



# PROUILLE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Families,

As we move through the term, I want to take a moment to highlight the importance of regular and full-day school attendance. Being at school from the beginning of the day to the end is not only mandatory, but it also ensures students get the most out of their learning, social connections, and overall well-being. While I can approve flexi time in certain circumstances, this is only a temporary arrangement that must be reapplied for each term. Please note that ongoing flexi time cannot be granted for parental reasons such as work schedules. We are always happy to work with families to find alternatives that help ensure students attend school for the full day.

I also want to acknowledge the professionalism and dedication of our teachers. Our staff are highly qualified professionals who have completed undergraduate and postgraduate studies and undertake ongoing professional learning to maintain their individual accreditation. This ensures they remain up to date with best teaching practices and meet the rigorous NSW Educational Standards that contribute to our whole-school accreditation.

Our teachers don't simply take a stab in the dark and hope something works—they put hours of planning, collaboration, and discussion into designing lessons that are relevant, meaningful, and engaging. Every lesson is backed by evidence-based teaching strategies to ensure students receive the highest quality education and achieve strong learning outcomes.

Finally, a quick reminder to check two important Compass posts from earlier this week regarding road safety and parents' use of social media. If you missed them, they are also included in this newsletter for your reference.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Genevieve Smith  
PRINCIPAL

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# PRAYER FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**L**ord Jesus Christ,  
as we look at the crucifix,  
we remember your suffering,  
we ponder your sacrifice,  
we see your love.

May this image of your suffering  
make us patient with our  
own burdens.

May this reminder of your sacrifice  
help us to give ourselves for others.

May this image of your love  
make us more loving people.

You live and reign with the Father and  
the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. Amen



# TERM 1 CALENDAR

Quick Reference Guide to Upcoming 2024 Events			
<a href="#">Link to Website Calendar</a>			
TERM 1 2025			
WEEK	DATE	EVENT	GRADE
7	17/3	NAPLAN Continues - Conventions of Language	Year 3 and 5
	18/3	NAPLAN Continues - Numeracy	Year 3 and 5
	20/3	Parish Mass	Year 4
	21/3	Harmony Day Liturgy and Open Classrooms	K - 6 parents
	21/3	SPARK DAY 1 - Virtual Reality OLOPS - All Day	Invited Students
8	27/3	Parish Mass	Year 1 & 5
	27/3	Camp Quality Puppet Show	All Grades
	28/3	Cross Country	All Grades
9	31/3	Parent Cyber Safety Evening 7.00pm-8.00pm	Parents
	2/4	Stage 3 at Brigidine College Musical	Yrs 5 and 6
	3/4	School Photo Day	All Grades
	4/4	Second Hand Uniform Sale 9.00am Lower Playground	Parents
	4/4	School Assembly and Student of the Term Awards	K-6 and Parents
10	9/4	SPARK DAY 2 - Art Immersion Corpus Christi St Ives - All Day	Invited Students
	10/4	Parish Mass	Year 6
	11/4	P & F End of Term Lunch Sausage Sizzle	All Grades
	11/4	Holy Week Liturgy	K-6
	11/4	Last Day of Term 1	
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS			
TERM 2 2025			
1	28/4	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - No Student Attendance	
	29/4	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - No Student Attendance	
	30/4	Student's First Day of Term 2	





## HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is a special time when we celebrate everyone's differences and the many cultures that make Australia unique. It happens every year around March 21st. On this day, we come together to show kindness, respect, and understanding for people from all backgrounds.

Students are invited to wear something orange or an outfit that represents their own cultural background to school on Friday the 21st of March. It's a fun way to share and learn about each other's traditions and remember how important it is to live together in harmony!

We will have a liturgy at 9am presented by Year 2, followed by open classrooms.

A vibrant orange poster for Harmony Day. At the top left is a small globe icon. The title 'Harmony Day' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below it is a colorful, multi-petaled flower icon. To the right of the flower, the text 'Celebrating our cultural diversity' is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below this text are three arched photo frames. The first frame shows a young boy in a bright blue traditional tunic. The second frame shows a young girl in a red traditional outfit with a decorative headpiece. The third frame shows a woman and a young girl, both smiling, wearing blue and yellow traditional clothing. Below the photos, the text 'Please wear an outfit to reflect your cultural heritage (such as national costume or the colours of the flag) or a touch of orange' is written in a white, cursive font. In the bottom left corner, a gold circular badge contains the text 'Friday 21st March'. In the bottom right corner, the text 'Please join us for: 9am Liturgy in the Hall 9:30am Open Classrooms' is written in a white, sans-serif font. To the right of this text is a small, ornate crest or logo.



