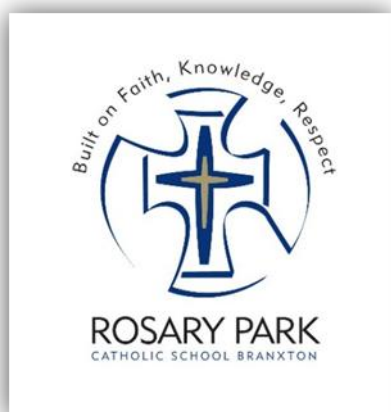




SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 8 2026
Thursday 10th 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

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

SEP		OCT	
Thu 10 th	Year 6 – Interrelate Incursion	Mon 12 th	FIRST DAY OF TERM 4
Thu 17 th	Year 6 – Interrelate Incursion	Thu 15 th	Regional Cricket Trial
Fri 18 th	Stage 3 Hunter River Health Check Incursion	Fri 16 th	Our Lady of the Rosary Liturgy
Fri 18 th	Year 3 Taronga Zoo Excursion	Wed 21 st	Assembly 9am – Year 2 Showcase
Tue 22 nd	Kindergarten to Oakvale Farm	Fri 23 rd	Father Thomas Farewell Liturgy – 9am
Thu 24 th	Talent Quest	Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th	Book Fair / Book Week
Fri 25 th	Catherine McAuley – Mercy Day (Afternoon Activities)	Wed 28 th	Stage 1 League Tag Day – (Years 1 & 2)
Fri 25 th	LAST DAY OF TERM 3	Fri 30 th	Regional Netball Gala Day

Principal's Message

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,
 You are the true King of peace.
 In You alone is found freedom.

Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.

Dispel all darkness and evil.
Protect the dignity of every human life.
Replace hatred with Your love.

Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition.
Eliminate all violence and war.

Glorious Virgin Mary,
Saint Michael the Archangel,
Every angel and saint:
Please pray for peace.
Pray for unity amongst nations.
Pray for unity amongst all people.
Pray for the most vulnerable.
Pray for those suffering.
Pray for the fearful.
Pray for those most in need.
Pray for us all.

It is difficult to fathom that we are in Week 8 and nearly towards the end of the Third Term of 2026.
So many wonderful achievements and terrific learnings from our students.

STAFFING

Miss Connolly and Miss Morgan will co-teacher Year 5 Blue for Term Four, as Miss Morgan is returning from Maternity Leave. This is great news for our school and wonderful continuity for the students.

UNIFORMS

We are now in the transition stage with regard to uniforms. It is either ALL SUMMER or ALL WINTER uniform, no "in between's". Please ensure that all shoes, socks, head pieces are neat and tidy also.

SPORT GALA DAYS

Thank you to the children and staff who attended our recent soccer and rugby league gala days. The behaviour, for the very large majority of students was outstanding! We will continue to support these ventures for your children, as long as the continued support comes back to the teaching staff from both student's behaviour and parent's conduct.

FACE MEETING – FEEDBACK

We recently held an online meeting on a Monday evening and are seeking feedback on the timing of the meeting. We thought that holding it online and, in the evening, on a Monday, as per the survey, would give more people an opportunity to hear about the going's on at Rosary Park. Please email me if you feel the need to do so, very happy to hear from you!

BYOD PRESENTATION – YEAR 5

On Tuesday last week, the Year 5 – 2027 parent group had the opportunity to view the Bring Your Own Device Program – as presented by Alex Lynch, from NEXT technologies.

The program has been very successful at Rosary Park and across the Diocese. We will release the portal website when we are able to do so.

Good Luck Annie, William and Ally!

Two major competitions students will be competing in, during the next fortnight are:

POLDING ATHLETICS - William and Annie

DIOCESAN PUBLIC SPEAKING - Ally

We wish them all the very best with their Academic and Sporting endeavours.

Nationals AGAIN!

Congratulations and good luck to our three teams, who are representing Rosary Park at the National Aerobics Championships on the Gold Coast.

