



PROUILLE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

VERITAS VOICE

PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS



SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION



FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL



TEACHER AIDE
APPRECIATION

Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends,

As we approach the end of the term, we are also nearing the end of an era. After many years of dedicated service, Margaret Hedge will be retiring as the leader of Water St Kids. Her leadership and care have left a lasting impact on our school community, and we thank her deeply for her years of hard work and commitment. We wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement.

Looking forward, we are excited to welcome Catholic Care, who will be taking over the running of the before and after school program. We want to assure all families that this transition will be seamless, and we are confident that Catholic Care will continue to provide the same level of care and support that our families and students have come to expect.

Last week, we celebrated our wonderful Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) during LSA Appreciation Week. These incredible individuals work tirelessly to support both our students and teachers, and their contributions are invaluable to the smooth running of our school. Thank you to all our LSAs for your hard work, dedication, and the care you bring to our students every day.

As we approach the final two weeks of the term, families are welcome to transition to the summer uniform if they wish. Please ensure, however, that students are wearing either the full winter uniform or the full summer uniform, not a combination of the two.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to finish the term on a positive note.

Warm regards,
Genevieve Smith
Principal

AT A GLANCE

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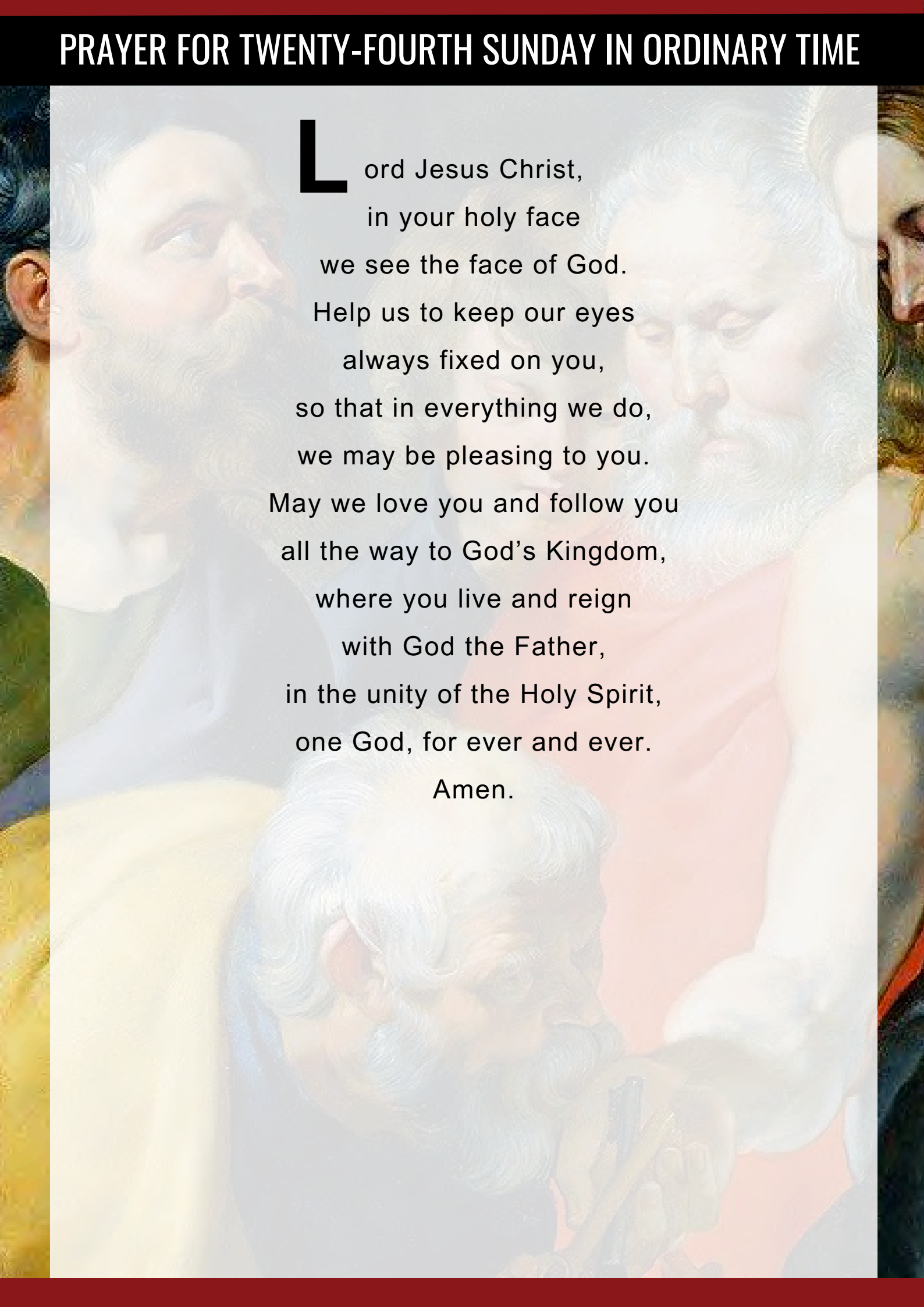
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PRAYER FOR TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Lord Jesus Christ,
in your holy face
we see the face of God.
Help us to keep our eyes
always fixed on you,
so that in everything we do,
we may be pleasing to you.
May we love you and follow you
all the way to God's Kingdom,
where you live and reign
with God the Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

