



# PROUILLE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Veritas Voice

### PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## AT A GLANCE

As we continue to navigate the digital landscape and engage in various online platforms, I would like to bring to your attention an important matter that concerns the privacy and well-being of our students.

Principal's  
Message

In recent times, we have observed an increase in the use of our students' names in social media posts and online chats. While we understand the need to be aware of the interactions of children on the playground and in the classroom, it is crucial that we approach such interactions with sensitivity and respect.

Term 1 Calendar

School Events

Each family has its unique circumstances, and sharing information without the full context can unintentionally create misunderstandings and even compromise a child's privacy. Therefore, I kindly request that, when mentioning our students in online conversations, we exercise caution and consider the following guidelines:

School Updates

- **Respect Privacy:** Avoid disclosing personal or sensitive information about any student without explicit consent from their parents or guardians.
- **Consider the Context:** Before making any assumptions or judgments based on limited information, keep in mind that there may be factors not visible in the online realm.
- **Seek Permission:** When sharing stories or achievements involving other students, especially those outside your family, seek permission from their parents or guardians.
- **Use Discretion:** Refrain from making comments or sharing information that could be potentially harmful or embarrassing to a student.

ICAS Updates

Playground News

Sporting  
Updates

By using these guidelines, we can create a digital environment that promotes understanding, empathy, and respect. We should be working together to foster a supportive community where every child feels secure and valued.

