



PROUILLE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

VERITAS VOICE

PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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HIGHLIGHTS



YEAR 2 EXCURSION



AUTHOR VISIT



RELIGIOUS CREATIVE ARTS
COMPETITION WORK

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I wanted to take a moment to discuss the importance of arriving to school on time again. When children come to school on time, they start their day calmly and are able to settle into their classroom routine. This helps them focus better, participate fully in their lessons, and build positive habits.

Conversely, when students arrive late, they can miss out on important introductions, instructions, and activities. This can disrupt their learning experience and make it harder for them to catch up with their peers. Regular lateness can also impact their long-term academic progress and their ability to build strong connections to school routines.

We understand that mornings can be hectic, and we appreciate your efforts to ensure your child arrives on time. If you encounter continuing difficulties that affect your ability to be punctual, please let us know so we can offer support.

With regards to school activities please use the most up-to-date copy of the calendar in the newsletter or on the website. Occasionally, adjustments to diocesan events and activities mean that our calendar may need to be modified. For example the Book Parade was advertised as the 22nd of August back in Term 2 but we had to change it to the 28th of August because of the Diocesan Athletics Carnival.

Warm regards,
Genevieve Smith
Principal

AT A GLANCE

Principal's Message

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PRAYER FOR EIGHTEENTH 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
5	19/8	Zohab Zee Khan - Spoken Word Poet	Yrs 3-6
	20/8	ICAS Competition - Science	Selected students
	20/8	Mercy College Chatswood Principal Visit	Yr 4,5, 6 Girls
	21/8	North Shore Cluster Public Speaking Finals	Selected students
	21/8	URStrong Parent Information Night 6.00pm via Zoom	Parents
	22/8	North Shore Zone Athletics Carnival	Selected students
	22/8	ICAS Competition - Spelling Bee	Selected students
6	26/8	ICAS Competition - Mathematics	Selected students
	27/8	'It's a Miracle' Book Week Shortlisted Books Play	K-6
	28/8	Father's Day Gift Stall	K-6
	28/8	Book Fair and Book Week Parade	All grades
	30/8	Fathers' Day Celebrations	All grades
7	6/9	Storytime at Prouille - 8.30-9.30 (Library)	2025 Kindy
	6/9	Mercy Outreach Day	K-6
	6/9	Whole School Assembly	K-6
	6/9	Friendship Festival - URStrong	K-6
8	13/8	P & F Trivia Night	Parents and Friends
9	20/9	SPARK Day 6	Selected students
	TBA	P & F End of Term Lunch	K-6
10	27/9	End of Term Assembly and Term 3 Principal's Awards	K-6
	27/9	LAST DAY OF TERM 3 School resumes Tuesday 15th October	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Father Kelvin's Visit

Last Friday 9th August, Fr Kelvin came to Prouille for a special liturgy for Years K-1 and the Eileen O'Conner students. He presided in the chapel at Prouille and allowed the students to participate in the liturgy. Afterwards, Father Kelvin answered questions from the students. This visit from Father Kelvin enabled the students to experience a liturgy at school and learn more about the Mass and the role of a priest in the church.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

Feast of the Assumption of Mary

This feast day is traditionally observed on the 15th of August to celebrate Mary being taken from her earthly life into heaven, body and soul. It is seen as a holy day of obligation. The Assumption of Mary is a source of great hope for us as we strive to be faithful like Mary and gain the grace of eternal life.

All students celebrated the Assumption with a special reflection in their classrooms.

PRAYER

Holy Mary,

On this day we honour your life
as the chosen Mother of Jesus. We remember your dedication to God
and the joy and heartache
you had in your life
as you followed God's plan. We pray for the love you had for God,
the hope you had in Jesus,
and the joy you found in your heart.

Pray for us as we grow in love, hope and joy.

Amen.

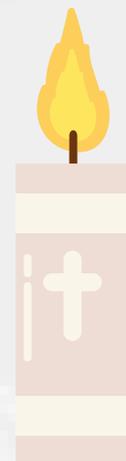


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE

St Dominic's Day Liturgy

Last Friday we had a liturgy for St Dominic's Day.