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## FAMILY MASS

On Saturday, March 1st, at 5 PM, the Year 3 Family Mass was held, led by Fr. John, the Assistant Priest at Holy Name. This beautiful event brought together families from both the school and parish community, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all.

The Mass saw a wonderful turnout, and we are incredibly proud of the Year 3 students who participated and contributed to the ceremony. Following the Mass, everyone gathered for a sausage sizzle and a variety of foods, generously provided by the parents. It was a fantastic evening of community, faith, and fellowship.





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## PROJECT COMPASSION

This year, we are once again supporting Project Compassion. The theme for 2025 is "Unite Against Poverty." This means that we all come together to help stop poverty in the world. It's a call for everyone to work together and find long-term solutions to make the world a better place.

Each class will receive a Project Compassion money poster, highlighting where the funds will go and how they can make a difference. They will also receive a Project Compassion money box to collect donations in their classroom. Later in the term, we will hold a mufti day as a way to thank everyone for their generosity. Your kindness will have a meaningful impact, and we truly appreciate your support!

## YEAR OF THE JUBILEE

In 2025, our school will join the global Catholic community in celebrating the Year of Jubilee, a time of renewal and grace. The theme for this Jubilee year is Unity, with 2025 being a year of hope. At the heart and soul of this celebration is the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which remains the foundation of our Catholic faith. God shows us infinite love and mercy, offering us the gift of forgiveness and new life.

Pope Francis invites us to reflect on how we can bring light into the darkness of the world, particularly for those living in poverty and fleeing persecution. He calls on us to care for our common home, the Earth, and to be instruments of peace and hope. As we embark on this sacred year, we turn to the words of 1 Peter 3:15: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have."

Let us take this opportunity to live out our faith by being a beacon of love, mercy, and compassion for others. May we find new ways to embody the unity that Christ calls us to and be a light of hope to the world.







## SHROVE TUESDAY

The name 'Shrove' comes from the old middle English word 'Shriven' meaning to attend confession in order to absolve your sins.

Shrove Tuesday is also called Pancake Day as this is the day that all our leftover fat and dairy products are to be consumed before Lent begins tomorrow (Ash Wednesday).

Thank you so much to our wonderful P&F (today our parents were Colleen, Lizzie and Annabel) for your amazing pancakes for our students and staff.

Thank you to everyone for your gold coin donations, which are being contributed to Caritas Australia as part of Project Compassion "Unite Against Poverty".





# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## ASH WEDNESDAY

***You are dust, and to dust you shall return.*** (Genesis 3:19)

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a special time in the Catholic Church where we focus on prayer, penance, and growing closer to God.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads as a symbol of repentance and humility.

During Lent, we are encouraged to pray more, give up certain comforts and do acts of kindness and charity. This season lasts 40 days, leading up to Easter, and is a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lent is a chance for all of us to grow spiritually and draw closer to God through reflection and self-discipline.

Our students celebrated Ash Wednesday today with class liturgies in our Chapel and receiving of ashes.





# IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to remind all families of the importance of road safety during drop-off and pick-up times at our school.

During the week, I personally witnessed a concerning incident where a parent in a two-toned Range Rover (license plate beginning with ERC) drove across the pedestrian crossing while our School Crossing Guard—who was wearing high-visibility clothing and holding a stop sign—was standing in the middle of the road, preparing to allow children to cross. This situation could have had serious consequences.

The safety of our students, staff, and community members is our top priority. Please ensure that you:

- Always obey the instructions of the School Crossing Guard.
- Come to a complete stop at pedestrian crossings and wait until the crossing is clear.
- Remain alert and avoid distractions such as mobile phones while driving near the school.
- Follow the designated drop-off and pick-up procedures to keep traffic flowing safely.

We ask for your cooperation to keep all children and families safe. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Warm regards

Genevieve Smith  
Principal





# PARENT'S USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA RELATING TO SCHOOL MATTERS

Dear Parents and Guardians

We understand that as parents, you want the best for your child and that at times, concerns or frustrations may arise regarding school matters. However, we kindly ask that you refrain from discussing the school, teachers, or students in WhatsApp groups or on social media. These platforms often do not allow for respectful or productive discussions and can lead to misunderstandings or unnecessary conflicts.

