Dear Parents

“And he said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.” The Easter story progresses to the point where Jesus ascends into heaven and takes his place with his Father. We are left but not bereft. Jesus sends his sign with the Holy Spirit on the Feast of Pentecost which we celebrate next week. There will be celebrations at Holy Name Parish on Sunday. An International Food Fair to which you are all invited. Our band will be playing at the Fair as well. It is a joyous sign that Jesus will be always with us guiding us to live well and joyously.

Our Year Three and Five students sat their Naplan tests this week. The children sat four tests in three days. They were very sensible and well prepared. Thank you to the Year 3 and 5 teachers who ensured the children were well prepared but able to keep the tests in perspective as one indicator of their progress. They shared with the students in prayer time a letter that has been shared many times on Facebook this week. It reminded them that Naplan doesn’t test all the things that make them very special young individuals: their kindness, their creativity or their very special interests and knowledge. The Naplan results will arrive at the end of Term 3. As a school we will use them to indicate areas of strength and areas where we need to provide more support and professional learning in the following year.

On Monday the 18th our P and F Meeting will be preceded by our second Parent Engagement Session. This session will begin at 6.30pm in the hall. Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Marylou Claremont will outline the Early Mathematical Understandings program that we are undertaking this year. This program has been rolled out in many Broken Bay schools and has resulted in an improvement across the board in the Naplan results. It is based on a conceptual understanding of mathematics rather than a procedural one. If we focus on children becoming very fluent and flexible with all their basic number functions then their understanding of the more complex procedures will become a much easier process with deeper understanding.

The focus on Maths has come after an examination of our Naplan data, the School Review last year and the MAI data that informed our decision to work extensively on Mathematics. The P and F proposed that the school and parents working together would have much more of an impact than the school and teachers alone.

As parents we instinctively assist our children with literacy: we read to them, we read signs, we make lists, we write cards, we rhyme and say the alphabet. As parents many of us are not so conversant with ways that we can positively engage with mathematics except for counting to 100 and drilling tables. The EMU project will assist us all to engage positively with mathematics to achieve better outcomes in our student’s learning.

Michelle McGrath is leading the parent engagement project at school. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact Michelle. Parent engagement has been found in an extensive research project by John Hattie (NZ) to be one of the key factors that influence, in a positive way, student learning.

Forty boys from Years 3 to 6 are now attending weekly Kids OT Martial Methods sessions. Applications are now closed. If parents would like to see the boys in action they can attend the final session on the 24th June at 1.15pm in the hall. Kids OT are also running weekly sessions in Kindergarten called Building Blocks for Learning and sessions in Year Two. Information about these sessions will be sent home to parents next week.

Regards
Julie Caldwell
UPCOMING DIARY DATES

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)
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 - 8am in Yr 6
20 May Maths Olympiad
20 May GATEway Creative Visual Arts day - Asquith
20 May Hugh McKay follow-up presentation at Prouille (7.30pm)
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
28 May Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for the Cancer Council - Veritas Hall (10.30am)
28 May Da Vinci Decathlon for Years 5 & 6 at Knox
28 May Year 6 Social Event
29 May Polding Touch Football in Mudgee
30 May First Eucharist Sacramental Preparation Group at Prouille (3.45pm) followed by Mass (5pm)
31 May Year 1 Social Event

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

PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program  Link to Children’ Sacramental Program 2015
First Communion enrolment form link: http://www.trybooking.com/HKWF

Parish Events
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

LEARNING AND TEACHING

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES Competition Years 3-6  A reminder that the EAA DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES Competition is scheduled for Tuesday 19 May 2015. It is held before school, commencing at 8am in the Year 6AC classroom. 2B pencils will be supplied, but students are asked to bring their own erasers.
Thank you, Mrs Armstrong

SPORT NEWS

North Shore Cross Country

Last Monday our Prouille Cross Country Team went to Rofe Park, Hornsby for the Cluster Cross Country Trials. Sixty children represented Prouille in the 8yrs to 12yrs age groups and all did extremely well in their events. Prouille placed 3rd overall which was our best performance in our 15 years in Cross Country.
The following children have now qualified to go to the Diocesan Trials at Fagan Park on Tuesday 19th May.

