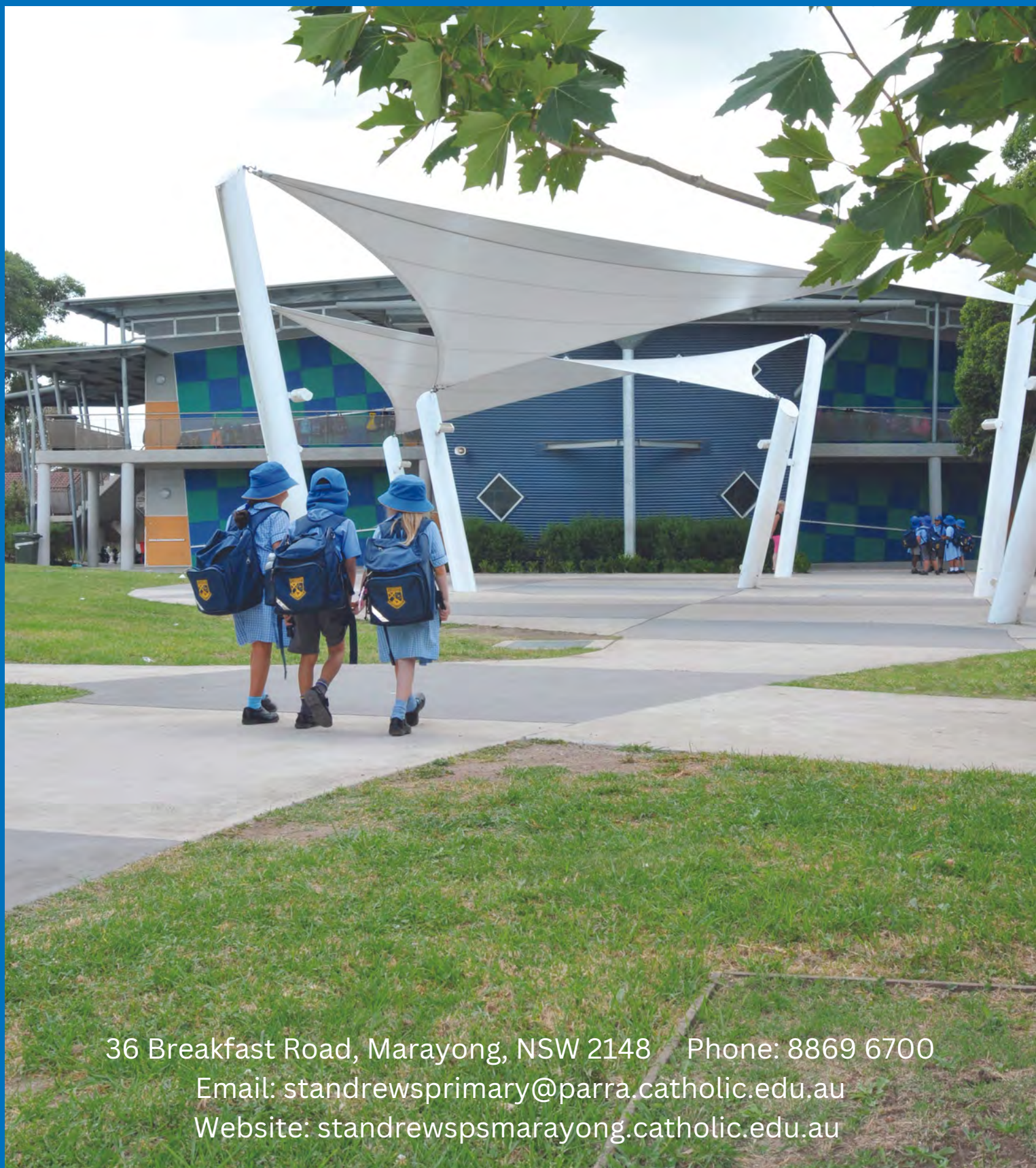




St Andrew's Primary School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear St Andrew's Community,

