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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

What an amazingly diverse bunch of students we have here! From poets to orators, from social justice advocates to musicians and from artists to athletes, we have it all at Prouille. Term 3 has showcased this diversity in its many different forms. Thank you to those parents that continue to support and foster their children's endeavours and encourage independence and creative thinking whilst not attempting to smooth or remove every little bump along the way. This builds resilience and the problem solvers of the future.

This Newsletter is a showcase of the last couple of weeks of Term 3 and gives a good indication why so many of our students (and parents) are exhausted. You all deserve a break and we wish you a wonderful holiday before we lean into the 'busyness' of Term 4.

Please remember that it is important that you email the office if you have recently changed addresses or phone numbers.

Stay safe and God bless

Genevieve Smith

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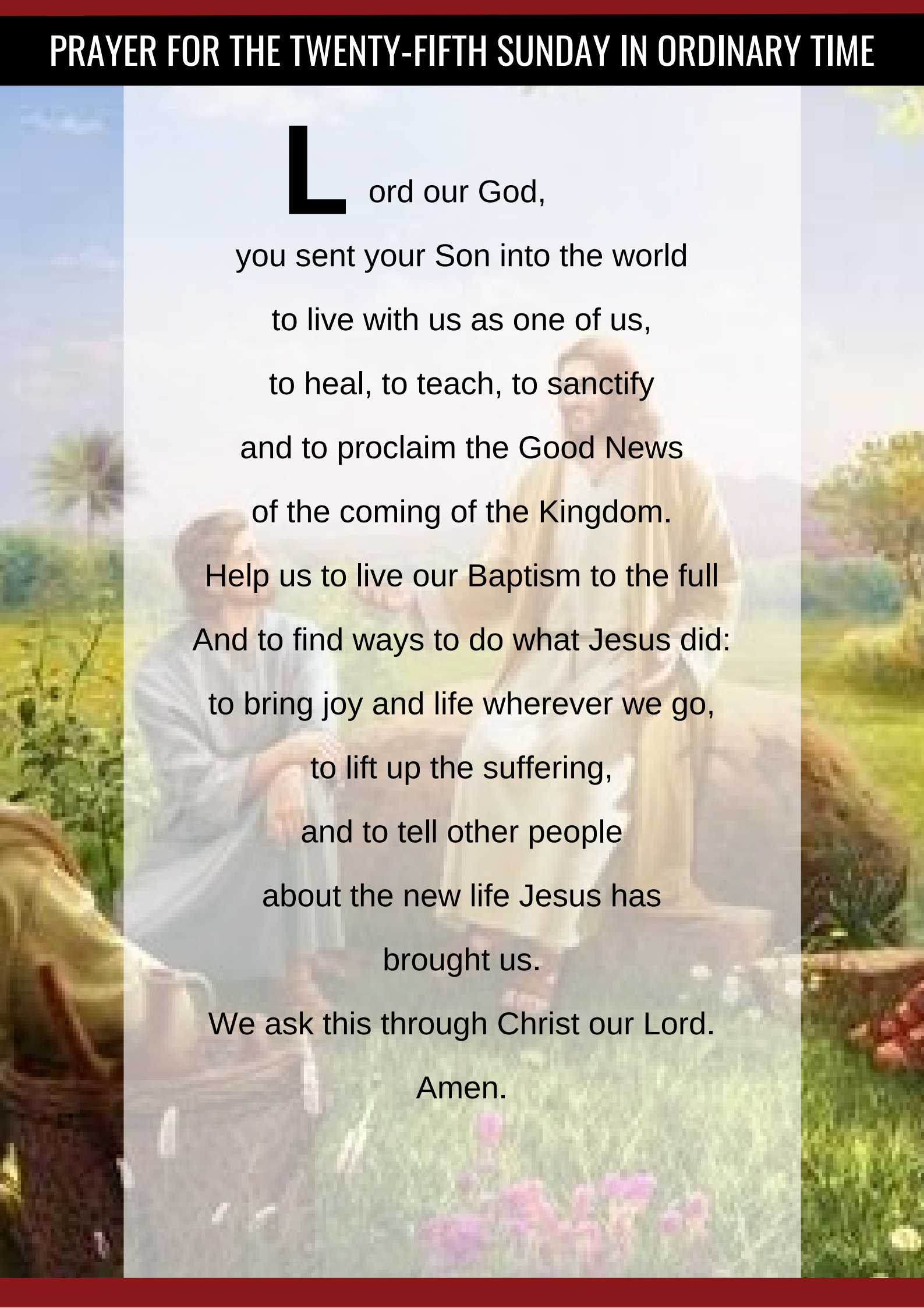
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PRAYER FOR THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Lord our God,
you sent your Son into the world
to live with us as one of us,
to heal, to teach, to sanctify
and to proclaim the Good News
of the coming of the Kingdom.
Help us to live our Baptism to the full
And to find ways to do what Jesus did:
to bring joy and life wherever we go,
to lift up the suffering,
and to tell other people
about the new life Jesus has
brought us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FATHER'S DAY

