Dear Parents

In this week’s gospel, John reminds us of Jesus’ words, “Love one another as I have loved you.” This is a fitting gospel for Mother’s Day as God’s love can be seen in the love, service and devotion that so many mothers show towards their children. We wish all mothers and grandmothers a very happy Mother’s Day this Sunday. You are all invited to attend mass at Holy Name Parish as Year One host the 9.15am celebration on Mother’s Day. Congratulations to Father David who has been appointed as the Parish Priest of Holy Name. He has held the position of administrator up until this time and has now officially been appointed as our parish priest. We are truly blessed to have Father David continue to journey with us at Holy Name and Prouille. A special celebration will be held at a later date. We will advise you of the date if you would like to attend.

Thank you to Mrs Lorimer and Mrs Armstrong who have organised the Mother’s Day stall so that the children can go shopping for their mums. Thank you to Year 5 for the beautiful Mother’s Day Liturgy this morning. Many thanks to the Social Committee for organising the special Mothers Evening. I wish you all a very blissful evening.

Enrolment interviews for 2016 have been ongoing for some time now. All enrolment applications will be considered after the application closing date of 31st May. If any friends or family are considering enrolling for 2016 please remind them to apply before the deadline as we don’t want them to miss out.

Mrs Lorimer, Mrs Davidson and I attended an inservice on improving writing craft last week. One of the many things we learnt was how to capture an audience’s attention from the very outset of a piece of writing. Many children start their story with “breakfast, a bus ride and then boredom” our lively speaker told us. “Teach them to start with a bang and then, backfill who the characters are and how they got there.” We look forward to sharing these insights with our teachers and children. Next time you see a sizzling starter in a movie, TV show or a story don’t forget to share it with your child.

You will have received an invitation to attend a Maths Presentation for parents on Monday the 18th of May at 6.30pm. This will be held before the P and F meeting at 7.30pm on the same night. As maths is a very important focus for the school this year we would like to share with you the work we are doing. The focus for the evening is on the way we can work in partnership to improve the students learning in mathematics. Parent engagement is not about “teaching” your child about maths but is more a mindset where parents know, understand and support what is happening in school. The research into what improves student achievement is that parent engagement and support is one of the leading factors.

TWO TRAFFIC DISRUPTIONS NEXT WEEK:

1. On Monday the 11th a film crew will be in Water Street with 10 vans, trucks and crew. This will obviously cause some congestion so please plan to arrive earlier, walk if able or arrive a little later to Kiss and Ride.
2. We have been informed that the RTA will be installing flashing school lights on Water Street on the 14th May, next Thursday. This may cause some disruption to traffic during the installation. We are very pleased that they will be installed as they are a good reminder to slow down near schools. A reminder to parents to not do a U turn in Water Street to pick up children. It is much safer for everyone to enter from the bottom of Water Street and then proceed up the pick up.

There are a number of Lunch Clubs that are currently running in the school. The table below indicates the ones that are available this term. A big thank you to the teachers who have taken on extra duties to support the children.

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Congratulations to our environmental group who have been creating a sustainable garden in the playground. They sold some of their fresh produce today and raised $50 which they will look at donating to a worthy cause and for continuing their good work.

Our playground renovation is coming along despite the wet weather. When it is complete we’d love you to come and have a look. The playground space is very restricted at the moment but as soon as the construction is complete the children will resume their usual playground routines.

Your class overviews are on the school website. Please click this link to find your class page.

The Cluster Cross Country has been rescheduled to next Monday. Parents attending need to note the change of venue.

Year 3 and 5 will be sitting their Naplan tests next week. This is a snapshot of their learning that will give parents and the school some relevant data to continue to plan and move forward.

