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PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations CLASS OF 2023



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As we end another incredible academic year, I find myself reflecting on the numerous achievements, growth, and memorable moments that have defined our Prouille community. It has been a year of learning, collaboration, wonderful events and shared successes that could not have been possible without the unwavering support of our dedicated staff and parents.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your commitment to your child's education and your active involvement in our school community. Your enthusiasm and engagement have played a pivotal role in creating a positive and nurturing environment for our students to thrive.

As we prepare for a well-deserved break, I want to take a moment to wish you and your loved ones a holiday season filled with joy and peace. May this time be an opportunity to cherish the special moments with family and friends, and to rejuvenate for the upcoming year.

On behalf of the entire Prouille staff, I want to express our deepest appreciation for your continued partnership. We look forward to the opportunities and challenges the new year will bring, confident that together, we will achieve even greater heights.

Wishing you a Holy, safe, and restful holiday season.

God Bless
Genevieve

AT A GLANCE

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PRAYER FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lord God,

You promise to send us joy beyond
all telling.

Let your blessing come upon us as we
wait for your promised Light
to dispel the darkness of our minds
and hearts.

Send your peace into the world,
and may the fire of your love fill our hearts
and make us one with you and with
each other.

We ask this through the Great Light,
Jesus Christ,
who enlightens and encourages
us always.

Amen

TERM 1 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Please find below the dates for the first couple of weeks for Term 1 2024. This will be updated as more dates and events are confirmed. Please note the first days of school for the year occurs in **WEEK 0**. This is the numbering system across the diocese and in public schools as well.

Quick Reference Guide to Upcoming Events for Term 1 2024			
Link to Website Calendar			
Week	TERM 1 2024		
0	Tuesday 30/1	Staff Development Day	No Student attendance
	Wednesday 31/1	Years 1 to 6 First Day of Term 1	Years 1-6
	Wednesday 31/1	Kindergarten Best Start Assessment Day 1	Kindy by appointment
	Thursday 1/2	Kindergarten Best Start Assessment Day 2	Kindy by appointment
	Friday 2/2	Kindergarten 2024 First Day	Kindy
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2	Monday 12/2	Prouille Swimming Carnival	Yrs 2-6 (Age Based)
	Friday 16/2	Assembly 2.30 - School Hall	K-6 Parents welcome

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS - TERM 4

Term 4 Principal's Awards 2023

<i>Kindy Kangaroo</i>	<i>Arabella Richards</i>	<i>Sebastian Gonzalez</i>
<i>Kindy Koala</i>	<i>Harper Johnson</i>	<i>Diyako Arbabzadeh</i>
<i>Year 1 Lyrebird</i>	<i>Ruofan Liu</i>	<i>Sophia Kudelia</i>
<i>Year 1 Rosella</i>	<i>Oliver Clump</i>	<i>Bena Chomprasert</i>
<i>Year 2 Emu</i>	<i>James Murray</i>	<i>Alice Lo</i>
<i>Year 3 Platypus</i>	<i>Louisson Palmer</i>	<i>Viaan Singh</i>
<i>Year 4 Dingo</i>	<i>Joseph Slade</i>	<i>Abigail Jordaan</i>
<i>Year 4 Kookaburra</i>	<i>Luke Wilson</i>	<i>Isaac Holland Lopez</i>
<i>Year 5 Echidna</i>	<i>Jack Wilson</i>	<i>Aurelia Bell</i>
<i>Year 6 Wallaby</i>	<i>Annabelle Haigh</i>	<i>Zara Leach</i>

CONGRATS

WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

SCHOOL UPDATES

YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS

On Tuesday, our Year Six students attended their Graduation Mass at Holy Name Parish in the attendance in teachers, family and friends. Thank you to Father Kelvin who performed a beautiful Mass.

Each student was individually acknowledged for completing his or her education at Prouille. We are so proud of our Year Six students. They have matured into resilient, responsible, capable and well-rounded individuals. We will miss each one of them.

Congratulations to the following award winners:-

The Endeavour Award - Sivani Kethekeyan
The Mary MacKillop Award - Emma Murray
The Mayors Leadership Award - Adele Scully
The Veritas Award - Madeliene Goodwin



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YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS



CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

To support the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal this year, Prouille had asked for food and Christmas donations to bring some cheer to families less fortunate than us during the festive season. Each grade was allocated specific items which they could donate and together this completed hampers for families in need. We received a very generous amount of donations from each grade and we thank you for your generosity. We would also like to thank the volunteers on the day who spent many hours putting together the hampers.