TERM 3 2024 CALENDAR

Quick Reference Guide to Upcoming 2024 Events			
Link to Website Calendar			
TERM 3 2024			
WEEK	DATE	EVENT	GRADE
9	16/9	K-2 and 3-5 Public Speaking Finals	K-5
	17/9	CSBB Public Speaking Grand Finals Sacred Heart Pymble - 6.30pm	Selected students
	18/9	SPARK DAY 7 Sacred Geometry	Selected students
	20/9	SPARK DAY 8 Master Writers Workshop	Selected students
	20/9	P & F End of Term Lunch Sausage Sizzle	K-6
10	27/9	End of Term Assembly, Term 3 Principal's Awards, K-5 Public Speaking presentation and awards. 2.15pm School Hall	K-6 & families
	27/9	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 School resumes Tuesday 15th October	
TERM 4 2024			
WEEK	DATE	EVENT	GRADE
1	14/10	Staff Development Day NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE	K-6
	15/10	Student's First Day of Term 4	K-6
	18/10	Whole school assembly 2.30pm School Hall Mission Week Launch Liturgy	K-6
2	24/10	Diocesan Mission Mass OLOR Waitara Cathedral 11.00am	School Leaders and REC
	25/10	Mission Week Multi-Day and Sports Tabloid	K-6

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Thursday 5th September, students at Prouille Catholic Primary School celebrated a momentous occasion as they received the sacrament of Confirmation. The ceremony, presided over by Bishop Anthony Randazzo, was a profound and joyous event for the school community. Bishop Randazzo's inspiring homily and the solemn rites of Confirmation marked a significant milestone in the students' spiritual journeys.

Surrounded by their families, friends, and school staff, the children were embraced by the grace of the Holy Spirit, strengthening their commitment to their faith and the Catholic community. This special day will be remembered as a cherished moment of growth and unity for Prouille Catholic Primary School.



FAMILY MASS

On Saturday, September 7th, students from Year 6 and Kindergarten gathered at Holy Name Church for a heartwarming Family Mass, presided over by Fr. Kelvin. The service was a meaningful opportunity for the students and their families to come together in worship and community.

Following the Mass, everyone enjoyed a delightful sausage sizzle, where the sense of fellowship continued with delicious food and lively conversations.

PEC NEWS

"Cuppa in the Park". Last one for the Term: 18 September. Meet at Wahroonga Park near the playground. BYO everything. If it is fine, it is on. If *it is wet, it is off*.

Parents' Prayers Friday 2 pm in the school chapel before the school assembly.

HOLY HOUR On Friday evenings at Holy Name Church between 6:30pm—7:30pm. Everyone is welcome

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 Contact : Tomasz Grzech 0413 802 069 for more information

FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

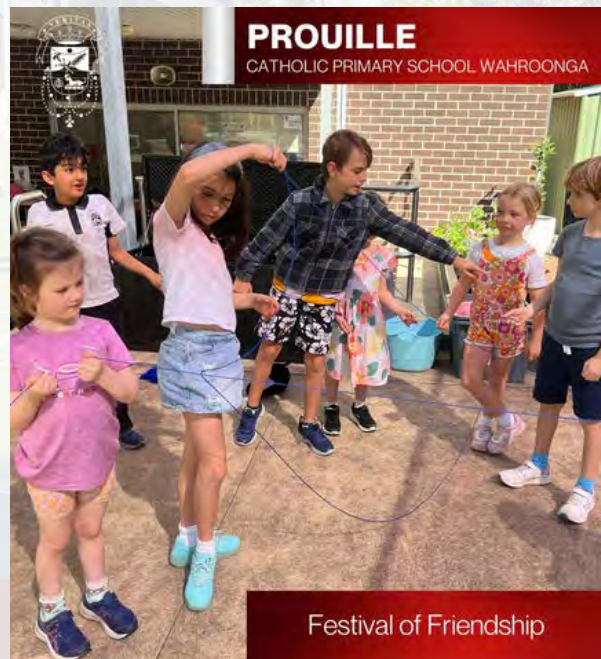
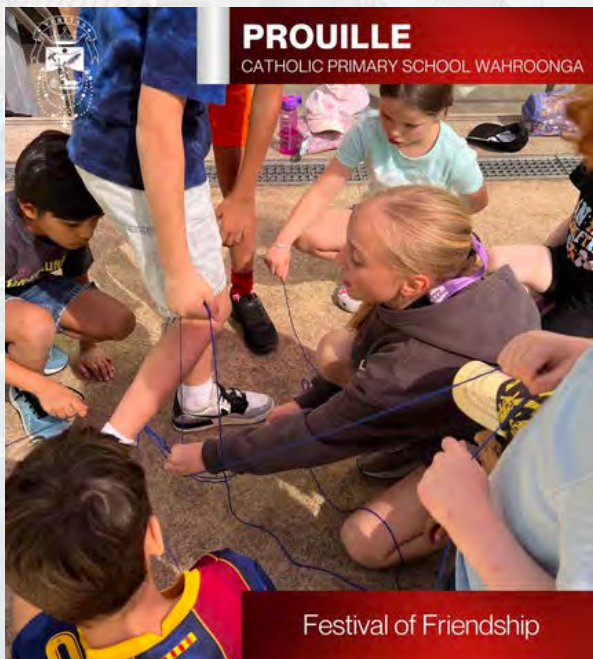
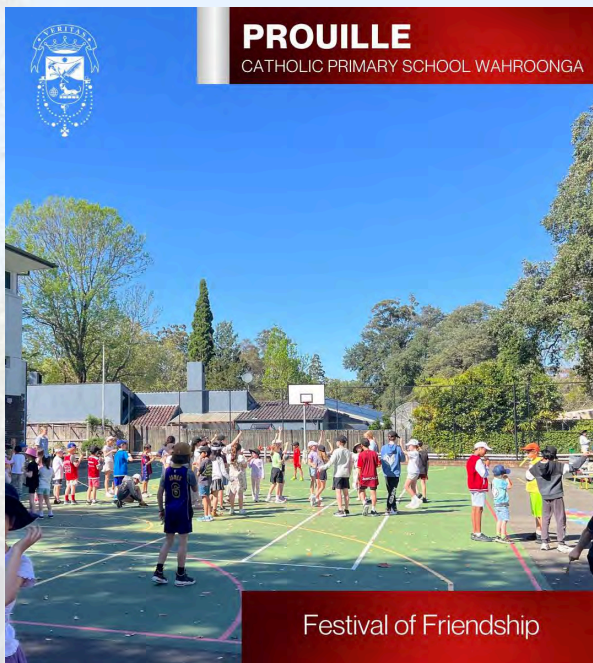
On Friday 6th September, we had a fabulous Festival of Friendship.

Our students were engaged in a range of fun activities, lessons and games focused on our URStrong curriculum.

Thank you to our community outreach students from Mercy College who conducted some lunchtime games for our students.

The festival was a fun way for our students to strengthen their skills in team-building, resilience, cross-grade communication and collaboration, and their understanding of the URStrong program.

Thank you for Miss McCowage for organising this for us all.



Festival of Friendship



Welcome to the world

CHRISTOPHER

Congratulations to Georgina (Year 1) and Lucy (Kindergarten) and the entire Gale family on the arrival of their new baby brother Christopher (Kit) born on Wednesday the 11th of September. We wish the family all the very best with the newest member of their family.

May your journey be filled with endless love, joy, and laughter!



LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT APPRECIATION WEEK

Thank you!

