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Veritas Voice

PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Whether you are getting some time away together as a family or just catching up with each other over the next couple of weeks, we wish you all a great break.

Just a reminder that all students are to come back after the break dressed in their winter uniforms. We understand that some items are difficult to source, so please rest assured that the first two weeks of Term 2 can be either full summer or full winter uniform (not a combination of both) until Monday 13th May.

Next term, we will be working with CSBB to encourage all families to ensure their children get to school before bell time. Children who arrive at school just 10 minutes late each day are actually missing the equivalence of 5 full days of school a year. The morning session sets children up for success for the day as well as the many documented benefits of socialising with friends before the school day starts. Our first bell goes at 8.50 and all children should be in class by 8.55am. CSBB will be contacting families who have a proven record of late attendance to develop a plan with them to assist with arriving on time.

God Bless
Genevieve Smith

AT A GLANCE

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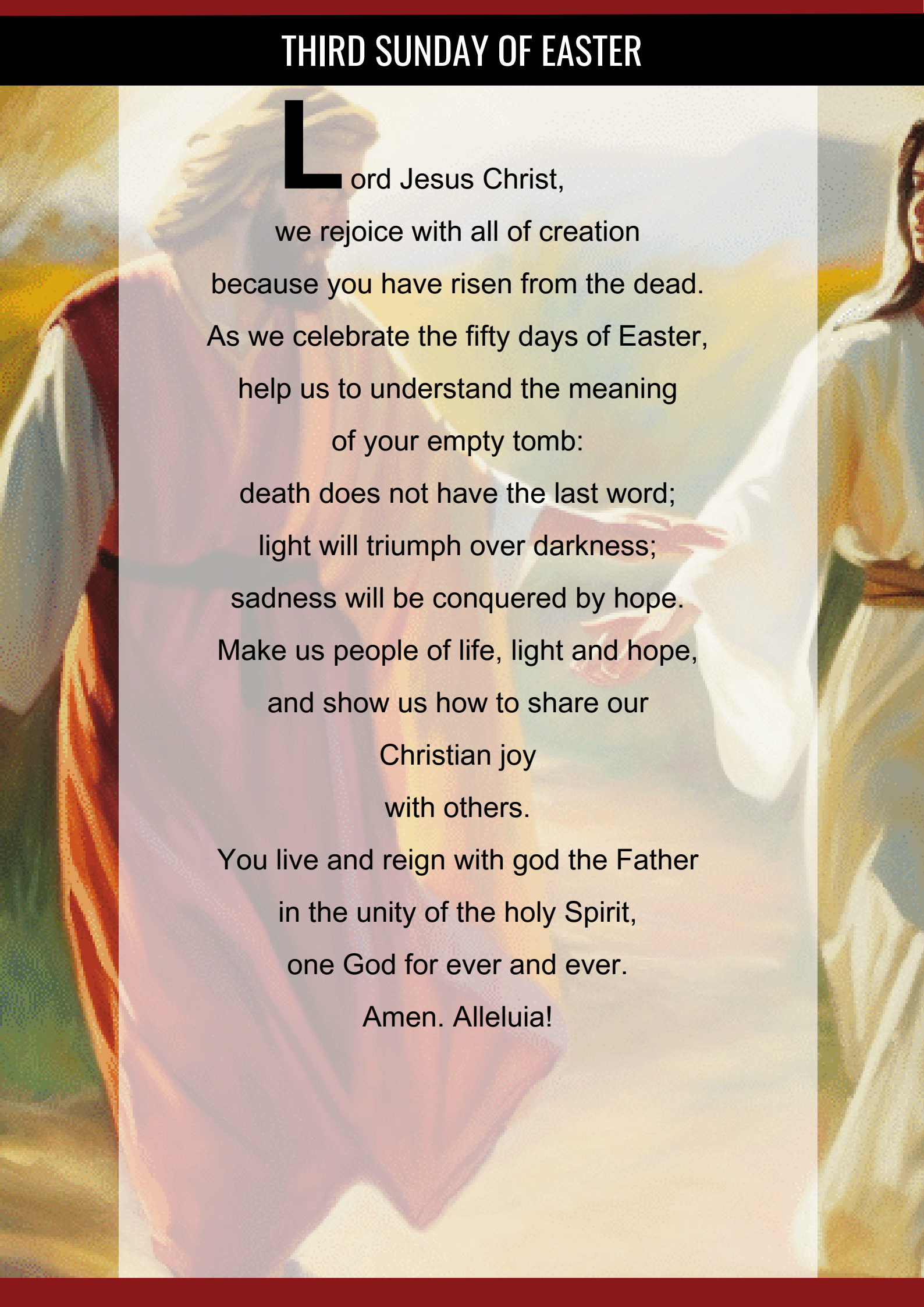


