Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for 2015. Thank you to the many parents who have brought their children to school over the last few days for their individual assessments. This gives the teachers very important baseline information that they will use as a starting point for teaching your child and will be used to inform our staff professional learning for the year.

On Tuesday the staff attended mass with Father David and the parish. He spoke of our combined commitment to building a community based on respect for one another and based in and on the love of Jesus. The staff committed themselves to their faith and their role as teachers of your children for this year.

The teachers and I are currently refining our 2015 School Improvement Plan and I will communicate this in detail over the next few weeks. A few reminders before we move into 2015 school year:

**Communication**

Good communication between teachers and parents is essential. Please send messages via the office email, request appointments via phone, write a note or pop in for a casual chat in the mornings or afternoons. We really value having to deal with small problems quickly rather than let them become a major worry or concern if not attended to promptly. Unfortunately teachers cannot chat while on duty or with their class. For any urgent problems please see me. I am usually available or the admin team will make an appointment. I will be on the playground most mornings and afternoons and would love to meet you.

There will be a formal opportunity to meet with teachers at the "Meet the Teacher Night" where teachers will outline their class routines and their expectations. After that evening there will be individual appointments offered to meet with teachers in order for you to share your child's strengths and needs and the teachers will share the assessment data that they have collected so far this year. I expect that all parents will avail themselves of this important meeting to discuss their child's goals and targets for the year.

Our teachers for the year are:

- Miss Kate Selkirk - Kindergarten St Francis
- Miss Julia Romo - Kindergarten St Lucy
- Mrs Tanya Lorimer/Mrs Rachel Stephen – Year 1 Marian
- Mrs Jane Emmerig – Year 1 Martin de Porres
- Mrs Louise O’Brien-Pounde – Year 2 Siena
- Mrs Jill Greenwood – Year 2 Mary MacKillop
- Miss Talia Brennan – Year 3 Toulouse
- Mrs Celeste Pan – Year 3 Jane of Aza
- Mrs Catherine Davidson – Year 4 Fanjeaux
- Mr Michael Ford – Year 4 Philomena
- Mrs Vanessa Dillon/Mrs Stephanie Burns – Year 5 Prouille
Mrs Rachael Lees – Year 5 Santa Sabina
Mrs Tanya Armstrong/Mrs Carmel Chivers – Year 6 Fra Angelico
Miss Jessica Russell – Year 6 Cecilia
Mrs Jo Neilson—Librarian Aquinas

Mrs Lisa Emerton joins Mrs White and Mrs Zanchetta on the admin team

Leadership Team and Responsibilities:
Mrs Tanya Armstrong - Assistant Principal - Maths Coordinator
Mrs Tanya Lorimer - Religious Education Co and Literacy
Mrs Vanessa Dillon - Well Being Coordinator
Mrs Cathy Chapman - Learning Support

School Leaders 2015
School Captains:  Zara Oong & Daniel Brading
Crawford House: Luca Sella & Matthew McKenzie
Rawlings House: Oliver Wright & Ella Johnson
Jennings House: Charlie Hill & Chloe Oong
O’Brien House: Eliza Carolan, Eliza Vardy & Angus Vardy
Mission: Eric Bong, Matilda Davidson, Isabella Bryant, Daniel Hoare, Jolo Dobles & Ella Le Patourel
Liturgy (& Music): Hannah Moait, Emily Riach, Olivia Colman, Ava Nalywajko, Caitlin Montgomery, Georgia Scarf Waters
Library: Jacklyn Zanetic, Sabrina Haaf, Jade Wright, Zoe Wells, Olivia Banfield
Environment: Corina Brillembourg, Taylor Attard, Isabella Vigers, Natalie Bowesman, Riley Knight, Madeline Huxley
ICLT: Jordan Fowler, Nick Kraimalov, Jayden Johnston, Caspar Harvey, Elliot Hinds

School hours
We are really trying to maximise the children's learning time. Please make sure children are at school on time and appointments in school time are kept to a minimum. Holidays should be not be booked in school time. Any more than five days away from school needs to have Principal approval (government compliance). These forms are available from the office.

Welcome Afternoon tea for children and families – Friday the 13th February (3.00-4.30)
You and your children are invited to stay behind after school finishes on Friday the 13th of February. This event is hosted by Year 5 and 6. There will be afternoon tea for sale, free iceblocks and cakes to purchase for home. All proceeds will go to the Year 5/6 graduation fund.

School dates for the year have been added to the school website at www.prouilledbb.catholic.edu.au/
Newsletter distribution will be by email only.

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

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Class Parent Nominations 2015

We are now calling for volunteers to be Class Parent representatives for 2015. We welcome parents and carers who would like to be involved in the school community, regardless of whether you are a “new” or “existing” family at Prouille.