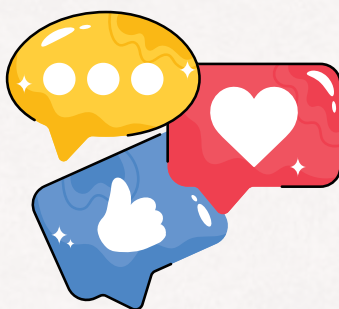
As outlined in our Parent Charter, we encourage open and respectful communication. If you have any concerns, we urge you to approach the school directly through the appropriate channels. Whether it's speaking with your child's teacher, arranging a meeting with school leadership, or providing feedback through the proper processes, we are here to listen and work together towards positive outcomes.

By engaging with the school respectfully and constructively, we can create a supportive environment for all students, staff, and families. Let's model the values of kindness, respect, and collaboration for our children.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Warm regards

Genevieve Smith  
Principal





# SCHOOL NEWS

## MATHEMATICS NEWS

Week 7 signals the start of the whole school 2025 Mathematical Thinking and Problem-Solving Program. The program runs alongside the classroom teaching and learning program for each grade, APSMO Maths Competitions in years 3 to 6, and the Mathematics Collaborative Coaching focus areas. For primary school students, working mathematically, mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills are vital for developing critical thinking, resilience and confidence. These skills help students approach challenges logically and creatively, building a strong foundation for academic success and real-life problem-solving.

The program varies in focus across the year but ultimately involves Mr O'Brien working with classroom teachers and students on a fortnightly basis. The program overview is below.

### **Terms 1 and 2 – Problem Solving Strategies**

- Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2
  - Introduction to problem-solving strategies
- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
  - Developing and extending problem-solving strategies and techniques
  - Exploring questions and activities related to APSMO competitions

### **Terms 3 and 4 – Open-Ended Fermi Problems**

- Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2
  - Part 1. Whole-class introduction to Fermi-style investigative problems with explicit teaching of the '3 Cs': Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking and Collaboration skills.
  - Part 2. Groups of students working together on an elementary Fermi-style problem and presenting their learning to their peers
- Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6
  - Part 1. Whole class Fermi problems with a focus on developing the '3 Cs': Critical Thinking, Creative Thinking and Collaboration skills.
  - Part 2. Individuals or small groups exploring their own Fermi problems with a focus on applying the '3 Cs' and presenting their learning to their peers and/or other grades



# SCHOOL NEWS

## CLASSROOM HELPERS

### Join Us as a Classroom Helper for Kindy, Year 1 & Year 2 Reading!

We are inviting parents and caregivers to support our Kindy, Year 1, and Year 2 students in developing their reading skills by volunteering as a classroom helper. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to practice what they are learning in class with extra guidance and encouragement.

If you would like to help, simply fill in [THIS FORM](#) and ensure you have completed the Volunteer and Contractor Form for CSBB Safeguarding purposes (see below). Once that's done, I will send you a booking document where you can choose a time that suits you.

No experience is needed! We will provide all the resources and a briefing on what to do before you start. Your support can make a big difference in fostering a love of reading in our young learners!

Thank you for your help! We look forward to welcoming you into the classroom.

### CSBB Contractor or Volunteer Engagement Form

If you would like to be a parent helper please complete the process via the QR Code below or going to the CSBB Contractor & Volunteer Engagement Form here.

#### [CSBB Contractor & Volunteer Engagement Form](#)

Please ensure you select the correct category of contractor or volunteer.



## 2026 ENROLMENTS

**IMPORTANT**

**Just a reminder that if you are enrolling a sibling in Kindergarten in 2026, all forms need to be completed and lodged by the end of Term 1.** All offers of Kindergarten places are made in Term 2 following enrolment interviews.



## IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY

Please read the following screen shot from an email I received yesterday from a Water St resident:-

-----Original Message-----

From: Prouille, Wahroonga <noreply@notification6.carterandco-creative.com.au>

Sent: Wednesday, 12 March 2025 8:55 AM

To: Prouille (Wahroonga) <prouille@dbb.org.au>

Subject: Enquiry Form

Caution: External email. Do not open any unexpected links or attachments. If in doubt, please click the "Report Message" button.

From: Peter Napper <petenap@hotmail.com>

Subject: Road safety

Message Body:

Hi

I drive down Water streets most mornings

It never ceases to amaze me the disregard for road safety and the law that many Prouille parents have

This morning was a car that stopped to do a 3 point turn across unbroken double lines

This behaviour is illegal and dangerous.

