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"We are in the country of the Awabakal peoples. We respectfully acknowledge their elders, celebrating their continuing culture and the living memory of their ancestors."

Last week Bishop Michael circulated the following prayer to all parishes, schools and other diocesan agencies asking us all to pray for the peace in Gaza and Israel as the unrest in the area continues. As we reflect on the words below, we pray for an end to hostilities in the region. We also continue to pray for our Year 12 students as they continue the remainder of their HSC exams.

As a human family we long for peace and justice. All faiths desire and pray for peace.

Muslims pray: Most Gracious are those who walk on the Earth in humility, and when we address them, we say "PEACE."

Jews pray: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation- neither shall they learn war anymore. And none shall be afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.

*Christians pray the prayer of St Francis:
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen*

HSC Exams

On Wednesday of Week 1 there was a nervous energy as the Year 12 students gathered in the Damascus Centre prior to their first HSC Exam.

The feedback from the students has been positive at the end of their exams. We wish the students all the best for their remaining exams.

24th Annual Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning

The 24th Annual Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning will be held on Sunday 29 October, from 2pm, at St Mary's Catholic Church, Warners Bay.

The Federation of P & F Associations is grateful to have Vicar General, Fr Greg Barker and the communities of St Mary's Primary School, Warners Bay and St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul lead the celebration with support from St Paul's Primary School and St Mary's Catholic College, Gateshead and St Dominic's Centre, Mayfield.



Please join us for the 24th Annual Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning, where everyone's unique and God-given gifts will be acknowledged in a celebration of inclusion and diversity.

After Mass, you are invited to stay for afternoon tea, where you will have the opportunity to connect with friends, old and new.

Mass | 2pm- 2.45pm, Afternoon tea | 2.45pm- 3.30pm

St Mary's Church, 2 Bayview Street Warners Bay
RSVP not required, for more information or specific requirements contact
[Lizzie Watkin to discuss your needs](mailto:lizzie.watkin@mn.catholic.edu.au)
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The Federation of P & F Associations hosted its first Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning in 1999. Over the years, the Mass has remained a valued opportunity for everyone to come together in celebration of the diverse gifts and talents of each and every student, which undoubtedly enrich our Catholic school communities.

The Federation's Diverse Learning Needs Working Party has a proud history of advocating for our Catholic Schools to be places of welcome and support for children who perceive and interact with the world in diverse ways. As such, its annual Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning is one of welcome and inclusivity, everyone is encouraged to attend and feel comfortable to be themselves!

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This celebration is intended to be inclusive of all in our community to come and enjoy. To help facilitate this, the Federation has ensured there is disabled parking and amenities onsite, an Auslan interpreter and afternoon tea will cater for people with a range of dietary requirements. In addition, Mass will be celebrated to ensure everyone feels welcome, including if that means there is wriggling and noise amongst the pews!

Year 8 Community Day

This week Year 8 students enhanced the college's gardens and the grounds near the nearly completed Yarning Circle. Thank you to the students for their efforts, to Mr Doyle, Miss Harrison Mrs Pola-Kuras, and the teachers for their organisation and supervision. Thanks also to Bunnings at Glendale for the donation of the plants used throughout the day.



Catholic Schools Office School Community Code of Conduct

Included in all Enrolment Forms is a copy of the School Community Code of Conduct which was developed by the Catholic Schools Office in recent years. The document outlines the expectations for both students and parent / carers. The foundational principles of the document are relational and respect.

School Community Code of Conduct

Members of Catholic school communities in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle agree to nurture and support each other's individual growth in faith, to create communities of respect and tolerance and to engage in the promotion of peace, justice and service of others.

The School Community Code of Conduct reinforces our understanding of the rights and responsibilities each of us has in ensuring we provide an environment where our students can thrive.

Upon acceptance of enrolment and as a condition of continuing enrolment in our Catholic schools, all members of the school community are bound by this Code of Conduct. School staff must abide by the CSO's Code of Conduct for staff members available at: www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/policies

Students in Catholic school communities agree to:

- ▶ Model positive behaviour to other students.
- ▶ Comply with and model school values.
- ▶ Behave in a safe and responsible manner.
- ▶ Respect themselves and other members of the school community both personally and through the use of all social media technologies at all times.
- ▶ Respect our school environment.
- ▶ Actively participate in our school community.
- ▶ Support the learning of others and make the most of our educational opportunities.

