Dear Parents

Thank you to the many families of Kinder and Year 6 who attended the celebration of the Eucharist at Holy Family last Sunday. It was a delightful celebration with many participants. Thank you to the many teachers who prepared the students and were also present to support their students in the mass. Please keep in your prayers the students who are preparing for Reconciliation on the 24th and 25th March.

Congratulations to our swimmers who represented the North Shore Cluster at Mingara Recreation Centre last Tuesday evening. Our representatives were very successful. 1st place Girls Junior Relay, 2nd place Senior Girls Relay, Jordan F 3rd place 9yr 50m freestyle, Sabrina H 2nd place 11yr 50m backstroke, Caitlin M, 1st place 50m backstroke, 3rd place 11yr 50m freestyle and 3rd place 50m butterfly.

On Tuesday evening the Parent Engagement Session on NAPLAN was held. Some of the notes have been uploaded to the school website in the parent engagement section.

Upcoming Events

Prouille Open Morning will be held on 19th March 9.00am to 10.45am for new families wanting to attend our school. Please advise friends and family of this date if they are interested. More information is available on the website. If any parents are available to be welcomers on the morning please let me know.

The Cross Country will be held on the 24th March. Students received their nomination forms this week. A copy is also on the school website. Please return these by next Monday the 16th March so buses can be booked. Not all children are expected to enter only those who would like to be considered for the cluster carnival.

2015 International Competitions and Assessments for schools ICAS registration forms were sent home today. Please return completed form by Friday 27th March to the school office, if you wish your child to participate. Please refer to the note regarding appropriate competitions and associated grade. Link to form.

Yesterday the teachers trialled a new placement for the children who normally sat on the wall. They have been moved inside the school grounds to ensure the footpath is free from congestion and the children are not too close to cars or the road. Many thanks to all the teachers who assisted in this process.

At times in some schools there can be issues, problems or concerns. There is a right way and a wrong way to address concerns in a school community. I have included on the website some publications from the Catholic Schools Office for your assistance. How to address your concerns at school and Schools and Family Breakdowns are two such guides. The Catholic Schools Office is currently writing a Code of Conduct for Teachers and a separate one for Parents. These will outline the expectations for all adults towards each other and towards children on the school site. Please note that I take the wellbeing and safety of my staff, the parents at school and the safety of your children very seriously. Some issues the CSO will address are that no parent should speak to a child, not their own, re behaviour issues, that rude and aggressive behaviour towards adults in the school grounds will not be tolerated. I’m sure the implementation of these guidelines will make all schools safer places.

A very big thank you to the CSO who, last week, supplied each school with a defibrillator. It is located in sick bay. All staff are CPR trained and have been trained in using a defibrillator.

It has come to my attention that a number of children have been riding bikes to school. If you intend this to continue please fill out the following form and send to the school office. This is a CSO requirement. No scooters are to be ridden to school.

Regards

Julie Caldwell
UPCOMING DIARY DATES

13 Mar  Year 4 Social Event
13 Mar  Year 3 Social Event
14 Mar  Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation Groups at Prouille (3.45pm) followed by Mass (5pm)
16 Mar  St Patrick’s Day reflection for students
18 Mar  Year 6 Cluster Mass (10.30am) Sacred Heart Pymble
18 Mar  Yrs 5 & 6 Reconciliation (2pm) Chapel
19 Mar  Prouille Open Day (9.00 – 10.45 am) new families
19 Mar  Ripples (9.15-10.30am) Undercroft today only
20 Mar  NSCPS Polding Swimming at Homebush (9am)
20 Mar  Student Awareness session re Emergency Evacuation this week
20 Mar  Year 6 Social Event
20 Mar  Year 2 Social Event
21 Mar  Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation Groups at Prouille (3.45pm) followed by Mass (5pm)
21 Mar  Year 5 Social Event

Link to School Calendar on school website for further information and dates

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Project Compassion
The theme for Project Compassion 2015 is “Food for Life”.
Food is essential for all life, yet many of the world’s poorest people do not have food security. That means they live from day-to-day, uncertain of how to afford or access their next meal. Here at Prouille we are supporting Caritas Australia by placing donations into class “Project Compassion Boxes”. Each week the Mission Leaders Friday’s assembly are presenting a small session on how this money is used here in Australia and throughout the world.

Thank you for your generous support.

