Dear Parents

Extreme conditions and events always seem to show the best side of so many people. The events of the last few days have been very difficult for many across NSW. Difficult times force us to concentrate on the here and now, the ones we love and brings into sharp focus our priorities. Our small drama at Prouille brought out the best in the children when they were inconvenienced by no water, they responded appropriately and were so well behaved. Our teachers were their usual, positive, hard working selves who adapted to the problem quickly and put the needs of the children first. Parents were good humoured, patient and responded so quickly we felt enormously supported. A very big thanks to our office staff who manned the phones and front desk with good humour. The success of our quick movement must go to everyone who has ensured they have given us up to date contact information and to the office staff who have been diligent in ensuring our data base remains valid. If you did not receive either our email of SMS notification then please send an email to prouille@dbb.catholic.edu.au and include the following information: your name, your mobile number, your child/ren’s name.

This week we have commemorated two momentous events. The first was the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the second was the hundredth year since the Anzac landing in Gallipoli. Jesus and the Anzacs were both graced with extraordinary generosity. It was their generosity, where they gave their lives, that enables us to live the lives we do. They both leave extraordinary legacies that encourage us to be brave, to be strong, to be resilient and to love one another.

Thank you to Year 3 and their teachers who prepared a very reverent and moving liturgy to commemorate the Anzacs and all personnel who have played a part in keeping Australians safe from harm. Thank you to the number of parents who attended and supported the children. Please see Natalie Bowesman’s poem about the Anzacs that was used as part of the liturgy. Year Six have been sharing their research with all classes to teach them the events and history of the Anzacs at Gallipoli. Our captains have taken our Anzac Wreath (thank you to the parents who contributed wreaths and the memorial crosses down to the Holy Name Church to be part of the Anzac Mass tomorrow. Please see the photos included.

The local service for Anzac Day that children and families may want to attend is the Wahroonga 7am service, which is at the World War I War Memorial at Wahroonga station beside Millewa Ave. Our school captains will attend in school uniform and take one of our wreaths from today to the service. The other has been delivered to the Holy Name Parish. Details: Wahroonga War Memorial. 7am Anzac Day service cnr of Illoura Ave and Millewa Ave, Wahroonga.

The Easter reflection that the children experienced on Wednesday, prepared by Year 5, focused on Jesus on the road to Emmaus. He was recognised by the breaking and sharing of bread. The chapel looked like the tomb of Jesus. Thank you to the teachers and students who participated so reverently in the Easter reflections.

Our playground renovations have begun. The workmen will section off parts of the playground as they lay our current dirt areas with artificial grass. Teachers have extended their playground supervision to give children...
more opportunities. Some of the usual and new things on offer in the second half of lunch are Martial Arts for older boys, fitness classes and art classes.

Congratulations to Eliza Carolan, who has been cast in the Australian Premiere Season of Matilda The Musical, which opens in Sydney in July.

Regards

Julie Caldwell

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

25 Apr  Anzac Day
25 Apr  Anzac Mass at Holy Name (10am) & “Requiem for the Fallen” A Special Concert (7pm)
28 Apr  “The Dish” Commitment
29 Apr  Year 1 Social Event
1 May   Men in the Morning Session on playground (8.25-9am)
4 May   Winter Uniform – all students
5 May   First Eucharist Parents Information & Enrolment Evening in Veritas Hall (7pm)
8 May   Mothers’ Day Liturgy in Veritas Hall - All Welcome (9.10am)
8 May   Mother’s Day Event for all Prouille mothers hosted by Year3 & Year 4
10 May  Mothers’ Day Mass at Holy Name Church (9.15am)

Link to School Calendar on school website for further information and dates
They’re the ANZACs

To the sandy shores of Turkey, they sail,
No chance to say goodbye.
They’re greeted by a battle wail,
As gunfire fills the sky.
Bodies falling all around,
They hear the gunfire cracks,
The soldiers scream their deathly sound,
Because they’re the ANZACs.

The donkey and the man go by,
Helping out the hurt,
They help out when the bullets fly,
Through rain shine and dirt.
Until their death on 19th of May,
Their courage showed no lacks,
They were more heroic every day,
Because they’re the ANZACs.
A wooden cross marks the spot,
Where a fallen soldier fell,
Their family will know when the letters stop,
And their eyes, with tears, will swell.
When it comes to the soldiers to sail away,
They relive their heroic acts,
They may not have won, but they don’t dismay,
Because they’re the ANZACs.

LEST WE FORGET
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Project Compassion:

Thank you to all the children and families who have so generously supported Project Compassion, our Lenten fundraiser over the past term. I wish to thank the Mission Prefects who provided information at Friday assemblies, showing us the ways in which Caritas uses the funds from Project Compassion to support those in need throughout the world. The Prouille community contributed over $1700.00. This was a huge response and one which we can be very proud of.

PARISH NEWS

ANZAC Day mass and concert – Saturday 25th April - PARISH MASS Saturday 25th April 10am to honour the Anzac Day 100th Anniversary – Holy Name Parish CONCERT – Requiem for the Fallen – 7pm Holy Name Church (See flyer next page) Family tickets are available at $60 for two adults and up to 4 children of school age in general seating area. There will be an interval with refreshments. Tickets are available at the door.