What a fantastic term! This term we have been able to celebrate the achievements of our students both academically and in their faith in action. We have shared morning tea with so many children who have achieved more than 5 uniform awards this term, liturgies, Eucharistic Masses and opportunities to gather as a school community. This term we have had many excursions to enhance the class learning experience as well as our Year 6 overnight Canberra excursion. This week we will disco dance our way to the student holiday break as we participate in our P and F fundraiser. Our school is also looking very alive with most of our garden beds given new life with 500 new plants, our Library has had a makeover with new furniture and IT equipment. Our sporting achievements have been numerous and our students personal sporting goals have been achieved. Year 6 have also experienced a public speaking competition - Voice of Youth and have led the school in such a responsible way.

All this as well as the great teaching the children receive everyday from our staff.

It is definitely time for a well earned break.

Day 1 Term 4

The children will return to school on **Wednesday the 11th October with their best smiles as this is also PHOTO DAY.**

Full Summer uniform please. No excessive hair products or inappropriate hair styles and no jewelry or makeup. This is a normal school day and the rules will apply to all students.

Photo Day information went home with children last Wednesday. Please follow the instructions and return the slip back to school. No Cash can be kept at the school so if you need to pay with Cash please send the photo envelope on the photo day. Any cash sent in prior will have to be sent home.



Reopening our school to our families

After such a long time coming, I feel it is as safe as it is going to be to reopen our school to our wonderful families. My thanks to you all for your support and patience as we transition back.

The gates will be open for parents as of Wednesday the 11th of October in the morning. The afternoon processes will remain with the children exiting the school grounds from the three gates at the front of the school and the back gate. This seems to be the safest way to ensure that the children are collected safely each afternoon.

In the morning the process will be as follows:

- Parents are able to enter the property with their child if needed
- Children are to follow the same school rules and wait under the COLA area until they are dismissed for playtime by a member of the school leadership team. Children then follow the teacher on morning duty to the assigned play areas.
- Parents please be mindful that teachers are very busy in the morning and will not have conversations with parents at the class door unless an appointment has been organised prior to the morning. I ask parents to please be respectful of the teachers workload prior to the school day commencing.
- Only children should go to the bag area to hang up their bags
- Just a reminder that parents are not allowed to speak with a child other than their own about issues that may arise between students. Please speak with the class teacher first and the school will handle all concerns.
- While on the grounds of the school appropriate conduct and language is expected of all adults
- Any toddlers on the grounds are the responsibility of the parent. Please keep close supervision of the little children especially around the play areas.
- All parents are asked to leave the grounds by the first bell as the school gates will be closed.

Education Mass and Mission Agency Expo

On Thursday, 14th September, the student mission leaders, myself and Mrs Brewer attended the Education Mass and Expo at St Patrick's Cathedral. The Mass was celebrated by Most Rev Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen celebrating on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Schools from across the diocese, including Head office staff attended to celebrate the role we all play in the mission of the church. Following Mass we gathered in the Cloister for the Expo, where schools showcased the work of mission agencies and the many schools who engage in this work.

It was a beautiful way to praise and worship our Lord.