Prouille is founded on the works of the Dominican Nuns. As a result, the Feast Day of St Dominic is important to the school community. Prouille was chosen as the name of the school, for it was at Prouille in France, in the year 1206, that St Dominic beheld a vision of Our Blessed Lady in which she instructed him to found his Order of Nuns at St Mary's Prouille. In Prouille, then, St Dominic's spiritual ideal took form and from Prouille was launched his world-wide enterprise for the conquest of souls. The name "Prouille" signifies that in Wahroonga the Dominican system of Christian education was established and maintained.



STAGE 3 CAMP TO BATHURST

Our Years 5 and 6 students travelled to Bathurst on Thursday and Friday for an overnight history excursion.

Their itinerary included visiting the gold fields and panning for gold, experiencing the hardship of the early gold miners by making mud bricks, playing basic games (such as tug-of-war) and making and eating delicious damper!

All the teachers (including our Principal, Ms Smith!) were very impressed by our students' level of engagement and enthusiasm over the entire two days.

Our students had a fantastic camp and an abundance of new learning experiences.

Well done, Stage 3.



STAGE 3 CAMP TO BATHURST



YEAR TWO EXCURSION TO SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM

Recently, Year 2 Wombat, Emu and Cockatoos classes visited the NSW Schoolhouse Museum in Ryde to learn about the history of schools and how they have changed over time.

Two of our students, Lucy and William, wrote the following details about their time there.

"Outside, we did a range of activities. We did the maypole dance, a drill, fly, hoops, skipping and quoits. They were made out of natural materials like rope, wood and bamboo.

Next we went into the 1878 classroom and wrote with slate boards and pencils made from slate. We also used an inkwell and quill and learned about the cane! In the 1910s classroom, we toasted some bread on an open fire with golden syrup on top. We got an activity booklet and there were puzzles and games. We had lots of fun. We hope we can go there again."

By Lucy and William



RELIGIOUS CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION

Prouille students were working hard last week on the Religious Creative Arts competition. All students were given the opportunity to demonstrate their talents in any of the 5 categories of visual arts, dance, drama, music and short film. The theme for 2024 is "Joy". Finalists from the school will have the opportunity to perform or display their work at a special 'Showcase' performance evening with industry performers and judges in attendance.

Students have until this **Friday 16th August** to submit their work to the school.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
Broken Bay

2024

RELIGIOUS CREATIVE ARTS COMpetition

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH JOY
Romans 15:13

HOW TO ENTER

You're invited to join this celebration of creativity and talent. Open to all CSBB students from Kindergarten to Year 10, this event features five exciting categories: visual arts, dance, drama, music, and short film. These artworks must reflect this year's theme "JOY" (Romans 15:13). Finalists may have the opportunity to perform or display their work at a special 'Showcase' performance evening, with industry performers and judges in attendance. Don't miss out on this incredible chance to showcase your creative talent!

Stage 1 - Competition closes 16 August 2024.
Stage 2 - Finalists judging 9/10 September 2024.
Stage 3 - Finalists showcase evening 13th November 2024.

Register your interest at your school and mark the important dates on your calendar. Get ready to make your mark in the world of art and entertainment!

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Eileen O'Connor
Catholic School

More info
for staff



**Entries closing
16 August 2024**

RELIGIOUS CREATIVE ARTS COMPETITION



BOOK WEEK AUTHOR VISIT - SAMI BAYLY

On Tuesday, the Prouille students and staff met Sami Bayly, non-fiction author and illustrator.

Some of her titles include: *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Ugly Animals*, *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Dangerous Animals* and *Creatures of Camouflage and Mimicry*. Sami gave us a sneak peek of her new book arriving in bookstores next month, *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Extinct Animals*.

The students enjoyed hearing Sami present 'disgusting' yet interesting facts about strange and peculiar creatures before being she guided them through drawings of some weird and wonderful animals and fungi. The students were excited and energised by Sami's presentation and were keen to discuss much of their general knowledge with her. I'm sure her books will be extremely popular in the Library in the coming weeks!

To order any of Sami Bayly's books, please see the flyer below for details. Sami has kindly offered to deliver any books ordered before the cut-off date directly to the school.