On 1 September, we had a beautiful morning celebrating Father's Day with a breakfast and liturgy. Thank you to the fathers and father figures who could join us! It's not every day our dads come to Prouille and our students had a wonderful time!

Thank you to our hardworking mums who prepared a delicious breakfast.

After breakfast, we enjoyed a special liturgy celebrating all the wonderful fathers in our lives. Fatherhood is one of life's greatest gifts, an absolute joy to be treasured.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 students who took the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday evening at Holy Name Parish with Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

Our students were: Georgie, Elanor, Alexander, Faith, Amelie O, Amelia R, Claudio, Elise, Viaan, Angus, Elizabeth and Flynn. It was a beautiful celebration strengthening the covenant created in Baptism.



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DIOCESAN PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Congratulations to Adele from Year 6 who represented Prouille in the Diocesan Public Speaking Competition on 11 September. We are so proud of her growth over the years in public speaking at Prouille and what an accomplished speaker she currently is. Congratulations, Adele!



SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

A brilliant effort from all our students who competed in our recent School Public Speaking Competition.

In the Years K-2 division, congratulations to the following students:

Kindy Winner: James G

Year 1 Winner: Claire D

Year 2 Winner: Audrey J

In the Years 3-5 division, congratulations to the following students:

Year 3 Winner: Elizabeth B

Year 4 Winner: Valentina S

Year 5 Winner: Illaria R



PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION



DOROTHEA MACKELLAR POETRY COMPETITION

A huge congratulations to Annabelle in Year 4, who has placed as runner-up in the Upper Primary category of the 2023 Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards.

Annabelle was presented with her prize at a recent assembly amongst her family and friends.

Annabelle's entry was the poem "Waves" (see below) which was praised by the judges. She won a prize pack which included:

- Cheque for \$200
- Booktopia voucher for \$100
- Certificate

We are so proud of your hard work and talent, Annabelle!



RELIGIOUS CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION



The teachers, students and community of Prouille would like to congratulate Grace King, Year 6, who has been awarded second place in the Stage 3 2023 Religious Creative Arts Prize for her original music composition, "Beautiful Things". The song was written for her grandfather, the judges praising the "clever lyrics, memorable hook and wonderful clear singing". Grace has been invited to attend the Showcase Concert on 24 October to receive her award. Grace is to be congratulated on this tremendous achievement. Well done Grace.



BIGGEST LITTLEST MORNING TEA



During this term, two very enterprising and creative Year 5 students, Jocelyn Gibbs and Ava Munce, approached Mrs Smith with a vision to make the world a better place. They were inspired by the fearless journey taken by our amazing teacher, Mrs Runnalls, and wanted to fundraise for breast cancer. Specifically, Josie and Ava wanted to raise money to create care hampers to provide to those patients battling breast cancer at The San Hospital; to make their journey a little more bearable and provide them with products which could provide them with comfort in their darkest days.

From their vision, "The Biggest Littlest Morning Tea" was borne. Josie and Ava created the concept of the morning tea and the idea of bringing "mini" items along as a morning tea "first". They also wanted to organise the stall and help run it on the day.

Last Monday 18 September, we held a cake stall followed by our Biggest Littlest Morning Tea and it was an amazing success! Through the wonderful support of our Prouille families, teachers, parents and students, we were able to raise over \$1,400! Thank you so much for your help.

Josie and Ava are hoping to hold a second function in Term Four which is a sports obstacle course/karaoke event and will be lots of fun for the students. This will be a gold coin donation to participate. Further details will be provided early next term.