Mrs Yvette McGowen
Principal



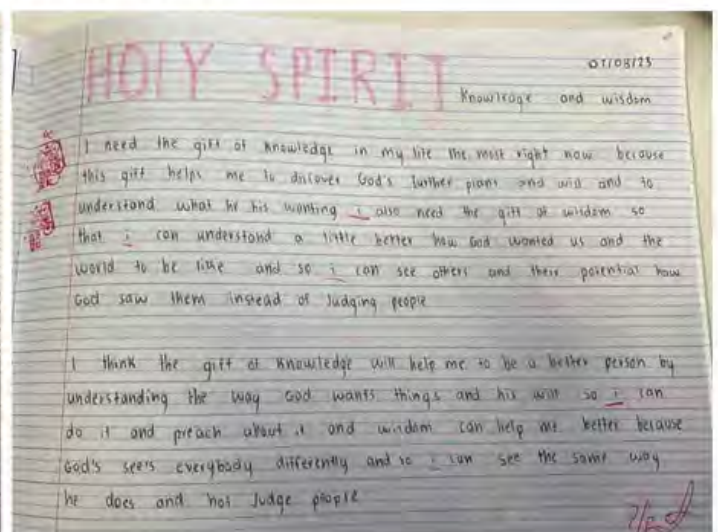
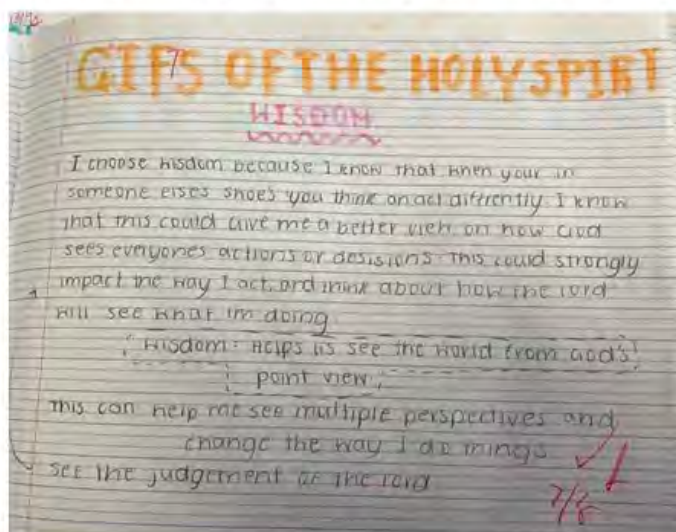
Faith Page - Year 6

This term, Year 6 has been learning about the Seven Sacraments. They have explored each sacrament, its purpose, what happens during the reception of each sacrament and how it challenges and nourishes our faith. The students have developed an understanding of the Catholic Theology of 'form' (set of words pronounced by the minister in administering the sacrament) and 'matter' (objects, gestures and symbols used during the sacrament).

SACRAMENT	WHAT I KNOW ABOUT THIS SACRAMENT	ONE SYMBOL ILLUSTRATED
BAPTISM	In Baptism, you are anointed by the priest where you are dipped in holy water to progress to Heaven by God's side and to show your love to God as His glorious children. You can receive this sacrament when you're baby or any age.	Heart with a cross and a plus sign.
CONFIRMATION	Once you receive the sacrament of Confirmation, you are confirmed as a Catholic by God in the Church by the priest blessing you with sign of the cross and anointing you with the gift of the Holy Spirit.	Hand with a cross and a plus sign.
HOLY EUCHARIST	Holy Eucharist is when you receive the Body of Christ in the Church and is allowed into Heaven with the bread and wine of Christ into your soul and accept it into God's family in Heaven.	Hand with a cross and a plus sign.
RECONCILIATION	When you receive Reconciliation, you reconcile or confess your sins to God by the priest and say the Act of Contrition as an holy acceptance from God into your soul and receive it as many times as you want.	Heart with a cross and a plus sign.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	The anointing of the sick is when the priest blesses people with chrism of oil towards people who might be elderly or about to die. This is the blessing by God to people who are going meet God on the other side.	Heart with a cross and a plus sign.
HOLY ORDERS	This is when specific people are anointed to God and confirm the mission of a priest and is accepted into the priesthood family with holy age in their soul in the Church.	Hand with a cross and a plus sign.
MATRIMONY	Marriage is when you are married to another person you love and you only do it with a holy age with both love in their soul.	Heart with a cross and a plus sign.

Students identified symbols, gestures, actions, words and people involved in each sacrament and shared their own understanding before discovering more about the Sacraments.

The students reflected and journaled on their own personal life and what Gift of the Holy Spirit they believed they most needed.



During the term, Year 6 students also had the opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist with their peers, teachers and the parish community.

We examined the Sacraments of Service - Holy Orders and Matrimony in some detail. We also learned that Single life and Consecrated life (nuns and brothers) were also important vocations.

Can you tell the difference based on their vestments?