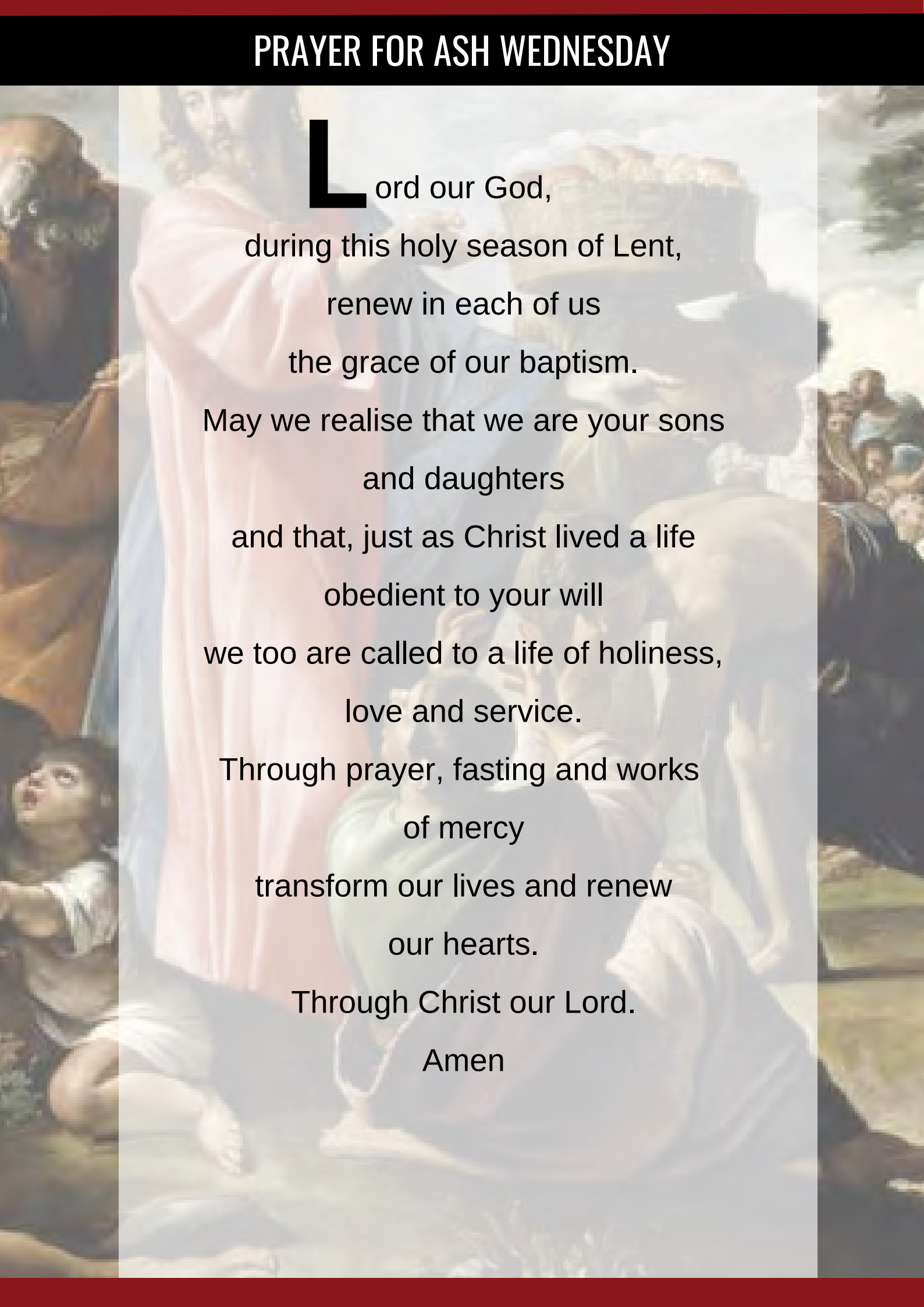
School News

Sincerely  
Genevieve Smith

PEC Update

Merit Awards

# PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



**L**ord our God,  
during this holy season of Lent,  
renew in each of us  
the grace of our baptism.  
May we realise that we are your sons  
and daughters  
and that, just as Christ lived a life  
obedient to your will  
we too are called to a life of holiness,  
love and service.  
Through prayer, fasting and works  
of mercy  
transform our lives and renew  
our hearts.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen

# 2024 CALENDAR

## Quick Reference Guide to Upcoming Events for Term 1 2024

[Link to Website Calendar](#)



### TERM 1 2024

Week	Date	Event	Grade
6	13/3	NAPLAN Commences (Continues over 2 weeks)	Yrs 3 and 5
7	18/3	NAPLAN Continues	Yrs 3 & 5
	20/3	PROUILLE OPEN DAY (For prospective 2025 parents)	2025 Parents
	22/3	Harmony Day (Multi-Day, Cultural Dress, Orange) Liturgy 9.00am (Parents Welcome) and Open Classrooms from 9.15-9.45	All Grades
8	25/3	Prouille Cross Country (Gillespie Fields - Knox)	All Grades
	26/3	Holy Week Liturgies	All Grades
	29/3	Good Friday - <b>NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE</b>	
9	1/4	Public Holiday - <b>NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE</b>	
	2/4	Staff Development Day - <b>NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE</b>	
	3/4	Students return after Easter long weekend Easter Liturgy	All Grades
	5/4	P&F End of Term Lunch	All Grades
10	10/4	End of Term Assembly and Student of the Term Awards - 2.30 School Hall	All Grades
	11/4	STUDENTS' LAST DAY OF TERM 1	
	12/4	Staff Development Day - <b>NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE</b>	
<b>TERM 2 2024</b>			
1	29/4	Staff Development Day - <b>NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE</b>	
	30/4	Students first day of Term 2	All Grades
	30/4	ANZAC DAY Liturgy	All Grades
	3/5	Whole School Assembly	All Grades

# SCHOOL EVENTS

## OPENING SCHOOL MASS & LEADERSHIP INDUCTION

Prouille celebrated its Opening School Mass to commemorate the start of the school year. Thank you to Father Kelvin and Year 3 Platypus who conducted a beautiful ceremony for us. Thank you also to our families who attended.

The ceremony was followed by the induction of our Year 6 leadership team. Congratulations to all our leaders, we are so proud of your achievements.

