



# 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 17th May  
2023



Next P&F Meeting 20th June 2023 ALL WELCOME

## Catholic School's Week 2023



This week we join Catholic Schools across the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese to celebrate Catholic School's Week. This is an opportunity to showcase all that encompasses being a Catholic School in 2023—Catholic schools provide high quality teaching and learning within a caring and supportive Catholic Community.

Most importantly, this week is an opportunity to welcome our community into OLOL to showcase the unique learning environment here at our school which is enveloped by the caring, supportive and empowering love of those who guide your children each day in the light of God.

This year's theme, 'Encounter: Journeying together', reminds us that we are called to be Easter people—those who are committed to building joy-filled communities constantly

seeking unity and belonging. Our theme calls us to accompany others along the road, meeting them where they are at, hearing the things that set their hearts on fire, and those that express their disappointments and anger. Like the two disciples heading towards Emmaus (Lk 24:13:35), Jesus does not tell them to turn back, rather He walks alongside them and listens deeply. He doesn't just talk to them at a distance, He meets them and encounters them.



Our mission is to live within the tension between the convictions of the Church and the questions of the world. As we accompany one another, we become Christ for one another, opening up together the mysteries of life and faith. This is at the heart of our theme this year.

During this significant week, may we strive to live in active service of Jesus and His mission as we celebrate together during Catholic Schools Week and always.

Have a fantastic week!  
*Petrina Massey*

## THEME PRAYER

# Encounter journeying together

God of infinite Mercy,  
You sent your Risen Son  
to encounter the disciples on the way to Emmaus.

Grant us today a missionary spirit  
and send us forth to encounter  
all of our sisters and brothers:

to walk with them in friendship,  
to listen to their hopes, dreams, and pains,  
and to proclaim Your Word with courage,  
so that all might come to know You  
in the breaking of the bread.

Make us all missionary disciples,  
and stay with us always,  
as we seek to share the joy of the Gospel  
with people of all generations,  
from every race, language, culture, and nation.

We ask you this with burning hearts.

Amen.

## Term 2 2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	15/5 <b>Catholic Schools Week</b>	16/5	17/5 Catholic Schools Week Liturgy 9.30am Open Classrooms Picnic Lunch <b>NOTE DATE CHANGE</b>	18/5 Gymnastics Infants, S3B and S3R	19/5 Gymnastics Stage 2 and S3W
5	22/5	23/5	24/5	25/5 Gymnastics Infants, S3B and S3R	26/5 Gymnastics Stage 2 and S3W
6	29/5	30/5	31/5 Reconciliation Day Celebrations	1/6 Gymnastics Infants, S3B and S3R  Confirmation Beresfield	2/6 Gymnastics Stage 2 and S3W
7	5/6	6/6	7/6 Stage 3 Mass 9:30am Chapel <b>All Welcome</b>	8/6 ASC Regional Spelling and Maths Bee	9/6 <b>Pupil Free Day</b> Staff Spirituality Retreat
8	12/6 <b>Kings Birthday Public Holiday</b>	13/6	14/6 Stage 2 Excursion	15/6 Gymnastics Infants, S3B and S3R	16/6 Gymnastics Stage 2 and S3W
9	19/6	20/6 Photo Day	21/6	22/6 Gymnastics / MAT	23/6 Gymnastics / MAT  Dio Spelling / Maths
10	26/6	27/6	28/6 Beanies for Brain Cancer	29/6 Gymnastics / MAT	30/6 Gymnastics / MAT

Term 3 begins Monday 17th July

**THIS FRIDAY  
PLEASE go to the COMPASS  
event today and accept or decline  
To allow teachers to confirm  
supervision requirements.  
Thank you**



**FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**National Walk Safely to School Day**

**WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON  
FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023 (WEEK 4)**



## Arriving at School

**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.

In addition to Cheryl's usual message above:

There are a large number of cars waiting outside for the gate to open. Please note there is before school care available locally across the road in Northern Avenue. In fact many children are starting to wait outside our gate from 8:20 this is not OK.

There are a significant number of our smaller children being dropped off very early (8:30-8:40) and they are struggling to come in the gate or manage the early morning at school. Coming early adds a significant amount of time to an already long day for our little people.

The majority of students arrive between 8:50 and 9am. This means there are more children here and so your child's friends are more likely to be at school—making starting the day a much happier experience.

Please consider dropping your child off a little closer to the start of the school day if possible. Teachers are always happy to assist our students however, the before school period is a busy preparation time for lessons also.