Class Parents play an extremely important and rewarding role in the school. Just as importantly the children love to have their parents involved in school life. Each class usually has a nominated teacher contact class parent and an email contact class parent, plus an additional 2-3 class parents helpers - the more the merrier!

Class Parent duties include the following:

**Family & Community:** Welcome new families and help them settle in to the Prouille way of life, help families in need (eg. Co-ordinate child pick-ups/drop offs, food hampers or just to take the time for a chat).

**Parish:** Assist with the year mass & organise the morning tea.

**P&F:** Assist with organising the social events for your class group as per the Social calendar (you will be given lots of direction by the Social Coordinator, your year Coordinator and the P & F Manual). Each stage group organises a sausage sizzle or end of term lunch, helps with the Athletics Carnival stalls and end of year school disco, St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers and any P&F run community events.

**Class social events:** Organise informal get togethers within the class eg. morning tea, mum’s night out, family picnic etc.

**School musical:** assist/liaise with Music teacher with the school musical (eg coordinate costumes, make-up, help with supervision during performances etc). Note: There is no school musical in 2015.

**Special duties for Year 5 Class Parents:** responsible for the raising of funds for and organization of the year 6 graduation dinner.

**Special duties for Year 6 Class Parents:** raise funds and purchase a farewell gift to the school.

If you have any questions, please contact one of us on the numbers listed below - we would be happy to have a chat. If you are happy to nominate yourself as a class parent please complete the attached form and return it to the school office ASAP.

Please note that we will hold an explanation and planning meeting for you all on Monday 9th February at 7.00pm in the School Hall (refreshments provided), so please feel confident to volunteer.

Thank you,

K-2 Coordinators - Brigid Wright brigidwright@optusnet.com.au / Margot McGibbon margot@manakia.com.au

3-4 Coordinators – Wendy Maccioni wmaccioni@hotmail.com / Katia Penfold katiapenfold123@gmail.com

5-6 Coordinators – Monica Dinnar monica_dinnar@hotmail.com / Sally Oong sgpo2001@gmail.com / Celeste Riach riachfamily@optusnet.com.au

Please email your appropriate Year Co-ordinator or return the slip below to the school office by Friday 6th February marked:

“Class Parent Co-ordinators 2015”
Attn: Wendy Maccioni

Yes, I am interested in becoming a class parent in 2015 for:

Child’s Class Year in 2015: ____________________________  Parent Name: ____________________________

Phone number: ____________________________  Email: ____________________________

Child’s Name: ____________________________  Child’s Class: ____________________________

Please indicate if you can attend the Planning Meeting on Monday 9th February at 7pm (more details will be emailed to you):
FREE OPEN TRIAL ‘FUN’ LANGUAGE CLASSES!  Monday 2 February and Thursday 5 February
Ni hao!  Bonjour!
There will be FREE OPEN trial Mandarin and French Classes for new students running on Monday 2 February and Thursday 5 February at Prouille School. This is a great opportunity for your child to give the classes a try before deciding to enrol for the term.

We have limited spots available for Term 1. It's quick and easy to reserve a place at the FREE Open Trial Classes. Simply contact us on (02) 8005 1237 or email enquiries@thelanguagecompany.com.au.

Alternatively, visit us at www.thelanguagecompany.com.au to book your spot online.

The lessons are held at the school each week and are taught by experienced tutors and native/fluent speakers of the language.

Mandarin  K to Y6  Mondays  3.30 – 4.30pm
French  K to Y6  Thursdays  3.20 – 4.20pm

Activities in our classes are fun! A new theme is followed each term and your child learns through role play, cultural projects and lively games and songs. Our expert teachers provide the best environment for children to develop their self-confidence and enjoyment in their chosen language.

We take advantage of the window of opportunity from birth to adolescence when the brain is hard-wired to learn a language naturally. Learning a new language at a young age improves your child's academic, problem solving, and communication skills.

Xie xie!  Merci!  (The Language Company is an outside service provider)
Dear parents and students,

Please note that grading days for tennis will be as follows:
**Tuesday 3rd February K, 1 & 2**
**Thursday 5th February 3, 4, 5 & 6**

Grading will commence 7.30am to 8.30am. Note this is not a regular lesson. Grading will determine the skill level of your child to ensure they are placed in the correct class. Children that have previously had lessons will still be required to attend grading.

Classes will be weekdays 7.30am to 8.30am (now one hour) aside from Wednesday classes these will commence at 7.45am to 8.30am this class will be for junior/new players.

Cost is $140.00 for a 1 hour lesson for Term 1. The class on Wednesday is 45 minutes and will be $115.00 for the term. Regular lessons will commence from Monday 9th February 2015 onwards. Wet weather program held in the undercroft. Payments accepted in cash or cheque.

Contact: Alan Stopford Tennis Australia Qualified Coach  
Phone: 0411 426 554  
Email: stopfordalan@gmail.com

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