



Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Primary School, TARRO

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To live God's call through the Mercy Tradition



RENEWAL FOR GROWTH

Wednesday 22nd
March 2023



Next P&F Meeting 9th May 2023 ALL WELCOME

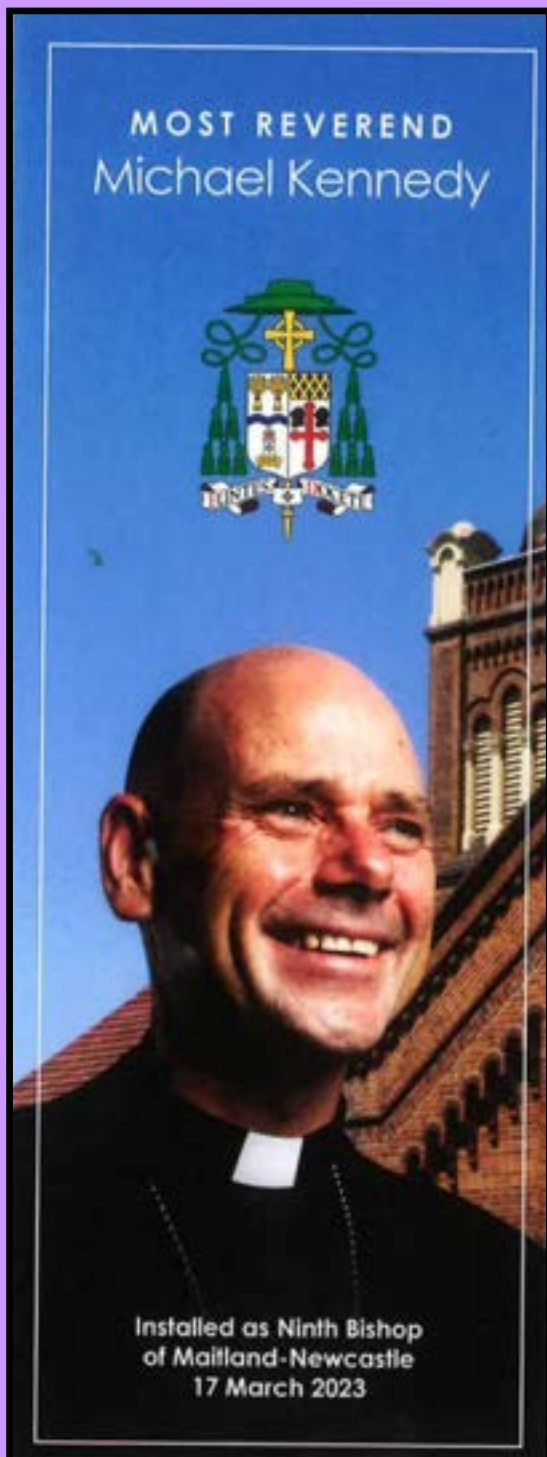
Bishop Michael Kennedy

Last Friday night I had the privilege of attending the installation of our new Bishop—Bishop Michael Kennedy to the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle. The installation mass was held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Hamilton and was a very special event and now a part of the history of the Diocese.

Being present on such an occasion and in the company of many Bishops from all over Australia, the Arch Bishop of Sydney and the Apostolic Nuncio (Pope's representative), not to mention many Priests from our Diocese and that of Armidale where Bishop Michael has come from was an honour. There were many notable moments which were touching during the ceremony which I continue to reflect upon but a couple I would like to share was seeing selected members of the Diocese greet the Bishop as a part of the service, a traditional part of an installation, was wonderful—these people represented the cross section of our Diocese. Also the welcome to country and smoking ceremony given to Bishop Michael prior to entering the Cathedral shows the connectedness and importance of

maintaining relationships with our indigenous neighbours.

Bishop Michael now begins his work as what he describes as a Good Shepherd leading our Diocese. Please pray for Bishop Michael as he begins his important work and gets to know the people of our Diocese. We look forward to him visiting our region soon. Have a great week! *Petrina Massey*



Prayer for our new Bishop

O God, who tend your Church in
countless ways
and rule over her in love,
grant, we pray, that Michael,
your servant,
whom you have set at the head
of your Church of Maitland-Newcastle,
may preside in the place of Christ
over the flock whose shepherd he is,
and be faithful as a teacher of doctrine,
a priest of sacred worship
and as one who serves them
by governing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen



Term 1 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9	20/3 NAPLAN	21/3 NAPLAN	22/3 NAPLAN	23/3 Reconciliation 6pm OLOL Beresfield Church	24/3 NAPLAN Catch-Up
10	27/3 Harmony Day Wear Orange	28/3	29/3	30/3 Cross Country	31/3 *** Sunday 2/4 *** Way of the Cross Kilaben Bay
11	3/4	4/4	5/4	6/4 Holy Thursday Liturgy Easter Raffle Drawn	7/4 GOOD FRIDAY

Term 2 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	24/4 Pupil Free Safeguarding Child Protection Training	25/4 ANZAC DAY	26/4	27/4 SPORT Gymnastics commences Yrs 3-6	28/4 SPORT Gymnastics commences K-2
2	1/5	2/5	3/5 Stage 1 Mass	4/5	5/5 OLOL Athletics
3	8/5	9/5	10/5	11/5	12/5 Mother's Day Breakfast 9am Liturgy *** Sat 13 th *** Sustainability Day 10am - 2pm Kinder 2024 Enrolments Close
4	15/5	16/5	17/5	18/5	19/5
5	22/5	23/5	24/5 Catholic Schools Week Liturgy 9.30am Morning Tea Open Classrooms	25/5	26/5
6	29/5	30/5	1/6	2/6	3/6



HARMONY Day @ OLOL 'Everyone Belongs'

OLOL will be celebrating Harmony Day and the diversity of our community **NEXT 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!