In Week 7, Australia celebrated its teacher aides/learning support assistants (LSAs).

On 4th September, we had a big morning tea which our staff contributed to, in order to celebrate our truly amazing LSAs.

A heartfelt thank you to all our LSAs! Specifically, this includes:

Lixia Nixon
Lee Williams
Zoe Georgiades
Maria Ginestra Branger
Nikki Seroukas
Janine Ness

You are caring and compassionate, clever and kind. We are so lucky to have you working with us at Prouille.

Thank you to our staff for contributing to a lovely morning tea.



SPORTING NEWS

Polding Athletics Championships

Following their success at the recent CSBB Athletics Carnival, two of our exceptional young students qualified for today's Polding Athletics Championships to be held at Hunter Sports Centre. Amelie Ogden in year 4 qualified for the High Jump, and Sophie Tazewell in year 5 for the 800m. We congratulate these incredible athletes on their efforts and wish them the very best for the Polding Athletics Championships.



STAFF BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Angela Dunn, head of Years 3-6 Dingoes, for her birthday on Thursday 12th September! The staff celebrated with a beautiful morning tea. Many happy returns for the day.



R U OK DAY

On Thursday 12th September, we celebrated R U OK Day, which is a very important day in our wellbeing calendar where we learn to strengthen the connections we have with each other.

R U OK Day also aligns with our friendship curriculum as we become stronger together if we have good friends - and are a good friend ourselves.

We asked some Year 3 students what R U OK Day meant to them and what makes a good friend.

Our staff also celebrated with special R U OK Day donuts.



CLASS ARTWORKS

As part of Prouille P&F Trivia Night being held on Friday 12th September, our classes have been busy preparing artworks on canvas to form part of the many silent auction prizes for the evening.

We are so proud of the amazing artworks our classes have created below, which will be displayed at the Trivia Night for auction.

Kindy Kangaroos



Little Kangaroo



Flowers in a Vase

Year 1 Rosella

Kindy Koalas



The Magnificent Koalas



Wise as an Owl

Year 1 Lyrebird

CLASS ARTWORKS

Flowing Feathers



Year 2 Emu

Cockatoo at Sunset



K-2 Cockatoos

Let Nature be your Teacher



Year 2 Wombat

Echoes of the Dreamtime



Year 3 Platypus

CLASS ARTWORKS



Pieces of Us: A Masterpiece

Year 4 Kookaburra



Meeting Place

Year 5 Goanna

The Element Tree

3-6 Dingoes



*The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand
forever.
Isaiah 40:8*

Divine Petals

Year 5 Echidna



Together we are One

Year 6 Wallaby



CLASS NEWS



Year 3 Platypus Ice Melting Challenge: Materials in Action

Year 3 Platypus students embarked on a fun and educational experiment to determine which material melts ice the fastest. Armed with a range of substances—heat, dirt, insulation, salt, and sugar—the young scientists set up a series of tests to observe and compare the effects on ice cubes. They carefully applied each material to separate ice cubes, tracking how quickly and efficiently each one melted the ice. As they conducted their experiment, students recorded their observations, measured melting rates, and analyzed the results.



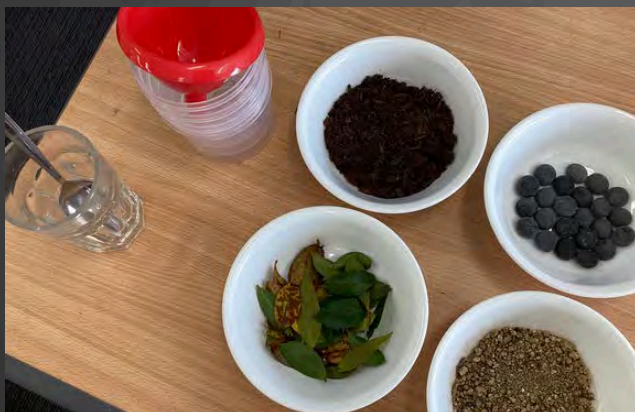
CLASS NEWS

YEAR 4 KOOKABURRA

Science & Technology

Year 4 Kookaburra has been exploring how humans can use the environment in a survival situation. We recently conducted a water filter experiment, using natural features of the environment. We used pebbles, leaves and rocky grainy sand. Which do you think was the most effective filter for our dirty water?

Come and ask us about it on the playground to find out more!