CONSECRATED LIFE	MARRIED LIFE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A consecrated life is the choice to become a nun or a monk. You are joined as one to God. - They are not single nor married, but committed to God and not a husband. - They cannot be married or have children. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Having a married life is when a man and a woman being united together as one. A priest cannot perform this act through a ceremony. (No divorce) - This ceremony is called a wedding and they are labelled as husband and wife. - You rely on your faith in marriage. It may be hard but it is a strong and eternal relationship for life. - For it to be easier it could be a friendship.
SINGLE LIFE	PRIESTHOOD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Single life is the opposite of a married life where you are not married and are single. Easier to focus. - You can focus on yourself and develop yourself. - Commitment to God. - Rather a deeper connection with no distractions. - Develop your faith. - They are called to do God's work as a vocation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Priesthood is a sacrament where a man cannot be married and their life is dedicated to the church. - They can't have children. - Wanting to be a priest can come gradually not straight away. - Has called to be a priest from God. Vocation? - Response to God's call must be a man - united with God.



Who is a priest?
Who is a deacon?
Who is a bishop?

Student Of The Week

Term 3 Weeks 8 & 9



	WEEK 8	WEEK 9		WEEK 8	WEEK 9
KB	Awet Mayen	Leilani Forsythe	3G	Zayne Francis	Wade Filipino
KG	Savannah Fuller	Name Withheld	3R	Agam Singh	Arya Shah
KR	Rabnoor Vaid	Viaan Yagnik	3Y	Ava Zirilli	Adam Ibrahim
KY	Jordan Khawaga	Lael Kim	4B	Sean Fowler	Sofia Hala
1B	Nimrat Sanghera	Alyza Dela Cruz	4G	Zarius Celeste	Natalia Hanna
1G	Ryleigh Ang	Owen McCarthy	4R	Natalia Razon	Taylor Bigeni
1R	Liam Mitchell	Max Layoun	4Y	Kanav Pathak	Macy Lingad
1Y	Thomas Kaloustian	Reyaan Ranjish	5B	Jayden Akonda	Psalm Aberin
2B	Roy Kim	Harvir Manghera	5G	Aker Deng	Ethan Mercolisa
2G	Syler See	Kyle Opiangga	5R	Michael Eltom	Ivy McCarthy
2R	Adrijana Vujica	Amelia Themistou	6B	Kian Celeste	Christopher Asiegbu
2Y	Marley Sunderland	Christian Dong	6G	Jonathan Xavier	Aarya Davuluri
3B	Waris Bindra	Ava Shen	6R	Malaar Kaur	Eli de Castro

Term 4 Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	9 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	10 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	11 PHOTO DAY ALL CHILDREN RETURN full summer Uniform Year 1 Parish Mass	12	13
2	16	17 Year 2 Parish Mass	18 11.45 Year 5 Reconciliation	19 9 - 11am Kindergarten 2024 Transition	20
3	23	24 11.45 Year 4 Reconciliation	25	26 9-11am Kindergarten 2024 Transition Year 3 Parish Mass	27 2pm Whole School Assembly
4	30	31 Infants Sports Carnival	1 Nov All Saints Day 9.15am Mass for Years K, 2, 4, 6	2 All Souls Day 9.15am Mass for Years 1, 3, 5	3
5	6	7 Year 2 Excursion Powerhouse Museum Year 4 Parish Mass	8	9	10 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
6	13 Reader's Theatre	14 Reader's Theatre	15 Reader's Theatre Year 5 Excursion Powerhouse Museum	16 Year 6 Parish Mass	17 2pm Whole School Assembly
7	20	21 Reader's Theatre	22 Reader's Theatre	23 Reader's Theatre	24
8	27 Kindergarten 2024 Information evening for Parents	28 Orientation day Kindergarten 2024 Year 1 Liturgy of the Word	29	30 St Andrew's Day 9.15am Mass 11.30 St. Andrew's got talent	1 Dec
9	4	5	6 6-7pm Christmas Concert	7 Year 3 Reconciliation	8 Principals Awards 9.15 Primary Reports go home 10.00 Infants Meet the teacher for 2024
10	11	12 Year 6 Lunch 6pm Year 6 Graduation Mass	13	14 Year 6 Rewards Day Wedderburn	15 LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS



SPORTS NEWS

Stage 2 Touch Football



Last Friday the 15th September, 10 young ladies and 10 gentlemen from stage 2 represented the school at the Touch Football Gala Day at the Kingsway, St Marys. This was the first time that students from St Andrew's have participated in this event and what a successful first outing. The girls and boys performed exceptionally well with the boys' team finishing second and the girls team finishing first in their respective pools.