Parents/Carers and volunteers in Catholic school communities agree to:

- ▶ Understand and abide by all diocesan policies, procedures and guidelines, which are available on the CSO website www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/policies
- ▶ Model positive behaviour to their child and all children in the school community.
- ▶ Ensure children attend school on time, every day the school is open for instruction.
- ▶ Take an active interest in their child's school and their learning and to engage positively in all aspects of their child's learning.
- ▶ Participate in the Liturgical and Faith Life community of the school including participation in all aspects of the Religious Studies program regardless of personal beliefs.
- ▶ Work in a positive manner with the school to achieve the best outcomes for our child.
- ▶ Communicate constructively, respectfully and in a spirit of partnership with the school and use processes and protocols outlined in the CSO Complaints Resolution Policy documents when raising concerns.
- ▶ Communicate with their child's teacher or the Principal directly regarding any concerns about their child, other students, staff or community members.
- ▶ Reject aggressive, abusive and confrontational language and behaviour, as this is counterproductive to the sustainability of any relationship. Approaching students, community members and/or staff in a confronting manner will not be tolerated.
- ▶ Support all school staff to maintain a safe learning environment for all students.
- ▶ Treat all school staff, students, other members of the school community, visitors and volunteers with respect in all dealings with them both personally and through the use of all social media technologies at all times.
- ▶ Discuss with the Principal any barriers to meeting the financial obligations agreed to at the time of enrolment and seek to form an agreement with the school to meet these.
- ▶ Ensure any agreement made with the school is honoured.

Real Women Event

Members of the Boolaroo, Warners Bay and Booragul Parish Real Women group have arranged an event for Monday 20 November, 2023 commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall at Warners Bay. The guest speaker on the evening will be Sr Paula Volchek. Sr Paula was born and raised in Belarus and now is a Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth who is working in Pastoral Ministries for the diocese. Further information can be found on the flyer included with the Newsletter.

Student Achievements



Zoe Doyle of Year 8 recently performed in the production of Billy Elliot the Musical at the Civic Theatre. This is a great accomplishment by Zoe to be selected to perform in such a renowned production.

This week a further three St Paul's students Beth Evans, Charli Burt and Isabelle Mould were involved in The Teenage Mind production at the Civic Theatre's Playhouse. Beth wrote and directed the performance; Charli was one of the performers and Isabelle was the Stage Manager and Assistant Director.

The challenge for the performers was to cooperate with each other as they responded to the challenges associated with the teenage years.

Congratulations to the Beth, Charli, and Isabelle on their achievements with the Teenage Mind production.



Melbourne Cup

As has been a tradition at the College for many years the students will have the opportunity to watch the running of the Melbourne Cup in the hall. For those students who don't wish to watch the Cup they will be supervised in the Main Yard. The students will move to the hall or yard just prior to the running of the Cup.

Staff Changes

Mr Welch has resigned from his position at St Paul's, his contributions to the community throughout 2023 are appreciated.

Mrs Woolley will be teaching Mr Welch's classes for the remainder of 2023. Mrs Parsons will be taking Mrs Woolley's class for the rest of the year. If there are any Teaching and Learning questions related to the PDHPE Faculty, families are asked to contact Mrs Brownlee.

Mr Nicholas Wickham
Principal



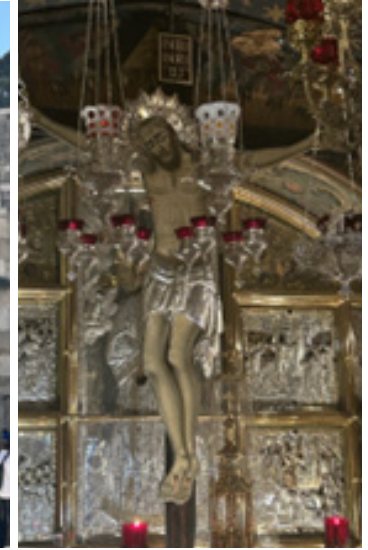
In the holidays I had the privilege of travelling to Israel and Jordan with 42 other colleagues from across the diocese on the **Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus** pilgrimage. The fourteen days were filled with visiting religious, historical, cultural and social sites which told the story of Jesus and his context – including his birth, life, death and resurrection. The city of Jerusalem was explored, in particular the Old City of Jerusalem which is a holy city for Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The Dome of the Rock, the Wailing Wall and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre are three significant religious sites which are housed within the walls of the Old City along with a myriad of markets and food stalls. The many biblical places such as, Holy Manger, Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane, Jericho, Mt Temptation, Nazareth, The Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea to name a few came alive throughout our journey.