Holy Name Playgroup St Dominic’s Holy Name Playgroup will recommences 27th April for Term 2.

Mothers‘ Day Family Mass Choir Practices
Hi Everyone! Natalie here. We have another Family Mass coming up on Mother’s Day, the 10th of May. It would be awesome if we could have a choir to sing for all the lovely mothers!
Our set list for this Mass is a secret – if you would like to find out, come along to the practices in the Prouille school chapel:
1. Friday the 1st of May from 3:30pm-4:30pm
2. Friday the 8th of May from 3:30pm-4:30pm

Please bring something to eat for afternoon tea before practice. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Natalie Oong

Mothers’ Day Posy-Making Workshop – Saturday 9th May 4-5pm
All Prouille and Holy Name Parish children over 10 years old are invited to a free posy-making workshop with Wendy Ryan. We are going to make our flower posies for handing out to all Mothers at the Mothers’ Day Family Mass the next morning. Please come to the Church Sunroom from 4pm to 5pm on Saturday, 9th May to join in and have some fun. RSVP to Sally Oong at sacrament@holynamewahroonga.com.au / 0433 817 114 or just turn up!

SPORT NEWS

North Shore Cross Country Reminder to students to return the North Shore Cluster Cross Country note to the school office. The note was handed our last term to selected students. Please note, there is no payment due as mentioned in the note.

OFFICE NEWS

School Fees Reminder to parents paying school fees on a termly basis, Instalment 2 is due by 1st May.

School Uniform Link to Prouille School Uniform at Primary School Online Store at Lowes.
Expired Medication  Reminder to parents to please note expiry dates of medication provided to the school office. 
Parents are responsible for providing new medication to the school office.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

During Weeks 2 and 3 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:
  ❖ At Prouille we are responsible when we make good choices (Prayer and Contemplation)

MUSIC NEWS

Message from David Egan who repaired our timpani set as seen above

The history of these unique drums is quite interesting. I estimate these would have been made in the late 1950's or early 1960's from discarded aircraft external fuel pods, as legend goes, something like the ones seen in this picture below - located on the end of each wing on these RAAF Canberra bombers.

I first came across these drums in 1992 when I was the percussion tutor at St Leos College Wahroonga. They were in need of some new legs so these became one of my first projects as a timpani technician. I fabricated the metal stands they are mounted on as a way of making them stable and fitted new skins. Since then I have become a full time percussion technician and restorer, having worked on many hundreds of sets of timpani. Prouille purchased these timpani a few years ago and Dominic Meagher has been pro-active in obtaining the funding to restore these unique instruments.

It gave me great satisfaction to re-visit these drums and give them a new lease on life, correcting some of the hand made imperfections from their original maker, and refurbishing the paintwork so they can sit proudly on the stage with the young players from Prouille Primary School once again.
To all our wonderful Prouille & St Lucy’s mums

You are hereby invited to

A Royal Night Out

On Friday 8th May at 7pm
Veritas Hall, Prouille School

Wear your favourite frock, bling or tiara and be treated like royalty at our Mothers Day Event!

This is a great opportunity for all Mums from Prouille and St Lucy’s to get together, especially if you are new to the schools.

Come along and have some champagne, nibbles/dessert and some fun!
This event is FREE! (Raffle prizes will be available on the night)

RSVP at www.trybooking.com/131959
Any enquiries to Kaylee Barnett barnett.jkc@gmail.com

Year 3 & 4 Parents

It is the tradition for Year 3 & 4 Parents to assist in making the Prouille Mother’s Day Event special and we need your help.

An email was sent to all Year 3 & 4 Parents on Monday 20th April detailing assistance required. If you require another copy of this information please visit the office.
Prouille Tennis Lessons

Vacancies available on
Wednesday morning - Kindergarten to Year 2 7.45am to 8.30am
Friday morning- Year 3 to Year 6  7.30m to 8.30am
Wet weather program in the undercroft

Alan Stopford 0411 426 554
Tennis Australia qualified

Brigidine College
St Ives

Open Day
Thursday 30 April 2015
3pm to 6:30pm

We invite you to join us at our Open Day for an impressive showcase of activities, tours, performances and interactive exhibits.
Experience our new Performing Arts Centre for Music, Dance and Drama.
Explore the new 21st century Science facilities.
Discover the many opportunities available at Brigidine College for your daughter. There is a spirit in this school worth experiencing.

135 Mona Vale Road, St Ives www.brigidine.nsw.edu.au
Wednesday is School Banking Day!

Link to School Banking on our school website

School Banking is now on the Prouille School Web page! For up-to-date information on available rewards, how to claim a reward or to print a 2015 Rewards Card simply refer to the School Community tab and follow the link to School Banking. This section also includes information on current competitions, how to start banking at Prouille and general information on the School Banking program. A huge thank you to Lisa Emerton for helping to bring these pages to life!

This first week back saw 5 of our bankers reach 10 banks for the 2015 program and each student received a bronze certificate in recognition of this effort. It was wonderful to see two of our Kindy students among these five students. Well done!

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:

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

Happy Banking,

Cathy Littleton
School Banking Co-ordinator