Often it's a ballet dance of Prouille parents doing 3 point turns down the street which is illegal, and downright dangerous with kids around

Can you educate your parents before someone runs over one of your students

**Please remember that it is unsafe to do a 3-point turn or u-turn in a school zone or over double unbroken lines.**

## COOL KIDS AUTISM GROUP SESSIONS



Macquarie University is offering group sessions for children on the autism spectrum who experience anxiety. Cool Kids Autism group sessions are designed specifically for young people on the autism spectrum who experience anxiety. Upcoming group sessions: - Grades 4–6: Starting 29th April - Grades 3–5: Starting 18th August - Grades 6–8: Starting 19th August Time: 4:30–6:30pm (once a week for 10 sessions over approx. 15 weeks).

A flyer has been attached to this newsletter and more information is available on the Macquarie Uni website. If you would like your child to attend the program, please contact your child's teacher to discuss.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## CYBER SECURITY PARENT EVENING

We are holding a Cyber Safety Parent Evening on **Monday 31st March from 7-8pm** at Prouille.

REGISTER NOW



[Link to register here](https://bit.ly/prouillecybersafety)



## CYBER SAFETY PARENT EVENING AT PROUILLE

**SAFEGUARDING YOUR DIGITAL WORLD!**

Date: Monday 31st March

Time: 7pm to 8pm

Venue: Prouille

Register: <https://bit.ly/prouillecybersafety>

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**Prouille P&F**

**Second Hand Uniform Sale**

**9 AM - 10 AM, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Downstairs in the undercover area**



**New families and existing families – All welcome 😊**

**CASHLESS PAYMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!**

**Any questions? Please contact**

**[prouille.pandf@gmail.com](mailto:prouille.pandf@gmail.com)**



## PARENTS' NIGHT OFF EVENT

**A fun night for the kids, a well-deserved break for you!**

We know that nights out can be rare, and not everyone has access to babysitters or family to help out. That's why the P&F are excited to introduce Prouille Parents' Night Off—a series of events designed to give parents a well-earned break while the kids enjoy a fun-filled evening at school!

For just \$10 per child, Prouille students can be dropped off at the school hall, where they'll be supervised and entertained with activities, and plenty of fun. Snacks will be provided, but we ask that children have dinner before they arrive.

To make this initiative a success, we need extra volunteers to help supervise! Our goal is to run multiple events throughout the year so that everyone gets a turn to enjoy a night off. If you can spare a couple of hours, please add your name to the Google Sheet to help out: [Register Here](#)

Please see flyer for further details and booking link (also included below) —we can't wait to give you a well-deserved break!



**PARENTS' NIGHT OFF**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 4**

**5:30PM-8:00PM**

**Drop Off**  
Your Prouille Children Aged 5-12 years old for a supervised night in the school hall!

The P&F are excited to invite you to an exclusive Parents' Night Off event! Leave the kids with us for a fun-filled evening while you enjoy a well-deserved break.

**\$10 per child**  
Book using QR code  
Bookings close 28th March

Snacks provided but please ensure dinner has been given before drop-off. Any allergies to be advised.

**REGISTER NOW**



[Link to book here](#)



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# SPORTS NEWS

## SWIMMING

In the last newsletter, we congratulated all those students who had progressed to the North Shore Cluster Swimming Carnival. Cluster is highly competitive with students across all North Shore schools looking to progress to the diocesan carnival. The Prouille team of 34 students did the school and themselves very proud with their incredible efforts in the pool and cheering the team on from the stands.