Our Year 6 leadership team comprises:

- ☀ School Captains: Jocelyn G and Luke R
- ☀ Vice Captains: Ava M and Matthew P
- ☀ Technology Captains: Aurelia B, Grace C, William G, Charlie S and Harrison K
- ☀ Environmental Captains: Illaria R, Ayan K and Siddarth K
- ☀ Library Captains: Alex S, Nicholas H, Isis N, Ethan W and Sophia
- 💙 Blue House Captains: Jared L and Jack W
- ❤ Red House Captains: Alice HM and Darcy C
- 🟡 Gold House Captains: Georgia K and Gabriella R
- 💚 Green House Captains: Orlando C and Harriet C

Congratulations to our Semester 1 SRC Captains who also received awards today.



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## DIOCESAN SCHOOLS' STAFF MASS

Last Thursday, staff across CSBB were invited to attend a Diocesan Schools' Staff Mass by Bishop Anthony Randazzo and Mr Danny Casey. This was held at the The Light of Christ Centre in Waitara..

This is an annual event to celebrate the commencement of the new school year, commission new staff members and recognise staff for their years of service.

A huge congratulations to Mr Brendan Chacon and Miss Samantha Hill, who were commissioned as teachers into CSBB.

We are very fortunate to have Mr Chacon and Miss Hill as valued members of Prouille.



# SCHOOL UPDATES

## HARMONY DAY/PROJECT COMPASSION

Harmony Day is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. The message for Harmony Day this year is that “Everyone Belongs”, which means all Australians, regardless of their background, belong to this country and are a special part of the community. It is about community participation, inclusiveness and respect. On Friday 22nd of March, Prouille will celebrate Harmony Day with a school liturgy and activities. The colour associated with Harmony Day is orange. On the day the children are being encouraged to either wear something orange or to wear something that symbolises their cultural background. In conjunction with Harmony Day, we will also incorporate our Project Compassion fundraising where we ask students to donate a gold coin. Your generous support can help to change the lives of some of the world’s most vulnerable people.

On Friday 22nd March all parents are invited to a special liturgy in the hall at 9.00am and then to Open Classrooms from 9.15 to 9.45am



Harmony Day 2023

# SCHOOL UPDATES

## PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEO PERMISSION FORMS

Just a reminder to parents to complete the photography and video permission form in Compass which was posted on 17 January. CSBB is in the process of rolling out photo software named "Pixevety", which is a private and secure media storage solution using biometric facial recognition to identify students correctly. Pixevety has vast functionality including the ability to produce internal galleries of photos for parents' viewing.

## NAPLAN 2024

### Prouille NAPLAN Sessions 2024

	Year 3	Year 5
Wednesday 13th March 9.30am	Writing	Writing
Monday 18th March 9.30am	Reading	Reading
Tuesday 19th March 9.30am	Conventions of Language	Conventions of Language
Thursday 21st March 9.30am	Numeracy	Numeracy

- All students need to complete the tests in the above order.
- Should your child be absent on the above days or times, make-up sessions will be held in the days in between to ensure they are completed in order.
- All make-up sessions will be held in the office under test conditions.
- Year 3 Writing make-up sessions **HAVE TO BE COMPLETED BY** the 18th March
- All other make-up sessions need to be completed by Monday the 25th March



# 2024 ICAS

## What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling Bee, and Digital Technologies.

To learn more about this year's exciting ICAS competition visit:  
([icasassessments.com/products-icas/](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/))

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices **here**: ([icasassessments.com/products-icas/](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/))
2. Go to the Parent Portal to sign up to chosen subject areas.
3. Enter our school's access code – **MDR255**
4. Enter your child's details, select the subject areas your child would like to participate in, then proceed to payment.

After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

All assessments will be conducted online, at school. We will notify you of the date(s) that we will run ICAS assessments, and when your child's ICAS results are ready. Your child's ICAS certificates will be delivered to school.