STRIVE TO BE ON TIME

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON YOUR ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY =	3.4 days 98.4% attendance
10 MINUTES A DAY =	6.9 days 97.6% attendance
15 MINUTES A DAY =	10.3 days 94.6% attendance
20 MINUTES A DAY =	13.8 days 92.9% attendance
30 MINUTES A DAY =	20.7 days 89.2% attendance

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Lord Jesus Christ,
we rejoice with all of creation
because you have risen from the dead.
As we celebrate the fifty days of Easter,
help us to understand the meaning
of your empty tomb:
death does not have the last word;
light will triumph over darkness;
sadness will be conquered by hope.
Make us people of life, light and hope,
and show us how to share our
Christian joy
with others.
You live and reign with god the Father
in the unity of the holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen. Alleluia!

2024 CALENDAR - NOTE TERM 2 STARTS TUES 30/4

Quick Reference Guide to Upcoming Events for Term 1 2024

[Link to Website Calendar](#)



Calendar
Find out about our upcoming events and happenings
at our school with our online and interactive
calendar. Contact us for more information.

TERM 1 2024

10	11/4	End of Term Assembly and Student of the Term Awards - 2.40 School Hall	All Grades
	11/4	Year 6 Genius Hour	
	11/4	STUDENTS' LAST DAY OF TERM 1	
	12/4	Staff Development Day - NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE	

TERM 2 2024

1	29/4	Staff Development Day - NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE	
	30/4	Students first day of Term 2 in winter uniform	K-6
	30/4	ANZAC DAY Liturgy	K-6
	3/5	Whole School Assembly	K-6
	All Week	2025 Kindergarten Enrolment Interviews	
2	8/5	Mother's Day Breakfast, Open Classrooms and Liturgy	All families
	8/5	Mother's Day Stall	K-6
	9/5	Diocesan Cross Country	Select Students
	10/5	Year 6 Leadership Camp	Year 6
	All Week	2025 Kindergarten Enrolment Interviews Continue	All Week
3	17/5	Whole School Assembly	K-6
4	21/5	Broken Bay Cross Country Championships	Select Students
	22/5	National Simultaneous Storytime	K-6
	24/5	Didjeribone - Whole School Performance	K-6

SCHOOL UPDATES



SPARK Academy - Mathemagicians Day was positively amazing!

We are excited to announce that our SPARK "Mathemagicians" Day at Prouille on 9th April was a fantastic success!

On the day, five high-potential maths students congregated from our pilot North Shore schools of Prouille Wahroonga, Corpus Christi St Ives, OLPS West Pymble, Holy Family Lindfield and St Bernards Berowra.

Our students participated in a day of mathematical discovery and adventure, undertaking a range of logic puzzles, open-ended tasks and other challenging team activities.

THEME: MATHMAGICIANS



MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS - ORDER BY 15TH APRIL

We are doing the Mother's Day Gift stall a bit differently this year. All gifts need to be ordered and paid for by Monday 15th April.

They will be delivered to the school the first day back from holidays and because we are ordering and paying for them from Cana Farm, we will not be able to add late orders or on the day orders.

So, if you would like your child to pick a gift at the stall on Wednesday the 8th May they need to be ordered and paid for on QKR by Monday 15th April.



**PROUILLE P & F
MOTHER'S
DAY
STALL**

**WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY
ALL GIFTS \$12.00**

**ALL GIFTS MUST BE PAID FOR ON
QKR BY MONDAY 18TH APRIL .**

HOW TO ORDER:

- ON THE QKR APP SELECT SCHOOL EVENTS
- SELECT MOTHER'S DAY STALL
- FINALISE ONLINE PAYMENT
- YOUR ORDER WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE OFFICE
- PLEASE PAY BY 18TH APRIL

SCHOOL EVENTS

ANZAC DAY LITURGY - 30TH APRIL (FIRST DAY BACK)

There will be a special ANZAC Day liturgy to be held on the first day back of term 2 (Tuesday 30th April). This will take place at 9:00am in the Hall. Parents are welcome to attend.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation is being offered by the parish of Holy Name. This will be held on Thursday 6th of September at 6:30pm. In order to prepare for this Sacrament there will be an information evening for parents to attend. Attendance is compulsory for one Parent/Carer on either Wednesday 24th July or Tuesday 30th July, at 7.00-8.00pm in the Veritas Hall. Candidates must be Baptised, aged 8 or older and be in at least Year 3 at school. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated before Reconciliation and First Eucharist.



For more information, please see the flyer attached to this newsletter.

TENNIS

Term 2 Tennis commences on the 2nd and 3rd of May. Call Alan Stopford on 0411 426 554 for any enquires.