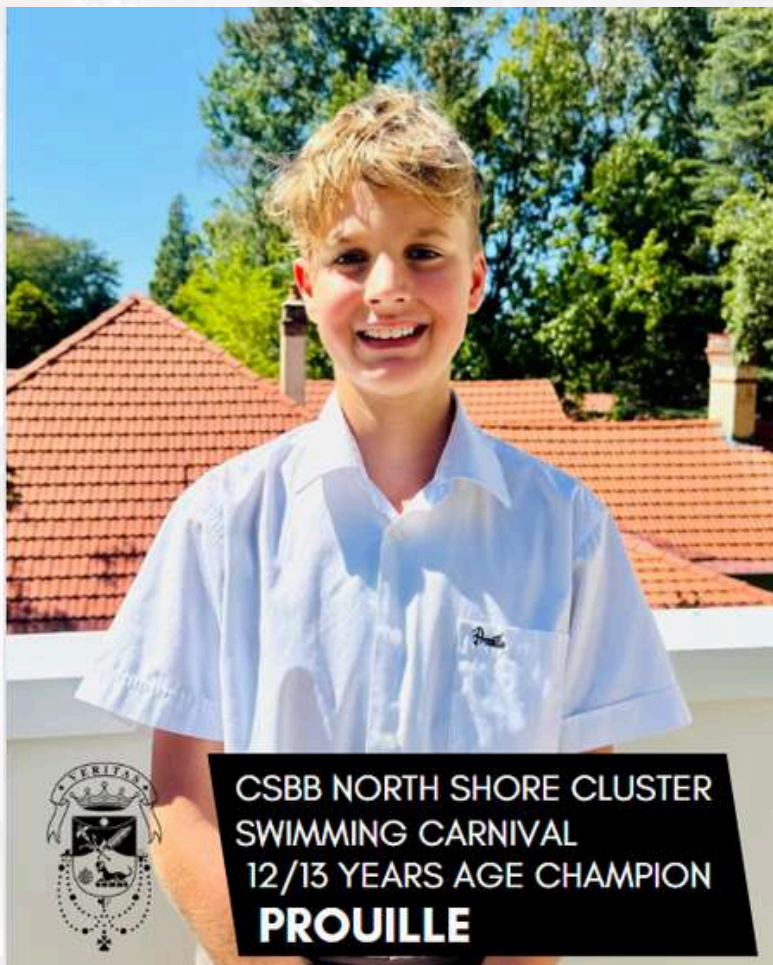
Frank W (Year 6) had a particularly strong day out and not only progressed to the CSBB carnival but was named Senior Boys 12-13 Years Age Champion for the cluster.

Congratulations Frank!

The CSBB Swimming Championships took place on Tuesday, 11 March with Frank involved in the 200m Individual Medley, 50m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly.

Despite missing out on a place in his events and progressing to the next level of representation, Frank was extremely happy with his performances on the day.

Well done Frank!