## ICAS sitting windows per subject

Subject	Sitting window
Digital Technologies	5 - 9 August 2024
Writing	5 - 9 August 2024
English	12 - 16 August 2024
Science	19 - 23 August 2024
Spelling Bee	19 - 23 August 2024
Mathematics	26 - 30 August 2024

# YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP DAY AT BRIGIDINE

Recently, our Year 6 students had a Leadership Day at Brigidine College with other local Catholic schools. They worked with Year 10 girls at Brigidine through a series of challenges and activities designed to reveal our students' leadership qualities and individual strengths, whilst building skills in teamwork, communication, cooperation and perseverance. Well done to our Year 6 students for participating. It was a fantastic day!



# KINDIES LEARN SOCCER!

Recently, our Kindies had soccer training with the Prouille FC coaches.

They had a great time trying to kick the ball and score goals!

Way to go, Kindies!



# YEAR 6 PE LESSON



# SPORTING UPDATES

## CLUSTER CARNIVAL

Well done to all our students who participated in the Cluster Swimming Carnival yesterday! Our students raced beautifully and were fantastic sporting ambassadors for Prouille.

The following students are through to the Broken Bay Diocesan Carnival on 12th March:

Boys 11 Year 50 LC Metre Freestyle - Frank W

Boys 12 Year 50 LC Metre Freestyle - Jack W

Boys 12-13 Year 50 LC Metre Butterfly - Jack W

Boys 11 Year 50 LC Metre Breaststroke - Isaac HL

Boys 12-13 Year 50 LC Metre Breaststroke - Jack W

Boys 11 Year 50 Metre Backstroke - Luke R

Boys 12-13 Year 50 Metre Backstroke - Jack W

Boys 11-13 Year 4 x 50 Metre Freestyle Relay - Jack W, Frank W, Isaac HL, Joseph S

Well done, Prouille!!



# SCHOOL NEWS - KINDERGARTEN

## WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT!



Last week, our Kindies read the book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" for the first time.

Afterwards, they decided to go on a "Principal Hunt"!

They scoured the whole school looking for Mrs Smith and finally ended up finding her...after much excitement!



## KINDY KOALAS

One of the tasks the Kindy Koalas is currently working on is making patterns in Kindy. This includes repeating patterns and staircase patterns.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## YEAR 1 ROSELLA & YEAR 4 KOOKABURRA

This week Year 1 Rosella and Year 4 Kookaburra started Buddy Reading. We will continue these sessions weekly throughout the term to celebrate our love of reading! What a fun way to build on our reading skills!



# PLAYTIME WITH KINDY, YEAR 1 & YEAR 6

We love our mornings in the Veritas playground! The weather has been perfect lately for playground fun for our Kindies and Year 1s and for some much-enjoyed buddy time between our Kindies and Year 6 students.





# SCHOOL UPDATES

## PROUILLE OPEN DAY

We look forward to meeting new families at our first Open Day for the year on **Wednesday 20th March from 9 to 10am.**

**Do you have any neighbours, family members or friends who would like to join our school?**

To register for our Open Day, please click the following link or scan the barcode here. <https://bit.ly/opendays2024>



**Prouille Catholic  
Primary School, Wahroonga**



**OPEN DAY**  
Wednesday 20th March 2024 9-10am

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Scan now to register



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## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Congratulations and welcome to our new Student Representative Council (SRC) members for Semester One 2024.