Sami Bayly

School Visit
Book Pre-order

Ordering Steps:

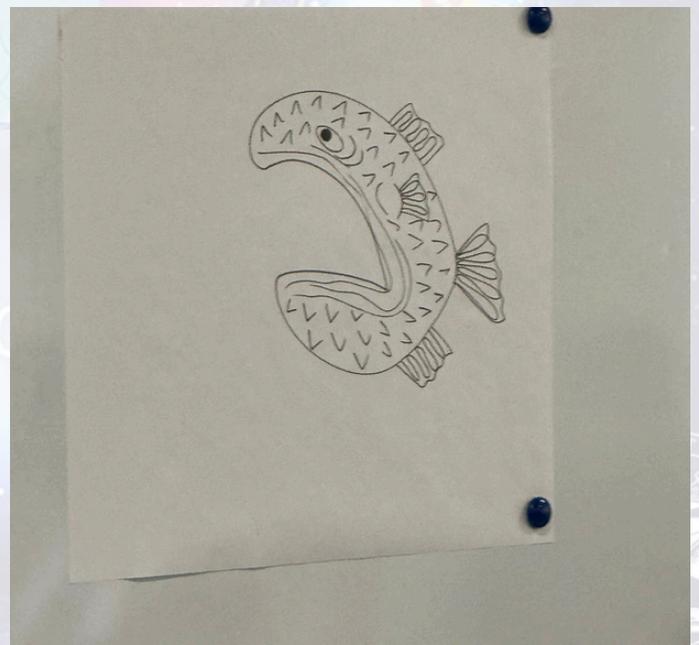
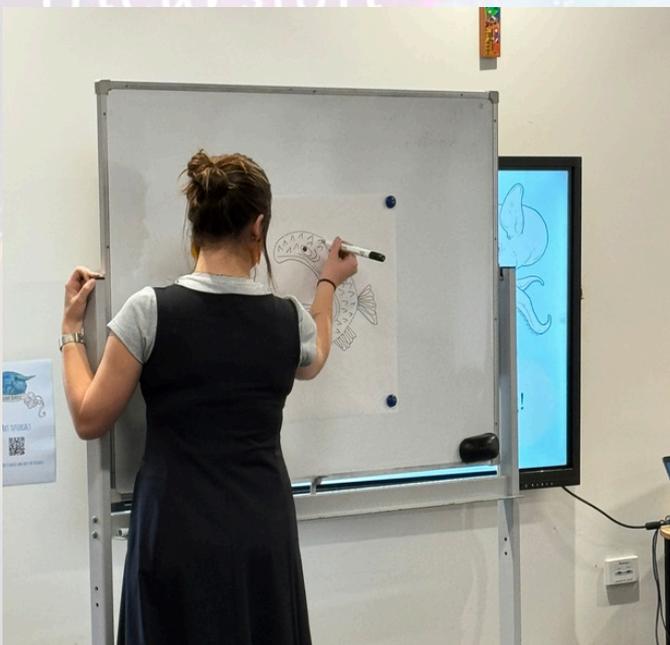
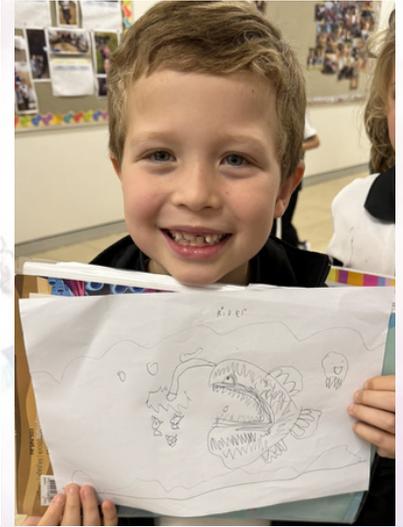
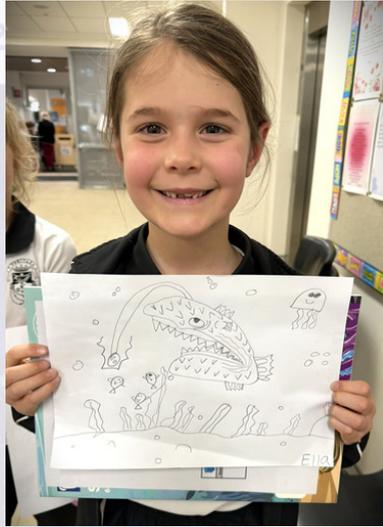
1. Visit the following website: www.etsy.com/au/shop/SamiBayly
2. Add the books you wish to purchase to your cart.
3. Make a note of your child's school, name (or who the book is for), class, and any other specific personal requests you would like Sami to add. E.g. "For John Smith in 4B at St Prouille Catholic School. He loves reading and drawing".
4. Put the code **LOCAL** in at the end of checking out to remove the postage costs. If you forget/have trouble entering the code, you will be refunded the postage costs.
5. The pre-order will close on the **24/08/24** to prevent any late orders. If you order after this cut-off date, you will be refunded or asked to pay postage costs.