World's Greatest Shave

When Callie Brennan (S1W) and Kelsie Brennan (Kindy) saw their mum participate in the Leukaemia Foundations World's Greatest Shave last year, they decided that day that they wanted to participate.

Both girls are cutting their long hair off and it will be donated to make wigs (36cm each!) If you are able to support the girls they would really appreciate it.

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/registant/TeamPage.aspx?teamId=142496>



All your OLOL friends are very proud of you girls!

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.

No parents/caregivers are to walk students to classrooms once the school day has begun. If your student is late and requires support after being signed in at the office a staff member will assist.

Mini Vinnies / Stage 3 Bake Stall

ATTENTION EVERYBODY!

NEXT TUESDAY 28th March we are having a bake stall run by the Mini Vinnies team with the assistance of Stage 3 cooks. There will be lots of delicious treats available. All treats will be 50c or \$1. This will be a **NUT FREE** stall and **GLUTEN FREE** treats will be available!

Be sure to bring your coins! All the money raised goes to Project Compassion.

-Campbell Mears

Year 5 Mini Vinnies





OLOL P and F

Easter Raffle

2023

When: Drawn after the holy Week Liturgy on the 6th April.

What you need to do:

- Prizes are created from donations provided by the generous families of our school. Please send to the office donations of anything “Easter” - eggs, baskets, bags, toys, anything “Easter” which you think could be turned into a raffle prize. All donations need to be at the office by **Friday 31st March please.**
- You have to be in it to win it! Sell and buy your tickets! You can use the traditional method of buying the book of 10 tickets sent home (more available from the office if needed) or via Flexischools. IF USING TRADITIONAL TICKETS PLEASE WRITE THE NAME OF YOUR CHILD ON THE TICKET ALSO SO WE KNOW WHO SOLD THIS.
If you order via Flexischools we can fill in the tickets for you.
- **Ticket sales close Tuesday 4th April. Return all tickets by this date!!**



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 by **Thursday 6th April** with students who bring their box in having a special part in our Holy Week Liturgy that day.



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.



SAVE THE DATE!

Our Lady of
Lourdes

Sustainability

Cultural Field Day

Saturday 13th May—10am-3pm

Due to the success of this event in 2022 it is back bigger and better!



Connecting Kids with Nature

We specialise in the educational display of Australian native animals.

Mobile, safe and great fun, our shows are guaranteed to capture the wild imagination of kids and adults alike.

We are more than just reptiles! We also incorporate possums, frogs, bats, birds and invertebrates into the 'hands-on' animal experience! And, of course, we also bring crocodiles, pythons and lizards for an incredible experience.

We are grateful to receive the Local Services Grant for \$2000 for the second year in a row to support this initiative. We have used this support to book Australian Wildlife Displays—the kids will love this!

We are looking forward to a great community event but **WE NEED YOU!**

Parents volunteers are needed for a variety of roles including

-Setting up and packing up the day

-BBQ

-Cold drinks sales

Setting up and packing up

The OLOL Junior Landcare Frogs habitat display.

Contact Karen Tucker if you are able to assist please:

karen.tucker@mn.catholic.edu.au



Junior Landcare @ OLOL

Last Friday our Junior Landcare group commenced at OLOL. Thank you to our Pastoral Care Worker Karen Tucker who is guiding these students. Here they are drawing frogs on paper bags which are being reused for our

Sustainability Cultural Field Day next term.

I wonder how many lives these bags have had—they are made from recycled paper, have been used for the grocery shopping, are being reused for the Sustainability Cultural Day—where will they go next?



Thank you Deadly Science!

<https://deadlyscience.org.au/>



The children could not believe their eyes when we received a special package from **Deadly Science** this week!

Deadly Science is committed to providing valuable Science and STEM related resources to schools. We are incredibly grateful for their generous donation to us for our students!



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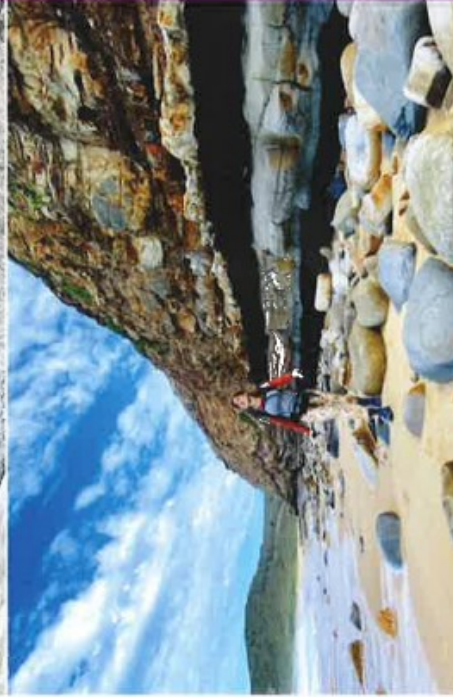


You are invited to be a pilgrim on the aMeN caMiNo!

