



Newsletter Week 2 Term 1 2025

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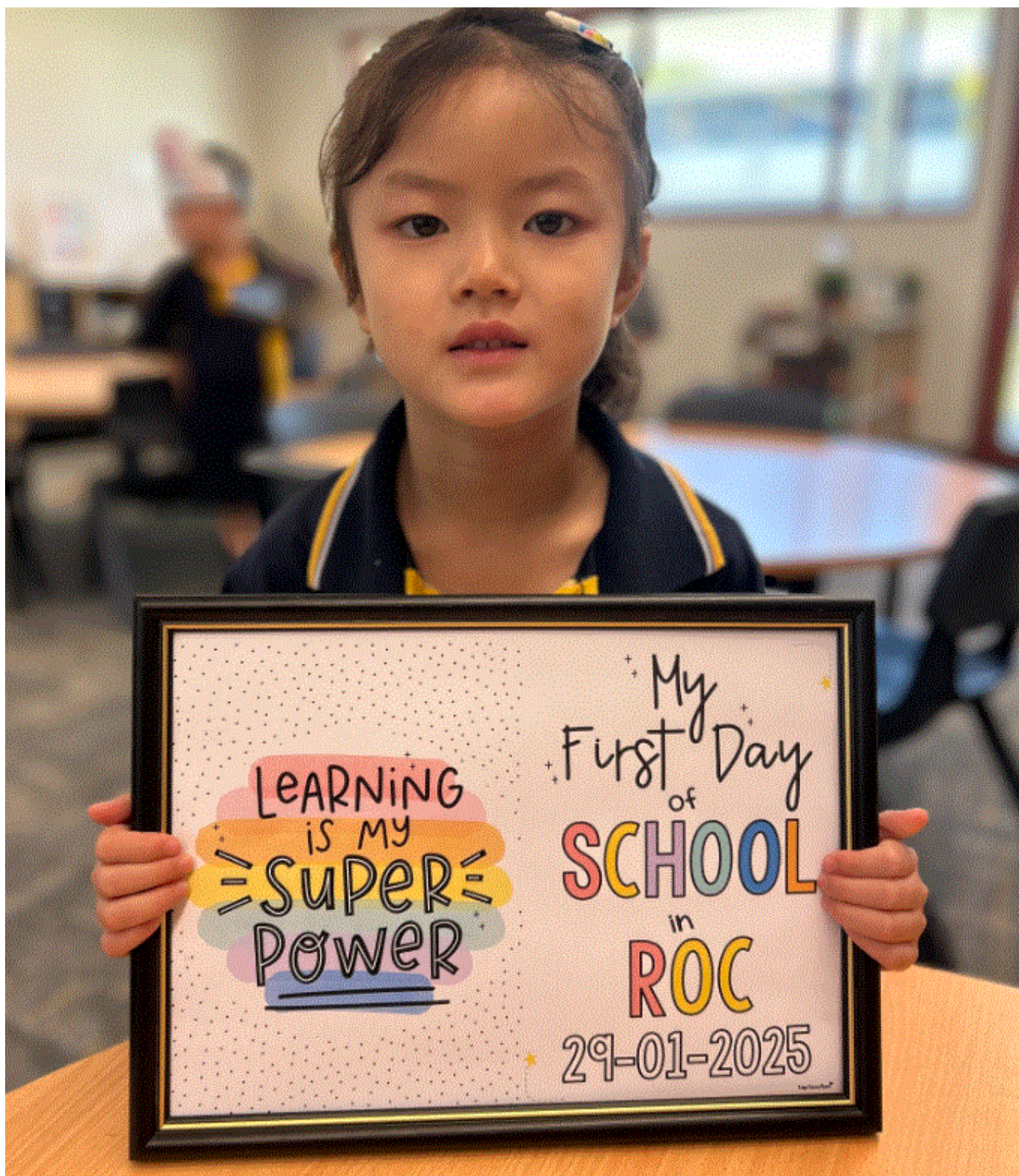
Monday 10 February 2025

Good Friday

Friday 25 April 2025

Easter Sunday

Sunday 27 April 2025



Dear Rosary School Community

A warm welcome to all our families as we begin another exciting school year. Whether you are returning or joining us for the first time, we are delighted to have you as part of our school community. We hope you had a restful and joyful holiday, and we look forward to a fantastic year of learning, faith, and friendship.