BOOK WEEK AUTHOR VISIT - SAMI BAYLY



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Children's Book week®

Reading
is
Magic

Week
6

Tue 27/8
2pm
Book Week
IncurSION

Wed 28/8
8am
Book
Fair

Wed 28/8
9:30am
Book Week
Parade



THE CHILDREN'S
BOOK COUNCIL
OF AUSTRALIA



UPCOMING EVENTS

PROUILLE P&F TRIVIA NIGHT



Tickets are still available!

Join us on **Friday 13 September** for an unforgettable evening at the Prouille P&F 'Battle of the Bands' Trivia Night 2024 - a battle of wits with questions that span across the globe! Enjoy a night of laughter and excitement with your host and Trivia Master, Jason Montgomery.

The event is open to family, friends, and members of our community.

Using the QR code provided in the flyer (see next page) or the link below, register and purchase your tickets now to secure your spot. Let's see who will be crowned the trivia champions!

You can also click here for tickets: [Trivia Night Tickets](#)

You can further support Prouille by purchasing raffle tickets and bidding on items in our Live and Silent Auctions. These can be viewed via the same link/QR code - just select 'All items' in the menu.

If you need any assistance, please call Mariela Salisch at 0419 791 951.





2024

PROUDLY PRESENTS

TRIVIA



NIGHT

THEME



COME DRESSED AS
YOUR MUSICAL HERO



FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2024

DOORS OPEN AT **6.30 PM** FOR YOU TO DECORATE
YOUR TABLE. **TRIVIA STARTS AT 7PM SHARP.**



PROUILLE SCHOOL HALL, 5 WATER ST WAHROONGA
\$25 PER PERSON (TABLES OF 8)



TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.
FORM YOUR OWN TEAM OF 8 OR JOIN A TABLE.
TO REGISTER AND PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS,
GO TO (OR SCAN CODE):

www.app.galabid.com/prouille/event-tickets

TICKET INCLUDES...

- ⚡ ENTRY TO TRIVIA, LUCKY DOOR AND FANCY-DRESS PRIZES.
- ⚡ PRIZE FOR BEST-DECORATED TABLE.
- ⚡ ENTRY TO SURPRISE CHALLENGES ON THE NIGHT.

BYO: FOOD & DRINK, THINK OF IT AS AN INDOOR ADULT PICNIC

BOOKINGS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
NOTE THIS IS AN ADULTS-ONLY EVENT



UPCOMING EVENTS



FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Our Father's Day Celebrations will take place on Friday 30 August but please note breakfast orders close by Friday 23 August (place order in QKR!).

PROUILLE

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST

7:30-8:30: BREAKFAST OUTSIDE THE HALL
8:30-9:00: OPEN CLASSROOMS
9:00: FATHERS DAY LITURGY

TO ATTEND BREAKFAST PLEASE PAY BY THE QKR APP
COST IS \$10 PER FAMILY
RSVP BY FRIDAY 23 AUGUST

UPCOMING EVENTS

URSTRONG PARENT SEMINAR

Our URSTRONG Parent Information Evening will be held next Wednesday 21 August from 6pm to 7pm on Zoom. Please register here:

<https://bit.ly/ProuilleURStrong>

 **PROUILLE**
Catholic Primary School
WAHROONGA

URSTRONG
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

YOU ARE INVITED!

