Dear Parents

Next week’s newsletter will be our last printed copy! Future copies will be emailed. We would like to ensure that each family has an email address in our database that newsletters can be sent to. If your family has been getting the newsletter the last few weeks by email, please do nothing. If you haven't received the newsletter by email please fill in the slip on the last page and send it back to the office asap so you will continue to receive our news. The newsletter is uploaded to the website each week and all the year’s relevant dates will be uploaded shortly. Please note the deadline for any newsletter items is 9am Thursday.

Our beginning of the year activities draw to a close next week with the wonderful culmination of the Welcome Event. I believe this event is quite remarkable with the school hall transformed into a nightclub for the evening by the P & F Welcome Committee and beautiful food and wine supplied by Gourmet Table Catering. I hope to see many parents there to welcome the new school year, our new parents and to celebrate this wonderful community. Tickets are still on sale. Can you assist by letting us know asap.

Thank you so much for helping to improve the safety of Kiss and Ride. I appreciate the fact that we all care greatly for our children.

Thank you to Year 5 and 6 for hosting the Friday afternoon cake stall. It was a nice chance to get together for many new and current families.

The swimming carnival was a huge success. Many thanks to Mrs Carolan and Mrs Tamone for their organisation and many thanks to all the parent helpers who ensured the carnival was well run and well supported. Thank you to the K-2 teachers who organised a fun afternoon for our infants classes. The results are in the sports section.

The first P and F meeting for the year was held on Monday evening. We discussed the goals and aims of the P and F and the focus on collaboration and parent engagement for the year.

The Ash Wednesday Mass marked the beginning of Lent. This is a time of renewal and reflection for all and for saying “yes” to God.

At our Meet the Teacher evening I spoke about our school aims for the year:

1. Catholic Life and Mission
   To help the children act as disciples of Jesus in their choices and actions at school.

2. Teaching and Learning
   To improve student outcomes in English and Mathematics with a focus on assessment and data analysis.

3. Wellbeing
   To foster a greater sense of wellbeing through the implementation of the Kids Matter Framework.

Regards

Julie Caldwell
UPCOMING DIARY DATES

23 Feb Parent Teachers Meetings by appointment
24 Feb Sacrament of Reconciliation Parent Info Evening held at Prouille (7pm)
25 Feb Men in the Morning Session on playground (8.25-9am)
25 Feb Year 1 Visit to Holy Name Church (2pm)
26 Feb Ripples (9.15-10.30am)
28 Feb Prouille ‘Welcome Social Event’ (7.30pm)
03 Mar North Shore Cluster Swimming Carnival at Hornsby Pool (9 am)
03 Mar Sacrament of Reconciliation Group Leaders Training at Prouille (7pm)
04 Mar Years 5 & 6 Reconciliation (2pm)
04 Mar Hugh McKay Presentation in Veritas Hall (7.30pm-9.30pm)
05 Mar Ripples (9.15-10.30am)
07 Mar Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation Groups at Prouille (3.45pm) followed by Mass (5pm)
08-14 Mar Catholic Schools Week/Wellbeing Week
08 Mar Kindy & Year 6 Family Mass at Holy Name Church (9.15am)
09 Mar Prouille Cross Country Carnival at Cliff Oval
10 Mar Broken Bay Swimming at Mingara (6.30 pm)
10 Mar Year 4 Excursion – The Rocks

SCHOOL EVENTS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Last Monday all Year 3-6 and some Year 2 children, parents and staff all enjoyed a fantastic day at our school swimming carnival at Hornsby Pool. Thank you to all the colour captains, teachers and parents who all contributed to ensure that the carnival was a great success. Congratulations to all the Divisional Champions and to the CRAWFORD – GOLD House who won the Championship Point Score. Congratulations to all the other colour houses for the wonderful team spirit they displayed, especially JENNINGS – RED who won the Spirit Award.

JUNIOR BOY CHAMPION - 1st Cavan R 2nd Jordan F 3rd PJ M and Josh F
JUNIOR GIRL CHAMPION - 1ST Molly M 2ND Maddie H 3rd Phoebe W
SENIOR BOY CHAMPION - 1ST Charlie H 2nd Daniel H 3rd Ethan M
SENIOR GIRL CHAMPION - 1ST Caitlin M 2nd Zoe W 3rd Sabrina H

INVITATION BOYS 50m - Charlie H
INVITATION GIRLS 50 m - Caitlin M
CHAMPION HOUSE - CRAWFORD - GOLD
SPIRIT AWARD - JENNINGS - RED

POINT SCORE
1ST CRAWFORD GOLD 244
2ND RAWLINGS GREEN 170
3RD JENNINGS RED 168
4TH O’BRIEN BLUE 137

STUDENT WELCOME EVENT
Last Friday, all Prouille students and families were invited to the undercroft to enjoy a free ice block and some games supervised by Year 6 students. Year 5&6 parents produced a wonderful cake stall, with some fabulous and very tasty offerings, which not surprisingly sold out fast!