**THANK
YOU!**



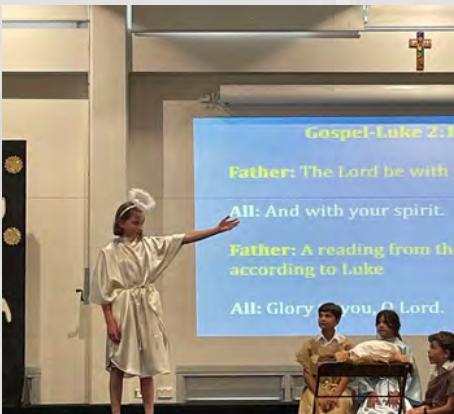
SCHOOL UPDATES

END OF YEAR MASS

On Wednesday, Prouille celebrated the upcoming festive period with an end of year mass for Kindergarten to Years 5.

Each of our classes played a part in the mass including portraying the nativity scene and singing Christmas carols.

Thank you to Father Kelvin who conducted the Mass.



SCHOOL UPDATES

DARE TO DREAM SCHOOL MUSICAL

Last week, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Prouille held its first whole school musical since before lockdown.

A whole musical, as many of you will appreciate, is a huge undertaking. Producing the musical, auditions and weeks and weeks of rehearsals.

Congratulations to our students for your dedication to the entire musical process and how you absolutely flourished on stage during the performances! It was so amazing to watch.

Thank you to our teachers and families who supported the entire process.

A special thank you to Prouille music teacher, Mrs Emma Jones, who wrote and produced the musical.

A special mention to Grace King in Year 6 who performed her composition “Beautiful Things” which was awarded second place in the Religious Creative Arts Competition (Stage 3 Composition category). Thank you also to Adele Scully who spent hours writing the script!



SCHOOL UPDATES

SPORTS & ART PARTY

❤️ FIGHT CANCER - IT'S THE ANSWER! ❤️

Recently, our Year 5 students led the way in our campaign for cancer awareness and fundraising with our Sports & Art Party today, which was overwhelmingly supported by the whole school.

There was a sea of PINK throughout the school, which was an amazing sight to behold!

Next year's School Captain, Jocelyn Gibbs, engaged our students in their activities which were:

Painting canvases by class - each of our classes painted by one canvas. Every student had the chance to contribute to this canvas so they represent artworks formed by all the class students. The creations are just stunning and an array of beautiful colours and textures - see the photos attached! We hope to be displaying these canvases at our musical performance nights next week; and

Sports events - including an obstacle course, soccer games, soccer drills, french cricket, novelty games (sack races, egg and spoon etc), parachute games and more!

Thank you to all our teachers and students who participated so well in the events and wore their pink outfits with pride. Thank you so much to Year 5 for your amazing organisation and the handmade items you were selling at your stall today.

Thank you to our families who donated to our breast cancer initiative.

Apologies from Ava Munce, next year's Vice Captain, who was so sad to miss today but unfortunately too unwell to attend. We missed you Ava!

Super proud, Prouille!



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THEY DID IT!!



Wednesday the 13th December saw the culmination of Josie Gibbs and Ava Munce's special project when they accompanied Ms Smith to the The San Hospital Cancer Care Clinic to deliver the bespoke hampers to the unit.

This project took over 3 terms to complete and taught the girls some valuable lessons in project planning and management!

This was only made possible by the generous spirit and donations of the Prouille community, both students and parents. Thank you all for joining in our fight for this important cause.

STAFF & P&F FAREWELLS

We are very sad to announce the following farewells from the P & F and the Prouille family:



Ana Seput - Prouille P&F President

Thank you to Ana who has been a fantastic head of the Prouille P&F this year! (Jointly with Colleen Haigh).

Thank you for all your hard work. You will be very much missed.

Michelle Lees - Prouille Treasurer

Thank you so much to Michelle who has been a wonderful Treasurer this year! Michelle, you will be greatly missed!

Lea Meed - Crossing Guard

Thank you Lea for your wonderful work as our Prouille Crossing Guard. We are deeply appreciative of your work and keeping our students safe. You will be missed here by the staff and families of Prouille.

Emma Jones - Music Teacher

Thank you being the Prouille music teacher for 2 years.

