

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 8 2026

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

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IMPORTANT DATES

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

JUNE		JULY	
Fri 26 th	Diocesan Spelling & Maths Bee	Fri 3 rd	Year 6 Canteen Meal Deal Fundraiser – orders close Mon 29/6
Mon 29 th	PUPIL FREE DAY – Student Led Conferences	Fri 3 rd	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
Tue 30 th	NAIDOC Celebrations – all students in Full Sports Uniform	Mon 20 th	FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
Tue 30 th	Kindergarten 2027 School tours	Mon 27 th	Grandparents Day – Feast of Joachim and Anne
JULY		Wed 29 th	Assembly – Year 6 Showcase
Thu 2 nd	Regional Athletics Carnival – Maitland Athletics Centre	AUG	
Fri 3 rd	Vinnies Winter Appeal – Beanie and Pyjama Day	Wed 5 th	Diocesan Athletic Carnival

Principal's Message

THANK YOU

A Massive thank you to all of our families, students, staff and friends for the wonderful support they have given the school this term. It has been wonderful to see the students progressing so beautifully in their learning journeys. We are nearly at the end of a long term. The Student-led conferences will be in effect on MONDAY. All access is closed for any time changes. Any issues, email teachers.

EMAILS TO STAFF

We are always eager to work with our families to get the best results for children's learning and wellbeing. Please ensure that all protocols are followed, by emailing the admin@branxton.catholic.edu.au address. We, as per procedures, will be a maximum of 48 hrs in responding.

STAFFING NEWS

Those who remember, will know Ms Amber van Duuren took leave last year and half of this one, to go to the USA, in order to work in a Primary School. Ms van Duuren's position at school is not 100% clear as yet, which puts our staffing at a standstill. Miss Lawson will continue in her role until such time as Ms van Duuren's standing becomes clear.

Interviews for Mrs Allen's classroom position until the end of the year will be taking place next week. We hope to have more news over the holidays.

We have sourced a Groundsperson to replace Mr Ian Barnes, who handed in his resignation, due to personal issues, last week. When we are able to inform you further, we will do so.

VINNIES APPEAL

Reminder students will be dressed in their pyjamas for the final day of school, NEXT FRIDAY, and bring a gold coin for the Vinnies Appeal.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS BEST WISHES

Best of luck to all of our students for their next carnival at the Lower Hunter Athletics Carnival in Maitland next Thursday. We look forward to hearing about everyone's PBs.

BEST WISHES FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Wishing everyone all the best over the holiday break. Please stay safe if you are travelling and enjoying this great country of ours. We cannot wait to see you all on MONDAY JULY 20, for the first day of Term Three.