SCHOOL EVENTS

THE ANGELUS

Pope Francis has declared 2024 the Year of Prayer and has asked us all “to pray more fervently to prepare ourselves to live properly this grace-filled event and to experience the power of hope in God.” One simple way is for all schools is to pray The Angelus.

The name of The Angelus prayer comes from the Latin version of the first words “The angel...” (in Latin, “angelus”) The ringing of “The Angelus” is an invitation to briefly stop what we are doing and pause to pray, recalling the mystery of the Incarnation.

All schools in the Broken Bay Diocese will unite in prayer at 12pm each day and pray the Angelus together.



THE ANGELUS
Prayer


The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. (Hail Mary...)

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it done unto me according to thy word.
(Hail Mary...)

And the Word was made Flesh.
And dwelt among us. (Hail Mary...)

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of
Christ.

Let us pray
Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord,
Thy grace into our hearts;
that, we to whom the Incarnation of Christ,
Thy Son, was made
known by the message of an Angel,
may by His Passion and Cross,
be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.


Student Aislinn, Jenna Sheehan & Shaelee Alfaro
St Thomas' Willoughby
Religious Art Prize 2016

SCHOOL EVENTS

FAMILY MASS

On Sunday 7th April, Year 2 celebrated their Family Mass at Holy Name Church. The students did a fantastic job reading the scriptures, presenting the Offertory and the Gospel. The Mass was presided by Fr Kelvin. It was lovely to see so many parents and children attend from Prouille. Our next Family Mass will be held on Sunday 23rd of June at 9:30am hosted this time by Year 4.

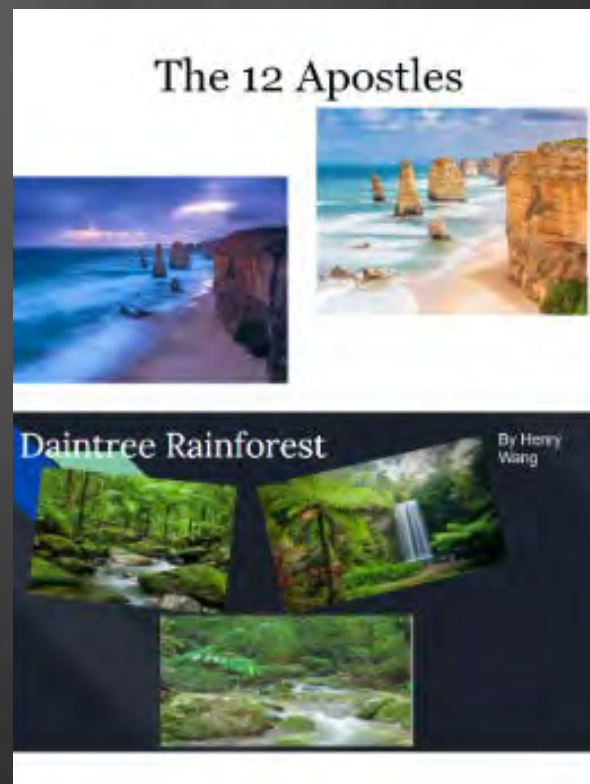


CLASS NEWS

CLASS NEWS - YEAR 3 PLATYPUS



Year 3 Platypus have been learning to use Google Classroom and the apps which connect with it. As part of their Geography unit, students had to research a natural feature found in Australia and present it in a Google Slide. All students used the technology well and enjoyed learning how to use the navigate and create slides.



LIBRARY

The Premier's Reading Challenge is underway! Many students are reading enthusiastically through the prescribed list of books both at school and home. A reminder that students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are completing the Challenge at school with their classroom teachers and Mrs Lees. Several are also adding to their online reading records at home. Contact Mrs Lees via the school email address if you would like your child's login details. These are being sent home by request only. Most students in Years 3 – 6 are completing the Challenge independently and can add to their online reading record during Library sessions each week. Login details have also been sent home with students as part of their home learning.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed the challenge: Bella C (K Kangaroo), Bena C (2 Wombat), Alejandro F (2 Wombat), Grace A (3 Platypus), Sofiia K (3 Platypus), Henry W (3 Platypus), Elizabeth B (4 Kookaburra), Nana C (4 Kookaburra), Amelia R (4 Kookaburra), Elsie A (5 Goanna), Nicholas L (5 Echidna), Flynn M (5 Goanna), Will G (6 Wallaby).

This year's CBCA (Children's Book Council Association) shortlisted books have been announced and they will be on display in the Library over the coming weeks. These books will be 'Not for Loan' until after Book Week in August. Students will be reading and studying some of these books during Library sessions and in their classrooms over the coming months.