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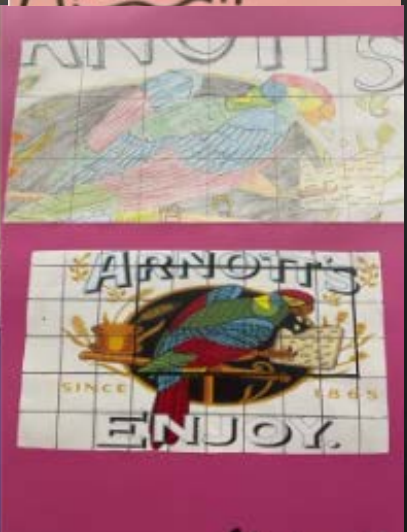
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YEAR 4 NEWS

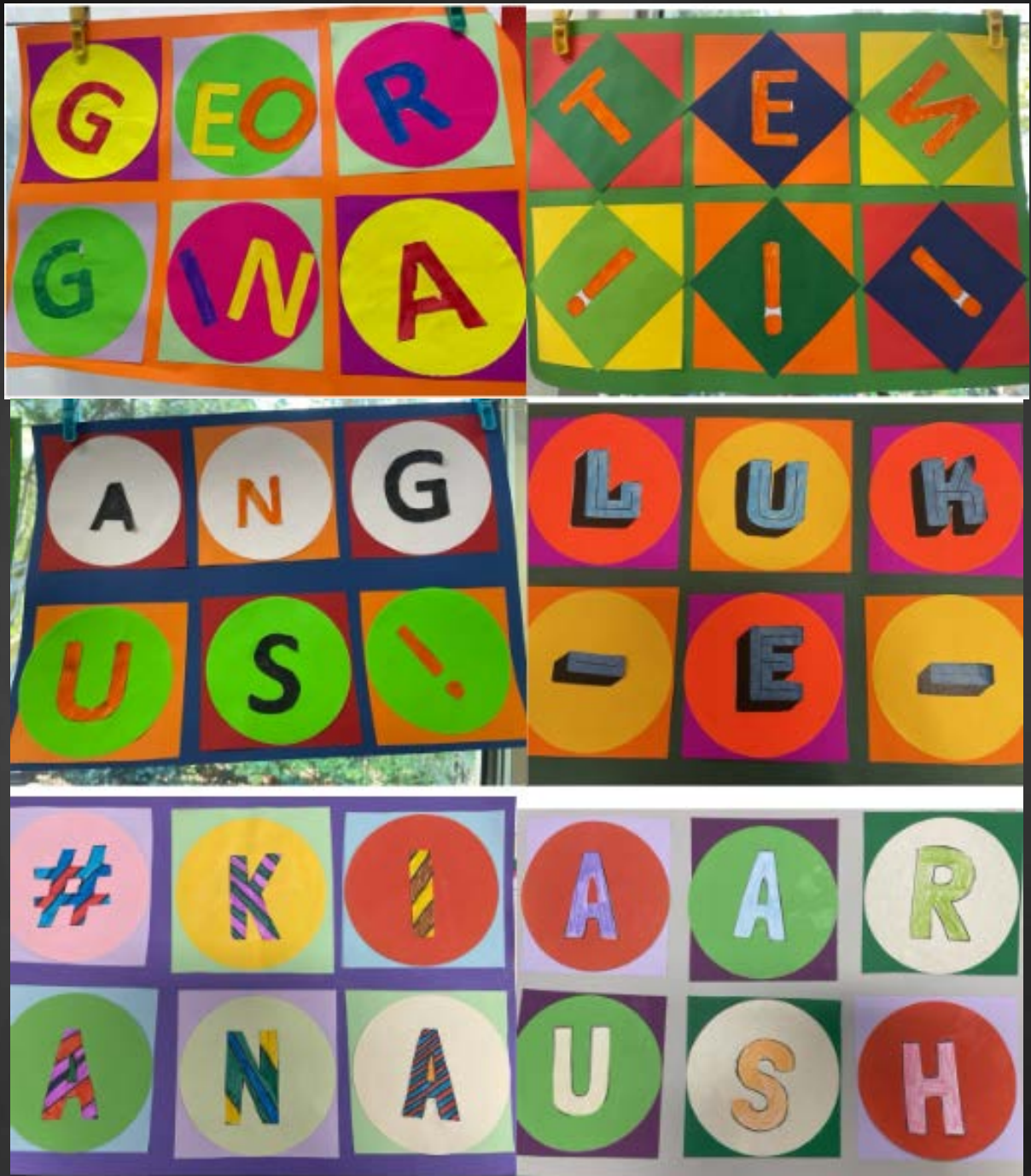
This term, Year 4 have created some very interesting and creative artworks. Inspired by the art movement of 'Surrealism', students were challenged to create a vast array of artworks using an assortment of mediums and techniques. These included "Cerealism" an artwork where students juxtaposed an ordinary image of a cereal box into a contrasting piece of artwork. With "Blast From the Past" students used textas, paint and oil pastels to create an artwork using the humble Nutella Bottle. "Larger Than Life", challenged the students, requiring them to enlarge a section of a confectionary logo using a scale and assortment of materials. Finally inspired by Pop Art, students created a collage of their name.