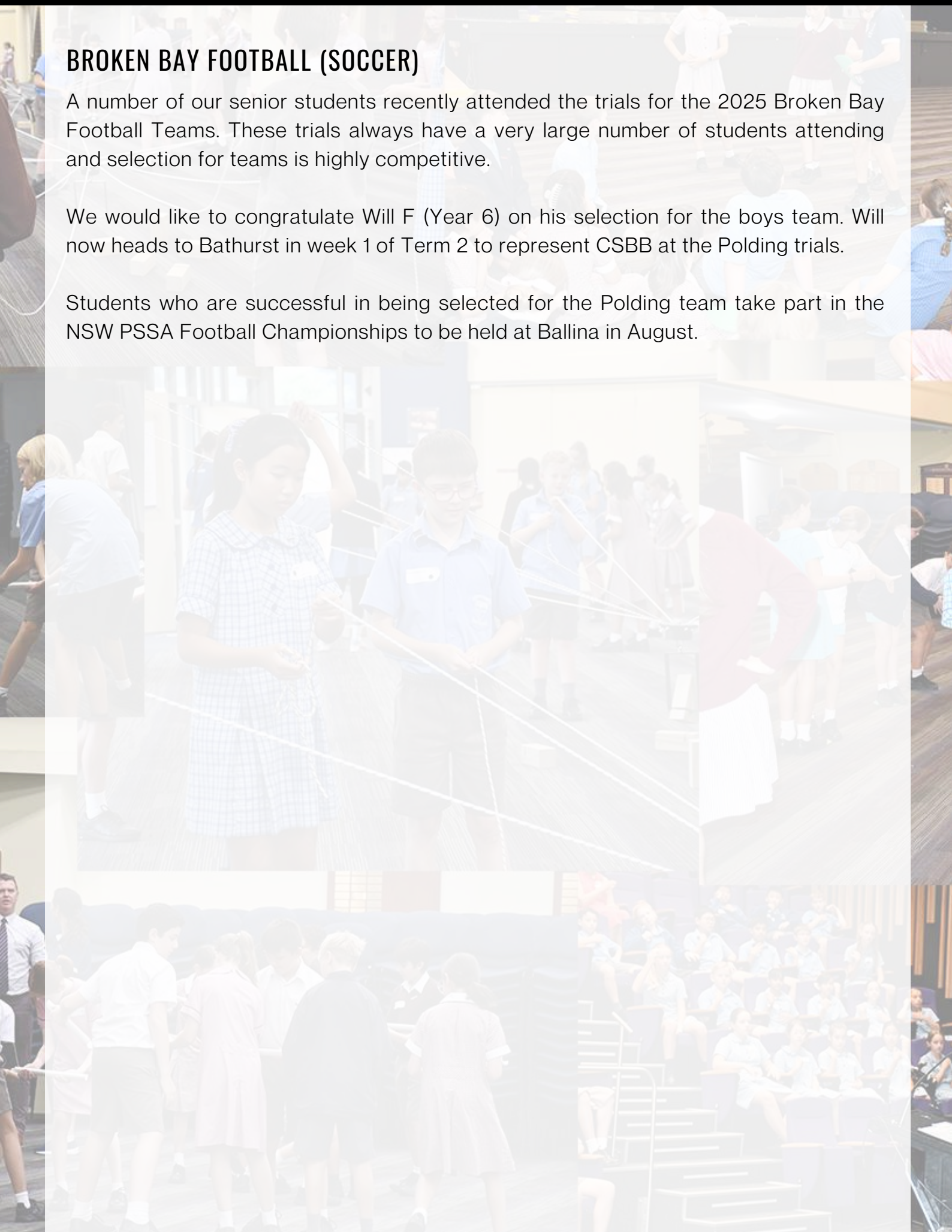
# SPORTS NEWS

## BROKEN BAY FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

A number of our senior students recently attended the trials for the 2025 Broken Bay Football Teams. These trials always have a very large number of students attending and selection for teams is highly competitive.

We would like to congratulate Will F (Year 6) on his selection for the boys team. Will now heads to Bathurst in week 1 of Term 2 to represent CSBB at the Polding trials.

Students who are successful in being selected for the Polding team take part in the NSW PSSA Football Championships to be held at Ballina in August.





# CLASS NEWS - YEAR 3

In Religious Education, our Year 3 classes have been spending time in the Chapel using the Religious Presentations to learn stories from the Bible.

Our students have formed groups and acted out Jesus's stories using the religious presentations, thereby learning about the Bible in an age-appropriate way.





# CLASS NEWS - YEAR 3

Year 3 has been learning circus techniques for class sport this term. This is a combination of different movements, positions and balancing, and requires very good team work!



**FUN!**



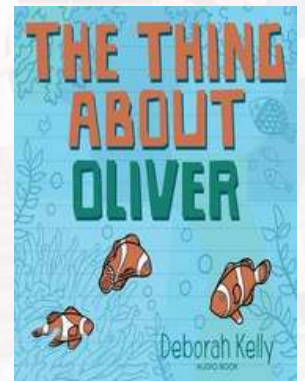


# CLASS NEWS - YEAR 4

In English, our Year 4 class has been studying the text "The Thing About Oliver" by Deborah Kelly.

From the text, our students have learnt about the main character, Tilly, and her aspirations of becoming a marine biologist and living by the sea.

This has inspired our students to create beautiful artworks of The Great Barrier Reef.





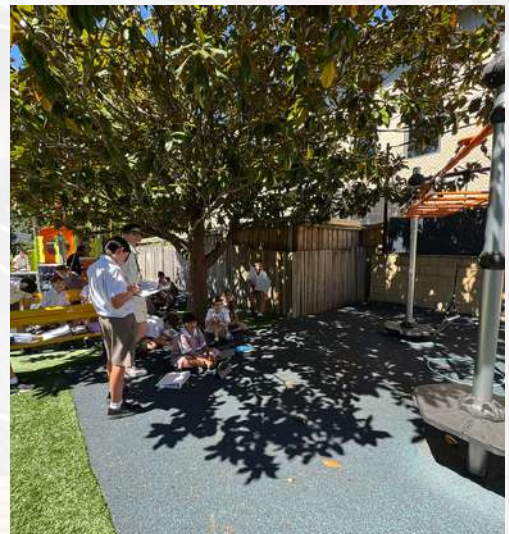
# CLASS NEWS - YEAR 6

It was a beautiful sunny day on Thursday - perfect weather conditions for some “maths in action”!

Our Year 6 classes were undertaking a group project using stopwatches.

Our students were working in teams across a variety of activities designed to study the curriculum unit of “Time”.

Our students each were involved in recording times for exercise activities as well a variety of numerical strategies involved.





# LIBRARY NEWS



## CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA (CBCA)

The library has been buzzing with excitement as students dive into the CBCA focus theme, "Book an Adventure." Every corner of the library is filled with eager readers exploring new worlds, from fantastical realms to thrilling escapades. The theme has sparked curiosity and imagination, encouraging everyone to 'book an adventure'. The library is truly alive with energy, as every adventure holds something new to discover!



