



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 4 2026
Thursday 19th February

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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

FEBRUARY		MARCH	
Fri 20 th	Opening School Mass – Student Leader Commissioning	Wed 4 th	Regional Soccer Trials
Tue 24 th	Regional Touch Football Trials	Fri 6 th	School Cross Country
Wed 25 th	Diocesan Swimming Carnival	Mon 9 th – Wed 11 th	Mr Borg on Leave
Thu 26 th	Regional Rugby League Trials	Wed 18 th	School Assembly – All Welcome
Thu 26 th	9:00am Mass – Year 5 and Year 6	Thu 19 th	Year 1 – Tocal Excursion
MARCH		Fri 20 th	Harmony Day Celebrations at Rosary Park
Wed 4 th	9am Assembly followed by Family & Community Engagement Mtg – ALL WELCOME	Mon 30 th	Palm Sunday Liturgy 11:00am

Principal's Message

A Prayer for Lent

Lord of mercy and light,

In this season of quiet surrender,

I lay down my distractions and take up Your cross.

Teach my heart to hunger for what is eternal,
 and my hands to serve with humility and love.

When temptation whispers,
strengthen my spirit to choose what is good.
When I stumble,
lift me with Your grace and guide me back to Your path.
May my fasting open space for Your presence,
my prayers draw me closer to Your heart,
and my acts of kindness reflect Your endless compassion.
Walk with me through these forty days,
so that on Easter morning,
my soul may rise with You in joy and new life.
Amen.

Principal's Welcome

I sincerely hope that everyone has had a terrific fortnight, as we journey through to the fourth week of school. It has gone quite quickly, and, in the speediness of life, we try to take time to pause and celebrate the great achievements and milestones our children have had so far this year.

Family and Community Engagement (FACE)

In 2026 and beyond, the school will transition from a PEG (Parent Engagement Model) to a FACE model. These include holding one meeting with families each term. These forums play an important role in helping families feel welcomed, informed, and connected to their child's learning.

Our FIRST FACE Meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH - AFTER ASSEMBLY (Approximately 9:45am) We invite all of our families to attend, in the Hall.

Join us for an interactive parent presentation:

'Supporting your child to thrive'

Modern parenting can be challenging — so much has changed since we were at school. And while we all want the best for our children, working out which strategies genuinely support their learning and wellbeing can sometimes feel overwhelming.

That's why we've put together this presentation, *'Supporting your child to thrive'*, which we warmly invite you to attend.

Guided by *Rosary Park Principal, Mr Ashley Borg*, the session will explore:

- What modern learning looks like — and why it's different from when many of us were at school.
- Five simple, high impact strategies you can start using straight away (no extra time or expertise needed).
- How home and school can work together to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

Our goal is for you to leave feeling confident, informed, and empowered to support your child's learning, confidence, and independence in ways that fit naturally into family life.

We deeply value you as partners in your child's education, and you'll be encouraged to ask questions and engage throughout the presentation.

Date: WEDNESDAY MARCH 4
Time: AFTER ASSEMBLY (approx. 9:45am)
Location: ROSARY PARK BRANXTON

This presentation will form part of our school's meeting of the FACE Forum for Term 1, during which parents and carers will also have the opportunity to ask questions of leadership about school operations in an open forum, share ideas for school-family organised events throughout the year and nominate for the position of our school's FACE Federation position. You are welcome to stay for the full meeting or just attend the presentation. For more information, please refer to the attached agenda on the COMPASS POST.

All questions with notice to the Principal MUST be emailed to admin@branxton.catholic.edu.au by FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY at 3:30pm.

Swimming Success

Congratulations to our swimming team on their efforts at the Lower Hunter Swimming Carnival. We had some excellent efforts and positive results. Thank you to Miss Dever for assisting with the supervision of the children as well as Miss Lindus.

A massive result was our Senior Girls Relay Team, who won by over 15 seconds! Their time was better than the Senior Boys Relay team, so this has the makings of something very special! Good luck to all at the next level.

Understanding Compass

Unfortunately, during the week, there were several students who missed out on the opportunity to trial for Winter Pathway Sports, due to what I can only describe as an error in understanding Compass and its functions.

You receive messages via email, and it is parent's responsibility to check for POSTS or EVENTS. All information will either be in the form of a POST or an EVENT. You may look for events in your Compass Calendar, or hover over the ORGANISATION TAB (the one which looks like the old Channel Nine TV logo) or on the APP, click on the MORE button (bottom right on your phone screen) and hit the Events tab.