Your talent and passion for music was obvious in the way you structured your music lessons and shared your knowledge with the students.



STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Mrs Catherine Davidson, Mrs Rebecca Runnalls, Mrs Stephanie Pickford and Mrs Kate Roberts



HAPPY
Birthday

CLASSROOM NEWS

YEAR 4 NEWS - DANCING

Year 4 have put on their dance moves this term. They have participated in learning a range of dance moves including hip hop, line dance and even Thriller! Needless to say, students had a great time learning these awesome dance moves!



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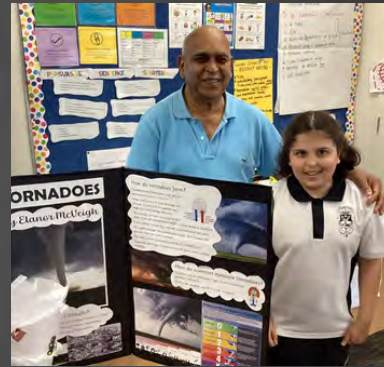
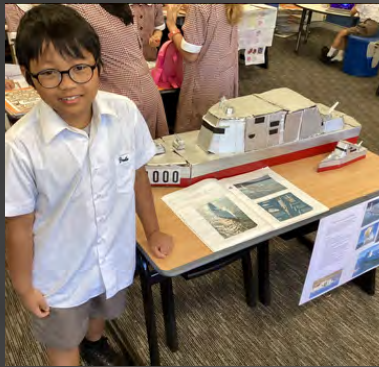
YEAR 3 NEWS - CURIOSITY PROJECT SHOWCASE

Recently, our Year 3 students hosted an Open Morning to showcase their "Curiosity Project" creations which were a result of their student-led, inquiry-based project work.

It was fantastic to see our students enjoy the process of discussing their projects with our visitors and answering their questions.

We are immensely proud of our students' hard work and commitment throughout their project work and their amazing results.

Well done Year 3!



CLASSROOM NEWS

YEARS 3 TO 6 - SURF EDUCATION

Recently, our Years 3 to 6 students participated in a 'Surf Awareness & Surf Skills' program at Dee Why Beach.

The program was run by Surf Education Australia and our students learnt about:

Rip education, identification and survival by demonstration;
Still water assessment and basic aquatic survival skills;
How to paddle a foam surfboard and catching waves; and
Surf negotiation and body surfing

This was a wonderful and very important experience for our students.



CLASSROOM NEWS



KINDY ALPHABET DAY

Recently, our Kindies enjoyed a day called "I've Learned All My Sounds Day".

This was a day for our Kindy students to celebrate their learning. They have successfully learnt all their sounds and digraphs.

They dressed up in mufti, decorated letter biscuits, did some alphabet yoga and played alphabet games.

It was a fun day!



THANK YOU PROUILLE P & F



Prouille staff would like to thank the P & F for the beautiful Christmas brunch they provided today. It was greatly appreciated by all.

PEC NEWS

I really cannot believe it is the last newsletter for 2023! Thank you parents for making me feel so welcome as your PEC and for participating in the activities. Coming up in 2024:-

The Prouille Parent Series will continue with a focus on what parents can do to assist their children with wellbeing with a focus on friendships and relationships and becoming the best young person they can be.

Talks for Mothers – hosted in the parish A Fathers' group – hosted in the parish

At least one local pilgrimage Cuppa in the Park

Parents' Prayer on Fridays before the assembly More art workshops linked to the liturgical season

As always please feel free to contact me jacqui.vandavelde@dbb.catholic.edu.au

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

ACTION MUSIC

Dear Prouille community

Our school is offering individual instrumental lessons during school hours. Kids have an opportunity to have 30 mins lessons each week during the school term. This is an extra cellular program that is run by professional peripatetic music teachers.