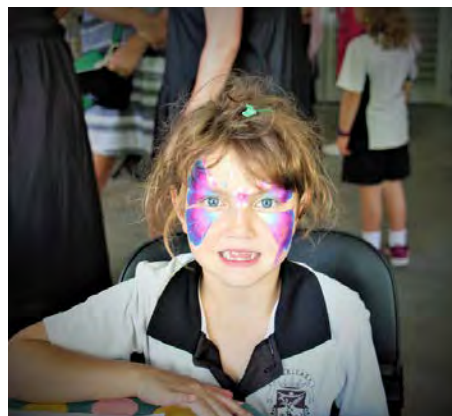
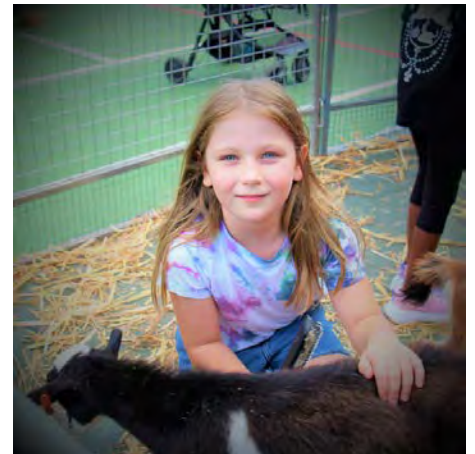
Our new members – Vincent Hanley, Spencer Deed, Hazel Schoenmaker, Arthur Gulson, Edward Mouawad, Aiden Ji, Grace Attwood, Alexander Neal, Joseph Slade, Luke Wilson and Ethan Mbereko – will be led by our school leaders, Josie Gibbs, Luke Ringrose, Ava Munce and Matthew Pepper.

## P & F WELCOME EVENT

Please join us on Friday 22nd March from 3:30pm to 6:30pm for our Prouille Welcome Event!

There will be a free sausage sizzle, petting zoo, hair braiding and face painting and balloon twisting. It is fun for the whole family!

Photos from last year's event attached.



# PEC UPDATE

## **Easter Art Icon Workshops @Prouille**

Make something beautiful for Easter, 15 and 22 March 2024, 9 am – 1.30 pm RSVP here <https://forms.office.com/r/GmaKZaxRX4>

## **Men's Rosary & Bible Study**

The men of HNW meet every fortnight on a Tuesday night to pray the Rosary and read the Gospel. All men welcome. Program 7:00pm Silent prayer in the church 7:10pm Rosary 7:45pm Gospel reflection & discussion 2024 HNW Men's Group Rosary/Bible Study Meetings: March: 12th & 26th, April: 9th & 23rd  
Contact Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069

## **Talk for Mothers**

13 March 7pm, Sunroom at Holy Name Church. This Term's topic "Dealing with Bullies: compassion and strength training for your child"

## **Rosary for Mums**

21 March 7.30 pm at Holy Name Church  
First Friday Mass in the Parish 5 April 9.15 am

Cuppa in the Park. Wahroonga Park every second Wednesday 9am –10 am. Meet near the playground. If it's fine, it's on. Raining it's off. Remaining dates for this Term 20 March, 3 April

Fridays during term Parents Prayers 2pm in the school Chapel. We finish in time for the School Assembly.

Holy Name Parish Trivia Night 18 May in the Prouille Hall – Bookings are now open <https://trybooking.com/CPSZB>

# MERIT AWARDS - TERM 1

## 2024 Merit Awards Term 4 Weeks 3 to 5

Class	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Kindy Koala	Julian Au Duong & Freddie Arndt	Samuel Lowrey & Ellie Gosling	Henry Attwood & Liana Anati
Kindy Kangaroo	Arjun Nath & Tiffany Zerky	Albert Huang & Mae Gulson	Tiger Lane & Abigail Sinclair
Year 1 Lyrebird	Emma Coppock & Younah Naghibi	James Glavac & Ella Campbell	Belle Cooper & River Robinson
Year 1 Rosella	Hazel Schoemaker & Arabella Richards	Reginald Chrystal & Leonard Quarrel	Dylan Issavi & Maggie Gouveia
Year 2 Emu	William Belsey & Clementine Goron-Sincere	Oliver Clump & Maya Anati	Franchesca Cabahug & Tristan Jaoudat
Year 2 Wombat	Anja Cronin & Helena Arora	Aiden Ji & Alexander Gao	Alejandro Fernandez & Fletcher Hill
Year 3 Platypus	Edith Arndt, Elliot Cooper & Edith Gulson	Isla Leutogi, Alice Lo & Amelia Ringrose	Aaryan Dua & Lily Jordaan
Year 4 Kookaburra	Viaan Singh, Amelia Roberts & Lacey Markham	Lucy Tazewell, Angus Walsh & Samudera Indiana	Ian Oh, Elizabeth Bizannes & Amelie Ogden
Year 5 Echidna	Patrick Mouawad & Hamish Ronald	Nicholas Luca & Charlie Kamiya	Joseph Slade & Matilda Quoye
Year 5 Goanna	Matthew Lo & Alexandra Kirby	Flynn Murray & Allegra Polselli	Oliver Dillon & Elsie Adkins
Year 6 Wallaby	Isis Nardi & Matthew Pepper	Ava Munce & Ethan Wang	Darcey Carolan & Siddharth Kelvekar
K-2 Cockatoo	N/A	Tyler Postford	Esther Baumgartner
3-6 Dingo	N/A	Rock Batchelor	Joshua Drummond