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Thank you to Mrs Burns and Miss Russell for their enthusiasm and support in supervising the children. Thank you also to Mrs Donna Murrell and Mrs Jamie Hill who kindly assisted on a checkpoint.

OFFICE NEWS

Form to be returned - Parent/Guardian Internet and Network Agreement 2015
Parents are asked to complete the agreement on the last page of newsletter. Please return to your child’s class teacher next week, Wednesday 20th May.

Parents assisting in the classroom, excursions and/or carnivals link to declaration form
- Parents interested in helping in the classroom and carnivals, attending excursions etc. are asked to complete this form and return to the school office.
- Thank you to the many parents who have already provided the school office with a completed declaration.
- If you are not sure whether you have already completed a declaration, please click on the link above and complete a new declaration and forward to the school office.

Lost One labelled school hat - with a ‘Veritas’ badge on the front. It is Toby’s original ‘floppy’ black school hat from when he started in Kindergarten and he would love it back! Could you please check your child’s hat to see if he/she is wearing the wrong hat? If you come across it, please return it to Toby in 5DB.

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)

SCHOOL BANKING

Wednesday is School Banking Day!
School Banking is now on the Prouille School Web page!

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. Those students wishing to enter need to ensure they commence banking this week in order to obtain 25 banks. 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 Prouille website.

Happy Banking, Cathy Littleton - School Banking Co-ordinator
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.

Prouille Mother’s Day Event  In a week full of royal news about princesses, it was fitting that our Mother’s Day event was fit for a Queen! With a pink carpet to welcome our VIP mums, Veritas Hall was transformed into a stunning palace with chandeliers, royal décor and even a throne! With an abundance of luxury raffle prizes, a royal-themed movie trailer, Royalty Quiz and glasses of bubbly, all our attending mums were treated to a tiara-topped evening.

A big thank you to the following:

• Hollywood For Hire: Irene and Michael Dean-Jones - for once again excelling their creative talents in producing all the royalty-themed décor.

• Pennant Hills Hotel – Alyssa and Roman Nalywajko – for providing all the alcohol, at a reduced cost and also for donating 2 x $50 dinner vouchers to our raffle.

• Victoria Willett – for organising the movie trailer “A Royal Night Out, the multitude of free movie tickets, and the Royal-themed DVDs from her brother’s girlfriend at Paramount Pictures. In addition Victoria co-ordinated the raffle prizes and the Prize Wrapping Team and ensured that all the prizes look amazing – all this with little Lewis, her 1 year old on her hip!

• Kaylee Barnett – for organising the main raffle prizes and co-ordinating the RSVPs, technical support for the movie trailer, and assisting with HFH.

• Donna Murrell – for putting together the beautiful crown name tags to make our mums all feel like royalty.

• Katia Penfold – for picking up the alcohol, assisting in setting up the room and being a fabulous Yr 4 Co-ordinator

• James Digges – for being a terrific MC and keeping the Royal Mums entertained throughout the Quiz

• Jarrod McGrath – for being a wonderful DJ and playing some great tunes!

• Brent Penfold, Sam Wright and Jason Oong – the amazing bar dads, who gave up their night in front of the TV to serve food and refreshments to all the Royal Mums.

• The Prize Wrapping Team – Victoria Willett, Fiona Wright, Donna Murrell, who did a terrific job in presenting all the prizes.

• Veronica Engel and Carolina Darley who assisted with name tags and selling of raffle tickets

• All the Yr3/4 mums who donated raffle prizes, brought nibbles and desserts and helped out on the night

• The wonderful Admin team at Prouille – Carol, Amanda and Lisa who always helped out with a smile.

• Julie Caldwell, our principal, who missed out on the fun, but supported us every step of the way.