The purpose of pilgrimage is the journey.

You are invited to join the aMeN caMiNo journey and let your stories and experiences meet others. Camino, meaning 'road' or 'way', has a long and established Christian history.

A famous pilgrimage is The Camino de Santiago or the Way of St James. The first Christian movement in the 1st century was known as 'The Way'.



An invitation is extended to those who are physically capable of walking long distances over five consecutive days through some challenging terrain and unpredictable weather

Day 1

Pilgrims meet at St John's Chapel Maitland, which was built in 1866, to begin this unique Camino experience. From Maitland, the pilgrimage travels to Baiame Cave in Broke, then on to Mount View to Paxton – 9km

Day 2 and 3

Take a beautiful walk through subtropical rainforest and open sclerophyll forest, navigating some steep ups and downs, often with breathtaking views as you traverse state and national parks. Here you will notice God's creation in all its splendor but also witness the impact of man upon our earth. The end of the third day will welcome pilgrims into St Patrick's and St Bridget's chapel: the only place in the Hunter that Mary Mackillop visited. Typically each day is 20km.

Day 4

Walk along the edge of the foreshore of Lake Macquarie. The water laps at your feet and the view extends right down the centre of the lake to Belmont. Toronto to Belmont – 25km

Day 5

The expanse of the ocean and all its moods will embrace you as beach, sky and sand become your world. Redhead Beach to Sacred Heart Cathedral – 20km

The aMeN CaMiNo is a response to a desire to be in communion with each other and our sacred earth. It is an opportunity to pause from routine, immerse yourself in reflection and contemplation, and to provide a moment of space for each person to be conscious of God's gift of grace.

The aMeN caMiNo is an expression of Kinaesthetic Spirituality which focuses on the rhythm of the body, mind and spirit. Pilgrims move to a space where they experience self-emptying, allowing room for self-discovery and transformation. Through this encounter, our spirit is awakened to the wonder and awe of our environment.

There is time to listen, contemplate, and be silent. Thomas Merton wrote if we are to live spiritually, we "must be alive, body, soul, mind, heart and spirit." The gift of beauty is a grace given in abundance through nature, recognising it as a gift, is to meet God in prayer.

Amen is the word Christians use to say 'yes, we are on our way to God.' By joining us on the aMeN CaMiNo, you are saying yes to something in your heart which is calling you.



aMeN caMiNo



What is involved?

Cost: \$500 (Single rooms \$200 extra)

What's included with your registration:

- 1. Transport from Sacred Heart Cathedral and during pilgrimage
- 2. Support vehicle to carry luggage
- 3. Four nights accommodation
- 4. Guided hike with experienced, trained leaders

What is not included:

- 1. Food
- 2. Ensuites in some accommodation
- 3. Day pack – personal first aid

Prior to the Camino, pilgrims are expected to attend a Walk and Talk session in preparation for the pilgrimage.



**May you travel safely, arrive refreshed,
And live your time away to its fullest;
Return home enriched and free
To balance the gift of days which call you."**

JOHN O'DONOGHUE – FOR THE TRAVELLER



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The Woodberry Project presents

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School aged Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander
children
ages 5 - 12yrs
boys and girls welcome



WHERE: Mindaribba LALC
1A Chelmsford Drive, Metford

WHEN: Starting Tuesday 21st
February 2023

TIME: 4:45pm - 5:45pm



CONTACT: (02) 4015 7000 OR ADMIN@MINDARIBBALALC.ORG
TO REGISTER

Merit Awards Term 1 Week 8 2023

Kindergarten	S1 White	S1 Red	S1 Blue
Noah Bramley	Liam Chuter	Watch this space. Double next week :)	Max Parker
Ruby Crowe	Charlotte Randall		Allira Barry
Xavier Lu			

S2 White	S2 Red	S2 Blue	S3 White	S3 Red	S3 Blue
Kalan Gounden	Annabelle Beggs	Ayla Williams	Claire Macpherson	Lilly Adams	Liam Johnstone
Zali Palmer	Noah Clark	Sophie Davison	Harper McIntyre	Cooper Walsh	Anaya Hyde

Principal's Awards *Respect*

These awards are recommended by the class teacher.

Principal's Award

Kindergarten	Harrison Poke
Stage 1 White	Mason Carter
Stage 1 Red	Watch this space. Double next week :)
Stage 1 Blue	Henrietta McIntosh
Stage 2 White	Isla Keats
Stage 2 Red	Ayla Burns
Stage 2 Blue	Indianna Allen
Stage 3 White	Saxon Hillier
Stage 3 Red	Maddison Lines
Stage 3 Blue	Sophie Stanton