The first week of school is always a special time—new faces, new classrooms, and new opportunities to grow. We extend a special welcome to our Reception students who are beginning their school journey, as well as to the new families and staff members joining our community. May you feel at home and supported as we embark on this journey together.

The first couple of weeks of Term 1 is an opportunity for children and staff to establish a positive working relationship where they discuss

expectations and set goals for their learning. The teachers encourage students to approach the year with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a willingness to do their best.



We thank our dedicated teachers and staff who have worked hard to prepare for the school year. Their commitment to creating an environment where they nurture each child's growth—academically, spiritually, and socially—is truly a blessing to our school.

This year, three newsletters will be produced each term, and the link will be sent to you via SeeSaw. We are no longer using the SchoolStream App.

At Rosary School our Catholic faith is at the heart of everything we do. In 2025, we will focus on the Pillar of Prayer and use ecology as a way to understand God's love for us. Mandy Curtis, APRIM, has written more about our school theme for the newsletter this week.

We invite all families to join us for our Commissioning Mass on Sunday, 23 February at 10.00 am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Barker Street, Prospect. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and thanksgiving as we seek God's blessings for the year ahead.

A couple of other important dates:

- Tuesday, 11 February – Parents and Friends Meeting
- Tuesday, 25 February – Rosary School AGM

All members of the school community are invited to attend these meetings. Both will begin at 7.00 pm in the Staffroom. Please enter via the Front Office on Gladstone Road.

May we begin this year with open hearts, a spirit of generosity, and trust in God's plan for each of us.

Regards

Susan



Rosary School

"WHEN WE CHOOSE TO PRAY, WE CHOOSE TO GROW"



2025 THEME BASED ON OUR DOMINICAN PILLAR OF PRAYER

I am truly blessed to be the new APRIM at Rosary School Catholic community. From the very first day as a new staff member, I received such a warm welcome. I feel that I've been here for a while now because I've been made to feel that I truly belong. Thank you to everyone in this special place! My thoughts are also with the children and their families, especially our Reception children, as they begin their new school-life with a sense of apprehension and excitement, grounded by a sense of hope.

My initial responsibility in this new role was to improvise and create the theme presentation for 2025, focusing on one of the school's Pillars that enhances the Dominican charism. This was a great task to begin my time at Rosary because it helped me to reflect on this school community's core values, residing in the Dominican tradition. However, this charism goes even deeper than that! These Dominican ideals which emerge through its historical heritage, is at the heart of all that we do in this place. The four Pillars: Prayer, Ministry, Study, and Community tailor our Catholic vision and connect us to the relevance of the Gospel message in this school context. Most important of all, as the children grow in this charism story, their faith journey will unfold and give them a sense of identity and purpose in this complex world.

**"You carry Mother Earth within you.
She is not outside of you. Mother
Earth is not just your environment.
In this insight of inter-being, it is
possible to have real communication
with the Earth
which is highest form of prayer."
Thich Nhat Hanh**

Teachers of Year 6 have beautifully expressed this year's theme to their students:

"Religious Life of Rosary School"

For the 2025 school year at Rosary School We are focusing on the Dominican Pillar of Prayer, and our school theme is Prayer and Ecology - 'When we choose to pray, we choose to grow'. This year, the theme invites our school community to reflect on our role as caretakers of God's creation and to respond with prayerful action. Students will explore the connection between faith and environment, inspired by teachings such as Pope Francis' Laudato Si. Guided by the Gospel values of love, respect and gratitude, we will encourage students to deepen their awareness of ecological issues and understand the importance of sustainable practices in their daily lives. We encourage you to join us in fostering these values at home by participating in simple actions like reducing waste, conserving energy and taking moments to pray together as a family in appreciation of our beautiful world."

**Welcome ALL
to the
Rosary/St
Laurence's Parish
Sausage Sizzle!**

WHEN? Sunday, February 9th after
10:00 am Mass.

WHERE? Rosary Catholic Church,
Barker Street, Prospect.



We would love to see you there!

God's blessings to everyone.

