



# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School, TARRO

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*To live God's call through the Mercy Tradition*



## RENEWAL FOR GROWTH

**Tuesday 14th March  
2023**



Next P&F Meeting AGM 21st March 2023 ALL WELCOME

### I See You

Hello there. How are you? How's it going? G'day mate! These are all greetings we use many times a day but what are we really saying? Why are we really asking? Is it just to be polite? Do we really listen and respond to the answer?

The newest AVATAR Movie The Way of the Water, presents an interesting concept. Whilst it takes a certain amount of stamina to survive such a lengthy movie and I am not advocating for or against the time investment—the indigenous people of this movie present a poignant line which strikes a cord: I see you. When these people approach each other rather than how are you, they say "I see you!" How powerful!



They mean **physically**—I see you

**Emotionally**—I see you-

**Spiritually**—I see you

And **out of community love**—I see you.

So OLOL community—**I SEE YOU!** How are you? doesn't seem to quite cut the mustard anymore.

We are also taught to 'see' through last Sunday's Gospel. Jesus 'saw' the

Samaritan woman at the well. Just as the characters of AVATAR, He saw her physically, emotionally, spiritually and from a place of love. This is greatly significant as we must remember Jesus was a Jew and at this time Jews and Samaritans did not associate. The woman was also on her own. Women would have gone together to a well such as this, showing this woman was an outcast.

As always Jesus has taught us by example the love and compassion we must show to all—I see you

Have a great week,

Petrina Massey

# Important Dates

## Term 1 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>8</b>	13/3	14/3	15/3 NAPLAN	16/3 NAPLAN	17/3
<b>9</b>	20/3 NAPLAN	21/3 NAPLAN	22/3 NAPLAN	23/3 Reconciliation	24/3 NAPLAN Catch-Up
<b>10</b>	27/3 Harmony Day— <b>WEAR ORANGE</b>	28/3 Bake Stall	29/3	30/3  Cross Country	31/3  *** Sunday 2/4 *** Way of the Cross Kilaben Bay
<b>11</b>	3/4	4/4	5/4	6/4 Holy Thurs- day	7/4 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>

## Term 2 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>1</b>	24/4 Pupil Free Safeguarding Child Protection Training	<b>25/4 ANZAC DAY</b>	26/4	27/4	28/4
<b>2</b>	1/5	2/5	3/5 Stage 1 Mass	4/5	5/5 OLOL Athletics
<b>3</b>	8/5	9/5	10/5	11/5	12/5 Mother's Day Breakfast 9am Liturgy  *** Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> *** Sustainability Day 10am - 2pm  Kinder 2024 Enrolments Close
<b>4</b>	15/5	16/5	17/5	18/5	19/5
<b>5</b>	22/5	23/5	24/5 Catholic Schools Week Liturgy 9.30am Morning Tea Open Classrooms	25/5	26/5

## Reminder:

**Students are not to arrive BEFORE 8.30am**

Teachers are not on duty before this time and supervision is not provided.

Access to the school before 8.30am is strictly for **STAFF ONLY.**

Apologies for any inconvenience, but this is an important Child Protection matter.

## Staffing Adjustments

Thank you everyone for your continued support of the staffing adjustments we have had to make at the moment. We are incredibly proud of our students and how hard they are working in all classes and the respect they are showing our visiting teachers.

Thank you for your support and prayers for our staff who are on leave at the moment. Cheryl remains on leave this week as she supports her husband's rehabilitation and we hope to welcome Belinda Huntriss and Victoria Murphy back from Week 9 for a day a week.

Your support of the OLOL family is always appreciated!



## HARMONY Day @ OLOL 'Everyone Belongs'

OLOL will be celebrating Harmony Day and the diversity of our community on **Monday 27th**

### March.

Harmony Day celebrates the core values of inclusiveness and mutual respect for one another's culture and fosters a sense of belonging for everyone who calls Australia their home. Students are to **wear something orange** and sports shoes/enclosed shoes. Students can also dress in a cultural outfit or national costume.

A special assembly will take place at 2pm under the COLA—All welcome!