A massive thank you to Miss Dever, Miss Edwards, Miss Graham and of course, the master coach, Mrs Gargan, for taking so much time to give these children a wonderful experience.

Socktober Launch

I will be accompanying our leadership team to Charlestown next Wednesday, to attend Mass, said by Bishop Michael, as well as learn about the Catholic Mission yearly initiative, SOCKTOBER.

If you would like to read more into Socktober, please visit www.socktober.org.au

Mr Ashley Borg

PRINCIPAL

Library News

Premier's Reading Challenge - ends on the 18th of September! Make sure you have logged all your PRC books on the Premier's Reading Challenge website before this date!

Scholastic Book Fair - Monday the 26th October till Thursday the 29th of October.

Thank you,

Melanie Flynn

Teacher Librarian



YEAR 6 EXCURSION TO CANBERRA

PACER REBATE

Our Year 6 students have recently undertaken an education tour of the National Capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate will be paid directly to the school upon receiving our documentation. This rebate reduced the cost of the Canberra excursion by \$30 for our families.



In Term 3, Week 5 Mr Borg, Mr Redgrove, Miss Lindus, Miss Edwards and Mrs Pringle, took Year 6 away to Canberra to learn all about Australia as a Nation. We had a wonderful time learning about Australia's history, culture and future plans and consolidate our learning through a variety of learning opportunities. We were so proud of the respect and maturity Year 6 showed towards our wonderful guides, workshop facilitators and Dan Repacholi in Parliament house even though it was only a quick visit before the bells rang and he had to go and vote!



Canberra was an experience because we got to go to Government house which most people will never get to go to in their lives! - **Braxton**

It was an interesting excursion because we went to the Capital of Australia and we got to see how laws are made in real life. - **Noah R**

We had lots of experiences and lots of opportunities that no one else has unless they are with a school. We saw lots of artefacts at the War Memorial and the Australian Mint. - **Leah**

It was an amazing experience especially the old artefacts and learning about how the Government works. - **Jaiden**

I enjoyed the War Memorial the most because it reminded me of my past trip to Canberra and I found it interesting to see how much it had changed in six months. - **Hudson**



I enjoyed the AIS because we got to see the Gold Medal Olympians warming up. We also saw where top athletes train. - **Noah L**

Everyone should go to Canberra to learn about our Government and the Wars that Australia has been involved in. - **Tao**

There were lots of opportunities to learn something new - **Paige**

Canberra was a fun experience and we got to learn so much - **Ella**

We not only got to spend time with our friends but we got to widen our knowledge about the past and present of Australia - **Elke**



In case the video picture doesn't work here is the link! Enjoy!

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ROSARY PARK



**THURSDAY 24TH
SEPTEMBER**



2 ACTS PER GRADE SELECTED IN
WEEK 9. CAN BE GROUPS OR
INDIVIDUAL. MUST BE UNDER 4
MINUTES

Weekly Awards

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

Week ending 4th September 2026 (Week 7)

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Connor S	Arabella P	Primrose T
Kinder White	Matilda D	Lawson H	Addison B
Year 1 Blue	Hunter P	Xavier H	Lottie L
Year 1 White	--	--	--
Year 2 Blue	Indy H	Astrid C	Archie M
Year 2 White	--	--	--
Year 3 Blue	--	--	--
Year 3 White	--	--	--
Year 4 Blue	--	--	--
Year 4 White	Bronson Q	Eleanor C	Charlie D
Year 5 Blue	--	--	--
Year 5 White	Aramaia M	Liam H	Kade B
Year 6 Blue	--	--	--
Year 6 White	--	--	--

Week ending 11th September 2026 (Week 8)

Class	Class Award One	Class Award Two	MJR Award
Kinder Blue	Arabella P	Brianna D	Zarlia D
Kinder White	Lennie C	Levi K	Ivy S
Year 1 Blue	Hudson W	Callum F	Lukas E
Year 1 White	--	--	--
Year 2 Blue	Blaine S	Knox M	Scott N
Year 2 White	--	--	--
Year 3 Blue	--	--	--
Year 3 White	--	--	--
Year 4 Blue	Brooklyn Y	Charli C	Alfie W
Year 4 White	Dylan R	Ari S	Piper R
Year 5 Blue	--	--	--
Year 5 White	Annie H	Hudson L	Kade B
Year 6 Blue	Ella Y	Amarlie K	Jaiden X
Year 6 White	Sasha A	Charlize L	Addison S

