

# NEWMAN NEWS



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OUT OF SHADOWS INTO TRUTH

## TERM TWO

### ➤ Many Milestones & New Traditions

In April, on the Feast of St Peter Chanel, we were honoured to have our Archbishop The Most Rev Shane Mackinlay celebrate our official opening Mass. This was followed by a keynote address by The Hon Tony Abbott AC, the 28th Prime Minister of Australia.

It was an opportunity for our many supporters in the community to join us in prayer and thanksgiving for the opening of Newman College this year. Our students celebrated the occasion with a joy-filled performance of Lead Kindly Light, a hymn written by our blessed Patron Saint.



*The children perform Lead Kindly Light for the Archbishop*

## OFFICIAL OPENING MASS & CEREMONY

The Archbishop gave an inspiring homily on the life of Newman and encouraged our students to follow in our patron's footsteps in their search for "ever deeper Truth." Mr Abbott noted how Newman College is part of a surging international movement of classical schools that represent the "best hope for a revival of our civilisation".

We received some favourable media attention following this event, including an article in The Australian, which can be read [here](#), and an article in The Catholic Leader which can be found [here](#). Dr Crowther was also interviewed on ABC Brisbane's Breakfast Radio Show. You can listen to the segment [here](#). A transcript of Mr Abbott's keynote address from the event can be read [here](#).



*Archbishop Mackinlay, the Hon Tony Abbott and Dr Crowther unveil the commemorative plaque*

# BOOK WEEK

As a classical school, every week at Newman College is book week! However, in May students and staff enjoyed the opportunity to come to school dressed as characters from their favourite works of literature.



*Year One celebrates Book Week*

From Paddington Bear to Gandalf, Jo March and many characters from Narnia, the costumes were wonderfully creative and reflected a number of the books our students will be studying during their time at Newman College

One of the best things you can do for your child is to read good books to them and with them, often. This cultivates the imagination and can spark a lifelong love of reading.



*Gandalf the Grey and Gandalf the White*

# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Another highlight of the Term was our first Athletics Carnival.

In early June we took to the oval at Griffith Mt Gravatt for a day of competitive track and field events. Students took part in the traditional races as well as team ball games, before some exciting events capped off the afternoon: Tug of War and the Egg and Spoon relay race!



*Fierce competition in the house Tug of War!*

As a school that chooses more traditional methods of instruction, it was appropriate that real (uncooked) eggs were used in the Egg and Spoon race... Our students rose to the occasion and there was only one broken egg at the end of the day!

Once again our parents also had the chance to earn some points for their family's house, with their own fierce Tug of War and Egg and Spoon race completing the afternoon. Raphael House were victorious and received the Athletics Carnival Shield for 2026!



*The 100m Sprint came down to a photo finish*

# CORPUS CHRISTI

Many students and their families joined staff and board members under the Newman College banner at the 2026 Corpus Christi Procession through the Brisbane CBD.



Students walking under the Newman College banner

It was an honour to walk with our Archbishop and thousands of other Catholics through the streets of our city, venerating Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar at the front of the procession.

Our Catholic faith is the foundation of all we do at Newman College, and we hope to bear witness to this faith through cultivating wisdom and virtue in our students. To see so many of our students and their families come together on a Sunday in this act of public witness was a beautiful thing to behold, and an encouragement to all of us as we discern and follow God's will for our school.



Corpus Christi Procession with thousands of other Catholics

# STAGE TWO WORKS ARE UNDERWAY

The construction fences are up and we are excited to have broken ground for the second stage of our building works!



Breaking ground on Stage Two

As we approach the End of Financial Year, would you consider becoming a regular or one-time giver to Newman College? We need to raise \$1.3M to meet the costs of Stage Two, which includes two new classrooms and a new car park...



# CAN YOU SUPPORT US *THIS EOFY?*

## STAGE TWO HAS COMMENCED

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

Construction has begun on a brand new double classroom block in the North East corner of the Campus, and a new car park in the South East of the site. 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 for the completion of Stage Two.

This End of Financial Year, your regular donation can make a real difference. Collectively, our regular givers currently contribute more than \$43,000 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 Stage Two Classrooms*