School Calendar

At the commencement of the year, I circulated a school calendar which gave the events up to the time I sent the calendar. The purpose was to give you early notice for the larger, more regular events on our calendar. As stated in the original post, the calendar was not a "be all and end all" guide, and COMPASS is your source of up-to-date information.

It is parent's / carer's responsibility to ensure this is checked and maintained, in order to keep up with the latest information.

Assemblies

I've been so impressed with the student's behaviour during Assemblies. Kindergarten have been at school for a very short period of time, and they are ultra impressive! It is an absolute credit to

our teachers and learning support staff, as well as you, our families, for giving them the best possible start, for teaching them correct manners and etiquette during public gatherings.

Early Learning Visit

Miss Rae and Mrs Lunn received a visit from the Catholic Schools Maitland Newcastle Early Learning Team. The Successful Foundations program has been highly effective at transitioning students from pre-school and early learning facilities to primary school demands. The play-based element of the program keeps children engaged, gives them the chance to demonstrate cooperation, turn taking, and other social skills, which are beneficial for future learning.

From all reports, Rosary Park is the place to be for Early Learning!

Opening School Liturgy

Our Opening School Liturgy was sensational! The beautiful service gave our 2026 school leaders an opportunity to be presented with their badges by their parents, as well as have them formally introduced to the whole school.

Thank you to Mr Redgrove for his organisation as Religious Education Coordinator. The service was reverent as well as engaging for children.

We thank Father Thomas Chirackal from the Parish for celebrating Liturgy with us. We hope to see you as often as possible, Father, in your final year in the Parish and in Australia.

The students were amazing during Liturgy and they are to be commended for their behaviour and participation.

Thank you to all our parents, and families who were in attendance at the Liturgy. You make them that little bit extra special.

Phone Calls / Emails

Something I wish to address quite early is emails and phone calls. Our Code of Conduct for families is very clear in its wording and interpretation, especially around phone calls and emails and how they are to be conducted.

Parents/Carers and volunteers in Catholic school communities agree to:

- ▶ Understand and abide by all diocesan policies, procedures and guidelines, which are available on the CSO website www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/policies
- ▶ Model positive behaviour to their child and all children in the school community.
- ▶ Ensure children attend school on time, every day the school is open for instruction.
- ▶ Take an active interest in their child's school and their learning and to engage positively in all aspects of their child's learning.
- ▶ Participate in the Liturgical and Faith Life community of the school including participation in all aspects of the Religious Studies program regardless of personal beliefs.
- ▶ Work in a positive manner with the school to achieve the best outcomes for our child.
- ▶ Communicate constructively, respectfully and in a spirit of partnership with the school and use processes and protocols outlined in the CSO Complaints Resolution Policy documents when raising concerns.
- ▶ Communicate with their child's teacher or the Principal directly regarding any concerns about their child, other students, staff or community members.
- ▶ Reject aggressive, abusive and confrontational language and behaviour, as this is counterproductive to the sustainability of any relationship. Approaching students, community members and/or staff in a confronting manner will not be tolerated.
- ▶ Support all school staff to maintain a safe learning environment for all students.
- ▶ Treat all school staff, students, other members of the school community, visitors and volunteers with respect in all dealings with them both personally and through the use of all social media technologies at all times.
- ▶ Discuss with the Principal any barriers to meeting the financial obligations agreed to at the time of enrolment and seek to form an agreement with the school to meet these.
- ▶ Ensure any agreement made with the school is honoured.

We aim to work with each family in the spirit of partnership and ensure that every family is heard, validated and gets the opportunity to have their opinions considered, in the learning, social, emotional, spiritual and physical dimensions of their child. Rosary Park recognises wholeheartedly that our parents are the FIRST educators of their children. Your decision making is always respected.

The expectation at Rosary Park is that all communication is considered, respectful and driven by the desire for actions which are productive and promote a positive partnership between all parties. Rosary Park staff, your child's teachers, have a right to come to work and have a safe environment presented to them, so they can teach, assess, and help your children to be their best.

Kind regards,

Mr Ashley Borg

PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principals Message

Thank you to the Rosary Park community for the warm welcome I have received since returning from leave this week. I am excited to be working with you all this year to support our students' learning, wellbeing and growth.