# PROUILLE FAMILY WELCOME DAY

Friday 22nd March 2024

3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Lower Playground

Everyone is Welcome!

*Come Join the Fun!*

- Free Sausage Sizzle
- Petting Zoo
- Hair Braiding
- Face Painting
- Balloon Twisting

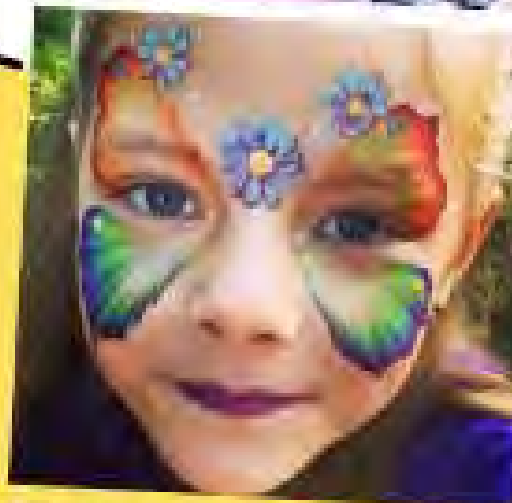


Year 6 will have a cake stall

Cash only

Please bring smaller denominations

Hosted by the Prouille P&F





# CALLING ICE-BLOCK VOLUNTEERS!

Not all heroes wear capes



Looking for parents and carers who would like to volunteer for ice block duty roster for term one and two

**Fridays from 1.20 to 2pm**

**It's actually pretty fun**

Email Katie & Matt if you're keen,  
[prouille.pandf@gmail.com](mailto:prouille.pandf@gmail.com)



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# ST PIUS X COLLEGE CHATSWOOD

# OPEN DAY SATURDAY 16 MARCH

**Chatswood Campus 9am - 2pm**

35 Anderson Street Chatswood

**Oxford Falls Campus 8am - 12noon**

1 Dreadnought Road, Oxford Falls

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL at [www.spx.nsw.edu.au](http://www.spx.nsw.edu.au)**



# St Leo's Catholic College Wahroonga

Scan now  
to register:



## 2024

# OPEN EVENING

## Wednesday 3 April, 3.30–6.30pm



**Priority**  
Feeder School



As a Priority Feeder School, Corpus Christi students are eligible for priority St Leo's entry.\* *Read more*

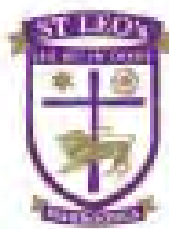
\*Subject to enrolment windows & CSBB Principles

Experience everything St Leo's has to offer:

- Tour our campus
- Hear from the Principal (4, 5 & 6pm)
- Speak with staff & students
- Information stands & BBQ
- Activities, performances & displays
- See our community in action!

Our innovative learning environment, strong academic results, focus on student wellbeing, caring community and personalised approach make St Leo's an exceptional place to learn - that's in very high demand!





**Priority  
Feeder School**



# The St Leo's Priority Feeder School Program

We are proud to partner with our fellow Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) primary schools as part of the St Leo's Priority Feeder School (PFS) Program. The program offers a range of benefits for PFS students and families.