CLASSROOM NEWS



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Term 3 Principal's Awards

<i>Class</i>	<i>Student</i>	
Kindy Koala	Emma Coppock	Saul Fernandes
Kindy Kangaroo	Frederick Eustace	Naishe Mashumba
Year 1 Lyrebird	Lucas Huang	Tara Dallow
Year 1 Rosella	Alastair Senn	Anja Cronin
Year 2 Emu	Amelia Ringrose	Isla Leutogi
Year 3 Platypus	Andrew He	Daisy Meyyappan
Year 4 Dingo	Angus Webb	Valentina Salinas
Year 4 Kookaburra	Dallas Palmer	Elsie Adkins
Year 5 Echidna	Jared Lee	Luke Ringrose
Year 6 Wallaby	Sivani Karthikeyan	Alfred Mina

Principal's Awards Criteria for nomination:

1. Upholding the Dominican values
2. Being respectful, responsible learners
(so our PBL values - consistent behaviour)
3. Citizenship and Compassion
4. Resilience and Perseverance

SCHOOL UPDATES

NEW 3-6 SYLLABUS UPDATE

Over this year teachers have been engaged in numerous professional learning opportunities in preparation for the new 3-6 English and Mathematics syllabuses being implemented in 2024. Professional learning time has included our weekly Staff Professional Learning meetings as well as extended twilight sessions to allow for more time to deepen teacher knowledge and application of the syllabus content. Similar professional learning occurred in 2022 prior to the implementation of these new syllabuses for Kindergarten to Year 2. The new syllabuses are the result of the NSW Curriculum Reform that aims to strengthen and streamline what is taught in schools. It is an opportunity to engage and reenergise what is taught and how. It makes clear what is essential in the curriculum to allow for deep learning and establishing stronger foundations in English and Mathematics. For further information about the Primary (K–6) syllabuses for please visit: [Primary \(K–6\) syllabuses | Primary | NSW Curriculum | NSW Education Standards Authority](#)

SUMMER UNIFORM

Just a reminder that in Term 4, students are to return wearing their full summer uniform which includes the school tunic for girls and white shirt and tan shorts for boys. For further information on our uniform, please refer to our website:

<https://www.prouilledbb.catholic.edu.au/our-school/school-uniform/>

For any queries, please contact Prouille Reception on (02) 9489 3233.



STAFF SPIRITUALITY DAY



Prouille staff will participate in a full spirituality day on Friday 22nd September. The focus for the day is to reconnect with our faith through prayer, meditation and reflecting on scripture. Fr Kelvin will also be there to lead us in our formation. Our theme for the day is on Mary-Our Mother. According to Pope John Paul II, "From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!" In this way, we hope that we too can learn from the example Mary has set for us.



STORYTIME SESSIONS

In Term 3, we held our Storytime Sessions for our new Kindy 2024 enrolments. Our sessions were structured as a story and play session and held in our beautiful Library. Our sessions were a great opportunity for our new Kindy families to meet each other and to become familiar with our school. We are incredibly fortunate that Mrs Smith was able to run most of the sessions so that she had the opportunity to engage with our littlest learners.

We hope all our new families enjoyed their time with us!

Next term, we look forward to our Kindy orientations to be held early November.



STARTING WEEK 2 - 28TH JULY!

