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## **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School unveils one of a kind Cosmic Walk Mosaic - A celebration of the story of the cosmos**

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Bulli, unveiled their captivating "Cosmic Walk Mosaic" on Thursday 11 April. This unique and fascinating artwork serves as a tribute to the journey of the cosmos.

Aptly named "An Invitation to Contemplate the Story of the Birth of the Cosmos to the Present Day," the project began in 2021 and culminated in late 2023. Designed by art teacher Paola Birac and CEDoW staff member John Charadia, the mosaic represents countless hours of dedicated collaboration by the entire St Joseph's school community – students, parents and teachers all played a part. The mosaic brings together scientific knowledge, Aboriginal Dreaming and Catholic teachings, depicting the universe's story from the Big Bang to the arrival of humankind.

Spanning over 22 metres, the mosaic enhances the walkway leading from the school's entrance to the Kindergarten classrooms. It serves as a vibrant pathway that invites reflection and exploration.

"The Cosmic Walk Mosaic is a testament to the collective effort and creativity of our school community," said Christine Smith, Religious Education Coordinator at St Joseph's. "Witnessing the enthusiasm and dedication of everyone involved has been a joy. The mosaic reminds everyone who sees it that they are a special and unique part of the universe."

Comprising of nearly 26,000 tiles, the mosaic offers a kaleidoscope of colour and light, capturing the essence of the cosmos. Designed to be engaging, welcoming, and invitational, the mural invites viewers to immerse themselves in the unfolding story of the universe.

"The Cosmic Walk mosaic is a one-of-a-kind artwork, possibly unseen anywhere else in the world," explains Beth Riolo, CEDoW Professional Officer for Environment, Advocacy, and Outreach. "It allows students to contemplate the journey of creation and their place in the planet's ongoing evolution, inspiring them to be carers for our world."

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