Principal's Awards: Fletcher B, Ava M, Shahaan S, Noah L, Lottie L, Bentley F, Annabelle L, Logan D, Hannah B, Maci H, Zahlee R, Primrose T, Emily G, Eli B, Tanner H, Mackenzie H, Lawson H, Addison K x 2, Lachlan B, Sage L, Anakin K



Sock Toss Challenge

You don't need expensive equipment to have fun!
Grab a few rolled-up socks and a laundry basket, bucket or cardboard box for an easy game the whole family can enjoy.

How to play:

- Place the basket a few metres away and take turns tossing the socks into the target.
- Make it more challenging by moving further back, standing on one foot or using your non-dominant hand.

This simple game helps children practise throwing skills, hand-eye coordination and balance – all while being active and having fun together!



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.



THURSDAY NIGHTS AT 6PM

Commences 15/10/2026

Junior Dolphins to Opens.

All ages & abilities.

15m, 25m, 50m, 100m

& 200m races.

BBQ dinner available.

Fun for all the family!



Singleton Amateur Swimming Club

Est. in 1928

Enquires to:

singletonswimming@hotmail.com

Facebook:

Singleton Amateur Swimming Club

Register online:

<https://swimcentral.swimming.org.au>

Create the primary account under parent name in Step 1 and then follow the prompts!

Closer to the season commencing you will be contacted by committee with further information.

MEMBERSHIP PRICING 2026/2027

Full Swimmer \$150

Essential for club members who want to compete at club nights and at external meets & competitions. Race at area, state & national competitions. Added benefits.

Club Swimmer \$130

For swimmers who only want to compete at Singleton Swimming Club nights. For those who are not yet ready or not wanting to swim at inter-club meets.

Second Claim \$50

For swimmers who have registered as a Full Swimmer with another club but also want to swim at Singleton Swimming Club nights.

Dry Membership \$49.99

One parent per child registered to be a dry member. Also for committee members and those wanting to be accredited as a Swimming Australia Technical Official.

MY CHILD IS A PRESCHOOLER... WHY JOIN?

Build water confidence

Extra time in the pool helps consolidate the skills learned during weekly swimming lessons.

Learn to have a go

Junior Dolphins can get their first experience of racing in an environment where participation is what matters and they are cheered on by the older kids.

Build independence

Following instructions, listening for the whistle, and waiting to be called for marshalling are little achievements that build confidence.

MY CHILD IS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL... WHY JOIN?

Race yourself, not others

Children learn to aim for a personal best and experience the satisfaction of seeing their own times improve.

Develop a growth mindset

Persistence and gradual improvement teach children that effort makes a difference.

Build friendships and belonging

Spend Thursday nights with families from across the Singleton community.

MY CHILD IS A TEENAGER... WHY JOIN?

Maintain fitness in the off-season

Swimming in the summer could help maintain fitness and strength alongside other sports or interests.

Goal-setting, discipline, resilience

Chase PBs, improve technique, stay persistent, deal with set-backs, challenge yourself - all skills that transfer beyond the pool.

Stay connected

Be part of a positive community environment.

BONUS FOR PARENTS!
BBQ DINNER MEANS NO COOKING ON THURSDAY NIGHTS!



LOWER HUNTER
MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

— INVITE YOU TO —
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES
IN THE FLOODS IN NEPAL

— IN PARTNERSHIP WITH —



Let us come together in solidarity, light a candle, and pray
for the departed souls, for the families in grief,
and for strength for those who are still suffering.

**WE MOURN TOGETHER.
WE STAND TOGETHER.**



FRIDAY
11TH SEP 2026



TIME
5:30 PM



LOCATION
**197 Mount View Rd,
Cessnock NSW 2325**

A MOMENT OF SILENCE. A LIFE OF COMPASSION.

