Dear Parents

At last week’s assembly the 2015 Project Compassion initiative was launched. Each week the students will hear the story of those in other countries who need our financial support. Children are encouraged in class to donate some of their coins to give to their class Project Compassion box. The theme for this year’s Project Compassion is ‘Food for Life’. Our aim this year is to help our students reflect on their thoughts, actions and the words they use with each other to work towards being active disciples of Jesus. We can reflect on the opening words of our school prayer as a reflective tool for Lent.

Heavenly Father I give for you today
All that I think..
And do..
And say...

This 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 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.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Welcome Event tomorrow night. Thank you to our P and F for organising what promises to be a very exciting event. At present 160 guests have replied. We have included invitations to staff, parents and members of the parish. Don’t forget there will be some wonderful raffle prizes and tickets for those raffles will be available on the night.

There are still a few safety concerns from neighbours and parents re the safety of children around our school. The afternoons are showing a big improvement but mornings are still a concern. Please don’t do U turns in Water Street, it is best to access it from Mona Road and join the end of the queue. Cutting in is not acceptable. Please do not park across the neighbours driveways.

Next Tuesday Mr Ford and Mrs Carolan will take our team of swimmers to the North Shore Cluster Swimming Carnival at Hornsby Pool. We wish our representatives all the best!

St Leo’s Catholic College is hosting their Annual Open Day on Friday 6 March from 9.15am – 11.45am. All details are in this newsletter. Seniors are able to attend with parents in school time and see all that St Leo’s has to offer. St Leo’s students spoke to Year 5 and 6 yesterday and answered questions about their school and transitions to high school.

There will be a Parent Engagement Session on NAPLAN at 6.30pm on Tuesday the 10th of March in the library.

Prouille Open Morning will be held on 19th March for new families wanting to attend our school. Please advise friends and family of this date if they are interested.
Please note that the Cross Country will not be held on the current advertised date but will be moved to later in the term as per the usual practice. Some changes may have to be made to the usual format because of unavailability our usual oval.

Please note the following administrative and legislative matters:

**VALIDATION REPORTS** are being sent home today with the newsletter to ensure the all your family’s information that we hold is correct.

**STUDENT MEDICATION**
A reminder to parents / carers, to notify the school about your child’s health. This request is in line with Diocesan Schools Policy – relating to the ‘Administration of Medications in Schools’. We would appreciate parents / carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, (including administering prescribed or ‘over the counter’ medication and performing health procedures), will need to be provided to the school in writing and signed by both the parent/ carer and a medical practitioner or a prescribing health practitioner.

Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, excursions (including camps) must also be discussed with the school and supported by a medical practitioner’s advice. All information relating to specific health care plans must be provided in writing, completed and signed by the parent / guardian and a medical practitioner / prescribing or qualified health practitioner. For any enquiries, please contact the school office on telephone.

**CLASS LISTS** There will be a final opportunity to correct class contact lists. Please email any changes by next Friday to the office. All schools are currently struggling with the legal requirements of the Privacy Act so we do appreciate your understanding and patience.

Regards

Julie Caldwell

### UPCOMING DIARY DATES

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Please see the website for more details.
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.

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**REGULAR NEWS**

**REGISTER NOW OR ON THE NIGHT!**

*Where Do You Belong? With Hugh Mackay*

Hugh Mackay & “The Art of Belonging”

Social Researcher and Author Hugh Mackay is coming to Wahroonga for a unique and exciting exploration!

His latest book is called “The Art of Belonging”.

Combining his skills as a social researcher and a novelist, Hugh Mackay creates a fictional suburb and fills it with characters who, like most of us, struggle to reconcile their need to belong with their desire to live life on their own terms. Hugh explores what it means to live together in community and how our relationships can help each other grow.

At the conclusion of the evening there will be an opportunity to form “book-club” groups to explore the book’s implications for our community. Hugh Mackay will return for a follow-up session on Wednesday, 20th May 2015 where there will be a discussion and feedback from the groups.

**REGISTRATION DETAILS:**

Reserve your seat & print your ticket at

[www.trybooking.com/GYBM](http://www.trybooking.com/GYBM)

OR acquire your ticket on the night.

If assistance is required for registration please contact Jackie Thornton:

secretary@holynamewahroonga.com.au

or Ph. 9489 3221.
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. (See slip on last page)

PHOTOGRAPH/VIDEO PERMISSION FORM
A Photograph/Video Permission (blue form) has been sent home with your child this week .
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

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING
During Weeks 6 and 7 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is: At Prouille we are learners when we always try our best. (Individuality)

PARENT ENGAGEMENT
Thanks to Mrs Cathy Chapman and Mrs Tanya Lorimer for running the Parent Helper Seminar last Friday and for all the enthusiastic parent helpers. It was full of useful information for those parents who want to help with literacy groups in the K-2 classrooms.