God Bless,

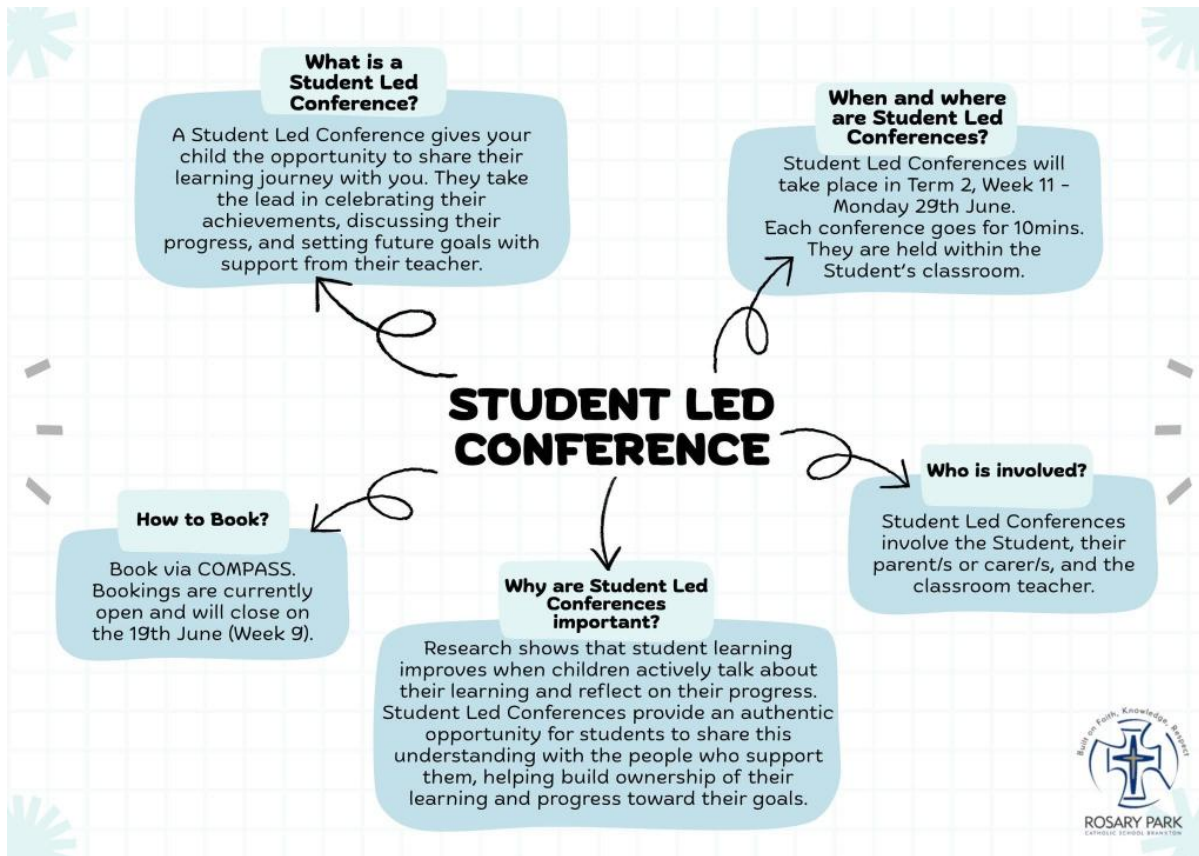
Mr Ashley Borg
PRINCIPAL

Assistant Principal's Message

As we arrive at the final week of Term 2, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the learning, growth, and achievements across our school community.

Student-Led Conferences

A key highlight this coming week will be our Student-Led Conferences taking place on Monday (Week 11). These conferences provide a valuable opportunity for students to share their learning journey, celebrate their progress, and discuss their goals with their families. We are incredibly proud of the confidence, responsibility, and pride our students demonstrate in leading these conversations.



Kindergarten 2027 – School Tours

We have been busy over the last couple of months conducting Kindergarten 2027 interviews. First round offers have now been made. To support their transition, **school tours will be held on Tuesday** for our incoming Kindergarten students and their families. These visits provide a wonderful opportunity for children to become familiar with the school environment, meet staff, and begin to feel comfortable and excited about starting school.

School Reluctance/School Refusal

As we approach the holiday period, we acknowledge that some students may experience school reluctance or school refusal, particularly during times of transition or after breaks. Supporting regular attendance is important for both learning and wellbeing. If your child is finding it difficult to attend school, we encourage families to:

- Maintain consistent morning routines
- Keep goodbyes calm, brief and positive
- Reinforce the importance of attendance while acknowledging your child's feelings
- Communicate openly with the school so we can work together to support your child

Our staff are here to help, and early support can make a significant difference. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any concerns.

As we conclude a busy and productive term, I would like to thank our students, staff, and families for their ongoing effort, commitment, and support throughout Term 2.

We wish all members of our school community a safe, happy, and restful holiday break. We hope this time provides an opportunity to relax, recharge, and spend quality time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for an exciting Term 3.

Maryanne Hacker
Assistant Principal

Religious Education Coordinators Message

Sacrament of Confirmation:

We warmly congratulate our Year 3 students on beginning their formation sessions for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This significant step marks an important moment in their faith journey, as they are strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and continue to grow in their relationship with God.

Last week, students have begun their formation with our sacramental team, engaging thoughtfully in their preparation. A special highlight was their meeting with Father Peter, who visited and spoke to the students about the sacrament.