• And finally, well done to all the raffle prize winners including Lisa D who secured 1st prize, the Pink Team for being Queens of the Quiz, and one of our gorgeous St Lucy’s mums, Elizabeth W, who was crowned Best Dressed Princess!

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
WATER STREET NETBALL  Well the season has well and truly started and last Saturday was a beautiful sunny day - perfect for a game of netball – fingers crossed we are blessed again this week. Good luck to all the teams – try your best and have fun!

NETTA 6/7s  After a long break the Netta 6/7’s were back into the swing of things. Heidi was our captain and she worked tirelessly in the goal circle and had two awesome attempts at goal. Ally and Charlie were absolutely wonderful in both attack and defence positions. Both Suraya and Mia K were fabulous in defence and worked non-stop. Charlotte was fantastic and was our player of the week. She also had two wonderful attempts at goal! Chloe and Naomi were rock stars. Chloe worked hard in getting the ball down the court and Naomi had 8 attempts at goal and never gave up. Lily was away and we look forward to having her back. Thanks always to our Manager Amy and Coach Mary.

NETTA 8s  Finally, a nice sunny day for round 4 of netball for the 8reds. We played West Pymble which were pretty strong. Great centre work by Holly and the team getting the ball to our end. Thanks to great team work by Grace and Caroline saw Caroline making 2 goals in the first half. The second half our girls played amazingly, great centre work by both Charlotte and Grace. Ruby defended fantastically in her position. Eliza did a great job stopping the other team from shooting and getting the rebounds. Thanks to team effort in getting the ball to our end and Mia scoring two goals. We were very pleased to score 4 goals! Everyone played great and player of the week went to Caroline for her hard work.

10 YEARS  This week our 10B’s came up against Killara. It was a nice evenly matched game however Killara got the win by 4 points. Amanda, Mischa & Chloe had to work particularly hard in defence with the ball being in the oppositions goal third often. Sienna tried very hard in C & did a great job helping our attacks get the ball into the goal circle. Well done to our 3 new players, Mia, Georgie & Chloe who are all giving it their best shot each week & are settling in well. Much improvement was made by Chloe K playing only her 3rd game of netball ever! Well done Chloe who was awarded the player of the match.

11 YEARS  The 11Ds had their best game yet!. Aimee shot 8 goals and was our player of the week. Charlotte, Ivana and Emily played like champions in defence but EL were too good with 12 goals. Eli and Grace are proving to be great centre players and Isabella tried her very best as shooter. Well done everyone. The 11As gave the 2014 Champions a run for their money and kept challenging for the ball right throughout the game. We put our training into action and passed the ball down the court, trying to avoid lobs and, instead, breaking into clear space. Liv and Lucie defended well and Taylor and Zara potted some lovely goals. Phoebe, Manaya and Chloe performed well in the centre court, bringing the ball to the shooters. Thanks to Phoebe for playing for us this week. The game was closer than the score indicated, but we had a good game, with Lindem coming home winners at the end.

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!
Parent/Guardian Internet and Network Agreement 2015

My child’s full name is: ………………………………………………………………………………………………

I understand that Prouille Catholic School, Wahroonga provides students with access to computer, tablet (iPad) and Internet/Network services that may include the Internet, the school intranet, email, Google Drive, iPad Apps and wikispaces to enhance teaching and learning.

I agree to my child using these abovementioned services at the school for educational purposes in accordance with the Acceptable Use Agreement for Students (signed by the children at school).

I understand that the school cannot control what is on the Internet and that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable. I understand that the school will take all reasonable precautions to minimise the risk of exposure to unsuitable material. I understand that the school will not be responsible for any financial obligations my child incurs through use of the Network Services.

I believe my child understands this responsibility and I hereby give my permission for them to access the abovementioned services. I understand that students breaking these rules will be subject to appropriate action by the school. This may include the loss of access to the abovementioned services for some time, as determined by the Principal or Assistant Principal.

Parent/Guardian’s Name ………………………………………………………………………………………………

Parent/Guardian’s Signature ………………………………………………… Dated: ……………………