Here are some tips from the session which can be applied at home when reading with your children:

1. Before reading a book, take some time to look at and discuss the cover. The cover often contains clues to the vocabulary which appears in the book. Doing this also stimulates interest in the subject matter.
2. When stuck on a word, encourage your child to break up the different sounds. Often just getting them to voice the initial sound is enough to get the rest of the word.
3. www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au is a great website for more literacy tips.

Kindy parents, did you miss this session? Don’t worry another one will be held when the Kindy classes start their parent helper regime – around week 7.

The Playground: Julie Caldwell wants to know what you think about our playground. Would you like to see some extra equipment or maybe some lunch time clubs? Have a chat with your child and see what they think.

We have already received some great suggestions so have your say before it is too late!

You can email me directly with your ideas (flynncgrath@gmail.com) and I will forward them on to Julie.

Michelle McGrath: Parent Engagement Co-ordinator flynnmcgrath@gmail.com / 0411 790 672
St Leo’s Catholic College
Holistic co-education in the heart of Wahroonga

OPEN DAY Friday 6th March 9.15am – 11.45am

- Principal’s Welcome 9.15am - The Light of Christ Centre
- Meet the Principal, staff and students • School tours around classrooms, facilities and grounds • light refreshments

Prospective Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 17th March 7pm – 8.30pm
The Light of Christ Centre, Unwin Rd Wahroonga

Enrolling Now
For students in primary school years 4, 5 & 6

Visit our website for College and enrolment information
www.stleos.nsw.edu.au T 9487 3555
Water Street Netball News - 27 February

Attached is a flyer about the NetSetGo Skills Program which KNA is offering to all children, boys and girls, from 5 years of age - so all Kindy parents please read. I was at the KNA meeting held on Tuesday and it looks as if it will be a very well run program. Please register your interest as noted in the flyer as they need to assess how many coaches they will require. The best thing is you can go along on 28 March and just give it a try!

Also - please note training for the 10Ds will start next Monday after school (and we will be joined by the 10As). The 9s team will commence training on Tuesday after school. The 2 Netta teams will not start until Friday 13/3. The 10s team will be notified by their coach which Wednesday they will start.

Mary Weaver
0417867148

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.

Wednesday is School Banking Day!

A reminder to all our regular school bankers that once you have individually collected 10 tokens please complete a Rewards Card and request one of the wonderful rewards on offer this term. In a School Banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five night’s accommodation, transfers and three days park entry for up to two adults and two children plus AUD$2,000 spending money. For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Happy Banking, Cathy Littleton School Banking Co-ordinator
Dear Prouille Footballing Family

Our Orientation and Grading Day went ahead last Sunday despite the odd shower - parents got to meet and the kids got to have a run around! A big thank you to the coaching team for their efforts and to Alto for our new marquee - it had a very busy day.

For the parents, don't forget:
* Play nicely with others (Prouille FC Code of Conduct available if you need to have any ambiguity clarified);
* Learn the rules and put your hand up to referee (so that the coaches are free to coach - drop me an email if you want a summary of the rules);
* Keep your kid's footballing experience as positive as possible - even if you have to fake it;
* Get involved - it is an investment in your children;

Next Sunday (8th March) we have the Coaches and Managers Session at Carrington from 10am - bring your boots.

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March 8th Family Mass

Dear Year 6 and Kindy Parents and Carers,

You are especially invited to join the rest of Prouille School and our Holy Name Community at our first Family Mass on Sunday, March 8th at 9.15am.

Your child’s class is hosting this Mass, taking part in the Mass and parents are helping with morning tea afterwards. Please bring a plate of food for all Buddies and Parents/Carers to share with our community for morning tea.

Please arrive in time to be seated in the first few ‘reserved’ rows by 9am and have your child report in to their class teacher or to Sally Oong.

ALL children can collect their ‘Holy Name Passport’ at the Church. They bring the Passport to add a stamp at each Family Mass and other special occasions. At the end of the year, Fr David will acknowledge those students who collect the most stamps.

If you have any questions, please contact Sally Oong, Family Mass Co-ordinator, on 0433 817 114.

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PLEASE UPDATE MY EMAIL RECORDS AS BELOW:-

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(Please return to office for updating)