Together for Nepal



OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE PEOPLE OF NEPAL.



ASPIRE

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DIO DANCE ENSEMBLE

Aspire invites students to spend **2 days** working on a **dance performance** to represent our diocese in the **2026 MOMENTUM** Showcase.

Every ensemble member will play a vital role in our piece and have an opportunity to showcase their talent in a group setting. This will be a fast-paced two days; we are looking for dancers who thrive in that environment and can bring energy and positivity to the rehearsal room. Prior dance experience is necessary.

Director: Lauren Harvey

Available to: Students in years 5 - 12

Fee: \$120

Students can register for the program by filling out an application form [here](#).



PROJECT DATES

Rehearsals
Newcastle (Venue TBC)

During School Term 3 Week 9 - Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th September

9.00am – 3.00pm

**Technical run &
Performance:**
MOMENTUM
@ Civic Theatre Newcastle

Monday 2nd November

5:30pm – 9.00pm (TBC)

Scholarship places are available for students in genuine need of financial assistance. Please contact Anne Atkins for further information via anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au or 02 4979 1331



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AUDITIONS 2027

Registrations for the Aspire 2027 auditions are now open for current and new students from Years 4 and up. The auditions will be held at the Warners Bay Theatre, Lake St, Warners Bay (Drama, Dance, Vocal ONLY) or Diocesan Resource Centre - Corner of Tudor Street and Parry Street, Newcastle West (Instrumental ONLY).

Registrations for auditions close on Friday, 25 September 2026. Once our ASPIRE Administration receives the registration, applicants will receive all relevant audition information during the first week of the school holidays. This will include the audition allocated dates and times.

DRAMA Ensemble Audition

Monday 26 October 2026 & Tuesday 27 October 2026

Location: Warners Bay Theatre, Lake St, Warners Bay

The drama auditions consist of a half-hour workshop featuring a series of drama exercises in movement, voice, character work, and devising (creating short scenes). Students will also be required to prepare a short one-minute monologue. A list of topics for Junior applicants will be on the ASPIRE website at the end of Term 3, whilst Senior applicants will be required to source a monologue of their choice.

DANCE Ensemble Audition

Wednesday 28 October 2026

Location: Warners Bay Theatre, Lake St, Warners Bay

The audition is entirely workshop-based. Students will be taken through some skills-based exercises before learning some new choreography. They may have an opportunity to add their own choreography, so it's a good idea to have some ideas ready about what they might like to do.

INSTRUMENTAL Ensemble Audition

Wednesday 28 October 2026

Location: Diocesan Resource Centre, Cnr Tudor Street and Parry Street, Newcastle West

All instrumental auditions are 10 minutes. Students are required to prepare a short piece that they feel shows their ability. After performing the piece for the panel, students will either be given some music to sight-read or asked to improvise a melody/rhythm whilst accompanied by another instrument.

VOCAL Ensemble Audition

Thursday 29 October 2026

Location: Warners Bay Theatre, Lake St, Warners Bay

For the one-hour vocal audition, students will be placed in a group of up to 20 students of similar age. The first part of the audition will comprise of learning a new song as a group and some simple movement to go with it. This allows the panel to see how well students pick up new music, lyrics and movement and place them together. In the second half of the audition, students will be required to sing the first verse and chorus from the audition song list. The list of songs will be available on the ASPIRE website at the end of Term 3. A link will be provided to each applicant, including song selections and backing tracks for practising.

1. Follow the link or scan the QR code: [Aspire Production 2027 Auditions](#)
2. Fill in the form to apply



If you require further information, please contact ASPIRE phone 02 4979-1331 or email: anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au

Positions are given in order of registration. Scholarship places are available for students in genuine need of financial assistance. Please contact ASPIRE for information.

*Please note: Audition applications must be completed by parents/carers of students enrolled/enrolling in a Catholic School of the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle 2026/2027.

