



PROUILLE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Term 4 has started off with a flurry of activity and is only going to get busier as the term moves on. Please take the time to look at the calendar of events at the back of the newsletter for a full list of activities over the next 7 weeks. The majority of these will also be sent out as compass posts the week prior.

Next week we will be upgrading to a cloud-based phone system, resulting in a change to our phone number. Calls coming through the current school number will be redirected to the new number for a short period of time before the number is cancelled at a later date. This will be a steep learning curve for all of us as phone handset will no longer be used. Please be patient with us as we learn a new system and work through the changes to administrative practices at the school. Our new number will be 7256 2146, we will send this number out to all on Compass when we go 'live' next week.

God Bless
Genevieve Smith
PRINCIPAL

AT A GLANCE

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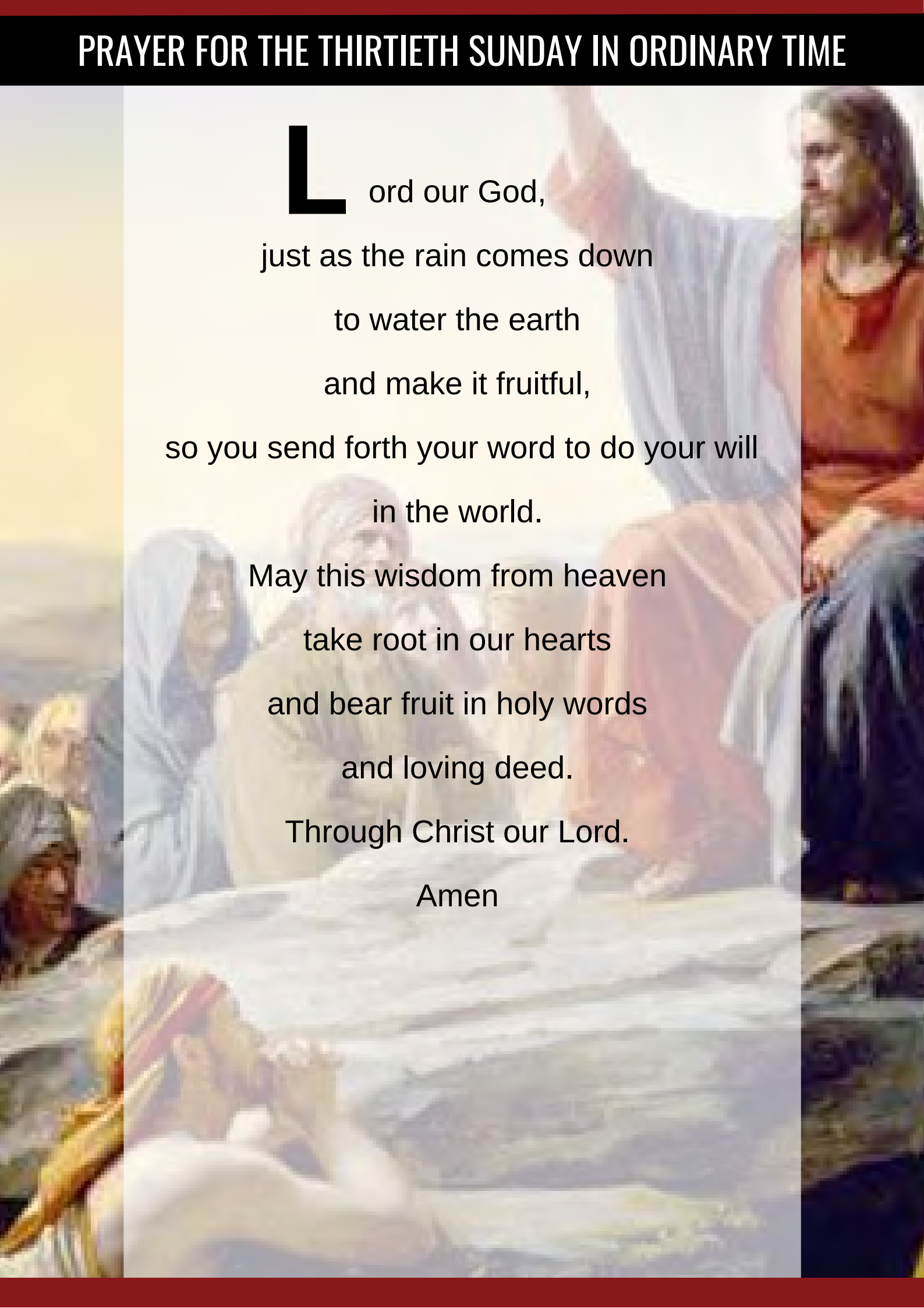
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PRAYER FOR THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Lord our God,
just as the rain comes down
to water the earth
and make it fruitful,
so you send forth your word to do your will
in the world.