Many thanks all the teachers.

# Library News

## National Simultaneous Storytime 2023

OLOL is participating in National Simultaneous Storytime again this year next **Wednesday 24th May**. Students will participate in class by reading the story "The Speedy Sloth" by Rebecca Young at 11.00am.



## MAITLAND REGIONAL ART GALLERY

### Maitland Art Gallery Activities

Our Amazing Karen Tucker once again is a wealth of knowledge! Did you know Maitland Art Gallery often have a range of events each month which are suitable for young and old alike. These events are often FREE also. Check out the Art Gallery Website to see what is coming up.

<https://mrag.org.au/whats-on-mrag/this-month/>



# OLOL Athletics Carnival 2023



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**Thank you to all our volunteers for your support. We could not do it without you!**





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# HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for a yummy breakfast and Liturgy last Friday morning.

We hope you had a lovely Mother's Day with your loved ones.



I thank God for my Mum because she cheers me up when I am sad.

I thank God for my Mum because she is the best! She helps me with everything. I love her to the moon and back.

I thank God for my Mum because she puts so much effort into making me happy.



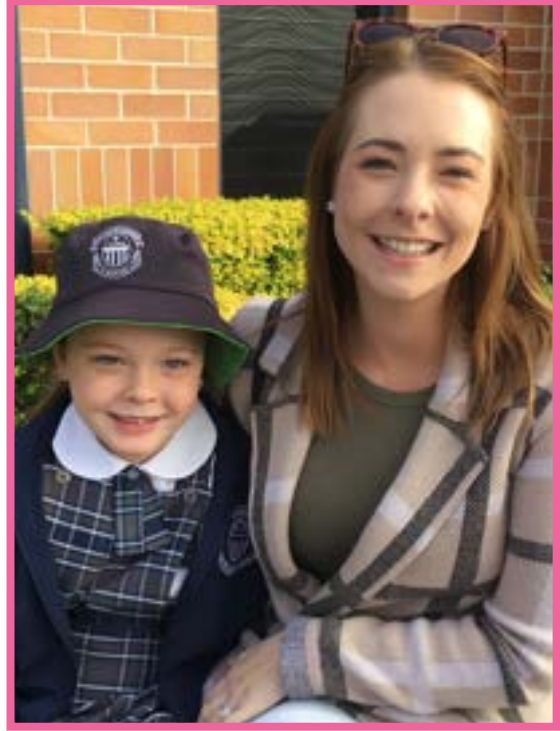
**Thank you Chefs!!**





Thank you to our P and F volunteers for our selfie border and photos. Watch out for our selfie border for Father's Day later in the year!

# Mums can play handball too!



*Thank you to Stage 3 and Kinder for leading us in a beautiful Liturgy*



# We thank God for our Mums



# OLOL Sustainability and Cultural Field Day Saturday 13th May, 2023

*Thank you to Local Land Services for their continued support and contribution to our event through their grants program.*

*Thank you to all the stall holders, volunteers and special guests who were a part of our day!*

*Local Land Services*

*Uncle Leon*

*Aunty Louise Campbell*

*City of Newcastle Waste*

*Oz Tukka*

*Australian Wildlife Displays*

*Bunnings—worm farm*

*Zara's House—"African Kofe" and "Chai Teas"*

*St Bede's staff and students*

*OLOL P and F*

*OLOL School Leaders*

*OLOL Staff*

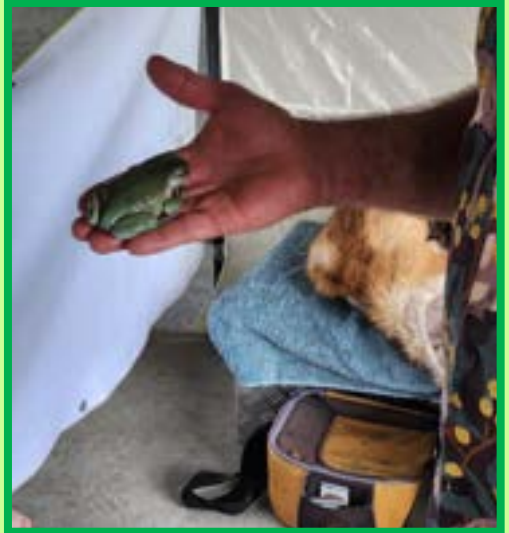












# **SCHOOL SAFETY: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**



## **Some tips for being safe around school:**

**Always slow down to 40km/h and be aware of crossings.  
Always park legally around school. (There is a disabled  
park in Northern Ave)**