## NSW PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Challenge opens: **Monday 24th February**

Challenge closes for student entries: **Friday 22nd August**

Kindergarten through to Year Two will be supported at school to fulfil the requirements of the challenge. Students within Years Three to Six have been given their personal logon information by their classroom teacher. It is their responsibility to add the titles they read to their challenge log. Mrs Roberts is always at hand if some assistance is required.



# PEC NEWS

Our first webinar for the year "Tackling School Refusal" was well attended. For those who missed it or would like to discuss the topic further, **Jacqui Van de Velde** (PEC) is offering the notes or a coffee meet-up for a recap. Please contact her at [\*\*jacqui.vandeverde@dbb.catholic.edu.au\*\*](mailto:jacqui.vandeverde@dbb.catholic.edu.au) to arrange a time.

**Parents' Prayers** are back! Join us at 2 PM in the school chapel on Fridays coinciding with school assemblies.

**First Friday Masses**; mark your calendar for 9:15 AM April 4 at Holy Name Wahroonga. A friendly "cuppa" will follow each Mass.

**Operation Winter Warmth** campaign is underway! We are calling for donations of mystery yarn and volunteers who can knit or crochet.

Looking forward to seeing you at these events and appreciate your continued support and involvement in our school and parish community.



# MERIT AWARDS

## 2025 Merit Awards Term 1 Week 5

Class	Names
Kindy Koala	Liam Khastar and Scarlett McDonald
Kindy Kangaroo	Bryan Lee and Thea Markarova
Year 1 Lyrebird	Freddie Arndt & Vincent Hanley
Year 1 Rosella	Elise Browne & Tiffany Zekry
Year 2 Emu	Ashley Gibbs & Alice Devries
Year 2 Wombat	Chloe Cooper & Hazel Schoenmaker
Year 3 Platypus	Valeria Serva and Liana Behnam
Year 3 Bilby	Christian Arruzza and Helena Arora
Year 4 Kookaburra	Hugh Browne & Grace Attwood
Year 5 Goanna	John Browne
Year 6 Possum	Georgina Quoyale & Elsie Adkins
Year 6 Wallaby	Abigail Jordaan & Huxley Jordan
K-3 Cockatoo	Tyler Posford
3-6 Dingo	Jemima Ross







PROGRAMS HERE

# APRIL VACATION CARE

## ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

[www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/vacation-care](http://www.catholiccaredbb.org.au/vacation-care)



**REGISTER NOW**

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# CYBER SECURITY

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**Friday  
21st  
March**

Please join us for:  
9am Liturgy in the Hall  
9:30am Open Classrooms





# The School Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using metro, train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

## Who can apply?

To be eligible for a School Opal card, students may need to live a minimum distance from their school:

### Years K-2 (Infants)

There is no minimum distance.

### Years 3-6 (Primary)

More than 1.6km straight line distance or at least 2.3km walking.

### Years 7-12 (Secondary)

More than 2.0km straight line distance or at least 2.9km walking.



If you live too close to be eligible for free travel, you may still qualify for a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

## Who needs to apply

A new application is only required if the student has not had a School Opal card before.

If the student already has a School Opal card and is changing schools, campuses or home address, you will need to update their Opal card for the new school year before mid-December at [transportnsw.info/ssts-update](https://transportnsw.info/ssts-update)

## How to apply

Applications for next year open at the start of Term 4 this year.

### Step 1

Once the new school has confirmed your child's enrolment, complete the application at [transportnsw.info/school-students](https://transportnsw.info/school-students)

### Step 2

The school endorses your application.

### Step 3

Once Transport for NSW has approved the application, a School Opal card will be sent to the address provided on the application.



A parent or guardian must apply for students 15 years and under. Students 16 years and over can apply for themselves.



## Better together

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school. So it's a good idea to get a Child/Youth Opal card for travel after hours, on weekends or during school holidays.

### Child/Youth Opal card benefits

- Concession fares across the Opal network
- Half-price travel after eight paid journeys each week\*
- \$1 transfer discount for every transfer between modes (metro/train, ferry, bus or light rail) as part of one journey within 60 minutes from the last tap off<sup>1</sup>
- Set auto top up and link it to your credit or debit card so there's always enough value on the card to travel.

Find out more at [transportnsw.info/opal](https://transportnsw.info/opal) or pick one up from an Opal retailer. To find a retailer in your area visit [transportnsw.info/opal-retailers](https://transportnsw.info/opal-retailers)



Secondary students aged 16 and over can travel with a Child/Youth Opal card when carrying a Transport Concession Entitlement Card. To apply, contact your school or institution.

\* Excluding Sydney Airport station access fee.

