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC



**SCHOLASTIC
REWARDS**

Date 27th - 30th October Time 8:30 - 3:30

Place School Library

Scholastic Book Fair Pre-Payment

Your child's school is having a Scholastic Book Fair. Your child will bring home their wish list of titles they have discovered at the Fair. We encourage you to discuss the Book Fair and their wish list choices with your child. Once you have agreed which items you will purchase you can pre-pay for those titles by completing the following steps.

- 1 List the titles they are going to purchase from the fair.

Title	Price
If you choose this option PLEASE send this slip in with your child ON or BEFORE the fair. This not only acts as a receipt of payment but also lets us know what book your child/ children are seeking.	
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Sat Nov 1st - Sun Nov 2nd

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Sat Nov 15th - Sun Nov 16th

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1st Merewether Scout Hall Smith Street, Merewether

Sat Class 1 10am - 2pm Class 2 2pm - 6pm

Class 3 6pm - 9pm Sun Class 4 10am - 2pm

Maitland

Sat Nov 15th - Sun Nov 16th

Jubilee Street Scout Hall, East Maitland

Sat Class 1 10am - 2pm Class 2 2pm - 6pm

Class 3 6pm - 9pm Sun Class 4 10am - 2pm



Enquiries: 8.30am - 4.30pm (EST)

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\$39 per class



Fun Weekend Cartoon Workshops



Class 1: 10am - 2pm K-Pop Demon Hunters™ drawing & singing competitions

- **Theme:** Hawaiian & tropical. Wear colourful & tropical clothes. Prizes for best dressed.
- **Draw:** A tropical island.
- **Draw:** A frog, snake & a turtle.
- **Play:** The exciting game 'Charge'.
- **Coral reef:** Draw life in the sea.
- **Draw:** Animated fruit & vegetables.
- **Competition:** Design & win USA candy!
- **Enjoy:** Decorate & eat doughnuts.
- **Play:** Human O's & X's - a strategic thinking game.
- **Balloon squishies:** Play the squishy game.
- **Make:** A tower with marshmallows & spaghetti.
- **Enjoy:** The Kit Kat™ challenge. Guess the unusual flavours blind folded.



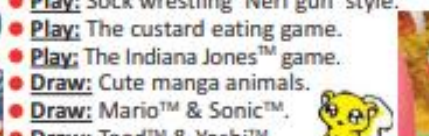
Class 2: 2pm - 6pm

- **Theme:** Messy clothes & hair. Prizes for 'worst' dressed. Odd shoes, backwards clothes, etc...
- **Competition:** Build with Lego™.
- **Draw:** Australian animals.
- **Enjoy:** Delicious Skittle S'mores.
- **Slime:** Make gooey oobleck slime!
- **Play:** The shaving cream battle if you want!
- **Kids on wheels:** Bring your scooter for some adventures.
- **Face painting:** Be creative. The children get to be the artists.
- **Treasure hunt:** Find the treasure & golden ticket 'jackpot'.
- **Crowning ceremony:** Everyone gets honoured with a crown.
- **Draw:** Japanese Anime & Manga characters, including Naruto™ & One Piece™.
- **Pokémon™:** Draw popular characters & trade your cards. Bring in your Pokémon cards.



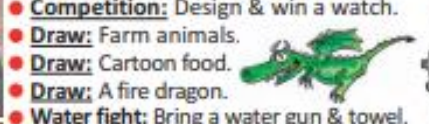
Class 3: 6pm - 9pm

- **Theme:** Wear dark clothes for the games.
- **Play:** Sock wrestling 'Nerf gun' style.
- **Play:** The custard eating game.
- **Play:** The Indiana Jones™ game.
- **Draw:** Cute manga animals.
- **Draw:** Mario™ & Sonic™.
- **Draw:** Toad™ & Yoshi™.
- **Play:** The chocolate coin hunt.
- **Nerf gun battle disco:** Bring in your nerf guns & goggles for a safe battle & disco. Make cubby houses in the hall.
- **Play:** Murder in the dark! An exciting game with balloons.



Class 4: 10am - 2pm The Markets - best class!

- **Theme:** Computer Gaming, Glitter, Singers, Sparkles, Tay Tay & Movie Stars. Prizes for best dressed.
- **Pocky™ Challenge:** Guess the flavour blind folded.
- **T-Shirt Designs:** Be creative - we'll supply the T-Shirts.
- **Competition:** Design & win a watch.
- **Draw:** Farm animals.
- **Draw:** Cartoon food.
- **Draw:** A fire dragon.
- **Water fight:** Bring a water gun & towel.
- **Flour battle:** Join in the flour game.
- **Kingdom Markets:** Everyone prepares a shop for Market Day. It's important that the children prepare something to sell. Make cookies, old toys, books, etc... using Kingdom money. We'll also give the children \$100 Kingdom dollars.
- **Talent Show:** Do singing, dancing, acrobatics & comedy. Win prizes including Taylor Swift posters.





First Nations recipe - Kangaroo Spaghetti

Preparation time: 10 minutes

Cooking time: 25 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 600g kangaroo mince
- 500g fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 brown onion, diced
- 1 large green capsicum, sliced
- 1 bunch of celery, sliced
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 4 cups cooked pasta
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- Parsley to garnish



Method:

1. Heat olive oil in a frying pan
2. Brown mince then add onions, mushroom, celery, capsicum and cook for 10 minutes
3. Add the canned tomato and tomato paste and simmer for 5 minutes
4. Boil the pasta until cooked
5. Serve the mince on top of the cooked pasta and garnish with parsley

Source: Flavours of the coast: Koori cookbook



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