**It is safest for children to get in and out of the car from the  
footpath-side door.**

**Manoeuvres such as U-turns and 3 point turns are  
dangerous at busy times.**

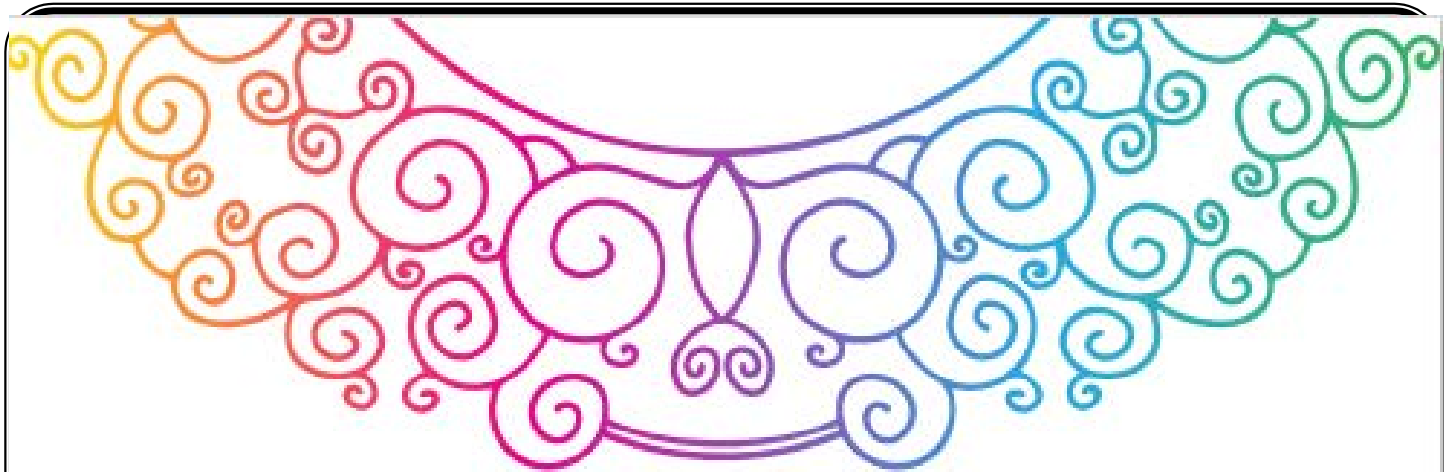
**Model safe and conscious behaviour to your children– they  
will learn from you.**

**NEVER double park this puts children at risk.**

**Never park in no stopping or Bus Zones.**

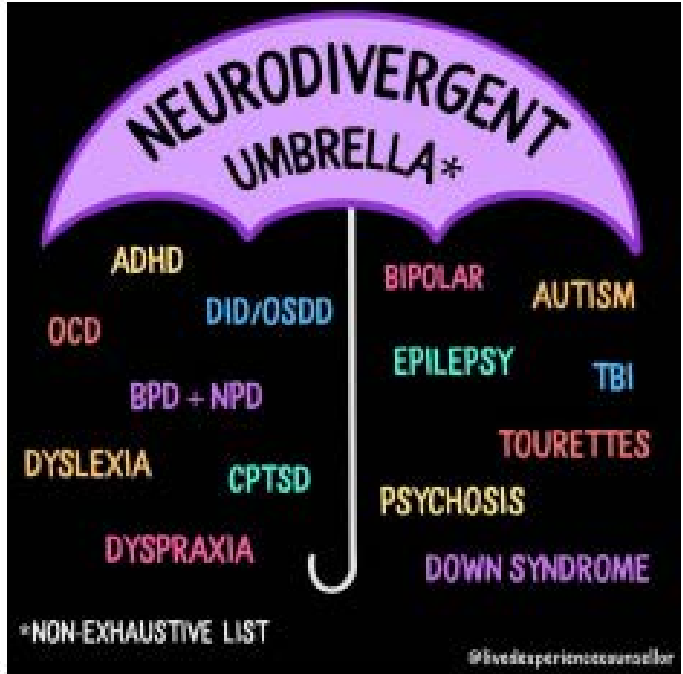
**Please park legally even if it means walking further to the  
gate.**