#### Privacy

For information on how we handle personal information please refer to the Opal Privacy Policy at [transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal-opal-privacy-policy](https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/opal-opal-privacy-policy) and the School Pass Terms [transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms](https://transportnsw.info/school-pass-terms)





# NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

Friday 21 March

Hi schools!  
Register to take part and Council will deliver  
a free box of fresh fruit for your students  
on the day!



**Important Note:** This promotion is only applicable to schools within the Ku-ring-gai Local Government Area



**Scan to REGISTER NOW**  
Orders close Monday 3 March  
[krg.nsw.gov.au/ride2school](http://krg.nsw.gov.au/ride2school)







# OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 2 MARCH 10AM-1PM

Mercy Catholic College Chatswood offers girls from Year 7 – 12 an authentic, professional, Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion.

We are located in the heart of Chatswood, just a short walk to Chatswood Interchange where there are connecting buses, trains and the Metro.

We are committed to creating a safe and supportive learning environment for students, staff and families through our integrated and structured Pastoral Care and Wellbeing programs overseen by specialised staff.

We recognise that the needs of our students are diverse therefore curriculum and pedagogy are dynamic and responsive to accommodate the variety of student learning needs.

This year we celebrate 135 years of teaching excellence reflected in consistently strong all-round academic results.

We offer a comprehensive range of electives in addition to mandatory studies from Year 7, leading to the award of the Higher School Certificate credential in Year 12.

Our unique Pathways & Partnerships program assists the transition to life beyond school into the 21st century workforce through a range of higher education, industry and trade partnerships.

We are committed to the development of the whole person and offer opportunities for students to participate in over 30 programs including a variety of Sports, Creative Arts and special interest clubs.



**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7, 2027**  
**[www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au](http://www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au)**





# St Leo's Catholic College Wahroonga



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!

## Open Evening & Expo

Wednesday, 26 March, 3-7pm



**Priority enrolment\*** for students from our CSBB Priority Feeder Schools, plus no application or enrolment fees.

*Did you know...?*

**Prouille, Wahroonga** is a St Leo's Priority Feeder School!

Experience everything St Leo's has to offer:

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

*Scan to Register >*



\* enrolment windows apply

# stleos.nsw.edu.au





**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.



*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 K-12 Catholic community of CSBB schools.*



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)**

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.

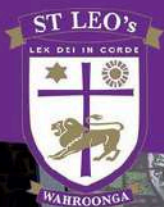


- developing a familiarity with the high school environment, campus and connections with key staff and student mentors, enabling a smoother transition to high school.



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





# St Leo's Catholic College Wahroonga



*At St Leo's,  
we are committed to  
forming confident,  
competent  
Catholic-valued  
young people of  
conscience, aiming  
to help our  
students find their  
passion and  
develop their talents  
into greatness.*

## *Why choose St Leo's?*

- Our newly upgraded campus is located on six leafy hectares in Wahroonga and is the only co-educational Catholic secondary school on Sydney's Upper North Shore.
- As a caring, inclusive community renowned for our pastoral care, we have a strong focus on knowing each student and growing their unique potential and passion.
- With a distinct innovation and technology focus, we offer a range of programs to ensure our students have the skills they need for a globalised world.
- We pride ourselves on achieving consistently strong academic results, with students regularly appearing in the HSC High Achiever and All-Rounder lists.
- We focus on developing the whole person across our range of St Leo's Growth Domains – Spiritual, Academic, Cultural, Social/Emotional, Environmental, and Physical dimensions – ensuring a diverse and purposeful experience, and the balanced development of our students.
- We are consistently above the average student growth in NAPLAN - across both State and SSSG schools (Statistically Similar School Group).
- We have a future-focussed view of education, helping our students become lifelong learners.
- Our Pathways and Partnerships Program works with students and families to navigate the many options beyond school, developing both industry and higher education partnerships and shaping new offerings at St Leo's.
- Our recent \$30M campus upgrade provides state-of-the art facilities, including a \$14M Creative & Performing Arts, Design, Technology and Hospitality Centre, new library, gym, and numerous purposeful, flexible learning and recreation spaces.
- A huge range of co-curricular offerings including over 20 extra-curricular CAPA ensembles, extra academic, youth ministry, social justice and environmental opportunities and overseas tours.
- A strong sporting culture with weekly Sport for Life program and tiered opportunities for talented athletes to progress to higher representative levels, including national and international.

*Visit our website to find out more about everything St Leo's has to offer.  
We look forward to welcoming you to our community.*

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