May this wisdom from heaven
take root in our hearts
and bear fruit in holy words
and loving deed.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

MISSION MONTH

In the month of October, we celebrate World Mission Month, a month dedicated to the life-giving work of missionaries around the world. This year, we are donating to the people of Timor-Leste and the local communities towards providing life-changing opportunities to those most in need. Pope Francis, in his 2023 World Mission Sunday message, invites everyone to answer the call to "Set our Hearts on Fire and Feet on the Move".

On 19th October, Mr Knight and our Year 6 leaders attended Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral for a Catholic Mission Mass to mark the beginning of Mission Month.



MISSION MONTH

On **Monday 30th October**, we will acknowledge Mission Week. On this day, the children are being encouraged to donate a gold coin to support Catholic Mission for Mission Month. Our contribution no matter how big or small allows Catholic Mission to make extraordinary differences to the lives of many. This year students will once again participate in 'Socktober' which invites students to engage with developing world issues through the universal language of sport. Our students are challenged to 'Sock it to Poverty' using the world game of soccer. Please generously support our mission fundraiser so that we can raise awareness for our brothers and sisters in need in Timor-Leste.



**SOCKTOBER
AT PROUILLE**



**LET'S KICK GOALS FOR GOOD!
MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER**

**WEAR SPORTS SOCKS!
MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER**

Socktober supports the health and education outcomes for children in Timor-Leste.

This year, we are learning about the Venilale community and their specific needs.

Please bring a gold coin on 

Monday 30th October
and wear your sports socks to support your favourite sports team!



socktober.org.au
#Socktober2023
#Socktober4Mission



RELIGIOUS CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Grace King, Year 6, who attended the Showcase Concert on Tuesday night, 24th October, to receive her 2nd place award for 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.



2023 RELIGIOUS CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION
WORKS TO BE INSPIRED BY THIS YEAR'S THEME...
Compassion
"... be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble."
1 Peter 2:8

PROUDLY SUPPORTING THE WORK OF MARY MAC'S PLACE

Join us for the ultimate celebration of creativity and talent at Catholic Schools Broken Bay's highly anticipated competition. Open to all students from kindergarten to Year 10, this event features five exciting categories, including visual arts, dance, drama, music, and short film. Finalists will have the opportunity to perform or display their work at a special 'Showcase' performance evening, with industry performers and judges in attendance. Don't miss out on this incredible chance to showcase your creative talent!

MORE INFO
Entries Close 18 August 2023

Stage 1 - Competition closes 18 August 2023.
Stage 2 - Finalists judging 7 September 2023.
Stage 3 - Finalists showcase evening 24th October 2023.

Register your interest at your school and mark the important dates on your calendar. Get ready to make your mark in the world of art and entertainment!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Broken Bay



WORLD TEACHER'S DAY 2023

Today, Friday 27th October, is World Teacher's Day. At Assembly, the teachers were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their hard work during the year.

The theme for 2023 World Teacher's Day is "Hats Off to Teachers" so we produced their certificates using this theme. Also, because we just think all our staff really enjoy the chance to wear some crazy hats!

We are so grateful for our teachers and staff at Prouille!



WORLDTEACHERSDAY.EDU.AU

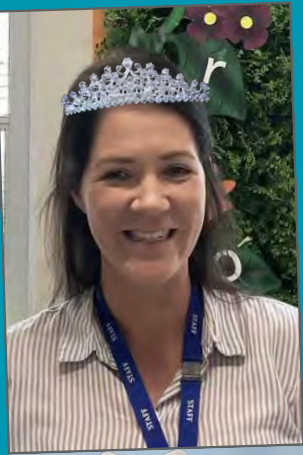
WORLD
TEACHERS'
DAY

CELEBRATE!

HATS OFF

TO TEACHERS





#WORLDTEACHERSDAY2023

HATS OFF TO TEACHERS

RAD!

CELEBRATE!

COOL!

INSPIRING!



WORLD TEACHER'S DAY 2023

Thank you to the Prouille P & F and the Learning Support Assistants for the lunch and the morning tea they provided for teachers to celebrate World Teacher's Day!



THANK YOU!



SCHOOL UPDATES

WELCOME TO THE WORLD

*Maisie Grace
Willard*

Born on 4th October, weighing 3.71kg and 50cm long. She is absolutely gorgeous! Older sister, Evie, absolutely adores her! Congratulations to the Willard family!