During the school holidays, several places around Sydney have performances based on popular books and stories. Some places to check out are:

- Sydney Opera House
- Australian Shakespeare Company
- State Library of NSW
- Glen Street Theatre



LEGALLY BLONDE - THE MUSICAL



Our Year 5 & 6 students travelled to Brigidine College on Wednesday 10th April during school time to see Brigidine's current musical, "Legally Blonde".

They had a fabulous time!



PRINCIPAL AWARDS - TERM 1

Term 1 2024 Principal's Awards

Koala	Henry Attwood	Charlie Adkins
Kangaroo	Maeve Gulson	Albert Huang
Lyrebird	Oliver McDonald	Belle Cooper
Rosella	Maggie Gouveia	Hazel Schoenmaker
Emu	Massimo Campisi	Clementine Goron-Sincere
Wombat	Helena Arora	James Lowery
Cockatoo	Jemima Ross	
Platypus	Lily Jordaan	Grace Attwood
Kookaburra	Angus Walsh	Faith Murray
Dingo	Edward Price	
Goanna	Flynn Murray	Alexandra Kirby
Echidna	Georgina Quoye	Alisha Senn
Wallaby	Gabriella Rice	Alex Skatulska



MERIT AWARDS - TERM 1

2024

Merit Awards Term 1 Weeks 8 to 10

Class	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Kindy Koala	Finnegan Moriarty, Kyle Zhang & Ellie Tan	Guillaume Goron-Sincere & Aria Prior	Lucy Gale, Spencer Deed & Mila Wei
Kindy Kangaroo	Marcus Zhou & Bella Chomprasert	Live Berdyshevshi & Vincent Hanley	Laurence Jlalaty, James Scott, Yichen Shao & William Ramsay
Year 1 Lyrebird	Chloe Cooper, Leo Tsai & Zach Zizza	Harper Johnson & Ian Lee	Madeleine Englebrecht & Damin Abassi
Year 1 Rosella	Diyako Arbabzadeh & Thomas Castro	Alice Devries & Naishe Mashumba	Daniel Eghlima & Georgina Gale
Year 2 Emu	Natalie Chen & Georgia Coupland	Edward Mouawad & Lia Vali Pour Goudarzi	Harrison Gascoigne & Lucas Huang
Year 2 Wombat	Lucy Williams & Christian Arruzza	Liam Roberts & Ning Ning Yang	James Zhang & Liza Usoltseva
Year 3 Platypus	Charlotte Sukari, Lennart Claros & William Moraleda	Millie Jordan, Eliza Magpayo & Yashlin Manigandan	Violet McInnes, Amelia Kuhn & Vera Chrystal
Year 4 Kookaburra	Thomas Lingstone-Blevins, Andrew He & Claudio Serva	Georgie Gouveia & Alexander Neal	Nana Chomprasert, Andy Wang & Angus Kerr
Year 5 Echidna	Zoe Haigh & Evie Jones	Tennyson Cain & Alisha Senn	Grace Douglas & Max Richards
Year 5 Goanna	Catlina Pinto Engel & Mairead De Fries	Benjamin Neves Botelho & Emma Mina	Max Jaoudat & Huxley Jordan
Year 6 Wallaby	William Groom & Ayan Kapoor	Jared Lee & Harrison Kuhn	Isis Nardi & Luke Ringrose
K-2 Cockatoo	Ruofan Lui	Aeshan Rallapali	Leander Champion & Lachlan Meehan
3-6 Dingo	Dallas Palmer	Orlando Seibel	Rock Batchelor



PARENT VOLUNTEERS

PARENT VOLUNTEERS - TERM 2

We would like to invite parents to sign up to become parent helpers for reading groups in various grades. We also have many opportunities throughout the year for parent volunteers on excursions and grade events. Any adult that comes to the school in a volunteering capacity is required to be on a CSBB register. Parents DO NOT NEED a Working with Children Check (WWCC) for many volunteering tasks but still need to complete the Safeguarding requirements. If you intend to be a volunteer in the school this year, please read the attached document and use the link to nominate your grade and the QR code to register with CSBB. This new process will ensure you are on the digital register for 3 years and minimises duplication with paperwork.

If you would like to be a parent helper please do the following:

1. Fill in the google doc to nominate which areas you would like to volunteer for: [Parent Volunteers 2024](#)
2. Read below and use the QR Code to register with CSBB

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Genevieve to discuss.

VOLUNTEERING AT PROUILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL WAHROONGA?

Please complete the process via the link below. Ensure you select the correct category of contractor or volunteer. [CSBB Contractor & Volunteer Engagement Form](#)

DEBATING ADJUDICATORS

Do you have an hour to spare on a Friday morning in Term 2?

Would you like to adjudicate a Year 6 debate once or twice or maybe even the whole 6 weeks?

If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact Genevieve via email or phone.



Full training will be provided if needed!



CROSS COUNTRY - 25TH MARCH 2024

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to attend the NS Zone Cross Country.