Dome of the Rock



The Wailing Wall



Church of the Holy

In addition to the sites we visited, we also met many people living within Israel, including those living in the West Bank. It was the people and communities within this journey that had the most profound impact. The first group were children who were being educated in The Holy Child Program in a small school in Bethlehem. These children suffer from untreated complex mental health issues and exposure to intergeneration trauma, including psychological distress resulting from the ongoing conflict.



The Holy Child Program



The second group, a group of university students from the University of Bethlehem spoke about their experiences as young people living in the West Bank and their dreams and ambitions for their futures. – no different to our young men and women at St Paul's.



The third significant conversation was with Rami Elhana, a seventh generation Jerusalemite and Bassam Aramin, a Palestinian from Hebron. The two men have forged a brother like bond which is based on their love for one another and their humanity. This friendship developed because both fathers have lost a daughter – one 14 and the other 10 – in the conflict, which continues to exist between the Israelis and Palestinians. Both men provided a deep insight into the conflict which exists and their belief that the conflict must end.

Fr Greg Barker, Rami Elhana and Bassam Aramin

“...before everything else, I am a human being.” (Rammi Elhanan)

Within hours of the conflict beginning in Israel and the Gaza region, we had left Jordan and were unaware, until halfway home, that this country had once again been thrown into the midst of chaos and destruction. Since returning to Australia, it has been an emotional journey knowing that so many innocent civilian lives are being affected by the ongoing conflict. If only those in the position of influence can negotiate an agreement based on conciliation, understanding and peace.

Two novels which could shed light on the circumstances in Israel are;
Balcony Over Jerusalem by John Lyons and ***Apeirogon*** by Colum McCann



Mrs Anne-Maree Shipman
Assistant Principal - Wellbeing & Engagement

Year 8 Reflection Day



St Paul's recently competed in the Hunter Schools Regional Lawn Bowls Championship at New Lambton. It was a great learning experience for the team who were inexperienced but adapted quickly to be very competitive, challenging the more seasoned teams in the number of ends won but falling short in the overall point score. Apart from putting in a good performance, we learnt what it meant to be in the ditch, having a dead end, a good drive and setting the jack. And by the end of the day we'd nailed calling the balls bowls. The team of Brent, Eamon and Bailey showed adaptability, skill and sportsmanship to be great representatives for our school.



Mr Brad Melville
Sport's Coordinator





Congratulations to Mia Elliot who has received an award for Excellence in Course for her external studies in Textiles and Design. Mia has demonstrated a fantastic work ethic and application to her distance education studies, which has been rewarded with this recognition. Her major work was a testament to her willingness to extend her skillset and challenge her abilities. A huge thank you is also extended to Mrs Amanda Nowland who has provided exceptional support for Mia over the last two years.



On the 10th October, three of our YCS members, Jamie, Orlando and Emily attended the official launch of Socktober at McDonald Jones Stadium. Socktober is the annual fundraising initiative for Catholic Mission. Students from all over the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese congregated to celebrate this launch with a liturgy and on-field activities.

To do our part as a Catholic community, on Wednesday 25th October all students and staff are invited to wear their loudest socks and make a gold coin donation to support the important work of Catholic Mission to 'sock it to poverty'.

We will celebrate the day with a whole school liturgy and a soccer shoot-out on the oval at lunchtime where Care Groups can fight it out to score the most penalty goals to 'win' the Socktober trophy.

LET'S KICK GOALS FOR GOOD!

Our annual Socktober Event Day is on
Wednesday 25th October 2023.


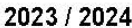

Bring a gold coin donation, wear your loudest socks, and participate in our soccer shoot-out on the oval at lunchtime.

We are raising funds to support better health and education outcomes for children like Jose in Timor-Leste.