**Thank you for taking our children's safety seriously.**



# NEURODIVERSITY HUB

Are you or anyone you know Neurodivergent? Share your thoughts on what services you think would be beneficial if we were to implement a Neurodiversity Hub at the University of Newcastle in NSW



Follow this link or QR Code for the Google form:  
<https://forms.gle/rjAwwDKsHnGzRra6A>



# Code of Conduct for School Students on Buses

## Behaviour on buses

- Use appropriate language not offensive or racist language
- Fighting, spitting, feet on seats, throwing things in or from the bus is not permitted
- No eating or drinking (other than water) - unless for medical reasons or the bus operator gives written permission.
- Offer seats to adults including people with a disability, elderly or expectant mothers
- Do not push or shove other people
- Do not bully or harass other passengers or the driver
- Avoid attracting the attention of the driver except in the case of emergency

**Do not play music at such volume that it may distract the bus driver or other passengers.**

## Safety on and near buses

- Obey reasonable directions from the driver (for example, where to sit or to remain in the bus)
- Remain in your seat - do not move around the bus unnecessarily
- If standing, remain behind the front passenger seat and always keep a secure hand hold
- Keep bags and other items clear of the aisle
- Do not allow any part of your body to protrude out of the bus at any time
- Wait for the bus in a quiet and orderly manner - including at bus interchanges
- Stand away from the roadside until the bus comes to a complete stop
- Allow other passengers to leave the bus before stepping onto the bus in a single line
- Wait until the bus stops before moving to get off the bus at your designated stop

**Cross the road where and when it's safe to do so, use crossings/traffic lights where available.**

## Legal considerations on buses

- Wear the seat belt properly adjusted and fastened, if one is available
- Obey the law that bans smoking on buses
- Ensure that buses are not vandalised - report any damage, graffiti and window etching, to the driver
- Do not interfere with bus property, equipment and signage
- Do not leave rubbish on the bus, or at bus stops or interchanges.



**WHO:** GRADE K-6  
**WHERE:** NEWCASTLE BASKETBALL STADIUM  
**WHEN:** SATURDAYS, MONDAYS, AND TUESDAYS  
**COST:** LATE ENTRY DISCOUNTED  
**PRICE:** \$105  
**(7 WEEKS OF 9)**



**ACTIVE KIDS**

PLAY YOUR BEST. FULFILL YOUR DREAMS. BE AN ACTIVE KID.



## WHAT IS IT?

AUSSIE HOOPS IS A FUN, LEARN 2 PLAY, BASKETBALL PROGRAM FOR K-6 STUDENTS. LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF BASKETBALL THROUGH A SERIES OF FUN GAMES, WITH THE GOAL OF BUILDING UP TO PLAYING MODIFIED 5-ON-5 BASKETBALL.

## WHAT YOU GET?

- ★ 7 X QUALITY SKILL SESSIONS
- ★ AN AUSSIE HOOPS PLAYER PACK (INCLUDING BASKETBALL, SINGLET, & BAG)
- ★ PLUS OTHER EXCITING HANDOUTS



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[NEWCASTLEBASKETBALL.COM.AU/AUSSIE-HOOPS-5-9](http://NEWCASTLEBASKETBALL.COM.AU/AUSSIE-HOOPS-5-9)  
WANT MORE INFORMATION? CALL NEWCASTLE BASKETBALL ON **4961 3185**



# Merit Awards Term 2 Week 3 2023

Kindergarten	S1 White	S1 Red	S1 Blue
Hudson Kentish	Jacob Sheridan	Jyall Fogarty	Franklin Gage
Harrison Poke	Atari Costelloe	Amelia Clark	Henrietta McIntosh
Zander Paterson			

S2 White	S2 Red	S2 Blue	S3 White	S3 Red	S3 Blue
Brody Rathborne	Zach Thompson	Lucy Davis	Claire Macpherson	Tate White	Sophie Stanton
Audrey Kerry	Tobi Eguevoi	Aiden Hilton	Peri Gould	Anastasia Charlton	Samuel Taylor

## Principal's Awards *Compassion*

These awards are recommended by the class teacher.

Kindergarten	Charlie Bithrey
Stage 1 White	Pippa Brooke
Stage 1 Red	Orson Moss
Stage 1 Blue	Violet Hall
Stage 2 White	Flynn Anderson
Stage 2 Red	Ethan Lowe
Stage 2 Blue	Seerat Kaur
Stage 3 White	Tahlie Halson
Stage 3 Red	Xavier Crawford
Stage 3 Blue	Kaydence Rolls