PROUILLE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOR ALL KINDY 2024 STARTERS

STORYTIME at PROUILLE

STORY TELLING
FUN GAMES
LEGO & BUILDING

FRIDAY MORNINGS
8:30-9:30AM FROM
28TH JUL TO 15TH SEPT
(TERM 3)

* NO NEED TO REGISTER,
PLEASE TURN UP *

Prouille Library
5 Water Street, Wahroonga



STORYTIME SESSIONS



TEACHER'S AIDE APPRECIATION WEEK

During September, we celebrated our amazing teacher's aides/LSAs: Mrs Lixia Zhan, Mrs Lee Williams and Miss Zoe Georgiadis. Thank you so much for your hard work and kindness shown to our students at Prouille. Year 3 Platypus also wrote Mrs Zhan a lovely poem to show their appreciation, as it was also her birthday.



BIRTHDAY POEM FOR MRS ZHAN

We are all such a big fan
of the wonderful Mrs Zhan.
She is with us all day,
to help us learn and play.

In a world so bright, Mrs Zhan does shine,
her wisdom and grace, truly divine.
With warmth and care, she touches each heart,
a wonderful soul, a true work of art.

Upon this day, with skies so blue,
upon a train of joy, we send to you,
Happy Birthday, Mrs Zhan, so dear,
may laughter and love fill your year.

Have the best birthday of your life,
Mrs Zhan is the best,
she's always the greatest helper,
she works so hard and never has a rest.

Written by Year 3 Platypus
2023



PROUILLE ART GALLERY

During Term Three, we dedicated some of the display cabinets outside the Library to displaying our student artworks. We plan to rotate artwork as each term passes. We hope you can enjoy this as you are walking past.



LIBRARY NEWS

After an epic term in our Prouille Library, I would like to extend a huge thank you to the families of Prouille for their enthusiasm and support of Book Week in 2023! Thank you for donating a large haul of new, exciting books to our school. I especially would like to thank parents Candida Devries, Naomi Duggan, Michelle Lee, Bernadette Lopez and Sally McDonell for assisting in labelling and covering the donated books from the Book Fair. Books have started to be sent home to their donors first, from this week. This will carry over into next term.

Wishing all children and their families and restful holidays, hopefully full of reading!

Mrs Lees

Library/Technology Support Teacher

PROUILLE PARENTING SESSIONS

8 November, 7 -8 pm Tweens to Teens, how to have better conversations.
Prouille School Library.

<https://forms.office.com/r/FuWwRwp2be>

CUPPA IN THE PARK

Cuppa in the Park - Wahroonga Park, near the playground, 9 - 10 am.
BYO everything or grab a cuppa from the café. If the weather is fine, it is on. If it is raining, it is not on.

Dates: Wednesday: 11 October, 25 October, 22 November, 6 December

PARENT PRAYERS

Parents Prayers in the school chapel are on each Friday at 1.50 pm. We finish in time for the school assembly. Parents' prayers are powerful! Come and spend some time praying for your children and supporting each other.

CHRISTMAS ART WORKSHOP

Christmas Art Workshop for Parents - expression of interest.

Preparing for Christmas - Advent Art and Iconography

24 November and 1 December 9am - 1.30pm at Prouille.

Paint and prepare for Christmas. Create your own Icon you can have at home.

Register your interest here.