Regards

Julie Caldwell

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

11 May  North Shore Cluster Cross Country at Rofe Park Galston Rd Hornsby
12 May  First Eucharist Group Leaders Training at Prouille (7pm)
12-14 May NAPLAN
16 May First Eucharist Sacramental Preparation Group at Prouille (3.45pm) followed by Mass (5pm)
17 May Kindergarten Social Event
18 May Parent Engagement Session for EMU in Library (6.30pm) HALL
18 May P & F Meeting in Library (7.30pm)
19 May Broken Bay Cross Country Fagan Park
19 May ICAS Computer Skills Years 3-6
20 May Maths Olympiad
20 May GATEway Creative Visual Arts day
20 May Hugh McKay follow-up presentation at Prouille (7.30pm)
22 May Principals Conversation with parents and recap of P&F Meeting (9.30am)
23 May First Eucharist Sacramental Preparation Group at Prouille (3.45pm) followed by Mass (5pm)
24 May Year 2 Social Event
24 May International Food Fair at Holy Name - Prouille Concert Band Entertaining

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Invitation to Year 1 Family Mass – Sunday 10th May On Sunday 10th May we have our second Family Mass for 2015- a special Mothers’ Day celebration. Year 1 families are invited to attend the 9.15a.m. Mass at Holy Name Parish. We would like to invite all our Prouille families to join us on this special day.

Happy Mothers’ Day on Sunday to all our mothers, grandmothers and significant women in the lives of our children.

PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program Enrolment / Information Night for First Communion was 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

- **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 8th of May from 3:30pm-4:30pm

Natalie Oong

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**Holy Name Playgroup**  St Dominic’s Holy Name Playgroup has commenced for Term 2.

**YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 EXCURSIONS**

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Further information and permission notes regarding excursions will be sent home in the coming weeks.
North Shore Cross Country  Due to wet weather this event has been rescheduled for Monday 11th May at 9.30am. Click on link to view note handed out to selected students on Thursday.

Venue  Rofe Park, Galston Rd, Hornsby Heights

Permission Note  Original permission note will suffice for the rescheduled date. Please notify if there are any changes.

Children leaving after event  Parents who wish to take their children home early must bring a written note and supervising teachers need to be notified.

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, balls or phones.

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.

Polding Football (soccer) Trials  Congratulations to Matthew M in Year 6 who last week travelled to Tamworth with the Broken Bay boys soccer team for the Polding Trials. Matthew had a great day scoring 5 goals for the Broken Bay team and had a great experience and we congratulate him again for his efforts.

Office News

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

School Uniform  Link to Prouille School Uniform at Primary School Online Store at Lowes

Lost Property  The following items were left unclaimed in the lost property basket at the end of term 1.

- Shopkins pink & white toy
- 1 pair red “nofear” size 8 thongs
- 1 right purple/black Nike shoe size US1
- 1 old style sports jacket size 10 name “Kelly”
- 1 Prouille 2015 l/sleeve top size 10
- 1 green/gold Australia t-shirt

If any of these belong to you, then please contact Emma McGrath on emma.mcgrath@yahoo.com.au by Monday 11th May to arrange return, otherwise they will be disposed of appropriately. Please ensure that all uniform items are clearly labelled to make it easier to identify and return should they be mislaid, especially those items frequently taken off e.g. jumpers, jackets and hats!

Positive Behaviour for Learning

During Weeks 4 and 5 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:

- At Prouille we are learners when we have a go (Knowledge)
Prouille Parent’s and Friends Association  The next meeting of your P&F Association will be held on Monday 18th May at 7.30pm in the Library immediately after the Parental Engagement Session on EMU which starts at 6.30pm.

This is your opportunity to find out what’s happening on your behalf in the school, and to have your say. The meeting is open for everyone to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hugh Mackay Returns to Prouille for an Interactive Conversation  Social Researcher and Author Hugh Mackay is returning to Prouille for a unique and exciting conversation on Wednesday evening, 20th May (7.30pm – 9.30pm). In early March, Hugh Mackay presented his latest book called “The Art of Belonging”. Within this book Hugh explores what it means to live together in community and how our relationships can help each other grow. Many groups and individuals have been reading this insightful novel and are invited to return to Wahroonga whereby Hugh will respond to feedback from the audience. It will be an interactive evening filled with lively conversation and parents and friends are welcome to attend. For more information please see the attached flyer or contact Robyn Gallagher on Mob. 0418 486 116.  Link to further information
Soames Real Estate would like to extend an invitation to you to attend...