I have over 20 years of teaching and leadership experience in Catholic education. I have worked across a number of our Diocesan schools and have previously held Primary Coordinator, Religious Education Coordinator and Assistant Principal roles.

I am passionate about fostering environments where students can thrive academically, spiritually, and personally and I am eager to work alongside staff, parents, and the wider community to help students reach their full potential.

Please don't hesitate to say hello and introduce yourself in the coming weeks.

NAPLAN

Each year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is sat by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Students will participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN will take place from **Wednesday 11 March** to **Monday 23 March 2026**.

NAPLAN is just one part of our school's learning assessment program. The tests assess literacy and numeracy skills your child is already learning at school, so the best preparation is their everyday classroom learning. Our school will also undertake activities to help students become familiar with the types of questions and tools available in the online tests.

The [public demonstration site \(https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site\)](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) is available for you to see the format of the online tests.

Further information about NAPLAN is available on the [NESA website \(https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplanhttps://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-](https://www.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/naplanhttps://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-)

[10/understanding-the-curriculum/naplan/parent-information](#)) and the [NAP website \(https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers\)](https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers).

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher, or Mrs Hacker.

Maryanne Hacker
Assistant Principal

Religious Education Coordinator's Message

It has been a busy but enjoyable past fortnight in the space of RE. We have held some major events such as Shrove Tuesday; Ash Wednesday and we look forward to our Opening School Liturgy which will be held at 9:15am tomorrow (Friday 20th February).

Shrove Tuesday:

Pancake Tuesday, also known as **Shrove Tuesday**, is a long-held tradition in the Catholic Church marking the final day before **Lent** begins on **Ash Wednesday**. The word "shrove" comes from "to *shrive*," meaning to confess sins and prepare spiritually for the penitential season ahead.

Historically, Catholics would use up rich ingredients—such as eggs, milk, sugar, and butter—before entering Lent, a time of fasting, simplicity, and self-discipline. Pancakes became the perfect way to use these foods in one meal, giving rise to the celebration we know today.

Shrove Tuesday is therefore both **practical and spiritual**: a joyful moment of sharing food and community before entering the reflective, prayerful journey toward Easter.

I would like to thank our wonderful student Mercy Team who organised and distributed pancakes to all of our students and staff. They displayed leadership and there were smiles all round our school, especially with the extra maple syrup!





Ash Wednesday:

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a forty-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in the Catholic tradition. It is a solemn day that invites believers to reflect on their relationship with God and to prepare their hearts for the celebration of Easter. During Mass or a liturgy of the Word, Catholics receive ashes on their forehead in the shape of a cross. These ashes, made from the burned palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday, serve as a powerful symbol. This Year at Rosary Park, teachers and staff facilitated in class Liturgies and taught children about the season of Lent and the meaning of Ash Wednesday. I would like to thank all of our staff for their efforts on this day.





A message from our Parish

🌱 Is your child ready for their Sacramental journey?

We are now inviting expressions of interest for our 2026 Singleton and Branxton Parish Sacramental Programs!

This is a beautiful opportunity for our young parishioners to grow in faith as they prepare for Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion.

Is my child eligible?

We welcome all children who:

🔢 Are in Year 3 or above (as of 2026).

👤 Are Baptised Catholics OR are interested in being Baptised into the Church.

How to get involved:

Simply contact the Parish Office to put your child's name on our list!

📞 Call us: 5507 4048 📧 Email us: singleton.branxton@mn.catholic.org.au

📺 Stay Tuned: Details for our Parent Information Sessions will be advertised very soon.

We can't wait to walk this path of faith with your family! 🙏🌟

Project Compassion:

This week, the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of Caritas Australia's annual Project Compassion Appeal.

Project Compassion 2026 invites us to 'Unite Against Poverty', because together we can take action to make a lasting difference!

By donating to Project Compassion, Caritas Australia, the Catholic agency for international aid and development, can work with local communities around the world to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity.

This week, our Mercy Team officially launched Project Compassion at assembly and placed donation boxes in each classroom. We welcome coin donations to classrooms, payments via QKR or via the QR code in our foyer. We thank our families for their donations in advance.

Nick Redgrove
Religious Education Coordinator

0Gifted Education Mentor Message

Congratulations to our two new Virtual Academy students for 2026 Holly Nevin and Jaxon Chaffey from Year 5.