# NAPLAN @ OLOL

NAPLAN assessments for Years 3 and 5 begin tomorrow. See below for our school's schedule.

Some words of advice around NAPLAN

- Please don't make this a 'big deal' at home. Whilst these are assessments students cannot do anymore to prepare at this stage. The best message is "Have a go and do your best"
- They are an assessment of one moment in time on one day.
- Year 3 and 5 students need a good nights sleep.
- Eat breakfast so their brain is switched on :)
- Be at school on time—this will reduce anxieties caused by rushing or being late.

## OLOL NAPLAN Timetable

NAPLAN 2023  
Timetable

<u>Date</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Time (Approx)</u>
Wednesday 15/3	Writing	Year 3	9:30-10:10am
Wednesday 15/3	Writing	Year 5	9:30-10:10am
Thursday 16/3	Reading	Year 3	9:20-10:05am
Thursday 16/3	Reading	Year 5	12:10-1:00pm
Monday 20/3	Conventions of Language	Year 3	9:20-10:05am
Monday 20/3	Conventions of Language	Year 5	12:10-1:00pm
Tuesday 21/3	Numeracy	Year 3	9:20-10:05am
Tuesday 21/3	Numeracy	Year 5	12:10-1:00pm
Wed 22/5-Fri 24/5	Catch up	Years 3 & 5	TBA



## Kindergarten 2024 Enrolments

Enrolments are open for Kindergarten 2024! If you have a child wishing to start Kindergarten in 2024 please collect an enrolment form from the office at your earliest convenience.

If you know of a family member, friend or someone in the community who would like to enrol their child into Kindergarten at OLOL for 2024 please let them know **ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN** and to contact the school office by phoning 49 66 1302 or they are welcome to pop in.



Our VISION is  
to live God's call  
through the  
Mercy Tradition.

Our MISSION is to educate through:

- ❖ Compassion
- ❖ Respect
- ❖ Hospitality
- ❖ Justice
- ❖ Service
- ❖ Courage



## Mini Vinnies Stage 3 Bake Stall

Our Year 5 Mini Vinnies team in conjunction with Stage 3 are hosting a Bake Stall at OLOL on **Tuesday 28th March**. The children will be

donating the money from this stall as a part of our Project Compassion fundraising this term. Students from K-6 will be able to purchase cakes, biscuits, slices—lots of yummys at Lunch 1 after they have eaten their lunch. All treats will be 50c or \$1. This will be a NUT FREE stall and GLUTEN FREE treats will be available!



## Project Compassion Donation Boxes

All families have received their project compassion box and we have these in our classrooms also. Please continue giving what you can. These boxes are to be returned on **Thursday 6th April** with students who bring their box in having a special part in our Holy Week Liturgy that day.





## OLOL—Caring for the Environment

We continue to be Stewards of Creation at Our Lady of Lourdes, always considering the impact our actions have on our environment.

Last Friday we had an e-waste collection which has saved the following items going to landfill!

- 1 x PC's.....6kgs.
- 8 x Laptops.....20kgs.
- 3 x Monitors.....16.5kgs.
- 5 x Projector.....48kgs.
- 2 x Printers.....18kgs.
- 9 x Smart boards.....128kgs.
- 1 x box of Cables.....6kgs.
- 2 x Keyboards.....1.5kgs.
- 3 x speakers.....5kgs.
- 1 x Docking station....1kgs.

Total weight.....250kgs

Scrap weight....8Kgs.



# Introducing the 9th Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

## Bishop Michael Kennedy

On the 2nd February Pope Francis shared the news in Rome that Bishop Michael Kennedy had accepted the offer to be appointed as the 9th Bishop of our Diocese.

Bishop Michael is an experienced Bishop as he is currently the Bishop of the Armidale Diocese, an appointment he has held since 2012. This is not always the case Bishop Michael's predecessors Bishop Bill Wright and Bishop Michael Malone were not Bishops prior to their appointments to lead the Diocese.