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

Wellbeing Week finished with Fun Friday. New toys were introduced to the playground and classes held individual wellbeing events. I hope all parents and students enjoyed their week off homework and spent family some time together.

PARISH NEWS

Upcoming Events
International Food Fair on Pentecost Sunday, May 24th from 10.30am at Holy Name Church. This is a Community-building event.
All Prouille families and friends are invited to attend and also to contribute to a food stall, if possible.
The following stalls are proposed: Italian, Malaysian, Sri Lankan, Vegetarian, Greek, Noodles, BBQ, Cakes, among others.

For more details, please contact Sally Oong, Prouille P&F Parish Liaison/Sacramental Co-ordinator on 0433 817 114 or sacrament@holynamewahroonga.com.au (email only available during the week) or oongs@optusnet.com.au on weekends.
Verification Reports were sent home to each family in a yellow envelope in Week 5. Please check information and amend as necessary and return to the school office. Thank you to those families who have already returned this report.

Request to Administer Medication at School
Reminder to parents to please return completed forms to the school office for children requiring prescription and/or over the counter medication to be administered at school. Link to form

School photographs will be taken on Friday 27 March 2015 by MSP Photography.

All students are required to wear their full summer uniform on Friday 27 March for ‘School Photos’. The list below shows the approximate times that photos will be taken, and although the photographers try to keep to the schedule, there can be no guarantee of the exact time.

Please note: The Prouille School Band photograph will be taken at 8am sharp. If you are in the band, please ensure you at school by 7.45am (this is usual starting time for band). Unfortunately, the photographers will be unable to wait for latecomers, as there are other groups that need to be photographed before school commences. Thank you.

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BOOK CLUB

Book Club News  Book Club has gone out this week!  You may have noticed the change as we are now having only one brochure per class year.  This should be more streamlined.

Also parents are now able to download an app on their smart phone and place orders!
For any help please check out this link:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmQYkplsi0c&feature=youtu.be

As before, you can still get our assistance and we will order for you. Please return your orders and payment by 23 March 2012.  Please remember we cannot accept cash.

Looking forward to your orders,
Cheers,
Nicole Mulders
0400327262  bookclubprouille@gmail.com

CANTEEN DAY

PROUILLE CANTEEN DAY MONDAY 30TH MARCH

SUSHI/ SLINKY DAY
On Monday, 30 March, 2015, Year 5/6 will be holding a “SUSHI/APPLE SLINKY” Canteen Day as part of their fundraising for the Year 6 Graduation and gift to Prouille School.

You won’t need to worry about packing lunch after a busy weekend, just order sushi using the Prouille Canteen Day order form

❖  Link to Sushi Order Form
Bring your own apple and we will ‘slinky’ it for 20c or buy an apple slinky for 50c.
All sushi orders must be returned to school by Wednesday 25th March, 2015.
Any Year 5 or Year 6 parents who may be available to assist in the canteen on Monday 30 March from 11.30-1.30pm, please contact Bridget.  All enquiries: Bridget Vardy (PH: 0409 426 610)

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Parent Engagement
Lunchtime clubs......

Parents/Grandparents, do you have a passion or a talent which you could share?  Would you be interested in helping to run a lunchtime club?

This would not have to be a huge time commitment, you might do it once a fortnight or even once a term.

Don’t be shy, get in contact with us and have a chat about it.

Michelle McGrath
flynmcgrath@gmail.com
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

During Weeks 8 and 9 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:

❖ At Prouille we are learners when we always try our best (individuality)

P and F NEWS

Welcome Event Thank Yous continued... A big shout-out of thanks to Joy Mangelsdorf, Emma C’s mother and grandmother of Jack C in Yr 1, who organised all the amazing Sony prizes for the raffle. Further thanks go to the Ryde Aquatic Centre for their generous donations to the raffle. Also a warm thank you to Michelle W, mother of Annabel in Yr 2, who graciously donated 4 of her beautifully scented candles as lucky door prizes'.

Sincere apologies for failing to mention these in last week’s newsletter/notes in message folder.