WEDNESDAY
Aug 21st
6:00PM - 7:00PM

SESSION TO BE HELD ON ZOOM

REGISTER ONLINE! 

WWW.BIT.LY/PROUILLEURSTRONG

ZOOM DETAILS WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON REGISTRATION

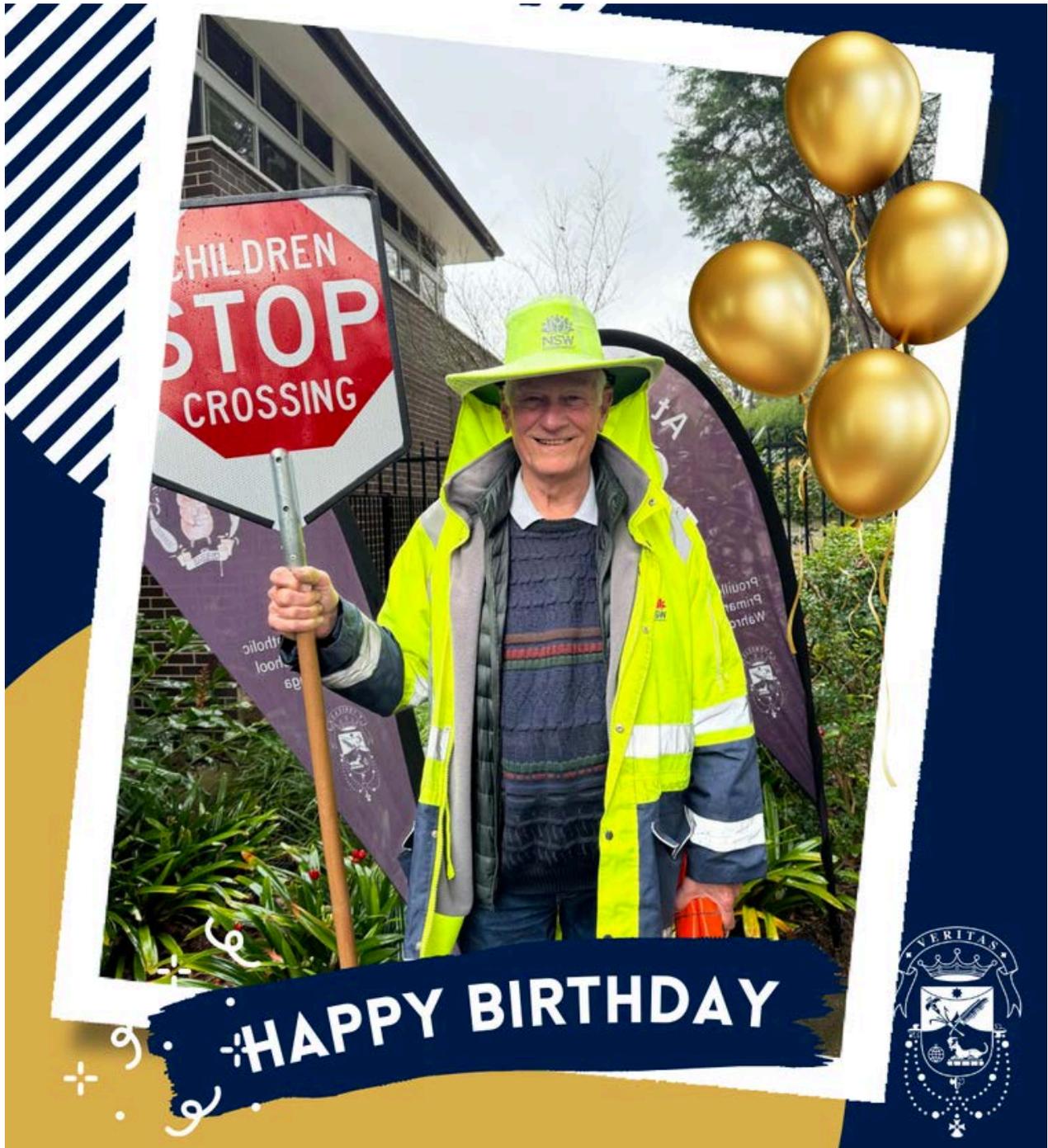
URSTRONG.COM

STAFF BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to our amazing School Crossing Supervisor, Guy!