SCHOOL UPDATES

Happy 70th
Birthday

QUEEN
CAROL

Happy 70th Birthday to our amazing Senior School Services Officer, Mrs Carol White!

As you will be aware, Carol is the front face of Prouille and the absolute heart and soul of the school as our first connection point with parents and students.

Last Friday, 20th October, Carol celebrated her 70th birthday (although she actually looks 60!). All day she was showered with gifts by families, staff and our beautiful students. Our students continually came to the office with gifts and at some stages, poems and songs for Carol! She had the best day ever!

Thank you Carol for the hard work that you do. We are immensely grateful for your longstanding position with us and your laughter and cheer every single day, you lift everyone's spirits and no job is too small for you! So many of our returning families return to Prouille with their own children, and remember Carol from when they went to school!

Do you have a story to share about Carol? We would love to create a book of memories for Carol...(although she has assured us she will be here for a long time to come, thank goodness!)

Please email Stephanie at stephanie.pickford@dbb.catholic.edu.au so we can compile a special gift for our amazing lady.



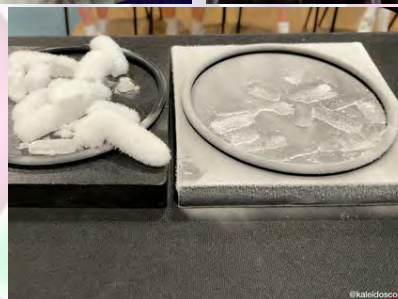
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SCIENCE INCURSION

On 10th October, we had the immense pleasure of welcoming **Kaleidoscope: School Science Incursions** to Prouille for an absolutely kaleidoscopic - and sometimes catastrophic! - science spectacular!

Our students were amazed by the vast array of thrills and spills in the science world, presented by our science specialist, Mitch.

Thank you so much such an entertaining and educational morning!



SCHOOL UPDATES

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

We were so excited to receive brand new playground equipment, which was installed over the last school holidays. It was so wonderful to see our Kindy students enjoy it when they commenced at the beginning of Term Four!

Since then, it has been play 'hot spot' for all of our student every recess and lunch time.



SCHOOL UPDATES

BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES



Thanks to our amazing fundraiser on 18th September, we have raised over \$1,400 which is being used to make our breast cancer care hampers. We have also approached several large companies who have donated products to contribute to our care hampers, such as Wrigley's and Sanitarium.

On Friday 17th November (Week 6), we will be holding a second fundraising day (sports obstacle course). Students will be encouraged to make a gold coin donation and to wear **PINK** if they would like to participate! It should be a very exciting and fun day.

Further details will be sent shortly.



CLASSROOM NEWS

KINDY NEWS - ST IVES WILDFLOWER GARDEN

On Tuesday 24th October, Kindy went on an excursion to the St Ives Wildflower Garden. This was part of their studying of Science and Technology and learning about Living Things.



CLASSROOM NEWS

YEAR 1 NEWS - "POPCORN!"

Last week, Year 1 Rosellas conducted a science experiment using their senses to explore unpopped kernels and popped popcorn. They took some photos to document their investigations.

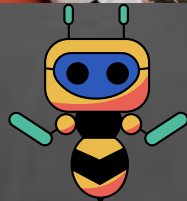


CLASSROOM NEWS



KINDY KOALAS CODING THE BLUE BOTS

This week, Kindergarten Koalas worked with Miss McCowage and Mrs Lees to start to learn about early coding skills and are using the blue bots to learn these skills.



PROUILLE PARENTING SESSIONS

Prouille Parent Series Tweens to Teens – Better Conversation Techniques to Help Relationships Thrive

8 November 2023: 7 – 8 pm Online via Zoom - RSVP Here:

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

Christmas Art Workshops. **24 November and 1 December 9 am – 1.30pm.**

Paint your own beautiful icon for Christmas.

RSVP here

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

PARENT PRAYERS

Every Friday in the school chapel 1.50 pm (we finish before assembly).

Come and pray for your children. A parent's prayers are powerful

CUPPA IN THE PARK

9am - 10 am. Dates for this Term: 22 November, 6 December. We meet near the playground. Little ones are welcome. BYO chair and coffee. If the weather is fine it's on. If it is raining, it's off.

Casual catch with other parents. All are welcome.