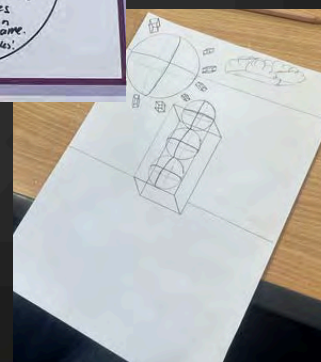
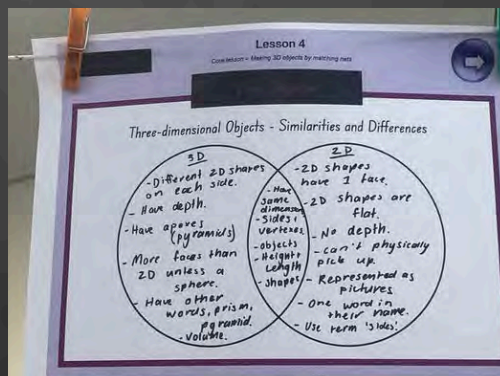
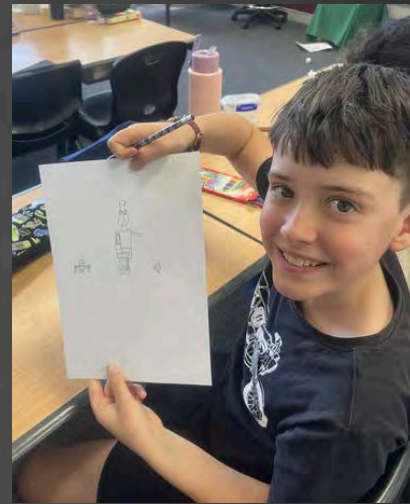


CLASS NEWS

YEAR 5 GOANNA

Geometry

Learning about properties of 3D shapes and how many different ways they can be represented! Five of our Goanna students have found similarities and differences between 2D and 3D shapes. They have also learnt how to draw them, making them from nets. Here are some of our fun 3D creations.



MERIT AWARDS - TERM 3 - WEEK 7 & 8

2024 Merit Awards Term 3 Week 7

Class	Names
Kindy Koala	Charlie Adkins, Elara Wines and Ellie Tan
Kindy Kangaroo	Marcus Zhou & Will Ramsay
Year 1 Lyrebird	Chloe Cooper & Emma Coppock
Year 1 Rosella	Avery Tang & Benjamin Momivand
Year 2 Emu	Liam Behnam & Valeria Serva
Year 2 Wombat	Christian Arruzza, Fletcher Hill & Helena Arora
Year 3 Platypus	Leonardo Cain, William Moraleda & Adrian Rezvani
Year 4 Kookaburra	Angus Walsh, Georgie Gouveia & Angus Kerr
Year 5 Echidna	Alex Moraleda & Evie Jones
Year 5 Goanna	Luca Gemayel & Catalina Pinto-Engel
Year 6 Wallaby	Jack Wilson & Nicholas Hanley
K-2 Cockatoo	Leander Champion
3-6 Dingo	Joshua Drummond



2024 Merit Awards Term 3 Week 8

Class	Names
Kindy Koala	Henry Attwood, Margot Teong and Ezekiel Maroon
Kindy Kangaroo	Jessica Kim & Yashar Motlagh
Year 1 Lyrebird	Ella Campbell, Damon Abbasi & James Glavac
Year 1 Rosella	Ashley Gibbs & Daniel Eghlima
Year 2 Emu	Lachlan Sinclair & Maya Anati
Year 2 Wombat	Savannah McKie & James Zhang
Year 3 Platypus	Yashlin Manigandan, Grace Atwood & Edith Arndt
Year 4 Kookaburra	Claudio Serva, Lacey Markham & Amelia Roberts
Year 5 Echidna	Matilda Quoyale & Joe Slade
Year 5 Goanna	Elsie Adkins & William Fullilove
Year 6 Wallaby	Ayan Kapoor & Gabriella Rice
K-2 Cockatoo	Lachlan Meehan
3-6 Dingo	Edward Price

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Fair & Book Week

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parent community for their generous support of our Book Fair. There were a huge number of beautiful books donated to our school library. Many parents and students have asked this week when their donated books will be available for borrowing. As you can imagine, it is a lengthy process of labelling, covering and accessioning so many wonderful books. As soon as all books are ready, they will be sent home, first, with their donor student. Then will then be available for all students to borrow during their library sessions.