Girls			Boys		
Division	Surname	Name	Division	Surname	Name
8/9yrs	M	Savannah	8/9yrs	M	Edward
2KM	K	Sophia	2KM	B	Liam
	A	Maya		J	Tristan
	R	Amelia		C	Leonardo
	P	Brady		M	William
	J	Lily		S	Claudio
10yrs	O	Amelie	10yrs	G	Graeme
2KM	S	Elise	2KM	S	Viann
	J	Skylar		K	Angus
	S	Valentina		P	Louisson
	M	Emma		H	Andrew
	R	Amelia		W	Andy
11yrs	T	Lucy	11yrs	F	William
3KM	Q	Matilda	3KM	C	Tennyson
	Q	Georgina		R	Luke
	C	Sofia		W	Luke
	J	Abigail		D	Oliver
				V	Aarush
12/13yrs	T	Sophie	12/13yrs	K	Harrison
3KM	C	Darcey	3KM	H	Nicholas
	K	Georgia		W	Jack
	M	Ava		L	Jared
	G	Jocelyn		M	Alexander
				C	Orlando

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/)

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/)
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

PEC UPDATE

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA!

Ku-Ring-Gai Library has some great activities on over these holidays.

<https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Community/Ku-ring-gai-Library/Children-and-teens/Childrens-events-at-the-Library>

There are farms and orchards close to us that open their gates to families to “pick your own fruit”. Loads of fun, educational, outdoor activities. Details here:

<https://www.harvesttrailsandmarkets.com.au/pick-your-own/>

Have you ever been to Blue Mountains Botanic Garden? Loads of fun and the education team there runs programs during the holidays. Some of the programs have a cost – some are free. It is a beautiful place to visit regardless. With picnic areas and great walks through the garden.

<https://www.botanicgardens.org.au/blue-mountains-botanic-garden-mount-tomah>

Anzac Day this year is in the holidays.

Maybe you can attend a service at one of the local memorials

<https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Things-to-do/Events-and-festivals/ANZAC-Day>

At Holy Name Parish the 9.15 am Mass is always dedicated to the Anzacs and our veterans.

Women’s Rosary

Praying for our family and community

THURSDAY 18 APRIL 7:30PM

Holy Name Church

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 ☒
April: 23rd Contact Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069 for more information.

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

PEC UPDATE

29 May, 7pm – 8.30 pm Prouille Parent Series Talks Live on Zoom.

"Dealing with bullying: compassion and strength training for your child"

We ran this talk live at the Mother's Talks in the Parish earlier in March. It was very well received, and attendees asked if we could run it again. It is a longer session to allow time to cover the topic sensibly. We will not be recording the session.

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

In Term 2/3 We are planning to team up with St Vincent de Paul for "Operation Winter Warmth." Using left over yarn to create beautiful beanies and scarves with love from Prouille Parents to those in need in our community. Novice knitters to experience turbo knitters are welcome. No experience necessary! Really. None needed. Let me know if you are interested. Email me jacqui.vandavelde@dbb.catholic.edu.au and we can start the plan [#operationwinterwarmth](#)

Catholic Care is running a range of parenting courses. Take a look!

<https://catholiccaredbb.org.au/family-youth-children/parenting-programs/>

SCHOOL UPDATES

URSTRONG

We are very excited to announce that Prouille is currently in the process of becoming a URStrong school. This will commence in Term 2 and there will be a Parent Information Evening early Term 2 so that we can all learn the same languages (for example, "Friendology") and practices together.

Our Kindy teacher, Miss McCowage, is our URStrong ambassador and has been working with another school to implement our URStrong program.

'URStrong' is an award-winning friendship program that empowers kids with friendship skills to create communities of kindness in schools.

URStrong provides a comprehensive set of tools to embed an overall culture of kindness within a school. Research shows that relationships are the heart of wellbeing & learning. When we get friendships right in schools, children flourish!

URSTRONG provides teachers with a friendship skills curriculum, Friendology 101, that help kids establish and maintain healthy relationships, manage conflict with kindness, and increase their overall resilience.

How will URSTRONG improve our school?



Created by a teacher, for teachers

Lesson plans, videos and activities have been created with your needs in mind. Weekly updates and regular webinars ensure that you're always current!



Kids' language for kids' problems

Language and concepts that can be immediately put into practice are keys to a positive, lasting impact. As one teacher put it, "So simple and so effective!"



Using a fun, 'real life' approach

URSTRONG provides practical relationship strategies to improve the social climate in your classrooms and in your own relationships as well.



A whole-school strategy is key!

We're all about empowering kids with the skills to manage their friendships while providing teachers and parents with a common language to support them.

URSTRONG provides teachers with a friendship skills curriculum, Friendology 101, that help kids establish and maintain healthy relationships, manage conflict with kindness, and increase their overall resilience.

