



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 6 2026

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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		JUNE	
Tue 2 nd	School Photo Day – WINTER UNIFORM	Mon 15 th	Year 2 Excursion Phoenix Park Farm
Wed 3 rd	After School AFL – 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Mon 15 th – Wed 17 th	Year 5 Great Aussie Bush Camp - Kincumber
Fri 5 th	School Maths Bee	Fri 19 th	Lower Hunter Spelling and Maths Bees
Mon 8 th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Wed 24 th	Semester One Reports
Tue 9 th	Biaime Cave – Year 4 - rescheduled	Wed 24 th	Awards, Athletics Awards and School Brand Showcase
Wed 10 th	Assembly – 9am	Fri 26 th	Diocesan Spelling & Maths Bee
Wed 10 th	After School AFL – 3:15pm – 4:15pm	Mon 29 th	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 Wednesday 24 June.

Monday 29 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 will be open from June 1 and close strictly on June 19. These dates and times must be adhered to, as teachers utilise the remaining time to prepare for these sessions.

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.

School Photos

A reminder that school photos are on TUESDAY JUNE 2. We wish to have all students in Winter Uniform if at all possible.

School Maths Bee

The Maths Bee will be June 5 (FRIDAY Week 7).

The timings are as follows (not as per letter)

Kindergarten 10am

Years 1/2 – 10:30am

Years 3/4 – 12:00pm

Years 5/6 – 12:30pm

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

Mr Terry Fitzsummons is no longer teaching at Rosary Park.

We thank Terry for his contribution to our school community and we wish him well.

For the remainder of the year, Miss Madelaine Percival will be teaching Year 4 White. As part of her role within the school, Miss Percival also undertakes a 0.3 FTE EAL/D position. To support this arrangement, Miss Charlotte McPherson will teach the class on Thursdays and every alternate Friday.

Miss McPherson will also be undertaking her fourth-year placement on a Waiver B protocol, which allows her to teach as well as undertake her final placement for university. This will take place in Year 4 for the first 8 weeks of the Third Term.

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.

ASSEMBLY JUNE 10

A regular assembly will take place on June 10. If your child has submitted awards for Principal's Awards, these will be handed out at this assembly.

As always, everyone is welcome to attend.

ASSEMBLY JUNE 24

This note is EARLY NOTICE about the Assembly in Week 10, our final assembly for Term Two.

The assembly will be quite lengthy incorporating the following items:

- Teacher Awards
- Principal Awards
- Leader Awards
- Birthdays
- Athletics and General Sport Presentations (Athletics Ribbons / Age Champions)
- Howard (Mr Webb) and School Band to play a brief showcase at the conclusion of the assembly.

We anticipate the assembly will go for approximately 1 hr, so please factor this into your schedules for the day. We would love to see you all there!

God Bless,

Mr Ashley Borg
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal's Message

In the last newsletter, I spoke about teachers finalising assessments and preparing Semester reports. An important 'next step' in our feedback on student progress to families is student-led conferences.

At the heart of our school community is the belief that **education is a partnership between home, school, and child**. This partnership is not just a philosophy - it is a relationship that grows stronger when we come together with a shared purpose: to nurture the whole child in faith, learning, and life.

Our upcoming **Student-Led Conferences** are a powerful expression of this partnership. These conferences are more than a showcase of work - they are a celebration of student voice, agency, and growth. When students take the lead in sharing their learning goals, reflecting on

their progress, and identifying areas for improvement, they are developing essential skills in communication, self-awareness, and responsibility.

For parents and teachers, this is a unique opportunity to listen deeply, affirm each child's efforts, and offer guidance that is both supportive and empowering. It's a moment to witness learning through the eyes of the student and to walk alongside them as they set meaningful goals for the term ahead.

We encourage all families to approach these conferences with openness and encouragement. Ask your child what they are most proud of. Celebrate their challenges as well as their successes. And most importantly, remind them that learning is a journey—one that is enriched by the love and support of a community that believes in them. Bookings for these conferences will open in Week 7.