Guy is always taking care of our Prouille students at the crossings in the morning and afternoon. Thank you for your continued dedication to safety and for being so friendly at all times!

Hope you have had a great day!



SPORTING NEWS



Soccer Gala Days

The busy sport calendar continues in Term 3. Students in our Primary grades are looking forward to our upcoming soccer gala days where they will play against teams from other schools from the North Shore Cluster. Years 5 and 6 will take part in their gala day on Tuesday, 6 August (week 3).

Years 3 and 4 were scheduled to have their gala day on Tuesday, 13 August (week 4) however this has been postponed due to rain.



FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

We held another round of Friendship Groups yesterday focusing on our URSTRONG framework. Well done to our group leaders for hosting the sessions.



FRIENDSHIP GROUPS



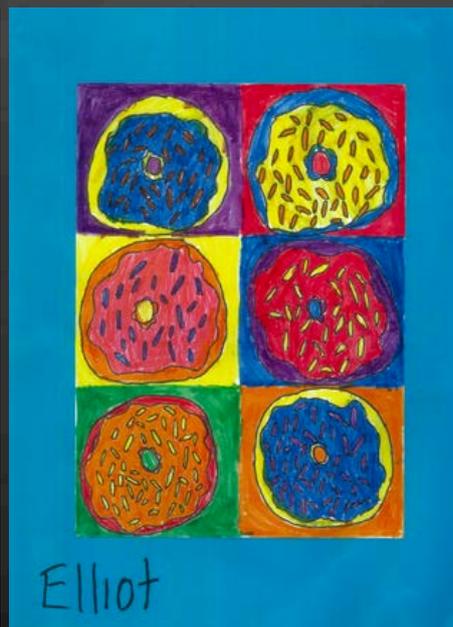
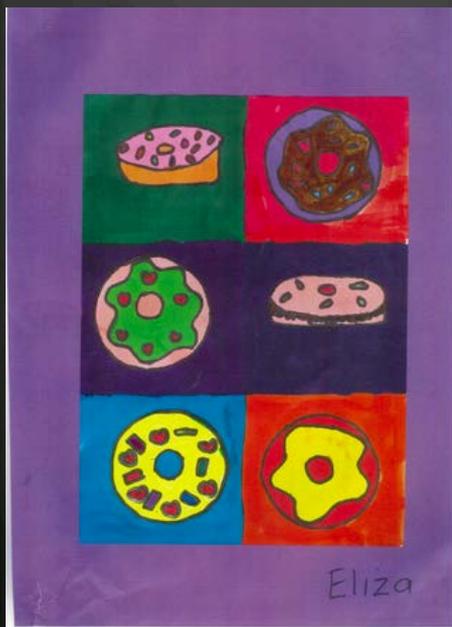
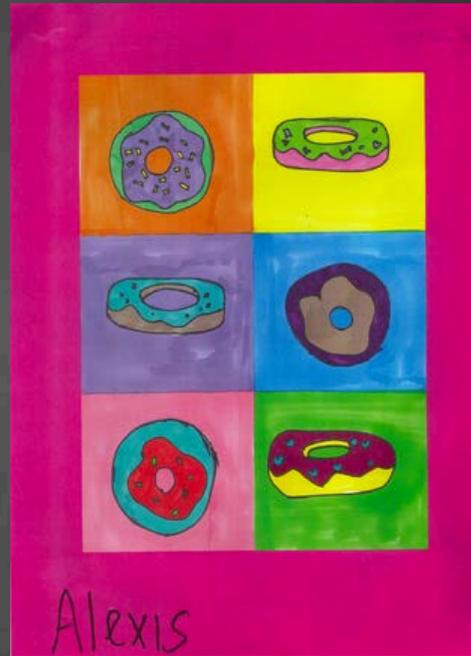
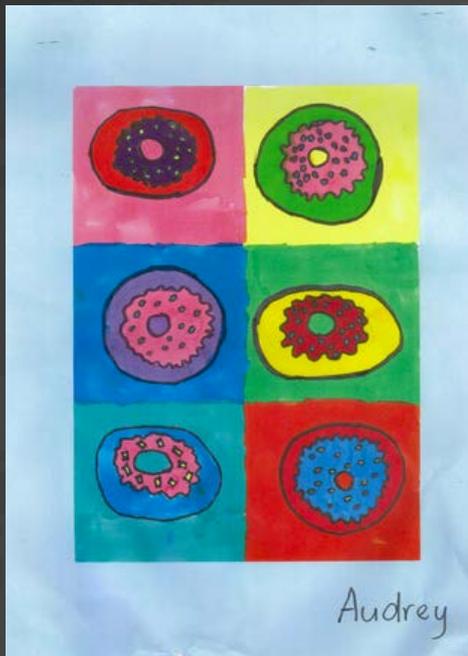
CLASS NEWS