Thank you to all the Yr 5&6 parents who baked and/or served at the cake stall, and assisted with the ice blocks. A special mention to Sally Oong, Celeste Riach, Michelle McGrath and Monica Dinnar who organised and setup the event - a wonderful $642.70 was raised from the cake stall which goes towards the Yr 6 graduation dinner at the end of the year.
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

During Week 4 & 5 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is: At Prouille we are responsible when we look after our belongings and the belongings of others (Community).

RELIGIOUS NEWS

CHILDREN’S LITURGY AT HOLY NAME PARISH, WAHROONGA

Holy Name Children’s Liturgy of The Word, held on Sundays during the 9.15am Mass, uses aspects of the ‘Lectio Devina’ approach to assist children of the parish to reflect on the Word of God. The weekly Gospel is translated into meaning for daily life and encourages the development of each child’s individual faith and spirituality.

The Word of God is alive and active in the children of our Parish during our weekly Children’s Liturgy of the Word. Children’s Liturgy is held in the parish sunroom every Sunday during school terms during 9.15am Mass, with children from pre-school to school age welcome to attend.

A dedicated group of volunteers assist with Children’s Liturgy, with a commitment of one Sunday each school term. We are currently looking for new volunteers who would like to assist with this wonderful parish ministry as either a leader or assistant during 2015. Training and all materials are provided. Please contact Bridget Vardy (PH: 0409 426 610) for more information on becoming a Sunday Children’s Liturgy volunteer at Holy Name Parish, Wahroonga.

Sunday Family Masses For 2015

During the year each grade is invited to participate in a Family Parish Mass. The grade hosting the Mass gets the opportunity to take on a variety of ministries including reading, singing and Gospel procession. After the Mass you are invited to stay for morning tea. We encourage all members of the community to come along and celebrate with us. Family Masses are on Sunday at 9.15am at Holy Name Parish and we would love to see you all there.

Term | Date | Year
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1 | 8th March | K and Year 6
2 | 10th May (Mothers’ Day) | Year 1
3 | 9th August | Year 3
3 | 13th September | Year 2
4 | 11th October | Year 5
4 | 8th November | Year 4
4 | 29th November | Kindergarten

PROJECT COMPASSION 2015

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s annual fundraising and awareness raising appeal that brings thousands of Australians in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Running through the six weeks of Lent each year, Project Compassion is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of caring supporters, all in the name of justice and peace.

Project Compassion 2015 focuses on Food for Life. It throws a spotlight on global food issues and how Caritas Australia is empowering the world’s poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life.

During Lent, each class will have a Project Compassion box on their prayer table and during Morning Prayer the children will deposit their coins in the box. The teachers will guide the children through each week of Project Compassion 2015, stories from Fiji, Niger, Indonesia, Peru, Nepal and Australia to show how our support helps people to grow and access food for life.

We encourage all members of our community; children, parents and teachers to give to the Project Compassion appeal this Lent.

Our Mission Leaders will be organising a school fundraising day “Keep it Simple” to be held later in the term.
1. SRC AT PROUILLE
This week, at our Friday afternoon assembly, we celebrated the induction of our new Student Representative Council members from Kindergarten to Year Six.
The inclusion of an SRC to the Prouille community is a new initiative for 2015. It aligns beautifully with our new direction in Pastoral Care which will see the continuation of our Positive Behaviour for Learning framework, and the introduction of the KidsMatter framework. The role of the SRC is to represent the students to ensure the student body has an ‘active voice’ in various aspects of decision making and leadership opportunities.
All the SRC members have been voted by their classmates, and therefore have qualities that their peers see in them as being admirable and honourable representatives in this special role.
We congratulate the following children:

KS: Molly S  
KR: Xavier M  
1LS: Sarah H  
1E: Anna D  
2O: Eliza W  
2G: Jonah L  
3P: Sami D  
3B: PJ M  
4F: Cavan R  
4D: Molly M  
5L: Annabel M  
5BD: Bianca G  
6AC: Jade W and Eliza V  
6R: Riley K & Chloe O

Our School Captains, Zara Oong and Daniel Brading, will be permanent members of the SRC for the year. The above members will hold the position for Terms 1 and 2, when a newly elected member of their class will then take over the responsibility in Terms 3 and 4.
We pray for these students who have been chosen by their classmates as our SRC members for Terms One and Two.
May the Spirit guide them in their role as student leaders as they act and speak in a way that demonstrates kindness, awareness and understanding for all.
May they follow in the way of Jesus, demonstrating humility in the responsibility they have been given.
Amen.

2. PBL AWARDS
We will resume handing out these out at our morning assemblies in the undercroft. It is wonderful to see the amount of awards we have ready to hand out next week! There sure are many Respectful Responsible Learners at Prouille!
Vanessa Dillon (Pastoral Care Coordinator).

PARISH NEWS

BULLETIN
Holy Name Catholic Parish Bulletin link

LENT
Journey through Lent link

OFFICE NEWS

EMAILS  If you are not receiving emails from Prouille we suggest the following steps to assist
• SAVE the school website into your favourites or browser  prouille@dbb.catholic.edu.au
• Check the Junk Mail folder for correspondence from Prouille
• Check your Inbox is not overloaded or full, old messages may need to be deleted out to allow a new emails to be received
• Check your Deleted box and empty all messages sitting in Deleted box (you are able to do this by right clicking on the Deleted messages box and clear messages)
• If you checked the above and still not receiving email correspondence from Prouille please contact the office to verify your email address in the school data base and for further assistance.