We are proud of the reverence and enthusiasm shown so far by the students and thank their families for their ongoing support. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and inspire them in the years ahead. The students completing the sacrament of confirmation are:

Marshall
Claire
Mia
James
Lincoln
Amari
Noah
Charlie
Hugh
Carley
Jaxen
Oliver
Connor
Sarah
Carter

If your child is baptised, and your child is in Year 2, your child will be eligible to complete their sacraments in 2027. This is a discussion you can start to have with your child now.

Vinnies Winter Appeal:

Please start to send in your donations if you have any, into your class hamper boxes. In 2026, St Vincent De Paul charity is calling for support for the homeless and lowering statistics on this. At Rosary Park, our student Mercy Team have organised hamper tubs that will be presented to St Vincent De Paul's Cessnock. The items that could be donated include:

- Toiletries
- Non perishable food items
- Blankets
- Second hand winter clothing

We thank our families for their support of this appeal.

Year 1 and Year 3 Parish Mass next week:

Year 1 will be facilitating the Thursday parish mass next week and all families are invited to attend. Some students have volunteered to do a reading or a special job, with Year 1 doing a liturgical performance at the end of the Mass. We look forward to celebrating with our parish next week.

Details:

Date: Thursday 2nd July

Time: 9:20am

Location: St Brigid's Church

Nicholas Redgrove

Religious Education Coordinator

Weekly Awards

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

Week ending 19th June 2026 (Week 9)

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Alby B	Edan S	Gloria P
Kinder White	Addie B	Casey M	Archie M
Year 1 Blue	--	--	--
Year 1 White	Savannah I	Reuben L	Riley Mc
Year 2 Blue	Georgie-Lee K	Ally C	Thomas S
Year 2 White	--	--	--
Year 3 Blue	--	--	--
Year 3 White	--	--	--
Year 4 Blue	--	--	--
Year 4 White	Ari S	Leo B	Hallie D
Year 5 Blue	--	--	--
Year 5 White	Liam H	Cruz J	Brailyn L
Year 6 Blue	--	--	--
Year 6 White	--	--	--

Week ending 26th June 2026 (Week 10)

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Kai B	Luke L	Primrose T
Kinder White	Walter J	Hannah B	Stevie B
Year 1 Blue	Hudson W	Hunter W	Kelsie L
Year 1 White	Ivy T	Harvey M	Henry WR
Year 2 Blue	Aurora M	Ayla D	Sophia S
Year 2 White	Bruno B	Henry C	Ava S
Year 3 Blue	Johnny L	Maci H	Hunter W
Year 3 White	--	--	--
Year 4 Blue	--	--	--
Year 4 White	Dom P	Maici B	Stella G
Year 5 Blue	--	--	--
Year 5 White	Jesse S	Mason C	Stanley H
Year 6 Blue	--	--	--
Year 6 White	Max K	Shahaan S	Hudson W

Principal's Awards: William C x 2, Indigo M, Connor T, Owen E, Evangelica S, Addison M, Lennie C, Mason P, Oliver T, Olivia D, Hunter B, Carley O'D, Charli C, Luca C, Jax B, Vincent L, Archie A x 2, Piper R, Savannah R, Archie M, Lylah H, Annie H, Toby B, Toby B, Addison B, Will M, Emily R, Blair C, Oliver C



Indigenous Recipe - Choko Muffins

Serves: Approx. 12 muffins

Ingredients:

- 1 cup self-raising white flour
- 1 cup self-raising wholemeal flour
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup of sultanas or dried fruits
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- 100g melted low-fat margarine or olive oil spread
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 cups of grated choko
- 1 cup of grated carrot



Method:

- Preheat oven to 180°C (or 160°C fan-forced) and line or grease a muffin tray.
- Add all dry ingredients into a bowl.
- Add the melted margarine and eggs then add the choko and carrot. Mix well.
- Pour mixture into a muffin tray and bake for approximately 25 minutes or until skewer inserted in centre comes out clean.
- Allow to cool for 5 to 10 minutes before removing from pan.

Source: [National Heart Foundation- Koori Cookbook](#)



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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.