



# PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Term 2

Week 4

Dear Parents

Term 2 is well underway, and students and teachers are working brilliantly through engaging and stimulating learning experiences. This year we have introduced instructional coaches in literacy and numeracy and in this parent communication, Sharon Kelly, (Assistant Principal) outlines how this process works in our new section "The Literacy Corner". The same will occur for numeracy later in the term.

We have a number of extra curricular lunchtime clubs that we are trialling to gauge student interest and possible uptake. These include, homework, (Stage 3) dance, visual arts, coding, etc. After trials and planning of these groups, parents will be informed and if their child is not taking part in the lunch club and their parents would like them to, you are welcome to contact me and discuss this. These clubs are over and above what is delivered through the curriculum but will be offered to all grades and students. However, the clubs will be completely voluntary.

Please take the time to read the following items and contact me directly if you have any questions. My direct email [genevieve.smith2@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:genevieve.smith2@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

## **LITERACY CORNER** - Sharon Kelly (AP)

A key component to leading literacy in our Broken Bay schools is Instructional Coaching. We have embarked on that journey with our teachers this year and would like to thank Mary Brown our CSBB literacy leader who is working with me as the Literacy Coach with our infants teachers to embed the teaching of spelling within writing. This process involves the professional learning of our team each week.

Mary and myself currently meet with the teachers to plan, we then engage in a three day instructional coaching cycle where Mary models a lesson, then I model a lesson followed by the teachers teaching with Mary & I observing. It is an excellent collaborative process that the students benefit from greatly.

We are planning on focusing on spelling in all classes K-6 for the remainder of this year.

## **DEBATING**

We will be running an Inter Schools Debating Competition across Term 2 and Term 3 with 6 other primary schools in the diocese. It will be held at various schools during the school day. Year 6 students will be invited to apply and try out for the teams. Parents of the



successful students will be provided information regarding the competition.

***We are calling for volunteers to be our school's representative adjudicator for the 6 rounds of debates. Please contact me if you are interested or know of ex-students who may be appropriate.***

## **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**



Parent teacher interviews are also known as Student Led Conferences as the students across all grades should be able to articulate their learning goals for a range of different KLAs to parents, teachers and fellow students. Each student should be setting daily and longer term goals for their learning.

It is nearly that time of the year when you will be receiving your child's Semester 1 Student Learning Report and then having the chance to discuss this with your child's teacher. Shortly you will receive information on booking in for these interviews through Compass. Interviews will be held before and after school throughout Week 9, (If for some reason this does not suit some families, alternate arrangements will be made into Week 10).

## CYBER SAFETY TALK

In Week 6 I have invited Senior Constable Peter Lewis from Hornsby Police to the school to speak with the Year 6 and Year 5 students about Cyber-Safety. Senior Constable Lewis is the Youth Liaison Officer with a great deal of experience in delivering this information to this age group. The presentation will be available to parents after the visit.



## UNIFORM

Everyday the teachers reinforce the importance of adhering to the school's uniform guidelines with the students. Next week we will ramp up our discussions with students who continue to wear the wrong uniform including different items and inappropriate haircuts. Parents of these children will receive reminders and requests to ensure their children wear the correct uniform. We are working on developing a Uniform Policy that will be placed on the school's website and a link shared with all families.

## CULTURES SURVEY

Thank you to all parents who completed the Diocesan Cultures Survey. The survey closes on Friday the 14th. The link is available on the compass post if you would still like to complete it.

## MOBILE PHONE POLICY

We are currently working on a Student Mobile Phone Policy for the school. We understand this device is vitally important for safe travel to and from school. We will distribute the policy once complete. Until then we are working in line with other primary schools that require students to hand their phones to the teacher in the morning and receive them back at the end of the day. Students are asked not to use their phones during school hours or on school grounds. This also ensures the safety of other students and security of this expensive piece of technology.



## ICAS – YEAR 3 TO 6

ICAS Assessments are online assessments, designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. They are run independently of the school but we support the process and hold them at the school for parents who wish for their children to take these extra tests. The assessments are based on the curricula for the relevant year. Students are asked to demonstrate a deeper, integrated, and thorough level of knowledge.

New ICAS Assessments are developed annually for each subject in every year level. This is to ensure an engaging and beneficial experience for all students. It is the parent's responsibility to nominate their children to take part and register and pay for the text online. Below is the link and parent code to the website where you can register your child. All payments are to be made by the 25<sup>th</sup> July and we will run the assessments at the school for those children.

### Access details for parents:

**School access code: APB110**

**Parent Page Link:**

<https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS – Pupil Free Days and Out of School Care

Please note that we have 2 Pupil Free days this term. The first is on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> June (following the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend). Prouille will be working with Corpus Christi, St Ives, to update our skills and expertise in meeting the needs of Gifted and Talented students across our school. The second Pupil Free Day is on the last day of Term 2 - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, where we will be working as a whole school system across the diocese to ensure the implementation of the Towards 2025 Strategic Directions.

**Water St Kids (Out of Hours School Care) will operate on both these days and can be contacted directly to book in.**

## MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Thank you for the spirit of support you all demonstrated when we had to cancel Mother's Day celebrations due to COVID restrictions. We are working with the P&F to reschedule the breakfast followed by open classrooms.

**Postponed**  
New Date Coming Soon

## COOL KIDS

**Cool Kids - Taking Control** is a free, online self-help program that is designed to help children (7-12 years) who have been targets of bullying and who also have high levels of anxiety. Please see below the links for some wonderful resources for families to use at their discretion.

<https://www.coolkidstakingcontrol.com.au/>

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# Cool Kids – Taking Control

Does your child experience bullying and anxiety?

Are they aged between 7 and 12?

They could be eligible for our research trial.

For more information, email [takingcontrol@mq.edu.au](mailto:takingcontrol@mq.edu.au) or  
visit [www.coolkidstakingcontrol.com.au](http://www.coolkidstakingcontrol.com.au)

## Dates for your Diary Term 2 2021

TERM 2 2021	Week 5	Catch-up NAPLAN Assessments -	All Week
	Week 6	National Sorry Day Liturgy - Cyber-Safety Talk (Stage 3)	26 <sup>th</sup> May 26 <sup>th</sup> May
	Week 7	Winter Appeal -	1 <sup>st</sup> June
	Week 8	Student Learning Reports go home - Athletics Carnival -	10 <sup>th</sup> June 11 <sup>th</sup> June
	Week 9	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - Staff Development Day - No Students - Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews -	14 <sup>th</sup> June 15 <sup>th</sup> June All Week
	Week 10	League Gala Day - Netball Gala Day - Student's Last Day of Term - No Students Staff Development Day -	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 24 <sup>th</sup> June 25 <sup>th</sup> June



# National Walk Safely to School Day

Well done to all those families that took part in NWSTSD today! Below are some selfies snapped on the way. Great job guys!

