"I am the vine, you are the branches - We are all one. "Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.. Abide in me, as I abide in you..

Dear Parents
I like the visual image of this Sunday's gospel as it tries to explain the connections and interconnections we have with God the Father and Son. It simplifies the metaphysical to the commonplace where we can begin to grow in our understanding of being at one with God, part of a community and part of a complete endeavour.

Our community invites you to mass this Sunday at 9am where Bishop Peter will celebrate the Eucharist at the Holy Name Parish.

This week all staff attended a three hour introduction to the KidsMatter Mental Health Initiative. This is the beginning of our journey to grow in understanding of the positive impact that school life can have on the long term mental health of a child.

KidsMatter is a national initiative that aims to contribute to:

- improving student mental health and wellbeing
- reducing mental health difficulties amongst students
- increasing support for students experiencing mental health difficulties

The Core Components of the whole school approach are:

- Positive School Community - which we are exploring this year.
- Social and emotional learning for students
- Working with parents and carers
- Helping children with mental health difficulties.

The Guiding Principles of the Program are:

- The best interests of children are paramount
- Respectful Relationships are foundational
- Diversity is respected and valued
- Parents and carers are recognised as the most important people in children's lives
- Parents and teachers support children best by working together
- Students need to be active participants
- Schools, health and community agencies work together with families.

Our first component - Positive School Community aims to check in and see how welcoming we are as a community to all members. We would like to gather data so we can work together on the areas that need improvement. Mrs Dillon is gathering data over the next few weeks. It would be most helpful if you could let us know honestly what you feel we all need to work on. The survey is to be completed online and should take no more than 15 minutes. Once you click on the link below, you will search for Prouille Primary School, and then choose the April to June (Q2 2015) quarter. Complete only Component 1: A positive school community.

www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary/parentsurvey

Thank you for your anticipated contribution to this survey as it will indeed provide us with insights as to how we can move forward knowing that such feedback is appreciated and valued.

Regards

Julie Caldwell
UPCOMING DIARY DATES

4 May  Winter Uniform
5 May  Cluster Cross Country St Ives
5 May  First Eucharist Parents Information & Enrolment Evening in Veritas Hall (7pm)
8 May  Mothers’ Day Liturgy in Veritas Hall - All Welcome (9.00am)
8 May  Mother’s Day Free Event for all Prouille mothers hosted by Year3 & Year 4 (7pm)
RSVP at www.trybooking.com/131959
10 May  Mothers’ Day Mass at Holy Name Church (9.15am)
12 May  First Eucharist Group Leaders Training at Prouille (7pm)
12-14 May  NAPLAN
Link to School Calendar on school website for further information and dates

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mothers’ Day  On Friday 8th May, we look forward to meeting up with many Mums, Grandmothers and other adults who take on the role of a mother in the lives of the children. We will have a liturgy at 9.00am in the hall, hosted by Year 5. Hoping to see you there!

PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program  Enrolment / Information Night for First Communion  Tuesday, 5th May at Prouille School Hall at 7pm. This is for the Parents/Carers of year 3+ students who have already made their Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Link to Children’ Sacramental Program 2015
First Communion enrolment form link: http://www.trybooking.com/HKWF

Parish Events

- Sunday May 3rd  We welcome Bishop Peter to our Parish to celebrate the 9.15am Mass on Sunday, followed by morning tea hosted by the Prouille P&F (all please bring a plate to share)
- Saturday May 9th  Mothers’ Day posy-making workshop with Wendy Ryan 4-5pm in the Church Sunroom (see flyer)
- Sunday May 10th  Mothers’ Day Family Mass – all welcome! Mothers all receive a flower and there is a special morning tea hosted by Year 1 following Mass, with a Coffee cart.
- Sunday May 24th  International Food Fair at Church 10.30am to 2.00pm. All welcome – heaps of fun and food to please everyone! Prouille families asked to please donate a cake and, if possible, donate your time for an hour or so to help on a stall.

For further details, please contact Sally Oong, P&F/Parish Liaison on 0433 817 114 or sacrament@holynamewahroonga.com.au

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 to learn all the new songs and refresh the current songs!

Natalie Oong ♬♩
**Holy Name Playgroup**  St Dominic’s Holy Name Playgroup has commenced for Term 2.

**SPORT NEWS**

**North Shore Cross Country**  The North Shore Cluster Cross Country will be held at St Ives Showground on Tuesday May 5 next week. All children who have been selected to attend should have returned their permission notes to school. Children are encouraged to keep up their training in preparation for their race. They are to wear hats, sun screen and bring a warm jacket, wet weather gear and Ventolin puffers if required. They should also bring a picnic blanket or old beach towel to sit on and playing cards or a board game to keep them occupied during the day. No Electronic games or phones. No Balls.

Please note the following very important information from Carnival Convenor.
- All parents/ grandparents and other spectators will be asked not to be on the oval at any time. All spectators will remain outside of the gates either in the grandstand located in the showgrounds or they can bring a chair and locate themselves. All competitors will be located on the oval with their school supervising teachers. If a parent is a school helper or official or has to attend to first aid for any other reason this will not apply to them.
- All teachers will walk the course with the school competitors.
- Parents who wish to take their children home early must bring a written note and supervising teachers need to be notified.

**OFFICE NEWS**

**Winter Uniforms**  We officially change into Winter Uniforms next week. Thank you to all parents who have labelled their children’s uniform pieces. It makes it very easy to return their belongings.

**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](#)
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)

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**P & F NEWS**

**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 yesterday detailing assistance required.

If you require another copy of this information please visit the office.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Prouille Tennis Lessons**

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

Alan Stopford 0411 426 554
Tennis Australia qualified
Wednesday is School Banking Day!

School Banking is now on the Prouille School Web page! Link to school banking

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 how to start banking at Prouille and general information on the School Banking program.

Save and win a trip to Disneyland!

Don’t forget the great prize on offer this year from School Banking – a Family 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 or School Banking on Prouille Web page.

Happy Banking,
Cathy Littleton
School Banking Co-ordinator