Wahroonga’s Biggest Morning Tea

When: Thursday 28th May 2015
Where: Prouille Catholic School - 5 Water St, Wahroonga
Time: From 10:00am
Cost: $20, includes sumptuous brunch, lucky door prize, guest speaker & raffle
Phone: 9487 1500


Please bring your friends along and help us support the Cancer Council!

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SCHOOL BANKING

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
National Data Collection

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data
School Students with Disability

2015 information for parents and carers

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?
The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (the national data collection) is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustment they are provided with.

The national data collection will count students who have been identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (the DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR MY CHILD?
The aim of the national data collection is to colllect better information about school students with disability in Australia. This information will help teachers, principals, education authorities and families to better support students with disability to take part in school on the same basis as students without disability.

The national data collection is an opportunity for schools to review their learning and support systems and processes to continually improve education outcomes for their students with disability.

WHY IS THIS DATA BEING COLLECTED?
All schools across Australia colllect information about students with disability, but the type of information currently collected varies between each state and territory and across government, Catholic and Independent school sectors.

When implementing the national data collection, each school in Australia will use the same method to collect information. Therefore, a government school in suburban Sydney will collect and report data in the same way as a Catholic school in country Victoria and an Independent school in the Northern Territory.

The information provided through the national data collection will enable all Australian governments to better target support and resources to benefit programme improvement for students with disability.

WHO WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?
The definition of disability for the national data collection is based on the broad definition under the DDA.

For the purposes of the national data collection, students with learning difficulties such as dyslexia or auditory processing disorder as well as chronic health conditions like epilepsy, diabetes or asthma, that require active monitoring by the school, may be included.

WHO WILL COLLECT INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION?
Teachers and school staff will identify the number of students with disability in their school and the level of reasonable adjustment they are provided with:

- consultation with parents and carers in the course of determining and providing reasonable adjustments
- the school team’s observations and professional judgements
- any medical or other professional diagnosis
- other relevant information.

School principals are responsible for ensuring the information identified about each student is accurate.

HOW WILL MY CHILD’S PRIVACY BE PROTECTED?
Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of all students and their families is essential. Personal

WHAT ARE SCHOOLS REQUIRED TO DO FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY?
All students are entitled to a quality learning experience at school.

Schools are required to make reasonable adjustments, where needed, to assist students with disability to access and participate in education free from discrimination and on the same basis as other students.

These responsibilities are outlined in the DDA and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 (the Standards). The Standards require educators, students, parents and others to work together so that students with disability can participate in education. The Standards can be accessed via the ComLaw website at www.comlaw.gov.au.

WHAT IS A REASONABLE ADJUSTMENT?
A reasonable adjustment is a measure or action taken to help a student with disability access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability. Reasonable adjustments can be made across the whole school setting (e.g., ramps into school buildings), in the classroom (such as adapting class lessons) and at an individual student level (e.g., extra tuition for a student with learning difficulties).

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?
Every year each school will collect the following information for each student:

- the student’s level of education (e.g. primary or secondary)
- the student’s level of adjustment
- the student’s broad type of disability.

The information collected by schools will be provided to all governments to inform policy and contain such as student names or other identifying information will not be provided to local or national education authorities.


IS THE NATIONAL DATA COLLECTION COMPULSORY?
All education ministers agreed to the implementation of the national data collection from 2015. This means that all schools must now collect and report information annually on the number of students with disability in their care and the level of adjustment provided to them.

Information about the arrangements that may apply to your school in relation to this data collection is available from your child’s school principal and the relevant education authority or association of Independent schools.

Even if your child’s information is not included in the national data collection, the school is still required to provide support to your child with education needs.

FURTHER INFORMATION
Contact your child’s school if you have further questions about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability.

An e-learning resource about the Disability Standards for Education 2005 is freely available for the use of individuals, families and communities at http://resource.dee.educationinstitute.edu.au.
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