Please see additional information at the back of this newsletter.

Friendship strategies for kids

URSTRONG



URSTRONG is a whole-school strategy that empowers kids with friendship skills to create communities of kindness in schools.

Relationships are the heart of social-emotional wellbeing! URSTRONG gives kids skills, language & self-confidence to be better friends and develop healthier relationships. Using a kid-friendly approach, educators & parents learn a simple framework to support and coach kids towards positive relationships.

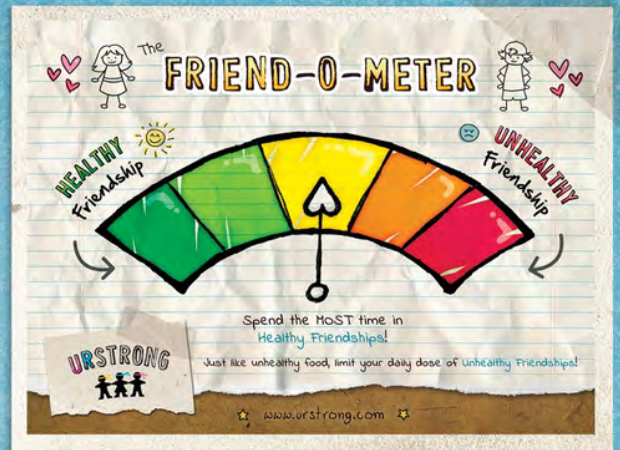
Explicitly teaching children how to develop healthy friendships and manage conflict in a respectful way is the key to bullying prevention + creating safe, caring learning environments + inspiring kinder, happier children.

The mini URSTRONG Posters cover our core principles. Refer back to them often!



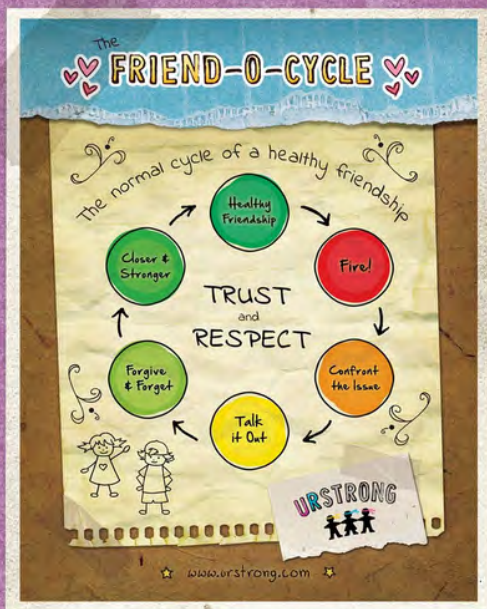
Know what to expect in your friendships!

Can you give an example of all 4 Friendship Facts from your life?



Surround yourself with healthy friendships!

Where are your friendships on the Friend-o-Meter?



Friendship Fires actually make your friendships stronger when you Talk-it-Out!

What happens when you don't put out the Fire?

You teach people how to treat you! You've got this! #urstrong

What's the difference between a Friendship Fire and Mean-on-Purpose?

STANDING UP FOR YOURSELF

You teach people how to treat you!

HOW TO PUT OUT A FRIENDSHIP FIRE?

Find a good time to talk, just the two of you, in a calm, serious voice.

1. Retell the situation
2. Explain how it made you feel
3. Talk it out, being respectful & honest

This is a conversation. Aim for Forgive-and-Forget!

HOW TO DEAL WITH "MEAN-ON-PURPOSE"?

In that moment, in a strong voice.

1. Say your quick comeback
2. Walk away
3. Report it to an adult

This is NOT a conversation. Channel your inner #FriendshipNinja!

URSTRONG

www.urstrong.com

KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

URSTRONG gives kids + parents + teachers a unique 'language of friendship' to strengthen their connection and open up those lines of communication.

Try these questions to spark a convo at home or school:

- What does trust and respect look like in a friendship?
- Where are your friendships on the Friend-o-meter?
- How can you increase your daily dose of healthy friendships?

Here are some tips to remember in supporting kids:

- Ask direct, specific questions
- Share your experiences
- Role-play
- Encourage them to put out their Friendship Fires & use their Quick Comeback

Be sure to visit www.urstrong.com to discover a wide variety of videos, activities and articles to support your child's friendship journey.

Want more info about URSTRONG? Please don't hesitate to get in touch by contacting us at info@urstrong.com.