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To find out more about ASPIRE Catholic Schools, visit mn.catholic.edu.au/aspire



INFORMATION SHEET 2027

ASPIRE is the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools Creative and Performing Arts program

"TO SPARK A LIFELONG PASSION AND APPRECIATION FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS IN ALL OUR STUDENTS."

SAVE THE DATE

2027 Aspire Production at The Civic Theatre Newcastle

Wednesday 28 July 2027 - 11.00 AM

Thursday 29 July 2027 - 11.00 AM

Friday 30 July 2027 - 11.00 AM

Friday 30 July 2027 - 7.00 PM

Saturday 31 July 2027 - 7.00 PM

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DRAMA Ensemble Audition - Monday 26 October 2026 & Tuesday 27 October 2026

DANCE Ensemble Audition - Wednesday 28 October 2026

INSTRUMENTAL Ensemble Audition - Wednesday 28 October 2026

VOCAL Ensemble Audition - Thursday 29 October 2026

HOW TO AUDITION FOR ASPIRE 2026

The Aspire Audition Application is an online process.

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2026 HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

School Holiday Workshops for Dance, Drama, and Vocal students who are in Years 4 to Year 7.

Creating a character - Monday 28th September 2026

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Catholic Schools (Toohey Room) - 841 Hunter St Newcastle West

Cost: \$90

Bring all of your craziest character ideas along as you create original characters to use in a short workshop-style performance in the afternoon. Think about physicality and movement as well as how different characters speak and deliver their lines in this fun workshop that develops skills in a safe, supportive environment

Singing Sensations - Tuesday 29th September 2026

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Catholic Schools (Toohey Room) - 841 Hunter St Newcastle West

Cost: \$90

Develop your skills as both an ensemble vocalist and a soloist as you come together with like-minded young singers to learn about using your voice to its fullest potential. Students will explore singing as a group whilst also getting the chance to think about solo performance and build confidence in their voice.

Storytelling Steps - Wednesday 30th September 2026

Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Catholic Schools (Toohey Room) - 841 Hunter St Newcastle West

Cost: \$90

Calling all dancers who love to create their own performances. This workshop explores how we tell stories through movement and can use our dance skills to convey character and situations. This fun workshop will encourage students to choreograph their own movement pieces using story as the inspiration.

Students can register by clicking [here](https://bit.ly/AspireHolidayWorkshops2026) or following the QR code —→ bit.ly/AspireHolidayWorkshops2026



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WOW 2026 GALLERY

SUBMISSIONS OPEN

WOW GALLERY AT LAKE MACQUARIE MULTI-ARTS PAVILION (MAP MIMA)

4-5 NOVEMBER 2026

HOW TO ENTER

You can create as many artworks as you like, just remember all artworks must be submitted digitally and as individual images of each work.

WHO: All students across the Diocese

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE: 25th September 2026

DATE OF EXHIBITION: 4 – 5th November:
9am-6pm

SUBMIT NOW USE THE QR
CODE OR FOLLOW THE LINK
mn.shor.tn/WOWGallery



ABOUT SUBMISSIONS

Your submission should be your own personal interpretation of **THE WOW FACTOR. WHY DO SOME PAINTINGS MAKE US STOP AND SAY 'WOW!'**

This exhibition is all about making art that creates the WOW FACTOR. Artists are invited to be brave, playful, and free. Try new things. Take risks. Follow your ideas, your feelings, and your imagination. Don't worry about being perfect, make art that comes from your heart.

Your artwork can be created in any medium, it's completely up to you! You will just photograph or film your artwork and submit via the form. Accepted file formats: JPEG, PNG, MP4. Please ensure the artwork is of high resolution for optimal display. Click here mn.shor.tn/WOWHowToSubmit to see how to submit.

EXHIBITION TICKETS ON SALE AUG 10

USE THE QR CODE OR FOLLOW THE
LINK HERE BELOW

mn.shor.tn/WOWStudents

Exhibition will be open to schools in 30-minute sessions from 9:30am till 2:30pm. There will be an artmaking activity as part of the exhibition. The exhibition will then be open to the public from 3pm till 6pm.

We can't wait to see what makes you go WOW!



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