All Bishops select a motto on their ordination—in 2012 Bishop Michael selected 'eutes docete' these are the first two words in the Latin text of Matthew 28:20 in which Jesus sends his apostles to all the nations to teach them all that He commanded and to baptise them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Bishop Michael selected this motto as he felt it sums up the role of a Bishop: to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to bring people into communion with Him.



Bishop Michael's installation as the 9th Bishop of Newcastle will take place this Friday 17th March at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton. This is an invitation only event however, everyone across the Diocese is invited through the live streaming site at 6pm—[www.mn.catholic.org.au](http://www.mn.catholic.org.au)

Bishop Michael will visit all areas of the Diocese throughout the year so we look forward to him visiting the Maitland Region Parishes.



*Matthew  
28:20 WEB  
teaching them  
to observe all  
things that I  
commanded  
you. Behold, I  
am with you  
always, even to  
the end of the  
age." Amen.*

# Swimming Carnival Ribbon Presentation

Today Mr Edwards presented ribbons to our students who achieved 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their races at the school swimming carnival.

Following our carnival students attended the Regional Carnival with Macy Wade and Indiana Allen progressing through to the Diocesan Carnival a few weeks ago.

Congratulations to all our swimmers– we will be watching for your names in the Olympics!!!





# Webinar: Anxiety and Resilience

The Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT invites:  
parents, carers and staff to attend a FREE webinar to assist  
you to support children in your care.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE WEDNESDAY 29 MARCH 7.00 PM

**DATE** Wednesday 29 March, 2023

**TIME** 7.00 - 8.00pm

**VENUE** online

**RSVP**



## Dr Justin Coulson PhD

Dr Justin Coulson is the cohost and parenting expert  
on Channel 9's Parental Guidance.

PhD in Positive Psychology & one of Australia's leading  
parenting experts.

Host of the Number 1 Parenting Podcast in Australia.

Author of 7 Parenting books.

Proud Parent, with his wife Kylie, of 6 children.

You can attend the webinar using your mobile phone, laptop,  
or tablet. You do not need to download any programs.

Please note you **MUST** register to attend this event or  
access recording for a brief period post event.

This webinar is for parents and carers not students.