Students also benefit from:

- a range of joint co-curricular activities throughout the year tailored to suit the needs and interests of each Priority Feeder School. These may include CAPA workshops, sports programs, additional transition and orientation programs, and more.
- developing a familiarity with the high school environment, campus and connections with key staff and student mentors, enabling a smoother transition to high school.

As a Priority Feeder School, St Leo's offers students from your school:

- Priority Enrolment at St Leo's\*
- No application fees
- Continuity of values and learning as part of our caring Catholic community of CSBB schools.



\*Priority Enrolment is subject to enrolment windows and based on our guiding CSBB Enrolment Principles document. See our website for full details.

Contact your primary school office or Principal for more information about your St Leo's PFS program. For more information about St Leo's and enrolments, visit:

[stleos.nsw.edu.au](http://stleos.nsw.edu.au)

# NAPLAN Information for parents and carers

## 2024

### Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it is important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

### Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Online NAPLAN tests are designed to provide precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive) which means that each test presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment.

Tailored testing allows a wider range of student abilities to be assessed and measures student achievement more precisely. A student's overall NAPLAN result is based on both the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions challenging; they may be taking a more complex test pathway.

All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

### What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum.

Students sit assessments in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The questions assess content linked to the Australian Curriculum: English and Mathematics.

All government and non-government education authorities contribute to the development of NAPLAN test materials.

To find out more about NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au](http://nap.edu.au).

### Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. ACARA supports inclusive testing, so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program.

Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs.

Schools should work with parents/carers and students to identify, on a case-by-case basis, reasonable adjustments required for individual students with disability to access NAPLAN. Adjustments should reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments.

To help inform these decisions, you may consult the [NAPLAN public demonstration site](#), the [Guide for schools to assist students with disability to access NAPLAN](#), and our [series of videos](#) where parents/carers, teachers and students share their experiences in using NAPLAN adjustments.

In exceptional circumstances, a student with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate in the assessment, or a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

Your school principal and your local test administration authority can give you more information on adjustments for students with disability or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

## What can I do to support my child?

Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests; however, it is not necessary for parents/carers to do this. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

See the types of questions and tools available in the online NAPLAN assessments at [NAP - Public demonstration site](#).

## How is my child's performance reported?

From 2023, NAPLAN results are reported against proficiency standards. There is a standard for each assessment area at each year level. Proficiency standards provide clear information on student achievement. They are set at a challenging but reasonable level expected for the child at the time of NAPLAN testing, based mainly on what has been taught in previous years of schooling. Student achievement is shown against 4 levels of proficiency: Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support.

A NAPLAN individual student report will be provided by your child's school later in the year. If you do not receive a report, you should contact your child's school.

## What if my child is absent from school on NAPLAN test days?

Where possible, schools may arrange for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the school's test schedule.

## How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at [myschool.edu.au](#).

## Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN:

- contact your child's school
- contact your local test administration authority at [nap.edu.au/TAA](#)
- visit [nap.edu.au](#)

To learn how ACARA manages personal information for NAPLAN, visit [nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy](#).

## NAPLAN timetable

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days. This is to accommodate schools that may not have the capacity to complete the tests in a shorter time frame.

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 13 March 2024 and finishes on Monday 25 March 2024. Schools will schedule the tests as soon as possible within the testing window, prioritising the first week.

Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 3 students do the writing test on paper and on day 1 only.</li><li>• Years 5, 7 and 9 writing must start on day 1 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 1 and 2, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations).</li></ul>	Year 3: 40 min Year 5: 42 min Year 7: 42 min Year 9: 42 min	Students are provided with an idea or topic called a "writing stimulus" or "prompt" and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing).
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be completed after the writing test</li></ul>	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts, and then answer related questions.
Conventions of language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be completed after the reading test</li></ul>	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 45 min Year 7: 45 min Year 9: 45 min	Students are assessed on spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Numeracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To be completed after the conventions of language test</li></ul>	Year 3: 45 min Year 5: 50 min Year 7: 65 min Year 9: 65 min	Students are assessed on number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability.