PHOTOGRAPH/VIDEO PERMISSION FORM
A Photograph/Video Permission (blue form) has been sent home with your child today.
Parents are asked to sign and return the form to the school office by Friday 27th February.
Additional forms are available on the school website – link to form
Please be aware that it is Catholic Schools Office Policy that student’s surnames are not published on the Website and any photographs used would not list student’s names.

If we do not receive this signed form, when photographs/videos are taken during school activities, eg school concerts, sporting events, school photos etc, your child will be not be centre stage or in direct vision of the photograph/video.

It is the parents/guardians responsibility to contact the school office if details or permissions change throughout the year. The school will not contact parents in regards to confirm permissions/details throughout the year.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Bookings close 5pm Friday 20th Feb
Link to Online Bookings
Link to form Tell Me About Your Child

LOST PROPERTY  Reading glasses with silver frame in black case, red thongs, red t-shirt, black tights with detail down the side, 2 x black shorts

BANKING NEWS

Welcome to all our new Bankers that came along to our account opening session on Wednesday with Simone Dimech from the CBA. I am sure you are all looking forward to receiving your Dollarmites wallet and making your first deposit this week.

For those who were unable to attend the session, you are still able to open a Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth branch, or if you are an existing customer, over the phone on 13 2221 or via NetBank. Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver's license and birth certificate).

Calling for volunteers – we need your help!

Our students really enjoy participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program and to keep this program running we need your help.

The program requires volunteers to assist in processing student deposits and distribution of School Banking rewards. This only takes a small amount of your time on a Wednesday.

Your help with the program will greatly benefit students as they develop vital saving skills and also help our school with fundraising.

Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by completing the section below and return it to the office marked Attention: Cathy Littleton.

Yes, I would like to help with School Banking!
Name: _____________________________________
Phone: _____________________________________
Email: _____________________________________
Availability: _________________________________

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cathy Littleton
School Banking Co-ordinator
PROUILLE FC

Hello Footy Fans
A quick reminder that it is Orientation and Grading Day this Sunday 22nd February at Carrington Oval:
- 10am: we will be kicking off with the U6 kids (wear boots and shin pads)
- 11am: u7
- 12noon: u8
- 1pm: u9
- 2pm: u10
- 3pm: u11 & u12
- 4pm: G12s

If you have forgotten to register: hit www.prouillesoccer.com.au, hover over the 'competitions' menu - then choose 'registration'.

Don't forget that Prouille FC is a community football club, fielding teams in the Wahroonga area for 20 years - so please grab your neighbours, grab your mates, and get them on board!

See you Sunday.
Michael Trinder
President, Prouille FC
Mo: 0406 753 029, President@prouillesoccer.com.au
Proudly sponsored by the Alto Group, NorthPoint Motor Body Repairs, and That Barber Shop In Wahroonga!!

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

New uniforms are available at Lowes. However, due to popular demand, we have a twice-yearly second hand uniform sale so that parents and carers of students can buy or sell good quality Prouille uniforms. The first sale is this term (a second sale is held in term 3).

If you wish to SELL second hand items, please contact Emma McGrath: emma.mcgrath@yahoo.com.au (0431 189 911) and she will email you a form to list the items you have for sale.

If you have received or requested a form from Emma, this form must be returned to Emma by NO LATER THAN MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY.

If you wish to BUY second hand items, a complete list of ALL second hand items for sale will be emailed by Class Parents to all Class Lists during the week of 2nd March. You may then contact the seller direct to purchase items. If you have any questions about this voluntary service, please do not hesitate to contact Emma.

Please note, in order to facilitate the transition to the new school uniform, we will no longer be able to support the sale of the old style school sports uniform through this sale.

MANDARIN CLASS        THE FABULOUS FIVE!
Ni hao!   Register for a 5 week trial for the Mandarin Class at Prouille School for just $50 for the remainder of Term 1! This is a fabulous opportunity for Prouille students to give the Mandarin Class a try before deciding if they would like to enrol next term. Bookings for this offer are easy and can be made now so please visit www.thelanguagecompany.com.au to reserve a spot: Mandarin K to Y6 Monday 3.20 – 4.20pm

Activities in our classes are fun! They include role play, cultural projects and lively games. Our experienced teachers provide the best environment for children to develop their self-confidence and enjoyment in learning another language.

Registrations must be in by Friday 27 February and you are asked to reserve a place as these are strictly limited. We have just a few spots to offer. Simply book online or contact us on (02) 8005 1237 or email enquiries@thelanguagecompany.com.au.

China is the second largest economy in the world and Chinese is spoken by one fifth of the planet! The ability to speak Mandarin Chinese is a highly sought after skill and is one of the most widely taught languages in our local high schools.

Xie xie!
NOW UPDATED MY EMAIL RECORDS AS BELOW:-

NAME……………………………………………………………………………………………

EMAIL ADDRESS ……………………………………………………………………………………

(Please return to office for updating)