MERIT AWARDS - TERM 4

2023 Merit Awards Term 4 Weeks 1 to 2

Class	Week 1	Week 2
Kindy Koala	Diyako Arbabzadeh & Harper Johnson	Christian Courtney & Isaac Limbers Hoare
Kindy Kangaroo	Chloe Cooper & Daniel Eghlima	Sebastian Gonzales & Hazel Schoenmaker
Year 1 Lyrebird	Aiden Ji & Elizaveta Usoltseva	Maggie McInnes & Luke McVeigh
Year 1 Rosella	Christian Arruzza, Bena Chomprasert & Franchesca Cabahug	Anja Cronin, Harshini Hariprasath & Tristan Jaoudat
Year 2 Emu	Eliza Magpayo, Charlotte Sukari & Henry Wang	Alice Lo, William Moraleda & Yashlin Manigandan
Year 3 Platypus	Thomas Livingstone-Blevins & Claudio Serva	Alisha Ahmed & Angus Kerr
Year 4 Dingo	Luca Gemayel & Angus Mithieux	Sofia Campisi, Liam Duggan & Amelia Cooper
Year 4 Kookaburra	Emma Minna & Alexander Moraleda	Joshua McKie & Flynn Murray
Year 5 Echidna	William Groom & Sophia Torbarac	Harriet Chenney & Orlando Cain
Year 6 Wallaby	Grace King & Emma Murray	Alfred Mina & Kate Chappel

TERM 4 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Quick Reference Guide to Upcoming Events for Term 4 Link to Website Calendar			
TERM 4 2023			
3	24/10	Kindergarten and Year 1 Excursion	K-1
	27/10	Year 2 Excursion	Year 2
4	30/10	Sports socks on Monday to "Kick Off" Mission Week	K-6
	3/11	All Saints Liturgy at Assembly - 2.15pm	K-6
5	8/11	Kindy 2024 Orientation Day 1	2024 Kindy
	10/11	Remembrance Day Liturgy - 10.30am NO ASSEMBLY	K-6 Parents
6	14/11	Year 6 Night of the Notables	Year 6 and families
	15/11	Kindy 2024 Orientation Day 2 & Parent Information Night	2024 Kindy
8	27/10 To 30/10	Year 1 & Year 2 Swimming Program Hornsby Aquatic Centre	Year 1 & Year 2
9	4/12	Year 3 to 6 Surf Education	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
	5/12	School Musical Performance 1	
	7/12	School Musical Performance 2	
	8/12	"Step-Up Promotions" (Meet your 2024 Teacher and class) Semester 2 Reports released on Compass	K-5
10	12/12	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			

CHILDHOOD ANXIETY SEMINARS

Wayahead Mental Health Association NSW delivers **Small Steps: Childhood Anxiety seminars** to school communities across NSW. We have a range of seminars to suit your school community - both face to face and online via Zoom.

Small Steps: Separation Anxiety (preparing for big school- 60 minutes)

For Early Stage 1, Stage 1 teachers and support teachers; for Kindy orientation in Term 4 or Kindy - Year 2 parents in Term 1

Small Steps: Childhood Anxiety K-6 (90 minutes)

For K-6 teachers and support staff; for K-6 parents/carers at any time of the year

Small Steps: Transition to High School (60 minutes)

For Stage 3 teachers and school support staff; for parents/carers of Yr. 5 and 6 students

For more information, please contact

monique.brunello@wayahead.org.au



BUTTERFLY BODY BRIGHT



Butterfly Body Bright takes a whole school approach to support positive body image in children.

Developed by Butterfly's Prevention Team, Body Bright is a strength-based, evidence-informed program designed for Australian primary schools – for students in Foundation to Year 6.

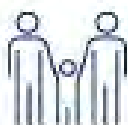
Website: www.butterflybodybright.org.au



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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.

For further information, contact Sandhini Chaudhary
E: sandhini.chaudhary@transport.nsw.gov.au
P: 0466 343 704



School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info/trip-planner](#) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

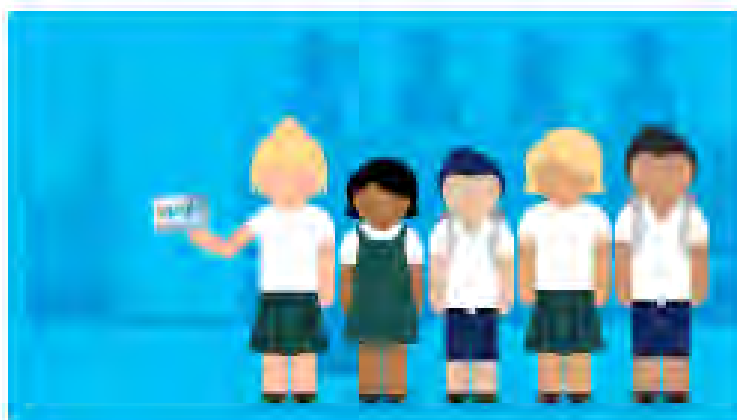
Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](#)