<https://forms.office.com/r/RUbt72s34f>

MERIT AWARDS - TERM 3

2023 Merit Awards Term 3 Weeks 7 to 10

Class	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Kindy Koala	Aurelia Mannix & Diyako Arbabzadeh	Naishe Mashumba & Ashley Gibbs	Isaac Limbers Hoare, Harper Johnson and Ella Campbell	Dylan Issavi & Zoe Leutogi
Kindy Kangaroo	Thomas Castro & Saul Fernandes	Hazel Schoenmaker, Avery Tang & James Glavac	River Robinson & Maggie Gouveia	Daniel Eghlima & Arabella Richards
Year 1 Lyrebird	Liam Behnam & Gabriel Gemayel	William Belsey & Maggie McInnes	Liana Behnam & Georgia Coupland	Isla Coupland & Lachlan Sinclair
Year 1 Rosella	Anja Cronin & Conor Rabbitt	Archie Ronald & Valeria Serva	Oliver Clump, Lachlan McKie & Lucy Williams	Alexander Gao, Johnny Huo & Lia Vali Pour Goudarzi
Year 2 Emu	Amelia Ringrose, Aaryan Dua & Stella D'Souza	Elliot Cooper, Annabelle Potter & Milan Tabar	James Murray & Vera Chrystal	Annabelle Potter & Lily Jordaan
Year 3 Platypus	Angus Walsh & Ian Oh	Sam Indiana & Elizabeth Bizannes	Viaan Singh & Skylar Jang	Laurence Rundle & Georgie Gouveia
Year 4 Dingo	Matthew Lo & Tennyson Cain	Hamish Ronald & Hannah Behnam	Liam Duggan, Georgina Quoye & Valentina Salinas	William Fullilove & Maximilian Richards
Year 4 Kookaburra	Mairead DeFries & Dallas Palmer	Joshua McKie & Charlie Kamiya	Isaac Holland Lopez, Grace Douglas & Alexandra Kirby	Huxley Jordan & Frank Wilson
Year 5 Echidna	Ayan Kapoor & Alice Hallam	Sid Kelvekar & Aurelia Bell	Gabriella Rice & Jack Wilson	Isis Nardi & Nicholas Hanley
Year 6 Wallaby	Zachary Leach & Harry Boyd	Ariz Ahmed & Olivia Ringrose	Isabella Ong-Grimes & Sivani Karthikeyan	Ryan Littler & Annabelle Haigh

TERM 3 & 4 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Quick Reference Guide to Upcoming Events for Term 4			
Link to Website Calendar			
TERM 3 2023			
Week	Date	Event	Grade
10	21/9	Student's Last Day of Term 3	K-6
	22/9	Staff Spirituality Day (Off site at St Joseph's Spirituality Centre Norwest)	No Student Attendance
Term 4 Commences on Monday 9th October			
TERM 4 2023			
3	24/10	Kindergarten and Year 1 Excursion	K-1
	27/10	Year 2 Excursion	Year 2
5	8/11	Kindy 2024 Orientation Day 1	2024 Kindy
6	15/11	Kindy 2024 Orientation Day 2 & Parent Information Night	2024 Kindy
8	27/10 To 30/10	Year 1 and Year 2 Swimming Program Hornsby Aquatic Centre	Year 1 & Year 2
9	4/12	Year 3 to 6 Surf Education Dee Why Beach	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
	5/12	School Musical Performance 1	
	7/12	School Musical Performance 2	
10	12/12	SAVE THE DATE Year 6 Graduation Mass and Awards	Year 6
	13/12	Year 6 Fun Day - Homebush Aquatic Centre	Year 6
	13/12	K-5 End of Year Mass	K-5
	14/12	Prouille's Got Talent Show	K-6 Students Only
	15/12	End of Year School Disco (During school hours)	K-6
	15/12	House PBL Points Winner Water Fight	Winning House
	15/12	Student's Last Day of Term 4 and 2023	K-6
Friday 15th December STUDENTS' LAST DAY OF TERM 4			



Dear Parents,

As part of our Towards 2025 Strategy, Future Focused Systems, there will be changes to our student billing and finance systems during Term 3 and 4 of 2023. This transition is expected to take place during the September/October school holidays and will not impact the education of your children.

What is changing?

Compass

You will now be able to view your school account through your Compass app.

Statements

Fee statements are changing. You will now receive a consolidated statement that will include all students in your family that attend a Catholic Schools Broken Bay diocese school, for which you are the nominated fee payer.

If you are currently making school fee payments to multiple schools within CSBB, once the transition is complete, you will only be required to make one payment for the accounts you are the nominated fee payer for. For a list of schools within CSBB please refer to our website (<https://csbb.catholic.edu.au/>)

You will receive a final statement from the old system at the end of September. Your October statement, in the consolidated format, will be from the new system. Your current BPAY account number will remain valid until you receive your new statement.

Payments

Our preferred payment method will remain as BPAY. On the new consolidated statement there will be a new biller code and your unique BPAY reference for BPAY payments will change.

Payments can also be made by EFTPOS via schools and directly through your Compass app.

School Bank Accounts

If you currently pay your school fees by way of direct deposit into the school bank account, this payment option will no longer be available. Please ensure you are paying your fees by the methods detailed on your statement.