Mandy Curtis/APRIM

Year 2 News

The Year 2 Community is off to a Flying Start! We have had a fantastic start to the year, settling into our new classrooms and developing connections with both new and familiar friends. Together we have been exploring how we can make our classrooms safe, happy and welcoming places, where everyone feels valued, supported and ready to learn.

In our first week, we gathered as a Year 2 Cohort for morning prayer in our outdoor play space to embrace our 2025 school theme: "When we choose to pray, we choose to grow." With the Pillar of Prayer as our focus, we reflected on how prayer helps us grow, individually and in our relationship with God. During a nature walk, we each collected a special item to contribute to our prayer space, offering gratitude for the beauty of Creation and discussing how we can grow as kind, moral, and compassionate people. It was a peaceful and meaningful way to start our day.

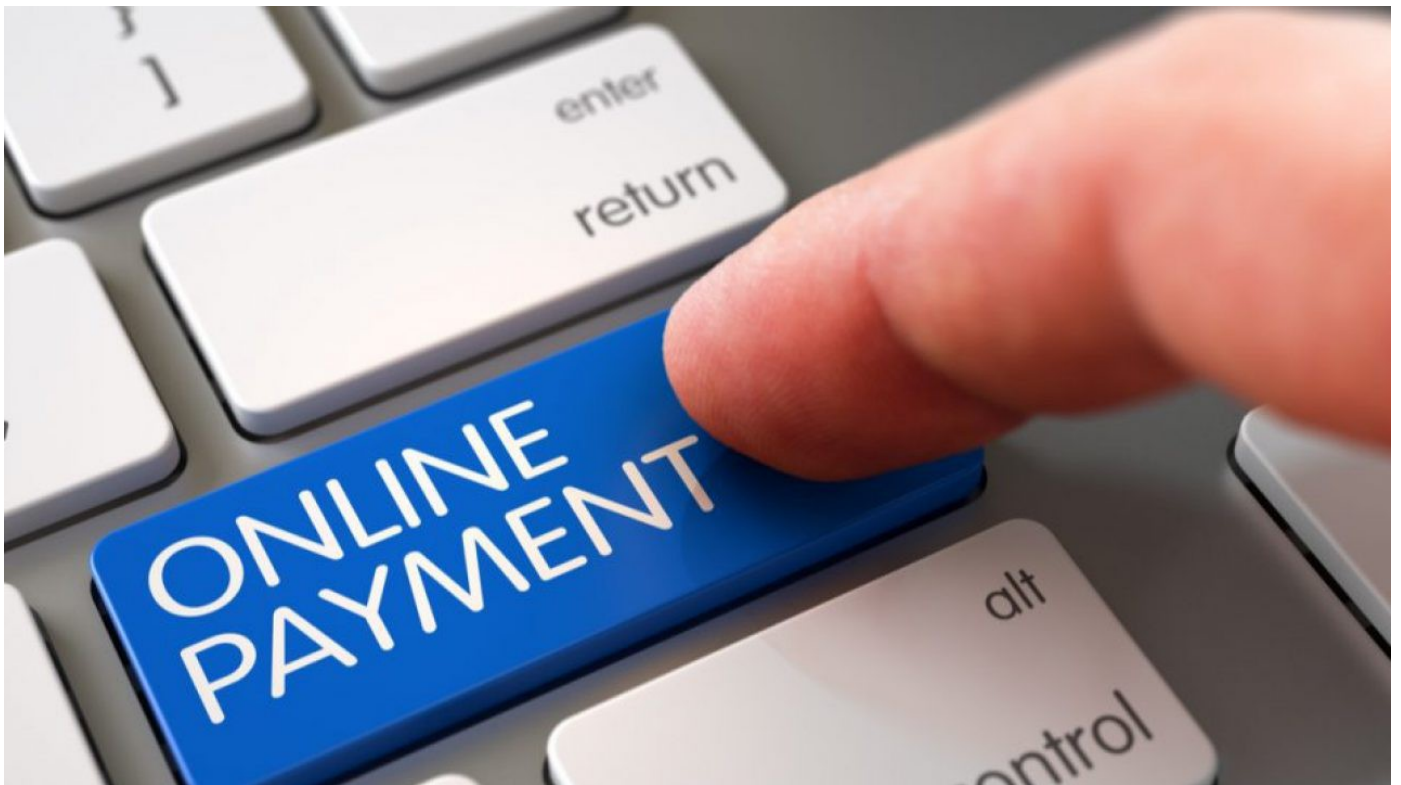


In our classrooms, we have also been celebrating the uniqueness that each student brings to our Year 2 Community. Inspired by the story, 'Elmer the Elephant', we reflected on accepting and celebrating our differences while staying true to who we are. We created beautiful patchwork self-portraits that showcase our individuality, and we are so proud to share them with you!