As Book Week is now just a memory, I would like to thank the staff, parents and the students for their enthusiasm and support of all Book Week activities. From meeting author/illustrator Sami Bayly, Year 6 winning the Book Week quiz, enjoying the Maybe a Miracle! musical performance, to the star-studded Book Character parade, I express my gratitude to our wonderful school community for encouraging a love for books and for reading.

Premier's Reading Challenge

It was a sprint to the finish line for many students in the final weeks of the Premier's Reading Challenge! Congratulations to the following students for completing the challenge:

Charlie A (K Koala)	Harper J (1 Lyrebird)
Liana A (K Koala)	Tiam K (1 Lyrebird)
Frederick A (K Koala)	Ian L (1 Lyrebird)
Henry A (K Koala)	Zoe L (1 Lyrebird)
Spencer D (K Koala)	Oliver O (1 Lyrebird)
Lucy G (K Koala)	Younah N (1 Lyrebird)
Amelia G (K Koala)	River R (1 Lyrebird)
Ellie G (K Koala)	Leo T (1 Lyrebird)
Brooklyn I (K Koala)	Zach Z (1 Lyrebird)
Maria K (K Koala)	Helena A (2 Wombat)
William L (K Koala)	William B (2 Emu)
Samuel L (K Koala)	Harrison G (2 Emu)
Ezekiel M (K Koala)	Lucas H (2 Emu)
Finnegan M (K Koala)	Lucy W (2 Wombat)
Aria P (K Koala)	Macayla M (3 Platypus)
Ellie T (K Koala)	Amelia B (5 Goanna)
Margot T (K Koala)	Zoe H (5 Echidna)
Elara W (K Koala)	Georgina Q (5 Echidna)
Kyle Z (K Koala)	Valentina S (5 Echidna)
Damon A (1 Lyrebird)	Aarush V (5 Echidna)
Avery A (1 Lyrebird)	Nicholas H (6 Wallaby)
Ella C (1 Lyrebird)	Ava M (6 Wallaby)
Chloe C (1 Lyrebird)	
Isabelle C (1 Lyrebird)	
Emma C (1 Lyrebird)	
Madeleine E (1 Lyrebird)	
Saul F (1 Lyrebird)	
James G (1 Lyrebird)	

Congratulations to all students who have been enthusiastic about their reading and have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2024! Thanks to the staff and parents for supporting their students/children to complete the challenge. Certificates will be presented to students during Term 4.

END OF TERM LUNCH

Dear Parents & Carers,

Our 'End of Term lunch' for Term 3 will be on Friday 20th September.

We are asking students to bring \$2 to school (on the day) as payment for a sausage sizzle lunch (one sausage sandwich) and an ice block.

Thank you to the Campbell Family for their donation of the sausages.

Please note - if there are any dietary requirements please email Prouille.pandf@gmail.com

Prouille P&F

*Sausage Sizzle brought to you by
the Campbell Family*

**END OF
TERM 3
LUNCH**

20th September 2024

**Cost: Bring \$2 to school for your
sausage sizzle and an ice block!**



WE WANT YOU

**PROUILLE P&F
ASSOCIATION
HAS THE
FOLLOWING
VACANCIES...**



- **TREASURER**
- **2ND HAND UNIFORM AND ICE
BLOCK CO-ORDINATOR**
- **K-2 CO-ORDINATOR - WE HAVE
1 IN THIS ROLE BUT NORMALLY
HAVE 2**
- **STAGE 2 (YEAR 3 TO 4)**

**CONTACT COLLEEN @ COLLEEN.P.HAIGH@GMAIL.COM IF
YOU ARE INTERESTED!**

STARTING
WEEK 1 -
26TH JULY!

PROUILLE
CATHOLIC
PRIMARY
SCHOOL



FOR ALL KINDY 2025 STARTERS

STORYTIME

at **PROUILLE**



STORY TELLING
FUN GAMES
LEGO & BUILDING

FRIDAY MORNINGS
8:30-9:30AM FROM
26TH JULY TO 27TH SEPT
(TERM 3)

* NO NEED TO REGISTER,
PLEASE TURN UP *



Prouille Library
5 Water Street, Wahroonga

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.
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