When enrolling your child in the Children's Sacramental Program for the first time, please provide the following:

- Enrolment is online, using the link or QR code on this form
- Photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate, even if they were baptised at Holy Name Parish (it can be emailed or a photocopy brought to Parent Info Night)
- Please email a photo of your child or bring to the Parent Info night or the first lesson or attach the photo to the sheet given to colour in for display at Church.

If, for a good reason, you cannot be present at the Parent Information Session, you must contact the Sacramental Co-ordinator, Mrs Sally Oong, on 9489 3221 in office hours or by email on [sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au) or leave a message at the Parish Office, prior to the specified date, to make alternative arrangements.

If there is a lesson and/or Mass date you cannot attend, please contact Sally before or at the start of the program, or as the need arises, to discuss your situation.

If your child has special needs or a disability we seek to accommodate them in our program so that they may be welcomed and participate in the program in the most helpful way for them. Please call or email Sally Oong for more information:

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# Children's Sacramental Program

## 2024



Reconciliation  
2024



Eucharist  
2024

### Parish Family Mass dates for 2024

We welcome everyone to come along and join in our Family Masses which involve our Parish students and enjoy our special morning tea afterwards.

Our Family Masses are on the following Sundays at 9.30am:

- 17 March (Year 3)
- 7 April (Year 2)
- 23 June (Year 4)
- 11 August (Years 5 & 1)
- 8 September (Years 6 & K)

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**Please note that attendance at the Information Evening for each Sacrament (Parent) and all Sessions/Masses (Parent/child) is compulsory. If this attendance criteria is not fulfilled, your child will not be eligible to celebrate the Sacrament and will be asked to return next year.**



#### RECONCILIATION

(February, March 2024)



Enrolment link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CNSKD>

**Eligibility:** Candidates must be Baptised, have celebrated Confirmation and be in at least Year 4 at school. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated before Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Confirmation will be celebrated in July/August 2024.

#### Parents and Carers - Welcome and Information Evening

Wednesday 21 February, 7-8pm in the Veritas Hall at Prouille School, 5 Water Street, Wahroonga. This is a compulsory information evening for parents/carers, which includes refreshments.

**Attendance is compulsory by one parent/carer on 21 February, 2024.**

#### Group Leader Training:

Wednesday 28 February, 7.00pm, Sunroom at the Church (Leaders only)

#### Sacramental Preparation Groups:

**Meet each week at the Prouille School Hall at 3.45pm.**

These are held at Prouille School, 5 Water St, Wahroonga, on:

Lesson 1: Saturday, 2 March at 3.45pm,

Lesson 2: Saturday, 9 March at 3.45pm,

Lesson 3: Saturday, 16 March at 3.45pm,

with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church and then a sausage sizzle. **(All lessons and Masses are compulsory to attend)**

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Church:

Tuesday 19 March at 6pm



#### FIRST EUCHARIST

(May, June 2024)

**Eligibility:** Candidates must be in at least Year 4 and must celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Reconciliation before the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

#### Parents and Carers - Welcome and Information Evening

Tuesday 7 May, 7-8pm in the Veritas Hall at Prouille School, 5 Water Street, Wahroonga. This is a compulsory information evening for parents/carers, which includes refreshments.

**Attendance is compulsory by one parent/carer on 7 May, 2024.**

#### Group Leader Training:

Wednesday 15 May, 7.00pm, Sunroom at the Church (Leaders only)

#### Sacramental Preparation Groups: Meet at the Prouille School Hall.

These are held at Prouille School, 5 Water St, Wahroonga, on:

Lesson 1: Saturday, 18 May at 3.45pm,

Lesson 2: Saturday, 25 May at 3.45pm,

Lesson 3: Saturday, 1 June at 3.45pm,

with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church and then a sausage sizzle. **(All lessons and Masses are compulsory to attend)**

Practice: Wednesday 12 June at 6.00pm at the Church

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist at the Church:

Sunday 16 June at a special 11.00am Mass