Smiling faces and the buzz of engaged learners has filled our classrooms as we have been connecting, collaborating, and setting the stage for a year filled with learning, laughter and growth. We can't wait for the year ahead!

2025 Financial Information



Please refer to the following link on the school's website for further details regarding the 2025 Fee Structure and Financial Information: <https://www.rosary.catholic.edu.au/enrolment/fees>

2025 School fees and charges will be invoiced next week. Please note that moving forward Invoices/Statements will no longer be sent

home via post.

The Community Portal was rolled out to the community during 2024. This is the new way to access financial information for your family. We strongly encourage new and current families to register on the Community Portal.

Please refer to the attached communication to assist with the registration process.

[Community_Portal_.pdf](#)

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact our Business Manager, Melanie Fazio on melanie.fazio@rosary.catholic.edu.au

Real Schools Partnership



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This year, we are very excited to announce Rosary School's partnership with Real Schools, an organisation who will support us in continuing our work in implementing restorative practices as the underpinning framework of our school culture.

The approach by Real Schools is characterised by a holistic working method centred around building a robust relational culture throughout the school community, incorporating all students, staff and families.

Please see the attached article for more information about our partnership.

You may also like to take a look at their website for further information - <https://realschools.com.au/>

Families will be invited to a Parent Information Night later in the year to learn more about Real Schools.

[Real_Schools_Partnership_What_You_Might_See.pdf](#)

Drop off /pick up facility

This is a reminder about the use of our drop off/pick-up facility at the eastern end of the school site, providing an additional option for dropping off and collecting your children (**please note, this is NOT for foot traffic**).

The facility works best for everyone if cars are stopped for the shortest possible time. This ensures a continual flow of traffic, and the wait time and queues are as short as they can be. Please note, this means that if you are waiting for your child longer than 2 minutes at pick-up, you will be asked by staff to leave the zone and re-enter the school.

The facility is one-way, with a left turn in from Gladstone Road and a left-turn out to Staples Court (**no right turn from Gladstone Road**).

Volunteering at Rosary



Thank you for your continual support and dedication our school community.

As a reminder, in order to participate ,all volunteers are required to update their RAN-EC certification.

If you have not yet completed this update, please do so as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, until this requirement is met, you will not be able to volunteer.

We appreciate your support in ensuring a safe environment for all our students.

Click below for instructions:

[How_to_access_RRHAN-EC_training_for_volunteers_2.pdf](#)



Dear Parents/Guardians,

To ensure effective communication, please notify the school of any changes to your contact information, including phone numbers, email addresses, or home addresses. Keeping your details up to date helps us reach you promptly in case of important announcements or emergencies.

To update your information, please contact the school office at info@rosary.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your cooperation!

Future Enrolments

Do you have a sibling commencing Reception in 2027?

Have you submitted an enrolment application?

2027 seems so far away however interviews for our Reception intake begins this year.

- a child turning 5 from 1st May 2026 to 30th April 2027 will commence in T1 2027
- children eligible for our Mid Year Intake (T3 2026) turn 5 between 1st May 2026 and 31st October 2027

Applications from friends and family are also welcomed.

New enrolment forms are available at the front office or can be downloaded from <https://www.rosary.catholic.edu.au/enrolment>

Music Lessons



PIANO VIOLIN GUITAR UKELELE

We are fortunate to have some wonderful instrumental music teachers working in partnership with us at Rosary and supporting our Performing Arts program. Students have the opportunity to receive instrumental music tuition with private tutors onsite at Rosary School, with lessons being held during school hours.

Denise Haddad – Piano and Violin

Won Lee – Piano

John Edwards – Guitar and Ukulele

Expressions of interest to: kimberly.slattery@rosary.catholic.edu.au

Kimberly Slattery

Performing Arts Coordinator

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