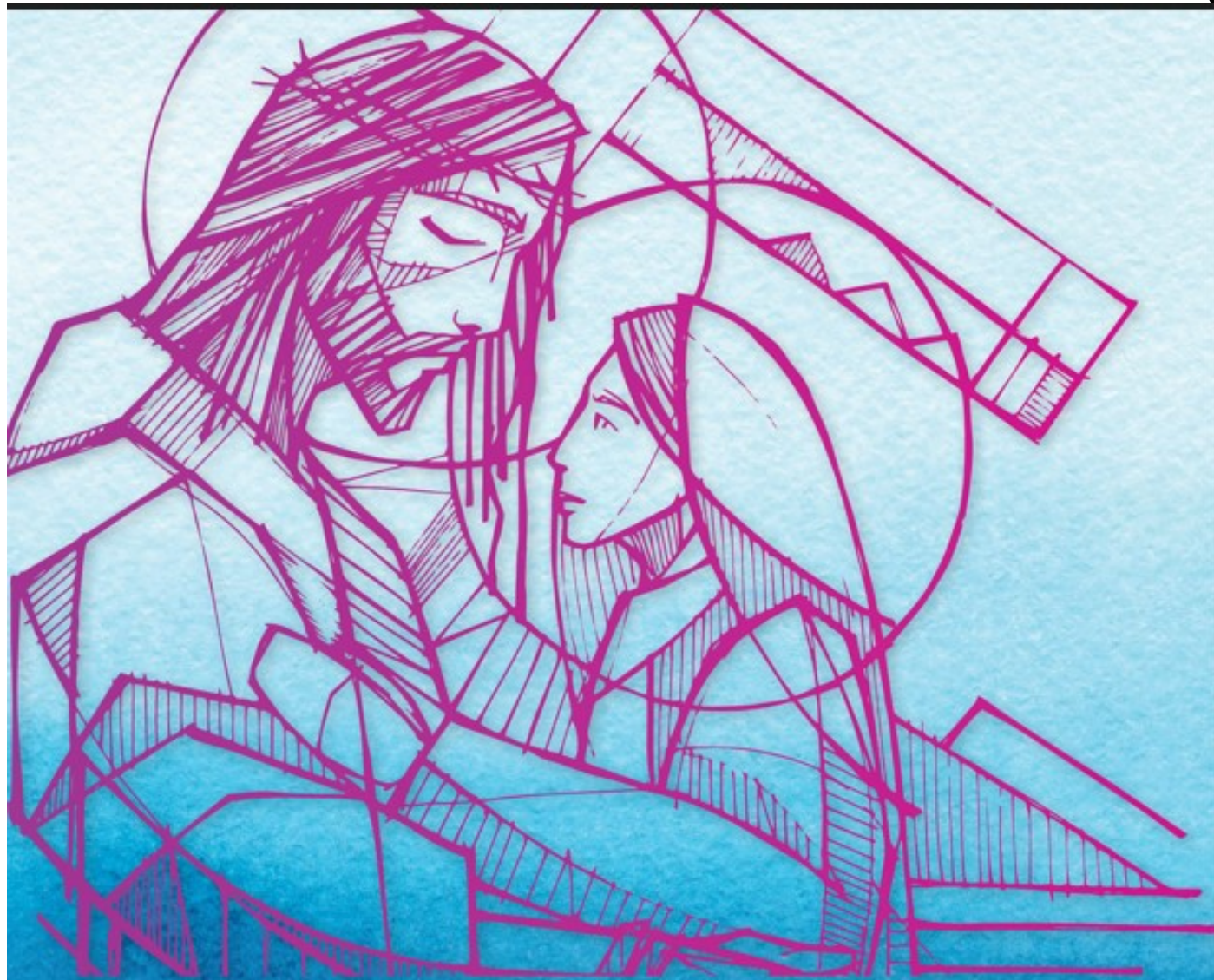
FOR ANY ISSUES REGISTERING FOR THE WEBINAR PLEASE CONTACT



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# Way of the Cross

SUNDAY 26 MARCH

This year, following over 55 years of local tradition, the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle will once again celebrate the Ecumenical Way of the Cross on the grounds of Toronto Parish, Kilaben Bay on the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Picking up the theme from this year's World Youth Day (WYD) – "Mary arose and went with haste" – we will join with Bishop Michael Kennedy as we experience the Way of the Cross through the eyes of Mary. We will journey with creative retellings of Mary's story as shared by women from across our Diocese and fellow Christian Churches. This prayerful experience will be supported by our school communities and local WYD pilgrims.

## JOIN US

The Way of the Cross will be held on the 5th Sunday of Lent (26th March)

**Time:** 3pm (gather from 2pm)

**Location:** St Joseph's Toronto  
140 Wangi Road

*Meet at the St Joseph's Community Centre,  
afternoon tea provided*



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*Come and Join  
Maitland FC  
U10 Girls JDL*

**We are looking for 2-3 more players  
to fill our team.**

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# Merit Awards Term 1 Week 7 2023

Kindergarten	S1 White	S1 Red	S1 Blue
Ethan Wilkinson	Evie Hall	James Clift	Tyler Bramley
Eli Johnstone	Jacob Sheridan	Lola Hooson	Riley Taylor
Hailey Ellis			

S2 White	S2 Red	S2 Blue	S3 White	S3 Red	S3 Blue
Delilah Webb	Ella Carter	Annabelle MacPherson	Jaxon Nation-Brown	Tate White	Sam Taylor
Timothy Farragher	Liam Hope	Grace Randall	Koby Porter	Indya Moodley	Josephine Cifala

## Principal's Awards *Respect*

These awards are recommended by the class teacher.

Kindergarten	Kelsie Brennan
Stage 1 White	Danyl Josy
Stage 1 Red	Ebony Thompson
Stage 1 Blue	Olivia Cross
Stage 2 White	Alora Allen
Stage 2 Red	Catherine Green
Stage 2 Blue	Ella Westbury
Stage 3 White	<u>Braythe Elbro</u>
Stage 3 Red	Xavier Crawford
Stage 3 Blue	Mitchell Taing