College Uniform

Please see below the updated Uniform pricing from LOWES Glendale as well as the link to the website:






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GIRLS ALL SEASON UNIFORM		
56313 Sky Blue Overblouse - Junior		\$48.95
92268 S/S Overblouse White With Red Piping & Embroidery - Senior		\$44.95
78144 Ladies Tailored Shorts Charcoal	from	\$34.95
78143 Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Shorts - Seniors		\$39.95
79221 Ladies Ink Navy Tailored Pants - Seniors		\$50.95
91876 Blue/Grey Check Skirt - Junior		\$63.95
91881 Navy Skirt - Senior		\$84.95
96579 Navy Pullover with Embroidery	from	\$81.95
57493 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Jacket		\$69.95
57494 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Pants		\$52.95
99877 Navy Short Shell Jacket with Embroidery		\$94.95
97975 White Trafalgar Crew Socks		\$5.95
86260 Navy Jackie Tights		\$8.95
BOYS ALL SEASON UNIFORM		
84257 S/S Deluxe White Shirt with Embroidery	from	\$44.95
84258 Sky Blue Shirt	from	\$47.95
95047 Mid Grey Short		\$54.95
95051 Navy Deluxe College Shorts		\$49.95
97030 Mid Grey PQS College Style Trousers		\$67.95
97032 Navy College Trousers		\$67.95
96579 Navy Pullover with Embroidery	from	\$81.95
99877 Navy Short Shell Jacket with Embroidery		\$94.95
97975 White Trafalgar Crew Socks		\$5.95
99011 Black Leather Belt		\$21.95
SPORTS		
85062 Sky Polo Top	from	\$47.95
96326 Navy Microfibre Stretch Short		\$45.95
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57493 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Jacket		\$69.95
57494 Navy Microfibre Tracksuit Pants		\$52.95
97906 White Sport Socks		\$5.95
SENIOR BLAZERS		
98410 Navy Collarless Blazer		\$219.95
98590 Navy Blazer		\$219.95


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Exuberant Catholic Praise & Worship Group

All are invited to participate in our next planning meeting as we explore the thrilling potential of these upcoming events. We warmly welcome passionate musicians and vocalists to be part of our enthusiastic ensemble.

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!
Wednesday 25th October
5:30 - 7:00pm
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Function Room, MacKillop Parish Pastoral Centre
7 Milson Street, Charlestown.
Phone 0466 140 066 for any inquiries



Cafe Night

Real Women

Placing Value on Womanhood

Date : Monday, 20 November 2023

Time : 7.30pm – 9.15pm
Tea or Coffee served from 7.00pm

Place : St Mary's Catholic Church Hall
Bayview Street, Warners Bay

Guest Speaker: Sr Paula Volchek

Sister Paula Volchek has described herself as "really spoiled by God". Born and raised in Belarus and now a Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth working in Pastoral Ministries in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, she has a wonderful story to share of her faith-filled journey.

Cost: Donation of \$15 per person –

*Specific diet requirements will be met as far as possible. Please advise when purchasing tickets.

Bookings will open at St Mary's Hall, Warners Bay on Saturday 21 October 2023 10am to 12pm.

Bookings may also be made by phone if you are unable to be at hall.

Phone: Sue - 0417 091 255 or Marie – 0429 191 245.

Catholic Parish of Boolaroo/Warners Bay

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To calculate your Weekly, Fortnightly or Monthly payment amount, please go to our Website and use the calculator. <http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/about-us/finance/fee-calculator/> (Please take the figure to the next five cents)

If you have not already done so, please ensure I have copies of relevant updated Health Care / Pension Cards and the Application Form.

School Fee

1. BPay through your own home banking via the Internet
2. Eftpos *Minimum payment \$10*
3. Cheque
4. Cash

Excursion Payments

1. Qkr

Excursions Coming Up

Please pay for all excursions by the due date written on the excursion notes which are sent home with your child. This date is important as excursion costing is calculated on the number of students who should be attending that particular event. Venues and buses have to be paid when the booking is first made. Your understanding of this would be very much appreciated.

Opening Hours for Payments to the Finance Office

Parents: Payments can be made at Reception between 8.30am and 2.30pm

Students: Mornings from 8.30am until tutor group bell, all of recess and all lunch times

QKR is the way to pay fees, excursions and Friday Sport



For your convenience, when paying for excursions the new Qkr! App is now live for families of our students. Qkr! By Mastercard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones, iPad users can download the iPhone app or from Google Play for Android phones. Simply:

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Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

For more information about QKR visit our website

www.booragul.catholic.edu.au



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Finance Office
Hours: 8.30am to 2.30pm
Email: finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

Canteen
Telephone: 4946 3115

Clothing Pool 8.45 - 10.30am Thursday



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

24th October: Year 11 Awards (P5)

24th October: Year 11 Student Conferences

25th October: Socktober