Together, as partners in faith and education, we continue to build a learning environment where every child is known, valued, and inspired to grow.

Maryanne Hacker
Assistant Principal

Gifted Education Week STEM

A big congratulations to our two Rosary Park student representatives Jaxon and Jack for their participation in the recent STEM Aviation Challenge being held on Thursday 21 May at St Bede's Catholic College, Chisholm.

As part of Gifted Awareness Week and in celebration of Catholic Schools Week this wonderful opportunity was a real privilege, for students to represent their school alongside peers from across the Diocese. It was a full-day workshop exploring the principles of aviation through a combination of theory, design, experimentation and competition. Throughout the day, students engaged in a hands-on aviation challenge - designing, building and testing their own aircraft - while working collaboratively with their peers.

Principal, Ashley Borg joined Jaxon and Jack in their workshop and testing phase, offering advice and feedback to assist in the successful 'lift off' of their aircraft. We are incredibly proud of these students and thank them for representing the school with such enthusiasm.

Well done boys!

Caroline O'Donohue



SPORTING NEWS

Rosary Park is pleased to share that we have successfully secured a Sporting Schools grant from the Australian Government. The Sporting Schools program is a national initiative aimed at increasing children's participation in sport and connecting them with community sporting opportunities.

Miss Edwards has been successful in obtaining teacher-delivered programs through Squash Australia, the NRL, and Touch Football Australia. These sports will be embedded into students' lessons during Term 3, while continuing to develop the fundamental movement skills required by the NSW curriculum.

Through this grant, we have also been able to purchase new equipment to support the delivery of these programs, ensuring students can learn and practise skills using appropriate, high-quality resources.

I am very excited about this opportunity and look forward to introducing your children to these fantastic sports.

Kind Regards, Miss Edwards!

Weekly Awards

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

Week ending 22nd May 2026 (Week 5)

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Zahlee R	Mia H	Zeppelin M
Kinder White	Digby M	Archie M	Matilda D
Year 1 Blue	Callum F	Toby B	Ivy E
Year 1 White	Zara S Zachary N	Hannah P Hazel S	Eleanor S Asha W
Year 2 Blue	Angus M	Cleo P	Blaine S
Year 2 White	--	--	--
Year 3 Blue	Hugh M	Jasper W	Indy M
Year 3 White	Stella M	Noah L	Miya W
Year 4 Blue	Axl D	Tristan C	Parker G
Year 4 White	Ava W	Bronson Q	Dom P
Year 5 Blue	Jack C	Addison B	Layla M
Year 5 White	Zoe H	Stanley H	Elliana D
Year 6 Blue	--	--	--
Year 6 White	--	--	--

Week ending 29th May 2026 (Week 6)

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Zara B	Lucas Q	Edan S
Kinder White	Lawson H	Annabelle F	Ivy S
Year 1 Blue	Jaxon D	Alayah G	Zoe S
Year 1 White	Isabella GB	Ariella L	Elias C
Year 2 Blue	George A	Mason P	Lara A
Year 2 White	--	--	--
Year 3 Blue	Madeleine N	Archer W	Oliver t
Year 3 White	Lara T	James D	Maxx R
Year 4 Blue	Scarlett S	Brooklyn Y	Sadie R
Year 4 White	Ayla B	Nic L	Vinnie L
Year 5 Blue	Jaxon C	Emily S	Willow J
Year 5 White	Ellesse S	Baxter D	Holly N
Year 6 Blue	--	--	--
Year 6 White	--	--	--

Principal's Awards:

Good for kids
good for life



Move Your Way to School

Getting kids moving each day is one of the best ways to support their physical health, boost their mood, and build strong social connections.

Walking or riding your bike or scooter to school is a great way to start the day. Here are some of the benefits you can enjoy when actively travelling to school:

- Improved concentration and alertness
- A cleaner, quieter environment with less pollution
- More opportunities to chat and connect with family and friends
- A chance to enjoy mindful movement and arrive at school feeling refreshed and ready to learn



Source: Children's active travel - Healthy lifestyle programs for primary schools (nsw.gov.au)



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