As is always the case when St Andrew's sends representative teams to events, the children's behaviour and cooperation was exemplary.

I would like to thank Mr Matthew Reitano and Mr Matthew Beggs who assisted me in selecting and training the boys and girls at school. Thank you also to the parents who transported and supported the children on the day. A special thanks to Mr Daniel Ford who shared his vast knowledge on the day directing the boys and girls before and during the games.

Mr Graham Paynter Sports Coordinator



Girls team - First Place



Boys team - Second Place



Touch Football Squad

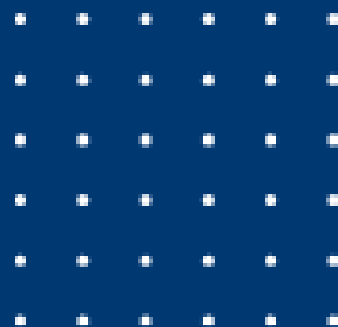
PHOTO DAY

FULL SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

WEDNESDAY
11TH OCTOBER 2023

DAY 1 TERM 4

No Sport Uniform on this day
more information to come next week





Community SPORTS NEWS



Over the weekend the Anderiesz children ran in the Sydney Marathon 3.5km event. They have actually been training for the event and did exceptionally well. Cooper came 100th out of 6468 participants, with his split times being one of his personal bests. He also ran in the City to Surf this year, completing the 14km race in 1:40 minutes.

Joshua came 712th out of 6468 participants and Layla came 3046th out of 6468 participants.

It was a great experience with lots of wonderful memories



FLOWCHART FOR RAISING INQUIRIES, CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Refer to CSPD website for further information

I have a concern in regards to ...

My child's:

- Learning
- Homework
- Behaviour
- Bullying
- Wellbeing
- Uniform

- Religious Education/Mission
- Staff professional conduct
- Dangerous student behaviour
- Suspension of students
- Behaviour of students outside of school
- Other serious matters

- Enrolments
- School fees/statements
- Change of contacts
- Use of digital services
- Student insurance
- Other similar questions

Make an appointment to speak with your child's class/subject teacher, year coordinator or subject

Raise the concern with your child's Leader of Learning, Wellbeing or Assistant Principal

Contact your school office to discuss

Was the concern resolved?

YES NO

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YES NO

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YES NO

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Make an appointment to speak to your school Principal

Contact CSPD Community Liaison via cl@parra.catholic.edu.au

Was the concern resolved?

YES NO

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YES NO

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Contact CSPD via parentscarerssupport@parra.catholic.edu.au



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Mrs Taylor's Bookshop



Our second hand book shop is looking for donations of children's books.

If you have any children's books in good condition, which you no longer require, we would love to share them with the children.

You can leave them at the school office for Mrs Taylor.

Thank you for your generosity.





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Theme

AMUSEMENT PARK

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
SPRING 2023

ELIGIBILITY	VENUE	DATES	FEES	BOOK ONLINE AT
K - Yr 6	The Ponds High School	25/09 - 26/09	\$210	www.trybooking.com/CKPIA
K - Yr 6	Hills Grammar School	27/09 - 28/09	\$210	www.trybooking.com/CKPRJ
K - Yr 6	Kings Langley Public School	29/09	\$110	www.trybooking.com/CKPHQ
K - Yr 6	Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre	03/10 - 04/10	\$210	www.trybooking.com/CKPIJ
K - Yr 6	Rouse Hill Public School	05/10 - 06/10	\$210	www.trybooking.com/CKPJD

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