Brigid Wright and Margot McGibbon
K-2 Stage Co-ordinators

MUSIC NEWS

RECITAL We look forward to our next Recital on Thursday 2nd April – do come along and support our musicians.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WATER STREET NETBALL NEWS Last Sunday, the Water Street 9’s played 4 short games of netball over the course of the KNA Grading Day morning. It was hard to believe that it was the first time the team had played together, and for some the first time they had ever played. The girls showed great teamwork, and were full of enthusiasm. At the conclusion they were all disappointed that there were no more games to play! With their enthusiasm, skills and potential they showed - the girls will no doubt have a great season ahead of them. Manager Suzannah

KNA Represenative Announcement On behalf of the Club, I would like to congratulate Ella J on being selected in the KNA 12s State Age team. Ella will represent KNA at the State Age Championships in June. She has a lot of hard work in front of her - but with her talent and determination she will make an awesome contribution! Good luck Ella!

But that’s not all – Chloe and Zara O have been selected in the KNA 11s Talent Squad which represent KNA at a number of district carnivals and is the first representative squad age group. Only 20 girls are selected from the entire age group. Well done girls!

I would also like to make a special mention of Lucie C who made it through until the very last stage of Talent Squad selection and only just missed making the squad. We are really proud of you too Lucie for giving it your all, keep up your awesome playing!

Day 1 – 21 March Just a reminder that the season officially kicks off Saturday, 21 March. There will only be 2 game days before the school holidays.

Kindy parents – don’t forget about the NetSetGo trial day on 28 March at Loftburg courts at 10am.

The KNA website is also a good resource for calendar/wet weather etc. Website: kna.nsw.netball.com.au

Mary Weaver, Club President
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. Current rewards available include:

- Blue Wallet
- Dollarmites Beach Ball
- Dollarmites Slap Band Ruler
- ET DVD
- Headphones [2013 item]
- Pat Money Box [2013]
- Planet Handball
- Projection Cup [2014]
- Pull Money Box [2013]
- Scented Pencils [2014]
- Sea Streamers [2014]
- Shark Key Ring [2014]
- Spen Money Box [2013]
- Swim Bag [2014]

Remember to return your 10 tokens along with your request card.

Save and win a trip to Disneyland!

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
Hugh Mackay and “The Art of Belonging” - People travelled near and far!!

Last Wednesday the great social commentator Hugh Mackay was invited by Holy Name Parish and Prouille to speak to over 150 adults about his most recent novel “The Art of Belonging”. Whilst this a fictional text, Hugh draws heavily on research to explore the ways in which we are connecting with those who live closest to us.

Hugh began the evening by challenging the notion that we are all essentially selfish. He argues that we are social animals and that connecting with others is a most instinctive response. Hugh suggested that as much as we need communities, communities also need us. We are enriched and sustained by community but we also need to enrich and sustain communities.

The prevailing question of the evening was:
Do you know your neighbours?

Hugh clarified that “knowing” your neighbours does not mean that they are your closest friends, but rather that there is a great gift in knowing your neighbours. Research has shown that if you don’t know your neighbour you are less likely to trust them. (33% of Australian’s say they trust their neighbours.)

Hugh highlighted that there are more pressures today which are impacting our connections with neighbours. Some of these are listed below:

- Marrying and divorcing in different ways
- Large number of children are migrating from one family to another
- Currently producing the smallest generation (birth-rate)
- Two income households
- Number of single households (predict by 2036 that 33% of all households will have one person living in them.)
- Highly mobile community and universal car ownership
- Information Technology Revolution (Missing the face to face encounters)

This number of factors creates a cumulative effect and our local neighbourhoods have become less stable and less cohesive than in the past. If we are to consider creating some change Hugh suggests that we take small steps.

- Forming little social connections in your neighbourhood.
- Smile and say hello as people walk by
- Develop a mindfulness of people around you who live alone

Hugh suggested that the decision to connect with our neighbours is a conscious choice. It involves learning how to be respectful and kind to people who may not be our closest friends. He concluded by inviting us to reflect on the kind of society we would like to live in, then start living as though it is.

The second phase of the evening provided audience members with an opportunity to discuss the book & to form book clubs. Eight groups are currently registered and will meet weekly or fortnightly. For those who missed this first talk and who would be interested in hearing Hugh respond to a series of questions pertaining to the text, he will be returning to Prouille on Wednesday, 20th May 2015. This is a free event and more details will be provided closer to the date.

In the meantime if you would like a copy of Hugh Mackay’s book or to be part of a Book Club please contact Jackie Thornton: secretary@holynamewahroonga.com.au or Ph. 9489 3221.