YEAR 3 PLATYPUS



Year 3 Platypus have been learning about artist Andy Warhol. Students were inspired by his artistic form of Pop Art and created an artwork where students drew donuts, used bright colours and cardboard.



LIBRARY NEWS

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2024 BOOK WEEK

Important Dates in Week 6

- Tuesday 27th August: Maybe a Miracle performance/incursion
- Wednesday 28th August: Book Fair 8am – 9:30am
- Wednesday 28th August: Book Character Parade 9:30am

Go to <https://cbca.org.au> for more information and resources about 2024 Children's Book Week.

2024 PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Go to [NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2024](#) for rules and resources about the 2024 Premier's Reading Challenge.

*Just a reminder: Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on **Friday 23rd August**.*

Congratulations to the following students for recently completing their Premier's Reading Challenge:

Diyako A (1 Rosella)
PJ B (1 Rosella)
Reggie C (1 Rosella)
Alice D (1 Rosella)
Daniel E (1 Rosella)
Frederick E (1 Rosella)
Georgina G (1 Rosella)
Ashley G (1 Rosella)
Sebastian G (1 Rosella)
Dylan I (1 Rosella)
Naishe M (1 Rosella)
Benjamin M (1 Rosella)
Leonard Q (1 Rosella)
Arabella R (1 Rosella)
Avery T (1 Rosella)

Massimo C (2 Emu)
Sophia K (2 Wombat)
Harrison M (2 Wombat)
Stella D (3 Platypus)
Amelia R (3 Platypus)
Skylar J (4 Kookaburra)
Sofia C (5 Echidna)
Liam D (5 Goanna)
Isaac L (5 Echidna)
Huxley J (5 Goanna)
Patrick M (5 Echidna)
Matilda Q (5 Echidna)
Max R (5 Echidna)



MERIT AWARDS - TERM 3

2024

Merit Awards Term 3 Week 3

Class	Names
Kindy Koala	Finnegan Moriarty & Freddie Arndt
Kindy Kangaroo	Isabelle Younan & Noelle Younan
Year 1 Lyrebird	River Robinson & Zach Zizza
Year 2 Emu	Raymond Zhou & Valeria Serva
Year 2 Wombat	Harry McRoberts & Dominic Hanley
Year 3 Platypus	Elliot Cooper, Audrey Jones & Luke Anderson
Year 4 Kookaburra	Alisha Ahmed, Viaan Singh & Daisy Meyyappan
Year 5 Echidna	Hamish Ronald & Ryan Lowery
Year 5 Goanna	Flynn Murray & Matthew Lo
Year 6 Wallaby	Jocelyn Gibbs & Isis Nardi
K-2 Cockatoo	Jemima Ross
3-6 Dingo	Joseph Oh