Virtual Academy Connect Day 2026

On Friday, 13th February, 2026 Virtual Academy students from across the diocese were welcomed to the University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus for **VA Connect 2026**.

VA Connect was thoughtfully designed to prepare students for success in the Virtual Academy - introducing them to the digital platforms, learning systems and tools they will use throughout the year, while also creating space for connection, belonging and aspiration. Across the day, we witnessed students building confidence in navigating Microsoft Teams and OneNote, engaging with expectations for online learning, meeting their educators, and connecting with like-minded peers from across our schools.

More than a technical induction, the day affirmed the why of the Virtual Academy - bringing together high potential and gifted learners to learn deeply, think critically, and belong to a community that recognises and nurtures their abilities. The energy was tangible. Students were curious, collaborative and genuinely excited about the year ahead.

Events of this scale require careful planning, collaboration and commitment that reflects the strength of our HPGE network and our shared dedication to excellence across our diocese.

The foundation has been set for a year of deep learning, innovation and connection.

Caroline Donohoe

Gifted Education Mentor



Library News

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 Book Club Orders are due by **Monday the 23rd of February.**

Please note we use the LOOP system for Book Club.

LOOP (Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform)

The EASIEST way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

Rest assured, our online payment system is secure. You can easily order and pay for your child's **Book Club** order using a credit card, with the peace of mind that your transaction is safe. When you order and pay by LOOP, your order will be electronically linked to your school.

How do I Order?

1. Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either sign in or register your account.
2. Click on ORDER and then select your school and your child's class* .
3. Add your child's first name & last initial (so the school knows who the book is for) PLEASE NOTE: Your child's details will never be shared with 3rd parties OR used for marketing purposes - this is for distribution purposes only.
4. Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
5. All orders are sent directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.
6. Afterwards, there's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details back to your school!

We do not accept cash payments.

Library Borrowing

Library borrowing will commence in Week 4.

In 2026 we are having all children complete library borrowing on **Thursdays**.

All students require a library bag to protect their books and have overdue books returned before being permitted to borrow from the school library.

Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC)

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the students who successfully completed the PRC in 2025. We hope to see a greater number of students join the challenge in 2026!

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is open to all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 10, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

2026 Dates

Challenge opens: Monday 23 February 2026

Challenge closes to students: Friday 18 September 2026



Artwork by Shaun Tan

NSW Department of Education

2026 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



**Key dates
for students
in K-10:**

Challenge opens
Monday 23 February

Challenge closes
for student entries
Friday 18 September

A big THANK YOU to the White and Pike families for their very generous donations to the school library. These books will be found on our bookshelves shortly for all children to enjoy.

Thank you,

Melanie Flynn
Librarian

Weekly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards.

Week ending 20th February 2026 (Term 1, Week 4)

<i>Class</i>	<i>Merit</i>	<i>Merit</i>	<i>Mercy</i>
Kinder Blue	Zeppelin M	Charlee R	Olli H
Kinder White	Nora D	Isabelle R	Noah H
Year 1 Blue	Jimmy S	Alayah G	Jaxon D
Year 1 White	Lucy P	Elias C	Isabella B
Year 2 Blue	Arabella D	George A	Ally C
Year 2 White	Hunter B	Carter L	Savannah R
Year 3 Blue	Madeleine N	Archer W	Jack C
Year 3 White	Baylee H	Lotti F	Lennox J
Year 4 Blue	Charli C	Parker G	Tristan C
Year 4 White	Eli B	Bronson Q	Aerith J
Year 5 Blue	Hendrix B	Reni S	Lexi D
Year 5 White	Hudson L	Alfie T	Ken P
Year 6 Blue	Frances m	Claire B	Levi C
Year 6 White	Mijaiha R	Luke H	Addison S

Principal's Awards

Ayla B, Annabelle L, Hunter I, Hugh M, Claire D, Jaxon C, Emily S x 2, Baxter D

SONG COMPETITION 2026

WHAT IS A MEMORY? HOW DOES THE BRAIN WORK?
WHAT IS REDEMPTION?

About the show:

Aspire 2026 deals with a student who has lost their memory and is struggling to get their brain to switch back on. With this in mind, the starting points for each age group this year are memory, the brain and redemption.