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 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:

9489 3221 or sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au

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)

Holy Name Catholic Parish

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Telephone: 9489 3221

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Children's Sacramental Program 2024

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

Confirmation, Baptism and Family Masses



Start with: CONFIRMATION

Enrol: <https://www.trybooking.com/CQPST>

Eligibility: Candidates must be Baptised, aged 8 or older and be in at least Year 3 at school. In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated before Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Parents and Carers - Welcome and Information Evening:
Attendance is compulsory for one Parent/Carer on either Wednesday 24th July or Tuesday 30th July, 7.00-8.00pm in the Veritas Hall at Prouille School, 5 Water Street, Wahroonga. This is an information evening for parents/carers, which includes refreshments. Children usually do not attend, but discuss this with Sally if necessary.

Group Leader Training: (Leaders only)
Tuesday 6 August, 7.00pm, Sunroom at the Church

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

These are held at Prouille School Hall on:

- Lesson 1: Saturday, 10th August at 3.30pm,
 - Lesson 2: Saturday, 17th August at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 3: Saturday, 24th August at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 4: Saturday, 31st August at 3.45pm,
- with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church (compulsory) and a sausage sizzle for the family.

Practice: Tuesday, 3rd September, 6pm at Church.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Church:
Thursday 5th September at 6.30pm

It is a condition of enrolment that 100% completion of this Program is required in order for your child to celebrate Confirmation. Please contact Sally Oong if you need to discuss these requirements.



Holy Name Catholic Parish, Wahroonga
35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga.
Ph: 9489 3221



BAPTISM FOR OLDER CHILDREN (Over 5 years)

We are currently taking registrations for Parish children aged 5 years and over to join Fr Kelvin Lovegrove for a Program of Preparation for Baptism.

- Baptism lesson on Saturday 22nd June at 3.45pm in the Church, for parents/carers and children, followed by attendance at the 5pm Mass
- Baptisms will be celebrated on 30th June at 11am

Please contact Sally Oong asap if your children would like to participate sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221 (Parish office)

For more information contact Mrs Sally Oong
Sacramental Preparation Co-Ordinator
sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221 (Parish office)

Parish Family Mass dates for 2024

Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in our regular Family Masses, which feature modern music and always have a special morning tea afterwards:

Sunday 7 April	9.30am	All welcome: Hosted by Year 2
Sunday 23 June	9.30am	All welcome: Hosted by Year 4
Sunday 11 August	9.30am	All welcome: Year 5 & Year 1
Sunday 8 September	9.30am	All welcome: Year 6 & Kindergarten
Christmas Eve, 24th December	5pm	All Parish children welcome to join in

Please contact Sally Oong if your children would like to participate by taking part in any Family Mass or by singing or playing a musical instrument. sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221 (Parish office)

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: December (TBA) 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 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: December (TBA)

- * 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: Saturday 21st December (TBA)

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

MASS: Christmas Eve Mass 5PM on Tuesday 24 December

Carols from 4.30pm, then Mass at 5.00pm

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

The more Shepherds, Angels and Animals, the merrier!

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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY is held during 9.30am Sunday Mass during School term time. All children are welcome and parents can also accompany smaller children. The Gospel is read aloud and discussed, with worksheets similar to this:

He is risen! Alleluia!

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Mary Magdalene was the first to see the empty tomb. She ran to Jesus' disciples to tell them what she saw. Draw Mary looking into Jesus' empty tomb.

Gospel John 20:1-9

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to visit the tomb. And all at once there was an violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, no imagination of men, that they were like dead men. Still the angel spoke, and he said to the women, "There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples. 'He has risen from the dead and is not here. Go and announce the Good News to the disciples.'"

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. "Greetings," he said. And the women came up to him and, kneeling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell the brothers that they must believe for them, they will see the Lord."

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice!

What can you do to make people glad today?

Fill in the missing words below to find out what the letters in the boxes spell.

Mary M went to the tomb.

"They have taken the from the tomb", she said.

Peter was a d of Jesus.

The other disciple ran f than Peter.


He saw the strips of cloth lying inside the tomb.

B he did not go in.







When he saw he believed.

The Scriptures s Jesus would rise to life.

Term 1 Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day


Friday 12 th April	Craft Day It's time to get artistic as we do all things crafty! Painting, sculpting, mess and fun! Use your imaginations and let your creativity shine!		Early Bird Fee: \$60 Regular Fee: \$70
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April 2024 Week 1:

Monday 15 th April	Tuesday 16 th April	Wednesday 17 th April	Thursday 18 th April	Friday 19 th April
Incursion: Nick the Stockman Outback Experience Nick the Stockman and his faithful canine companion, Ted, will teach us about life on a farm in the outback. We will make Damper and Billy tea over a fire, watch whip cracking and learn to throw a boomerang.  Early Bird Fee: \$80 Regular Fee: \$90	Incursion: The Imagination Station - with Daz Buckley Join the curious and creative, slightly crazy, science communicator Daz Buckley as we explore all things science with gadgets, gizmos and games! Maybe you will light a lightbulb with your bare hands! Or make an endless strip of paper, that's right endless! So many curious things we will do...  Early Bird Fee: \$80 Regular Fee: \$90	Incursion: Jedi Dodgeball Fusion Sport will be joining us today for some high-energy, awesome dodgeball fun with Star Wars themed action! May the force be with you as you attempt to dodge the balls and outmanoeuvre your opposition!  Early Bird Fee: \$77 Regular Fee: \$87	Excursion: Movie at The Odeon & Popcorn combo  Let's explore the world of movies, and transport in one fun filled day! Are you ready to enjoy time with your friends, catch the local train before relaxing at the Odeon Cinemas. I wonder what movie we will see? Includes Popcorn Combo Movie rating is PG Loaded OPAL card is needed per child  Early Bird Fee: \$78 Regular Fee: \$88	Nature Play Day We are celebrating Nature Play Week, we will spend the day amongst nature! We will play, explore and relax surrounded by nature.  Early Bird Fee: \$60 Regular Fee: \$70



No Electronic Devices

We are requesting that children do not bring electronic devices to Water St Kids. They will be having too much fun to use them!!!



Excursions:


- > Children are to arrive before 8am.
- > The red Water St Kids T-shirt MUST be worn on excursions - \$10 each
- > Please bring backpack with adequate food, water bottle, sun safe hat and change of clothes. Wear enclosed shoes.
- > Excursion Permission Form MUST be completed prior to day - via OWNA app
- > Opal Card loaded with money is required for each child on train excursions.

April 2024 Week 2:

Monday 22 nd April	Tuesday 23 rd April	Wednesday 24 th April	Thursday 25 th April	Friday 26 th April
Incursion: Golden Ridge Farm Our furry friends from Golden Ridge Farm are coming to visit! You will get to hold, pat and feed lambs, goats, rabbits, ducklings and more! Enclosed footwear must be worn  Early Bird Fee: \$88 Regular Fee: \$98	Incursion: Walk that Wall Today Ninja Warrior and Parkour collide for the ultimate extreme obstacle experience! Little Warriors Gym is bringing an incredible course where you run, leap, jump, climb, vault & traverse your way through to the end!  Early Bird Fee: \$77 Regular Fee: \$87	Incursion: Unicorn Experience Get ready for the most magical and enchanted incursion EVER! We will have a special visit by unicorns, <i>Knight</i> and <i>Princess</i> , who are trained to perform tricks, dance, play with a soccer ball plus more! Enclosed footwear must be worn  Early Bird Fee: \$88 Regular Fee: \$98	ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY WATER ST KIDS CLOSED	Pokémon Day Celebrate all things Pokémon today! Search and try to catch as many Pokémon as you can, bake delicious Pokéball cookies, even create your own Pokémon! How well do you know your Pokémon, enough to be a Pokémon master?  Early Bird Fee: \$60 Regular Fee: \$70

Term 2 Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day

Monday 29 th April	Star Wars Day A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away... the children of Water St Kids go a Star Wars adventure! Today we celebrate May the Fourth early by making lightsabers and yummy Star Wars inspired cupcakes. You can even come dressed as your favourite Star Wars character if you like!		Early Bird Fee: \$60 Regular Fee: \$70
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Please bring each day in a backpack:


- refillable drink bottle
- adequate food for the day (morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea)
- sun safe hat.
- wear enclosed shoes (NO thongs or roller shoes allowed)
- change of clothes

Food:

- Breakfast is served until 8am
- You must supply ALL healthy meals, snacks and drinks each day (unless specified on program)
- Due to the severity of some children's allergies, Water St Kids strives to be a nut free service. NO NUT products permitted.
- Please inform staff of any dietary requirements.
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*****Bookings will be made via the OWNA app*****

New enrolments are required to complete the 2024 Enrolment Form prior to making VAC bookings. Please email waterstkids@hotmail.com to obtain the enrolment link or for further information.

Early Bird Bookings OPEN to ALL families: Tuesday 12th March 2023

- Bookings will be open to all families
- Bookings must be made by via your OWNA app
- Bookings made during this time will incur the Early Bird Daily Fee.

Early Bird Bookings CLOSE: Friday 5th April 2023

- Final bookings will close at 6pm Friday
- Bookings made after this close date will automatically go on a waiting list and will be confirmed as soon as possible.
- Bookings made after this close date will incur the Regular Daily Fee.

Booking Information:

- Please complete bookings carefully as once the bookings are made, requested days will be secured and will not be subject to change.
- Bookings will be confirmed at the time of booking
- Cancellations & absent will incur the full Daily Fees (including incursion/excursion costs)
- If you wish to swap from one day to another, you will need to pay full Daily Fees for the second day as well as the original day.
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Available to purchase if you do not provide one:

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