2024

Merit Awards Term 3 Week 4

Class	Names
Kindy Koala	Amelia Glavac & Mila Wei
Kindy Kangaroo	Albert Huang & Abigail Sinclair
Year 1 Lyrebird	Zoe Leutogi & Saul Fernandes
Year 1 Rosella	Arabella Richards & Reggie Chrystal
Year 2 Emu	Lachlan McKie & Liana Behnam
Year 2 Wombat	Alejandro Fernandez & Elizaveta Usoltseva
Year 3 Platypus	Alexis Fitzgibbon, Ruoyong Liu & Henry Wang
Year 4 Kookaburra	Ian Oh, Laurence Rundle & Elise Sheridan
Year 5 Echidna	Maximilian Richards & Ana Sofi Camelo Salisch
Year 5 Goanna	Liam Duggan & Frank Wilson
Year 6 Wallaby	Grace Chueh & Luke Ringrose
K-2 Cockatoo	Esther Baumgartner
3-6 Dingo	Orlando Seibel

PEC UPDATE

Prouille Parent Series Talk for Term 3 is 7pm AEST | 21 August | Zoom. **Raising Resilient Children – The power of parents’ words.** RSVP here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/qfP4UB2awu>

This term’s dates for “**Cuppa in the Park**”: **7 August, 21 August, 4 September, 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.

First Friday Masses this Term 9.15 am in the Parish: 2 August, 6 September – let Jacqui know if you plan to attend and would like to meet for coffee afterwards.

Webinar: *Consent and online boundaries: how to support your primary-aged child*

Tuesday 20 August 2024
7.30pm - 8pm

We hope to you see online at our upcoming Term 3 eSafety Commissioner cybersafety talk for parents and carers.

As children begin to navigate the online world, they need to know how to make decisions around consent and boundaries. This 30-minute webinar will outline strategies for parents and carers, as well as support those hard-to-have conversations.

Please register here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1244428795787444059>

You can contact your PEC via email jacqui.vandavelde@dbb.catholic.edu.au



Free Webinar for Parents and Carers

Breaking Point

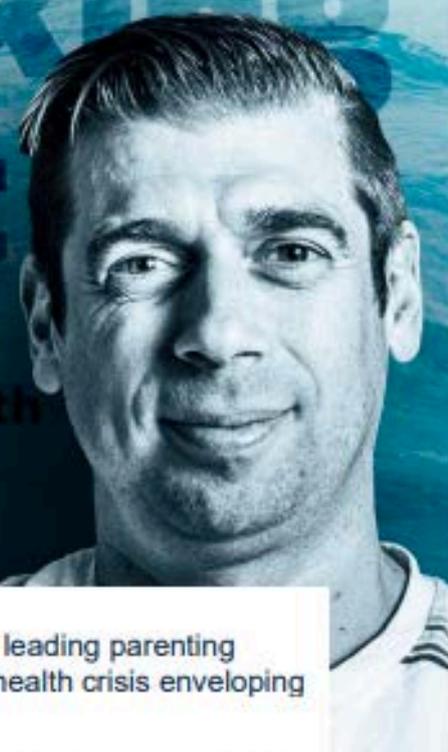
With Dr Justin Coulson

ANSWERS

with Dr Justin Coulson

Breaking Point

Unpacking the crisis in youth mental health



Join Dr Justin Coulson, Australia's leading parenting expert, as he unpacks the mental health crisis enveloping our kids. He'll cover:

- The root causes behind the deteriorating state of mental health, and who (or what) is responsible
- The tools you need to reverse this trend for your children
- Science-backed, relationship-focused strategies to remedy school refusal
- Realistic approaches for managing screen time in a way that protects your child's wellbeing without completely alienating them from their peers
- Creating margin in your home and family life to protect and promote mental wellness

This isn't just a workshop; it's a call to action. Join the conversation and be part of a dynamic, interactive experience where we collaborate to reshape the future of your children's mental health. Hear real stories, explore innovative solutions, and discover practical strategies to empower your kids.

**UNPACKING THE
CRISIS IN YOUTH
MENTAL HEALTH**

**Wednesday
11 September
7pm – 8pm**



[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

Dr Justin Coulson is the co-host and parenting expert on Channel 9's *Parental Guidance*, the founder of happyfamilies.com.au, and one of Australia's most trusted parenting experts. He holds a PhD in Positive Psychology.



PROUILLE
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STARTING
WEEK 1 -
26TH JULY!



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.
sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or 9489 3221 (Parish office)