



NEWMAN NEWS



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TERM ONE

➤ The Joy of Life at Newman College

After so many years of planning and preparation by our Board and staff, it was an absolute joy to welcome our students to school for the first time on the 27th January.

With 46 students across Year Prep to Three, our students have now completed Term One and are enjoying a well earned school holiday, celebrating the triumph of Christ in this Easter season.

In this issue of our newsletter, we will share some of our highlights from this first term. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for Newman College!



Saint John Henry Newman by Sandra Storck

A BEAUTIFUL GIFT

At the start of the term we were gifted this beautiful portrait of Saint John Henry Newman by the Tapson family, who commissioned local Catholic artist Sandra Storck to create this artwork of our patron, to commemorate our opening. We are so grateful to have this beautiful original piece, which you can see hanging in the school reception area.



Teaching Staff on Day One of Newman College

FIRST MASS & BLESSING

In the first week of the term, our Chaplain Fr Conor Power celebrated our first Mass and school blessing.



First Mass and Blessing

It was the perfect way for our school community to mark the commencement of this school year, with families, staff and board members coming together in thanksgiving. Fr Conor then visited each of the classes and blessed the students and their classrooms.

The Mass is a central part of life at Newman College, with our students attending Mass three times each week, in both English and Latin. We are sincerely grateful to the Brisbane Oratory for providing chaplaincy services, as well as to Fr Bavin Clarke who also assists with one Mass each week.



Fr Conor blessing the classrooms and the students

SPECIAL VISITORS

We have had a number of special visitors to the school already.

As part of their classical studies, our students are beginning to learn the great story of our world. Our Years 1, 2 and 3 classes enjoyed a visit from an **archaeologist Mr Pinches**, who shared his love of history with the children. The students enjoyed a hands on inspection of some incredible artefacts and re-created stone tools, as well as operating a couple of fieldwork radios!



The students enjoy learning about archaeology from Mr Pinches

We also had a visit from **Danny and Leila Abdallah**, friends of the school who helped us to officially launch this project back in 2024. Our students and their families came together for a special Mass, and then Danny and Leila shared their inspiring message of the forgiveness and hope that is only possible through Christ. Our students and families were deeply moved by the visit.



Danny and Leilla with some of our families

CROSS COUNTRY

Just before Holy Week we had our inaugural Cross Country Carnival. The students and their families proudly represented their Archangel House patrons – Michael, Raphael and Gabriel.



The Under 7's ran a competitive race...

It was an afternoon of tense competition, with all of our students putting in admirable effort in their races. The points on the tally chart were at a tie breaker, which meant a very competitive parents race became the decider! Raphael house was triumphant.

Students earn points for their houses throughout the year, as well as at our special events. At the end of the year, the House with the highest tally will be awarded our house cup, something we hope will become a treasured tradition for our College.



But not as competitive as the parents!

OUR MUSIC PROGRAMME

Music and the arts are an important part of a classical education, and our students have thoroughly enjoyed this first term of Music lessons with Miss Bott. We teach music through the Kodály method, which places a strong emphasis on choral music as the best mode of teaching music to young children.



Year One music with Miss Bott

We are excited to extend this method through the adoption of the [Jubilate Deo sacred music programme](#) in Term Two. This programme incorporates choral music and catechesis, teaching children to know and love the Mass, their faith, and music through learning sacred chant.



This programme is currently being taken up by many Catholic schools across NSW. These students had the opportunity to give glory to God with their voices through a special Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher. You can see (and hear) some inspiring footage and messages from this Mass [here](#).

BUILDING *STAGE TWO*

NEW CLASSROOMS & CARPARKS

As a brand new school we must continue building to keep up with the demand of our growing College.

In May this year construction will begin on a brand new double classroom block in the North East corner of the Campus. We are very grateful to the Qld Government for a capital grant which will assist with this project, but your financial support is so important to the completion of Stage Two.

Your regular donation can make a real difference. Collectively, our regular givers currently contribute more than \$42,000 to our school building fund each year!

BECOME A REGULAR GIVER TODAY

From \$50 a week to \$20 a month, your regular gift helps us to plan the future of our school with confidence.

Will you consider becoming a regular giver today?



Artist render of the Stage Two new double classroom block