In 2024 we are offering tuition in Violin – email Elena - etabolkina@yahoo.com

Cello – email Helen - hlmbyrne@yahoo.com

All other instruments please email Kate – kate@actionmusic.com.au

MERIT AWARDS - TERM 4

2023 Merit Awards Term 4 Weeks 7 & 8

Class	Week 7	Week 8
Kindy Koala	Zoe Leutogi & Zach Zizza	Dylan Issavi & Alice Devries
Kindy Kangaroo	Maggie Gouveia & Damon Abbasi	James Glavac & Reginald Chrystal
Year 1 Lyrebird	Clementine Goron-Sincere, William Belsey & Massimo Campisi	Liam Behnam, Isla Coupland & Charlie Fulllove
Year 1 Rosella	Edward Mouawad & Archie Ronald	Savannah McKie, Lucy Williams & Christian Arruzza
Year 2 Emu	Vera Chrystal, Cara Polselli & Isla Leutogi	Milan Tabar, Macayla Motlagh & Stella D'Souza
Year 3 Platypus	Eleanor McVeigh & Elizabeth Bizannes	Georgie Gouveia & Daisy Meyyappan
Year 4 Dingo	Harry Brady, Alisha Senn & Allegra Polselli	Angus Webb, Maximillian Richards & Evie Jones
Year 4 Kookaburra	Elsie Adkins, Max Jacodat, Frank Wilson	Isaac Holland Lopez, Grace Douglas,
Year 5 Echidna	Amelie Boon & Alice Hallam-McCallam	Josie Gibbs & Ava Munce
Year 6 Wallaby	Ariz Ahmed & Adele Scully	Zara Leach & Isabelle Ong-Grimes

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Carols in the Garden

Holy Name Parish Church, 35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga.

Saturday 16 December 2023 6:00pm-8:30pm

*Featuring the combined choirs and musicians of
Holy Name Parish and schools
with lots of singalong carols.*

Everyone welcome. Invite your neighbours & friends to join us.

In the event of wet weather, we will have a carol concert in the Church instead.

Bring your own

- *Nibbles, food and drink.*
- *Picnic rug, camping chairs/table*

ALSO

*There will be delicious Paella
available for purchase.*



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.

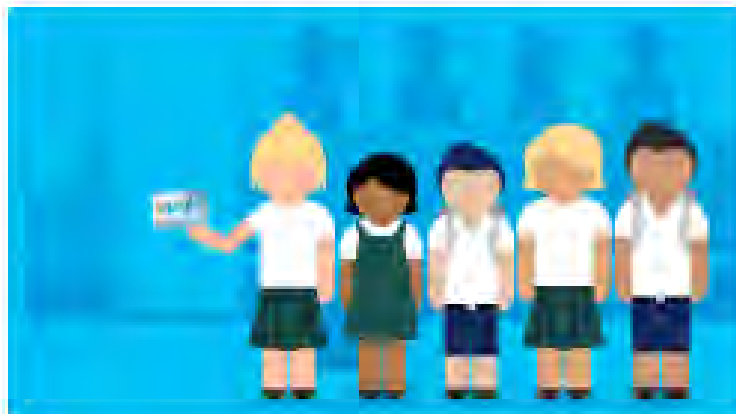
Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

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](#)

WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS?

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC CHURCH, WAHROONGA

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS PRACTICES

35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga ph 9489 3221 ALL WELCOME

First Practice: Wednesday 13 December 3.45pm-4.30pm

- * **Children** - Allocation of roles, jobs (prayers and readings etc), and sorting out costumes
- * If you cannot make this practice, please contact Sally Oong asap to discuss a role for your child.
- * All children can be an Angel or a Shepherd, as long as they can attend the 2nd or 3rd practice.

Second Practice: Saturday 16 December 9.00am - 11:00am

- * **Children, Singers, Dancers, Musicians** - run through of Nativity Play for Gospel, some carols plus children to practise Readings, Angels' Dance, Drummer Boy, 3 Kings, Prayers.

Third Practice: Thursday 21 December 10.00am-12noon

- * **Children, Singers and all Musicians** - total run through Nativity, Readings etc and all the carols

MASS: **Christmas Eve Mass 5PM on Sunday 24 December**

Carols from 4.30pm, then Mass at 5.00pm

PLEASE arrive by 4pm to organise costumes and seating

For more details, please contact Sally Oong, Children's Sacramental Co-ordinator
email: sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or at the Parish office - phone: 9489 3221

The more Shepherds, Angels and Animals, the merrier!

ALL PARENTS/CARERS are very welcome to come and help, please.



Christmas Mass Times at Holy Name Wahroonga

Sunday, 24th December

Christmas Eve, we will celebrate 2 Masses:

5.00pm Children's Mass (Carols from 4.30pm)

and

7.30pm Mass

Monday, 25th December

Christmas Morning we will celebrate 2 Masses:

8.00am and 9.30am

No evening Mass on Christmas Day.