The Song Competition will be broken into 4 categories- Primary School (individual), Primary (class), Year 7-9 and Years 10-12. Using the story for the production, the themes below will be the song writing focus for these allocated year groups.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

(INDIVIDUAL AND WHOLE CLASS CATEGORIES):

MEMORY

What is a memory?
What makes something memorable?
What are some examples of good memories?

YEARS 7, 8 OR 9: THE BRAIN

How the brain works.
Thoughts, feelings and actions.
Themes of curiosity.

YEARS 10, 11 OR 12: REDEMPTION

What is redemption?
Exploring the theme of redemption within a story.

CRITERIA:

Lyrics and/or music reflect the category theme.
Quality and creative use of musical elements e.g. melody, chords, structure, rhythm and dynamics.
An interesting and engaging song.

Once entries close, shortlisted finalists will have the opportunity to workshop their song with industry musicians and ASPIRE Musical Director Jessica Lopez. The winner for each category will be decided at a live concert where a guest panel will judge the songs. There will be 4 winners, one for each category (Primary- Individual, Primary- Class, Years 7-9 and Years 10-12).

Prize is a \$300 Musos Corner voucher and individual winners will have their song professionally recorded.

CONDITIONS: Music and lyrics must be created by the nominated students. Some students, particularly classes and younger students, may use backing tracks, or samples they have arranged themselves, but must create the lyrics themselves. Some students may seek feedback from their teachers or tutors, but the final product must be the students' own work. Submissions may be lyrics and music, or music only. Artificial Intelligence is not to be used in any aspect of the work submitted. The quality of the performance or recording will not impact selection.

THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2026

ASPIRE Song Competition Closing Date

TUE 28TH APRIL- THURS 30TH APRIL

Workshop Week

THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2026

ASPIRE Song Competition Finalist Concert

HOW TO ENTER

1. Video or record yourself singing or playing your song.
File formats: MP3, MP4 or MOV
2. A copy of your lyrics File format: Word document (NOT PDF or a photo)
3. If you can, include the chords or notation.
This is not compulsory.
4. Your song must be **no longer than 3 minutes 30 seconds.**

CLICK BELOW TO REGISTER:

[2026 ASPIRE SONG COMPETITION ENTRY FORM](#)

The ASPIRE Song Competition Entry is an online process, upload via the ASPIRE website form.



1. Click the button above or scan the QR code:
<https://forms.office.com/r/D0BS-EC79L>
2. FILL IN THE FORM TO ENTER AND UPLOAD YOUR FILE

For more information, please contact Jessica Lopez- Education Officer, Musical Director, Aspire jessica.lopez@mn.catholic.edu.au or visit www.mn.catholic.edu.au/aspire



WHO IS IT FOR?

The Concert Band is a Diocesan ensemble for students in Years 5 - 12. It is suitable for students who can at least play at a 1st grade (AMEB) level as well as students of a more advanced ability, 4th grade (AMEB) and above. The ensemble is not suitable for beginner students.

Instruments include: Flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, cornet, trombone, french horn, euphonium, tuba, mallet/auxiliary percussion and drum kit. The band is not suitable for string or piano players. Students must know how to read traditional music notation. The concert band will be playing a variety of repertoire including music for film and television, jazz, rock and pop music, classical music, and music particularly composed for concert bands.

WHEN AND WHERE ARE REHEARSALS?

There are 3 rehearsals per term, specific dates are available on the ASPIRE website:

2 afternoon rehearsals (Mondays, 4-5.30pm)

1 whole day rehearsal per term (Tuesday, 9.30am-2.30pm)

Rehearsals are held at Trinity Catholic College, Adamstown

DIOCESAN ENSEMBLE SHOWCASE

The concert band hosts the Diocesan Ensemble Showcase "Vivace". This is a showcase of groups from across the diocese, featuring a variety of performances and ensembles.

Vivace - 3 November 2026, City Hall Newcastle

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

There is no cost to be involved in the Concert Band. Students will receive a Concert Band polo shirt. Sheet music will be provided.

HOW TO REGISTER - ASPIRE CONCERT BAND 2026

The following QR code will direct you to the:

2026 ASPIRE CONCERT BAND REGISTRATION FORM



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

2. FILL IN THE FORM TO APPLY

Contact jessica.lopez@mn.catholic.edu.au for more information.