In Person Payments

Whilst we implement the new systems, you will not be able to pay fees or any other payments directly to any of the schools for the period **18 September – 12 October**.

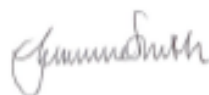
Please use BPAY during this time.

Assistance

Any fee queries should be directed to the School Fee Liaison Team on 7256 2888 or via email schoolfees@dbb.org.au.

We thank you for your understanding and support during this period of transformation.

Yours sincerely,



Genevieve Smith
PRINCIPAL

ALAN STOPFORD TENNIS



TENNIS COACHING TERM 4

Thursday 12 October

Friday 13 October

7:30am to 8:30am

\$175 per term

New players welcome

Contact Alan on 0411 426 554 to book

www.stopfordtennis.com.au

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

5 FUN ACTIVITIES

1. RESCHEDULED NAIDOC WEEK EVENT

Do you enjoy drawing? Have you ever wondered what goes into illustrating a book? Join award winning children's illustrator Dub Leffler to learn drawing techniques, the illustration process and an insight into the life of an illustrator.

Where: Hornsby Library

When: Monday 25 September
10.30am–11.30am (Ages 7–10)
12pm–1pm (Ages 7–10)
1.30pm–2.30pm (Ages 11–15)

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings essential.
Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library
or at any Hornsby Shire Libraries Branch.
Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.



2. NITRO-TASTIC SHOW

Join us for an interactive and fun show all about liquid nitrogen where you'll learn what happens when fire meets liquid nitrogen, make amazing fog geysers and even have some crazy liquid nitrogen ice cream.

When: Tuesday 26 September

Where: Hornsby Library, 10.30am–11.30am
Berowra Library, 2pm–3pm

When: Wednesday 27 September

Where: Pennant Hills Library, 10.30am–11.30am

Age: 5–12 years

Cost: \$10 per child

Bookings: Bookings essential.
Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library
or at any Hornsby Shire Libraries Branch.
Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.



For booking details and further information on these events and more events in your library visit

hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

HORNSBY SHIRE
LIBRARIES



3. MINI-BEASTS

Have you ever wanted to see minibeasts up close and hold them in the palm of your hand? Come along to a fun, hands-on minibeast incursion featuring large, live, and colourful Australian invertebrates.

When: Wednesday 4 October

Where: Hornsby Library, 10.30am–11.30am
Pennant Hills Library, 1.30pm–2.30pm

Age: Strictly 5–12 years

Cost: \$10 per child

Bookings: Bookings essential.

Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library
or at any Hornsby Shire Libraries Branch.

Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.



4. HOLIDAY STORYTIME

Join us for a fun, interactive session filled with stories and songs.

When: Thursday 28 September

Where: Hornsby Library, 10am

When: Tuesday 3 October

Where: Pennant Hills Library, 10am

Age: 0–7 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings not required.

Children 10 & under must be accompanied by an adult.



5. DROP IN AND DISCOVER

Explore your creativity in this interactive session.

Bring your colouring page to life with Quiver, use your construction skills with magnets, check out our kits, and more!

When: Friday 29 September

Where: Pennant Hills Library, 10am–12pm

When: Friday 6 October

Where: Berowra Library, 10am–12pm

Age: 5–12 years

Cost: Free

Bookings: Bookings not required.

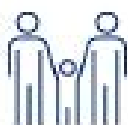
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We're hiring School Crossing Supervisors



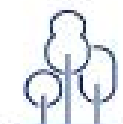
Help protect our vibrant school communities.



Be a road safety hero for school kids, caregivers, and school staff.



Be a second set of eyes for local motorists at busy times.



Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest.

Permanent part-time roles available
Prouille Catholic Primary School, Wahroonga - 88928

Does this sound like you?

- Willing to work outdoors in all weather conditions.
- Able to communicate with different groups and give clear instructions.
- Community-minded.
- Friendly and positive manner.

Days and hours

- 20 hours each fortnight.
- Shifts are between 8:00 am - 9:30 am and 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm.
- Work Monday to Friday during school terms.

Apply today

Applications close Wednesday 4th October 2023
Visit jobs.transport.nsw.gov.au and search for **Reference Number: 88928** or search 'School Crossing Supervisors' for a full list of vacancies or scan the QR code to apply.

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