VOICEWORX 2026

The diocesan vocal program VoiceWorx is open to any diocesan student who wants to join a vocal group or choral ensemble and learn more about singing with like-minded students.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

- Vocal technique, warmups and exercises for correct voice production and vocal hygiene
- Ensemble skills and learning about the roles of each part of a choir
- Dynamics, phrasing and expression
- Listening skills and reading notation
- Following a conductor
- Performance skills and preparation

WHERE?

There are 5 groups:

Lower Hunter - Primary only

Lakes - Primary only

Central/Norths - Primary only

Manning - Primary/Year 7/Year 8

Secondary - St Francis Xavier's College Hamilton (commencing Term 3).

You will only need to attend the rehearsals closest to you:

Lower Hunter - St Aloysius Catholic Primary School CHISHOLM

Lakes - St Paul's Catholic College BOORAGUL

Central/Norths - San Clemente High School MAYFIELD

Manning - St Clare's High School TAREE

Secondary - St Francis Xavier's College HAMILTON

HOW TO REGISTER FOR VOICEWORX 2026

Registration is an online process via the ASPIRE website.

The following QR code will direct you to the:

2026 VOICEWORX REGISTRATION FORM



1. Follow the link or scan the QR code:
<http://mn.shor.tn/voiceworx2026>

2. FILL IN THE FORM TO APPLY

COST: The cost will be \$100 per year. A VoiceWorx polo shirt, sheet music, rehearsal and/or backing tracks will be supplied. *Financial support is available if needed.

Please contact Aspire Musical Director Jessica Lopez:
jessica.lopez@mn.catholic.edu.au for more information.

WHEN?

PRIMARY CHOIRS

Lower Hunter OR Central/Norths OR Manning:

10 rehearsals (Week 9 Term 1 – Week 10 Term 2, Monday 4pm – 5.30pm)

Lakes:

10 rehearsals (Week 9 Term 1 – Week 10 Term 2, Wednesday 4pm – 5.30pm)

**Performance - Civic Theatre Newcastle,
Monday 29th or Tuesday 30th June**

SECONDARY CHOIR:

Venue to be confirmed:

10 rehearsals (Week 4 Term 3 – Week 3 Term 4, 4pm – 5.30pm)

**Performance - City Hall Newcastle,
Tuesday 3rd November**

Good for kids
good for life



Little bodies, big nutrition needs!

Growing kids need the right fuel to learn, play and thrive.

Eating a daily variety of the 5 food groups supports strong bones, healthy brains and steady energy throughout the school day.

Try a colourful mix of:

- Fruit
- Veggies
- Wholegrains (e.g. cereals, bread, rice, crackers)
- Protein/meats/alternatives (e.g. fish, beans, eggs, tofu)
- Dairy/alternatives (e.g. soy and nut-based dairy)

Positive food habits formed in the primary years can set children up for lifelong healthy habits.



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.

Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

**Combines
learning
with fun!**



Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

Rosary Park Catholic School Chess Classes, 2026 Tuesdays 8:00AM - 8:50AM in the Library

Term 1	Cost: \$136	10th Feb - 31st Mar
Term 2	Cost: \$187	21st Apr - 30th Jun
Term 3	Cost: \$170	21st Jul - 22nd Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$170	13th Oct - 15th Dec

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at
www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

Enter the code **FPR2CWP6AM** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**There are no credits or refunds for missed classes, clashing activities, sickness, school excursions, staff development days, teacher strikes or change of mind. Any missed classes can be made up at one of our online chess classes. Please visit <https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/online> for more information. Payment must be made the day before attending the first lesson of the commencing term. The participant will not be allowed to join the class until payment has been received. Joining midway through the term is welcome. Use the payment code above and follow the online instructions.*

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices exclude delivery) <i>To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment</i>		
Workbook 1 – Cost: \$25 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$40 [SPECIAL OFFER]	Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$33 [For Advanced Players]
Workbook 2 – Cost: \$25 [For Intermediate Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$25 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock DGT1002 Bonus – Cost: \$55 [Recommended for All Ages]
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Are you interested in Open Ladies League Tag??

My name is Alex Kowalski and I'm coaching the local open ladies league tag team for the Greta Branxton Colts.

I am hoping this article may be able to assist with the growth of ladies sports in Greta/Branxton area. We are looking for players for our 2026 team and would like to extend an invitation to parents and teachers from your school community to come along on Saturday 21st of February to Greta central oval at 9am to a meet and greet, followed by an optional light training session.

If you need further information, please don't hesitate to contact me on 0490 917 472.

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