Dear Parents

In the last few weeks Pope Francis met with 200 children who were the sons and daughters of prisoners. During the enthusiastic encounter, full of song and dialogue, the Pope stressed God is love. The Pope reflected on the gift of a plant the children brought him, to speak about how inside the earth there is darkness and what they are to learn from this. Whenever there’s darkness, one is to go toward the light, he stressed. "The light. It is inside of us, always. Because the light gives us joy, it gives us hope." The Holy Father encouraged them to see that everyone can find the light. He also asked them how to make a better world, to which they responded: "With love!" "Who is God?" Francis said. He affirmed the children’s response that "God is love."

"God is love... And we go towards the light to find the love of God. But is the love of God inside of us, even in the dark times? Is the love of God there, hidden? Yes, always! The love of God never leaves us. It is always with us," he said. "When the love of God is ahead, everything goes well," he said.

Congratulations to Father David Ranson who was named last week as Vicar General of Broken Bay Diocese. This will mean that Father David will stand in for the Bishop if needed. He will also be a member of the Diocesan Council of Priests.

Reports will go home today for each child. I hope this is a very special time for you to sit with your child and read over their report for this semester. I believe that all the teachers, parents and children have put in an enormous effort so far this year to ensure academic gains. I hope that all parents have made an appointment with their child’s class teacher so that they can see samples of work, discuss their progress and set some goals for the next six months. If you are unsure about any aspects of the report the teachers will be able to enlighten you.

So that you can see the wonderful work the children have done this term there will be open classrooms on the Wednesday the 24th of June from 9am to 10am. The children would love you to visit, show you their work and have a chance to give you a "tour" of their rooms. On Wednesday the 24th June the Martial Methods group will have an open class from 1.15pm. The parents of the boys who have participated are welcome to have a look as well as any parent of a child who would like to join the program next term. The program has been free this term but would require some payment next term.

This week has been Wellbeing Week. Each class has trialled meditations during the week and today all children had a friendship lunch together.

Congratulations to our da Vinci Decathalon team who participated last Thursday. The team came in second place in the Year 5 Art and Poetry section.

Please note the Band Soloist night has been moved to a date in Term3.

Please note the date for the ICAS Spelling supervision Tuesday the 16th June at 8am - Yr 6 will sit this at 9am on the 17th because of their camp commitments. The ICAS Writing Supervision is the 18th June at 8am.

Enjoy your long weekend. Have a pleasant break with your family.

Regards
Julie Caldwell
UPCOMING DIARY DATES

8 June Queens Birthday
11 June First Eucharist Practice at Holy Name Church
12 June NSW CCC/CPS Cross Country in Eastern Creek
13 June Celebration of First Eucharist at Holy Name Church (5pm)
14 June Celebration of First Eucharist at Holy Name Church (9.15am)
16 June Years 3-6 ICAS Spelling 8am supervision, meet outside library
18 June ICAS Writing 8am supervision, meeting outside library
15-16 Year 6 Bathurst Excursion
17 June Piano & Violin Lunch time recital in Veritas Hall at 12.45pm
19 June Years 3-6 ICAS Writing Competition
19 June Whole School Mass – Feast of Sacred Heart at Holy Name Parish (11am)
22 June CPS Rugby Trials in Forbes
22 June Netball Gala Day at Pennant Hills (Yrs 3-6)
22 June Touch Football Skills Development Day at Montview Oval, Hornsby Heights (yrs 3-6)
24 June Piano & Violin Showcase Concert in Hall (6pm)
25 June Year 1 Social Event
25-26 June Year 5 Canberra Excursion
26 June Last Day for Term 2

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First Eucharist  Our Year 3 children are in the final stages of preparation to receive First Eucharist. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they take this next important step in their faith journey.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal  Thank you to our Mission Prefects, who have been helping to co-ordinate our Winter Appeal for 2015. We are starting to see a number of tokens on our display and thank you to those who have already brought in their thoughtful and generous donations. They will indeed greatly assist those who are in need this Winter. We will continue to collect donations until Thursday 19th June.

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Knox da Vinci Decathlon-2015  The annual da Vinci Decathlon was held at Knox Grammar School on Wednesday 28th May. This year’s theme was ‘Mystery and Mayhem’. Prouille was represented by:
Year 5  Brian F-Team Captain, Bianca G, Angus, Thomas D, Cailin L, Eli D, Ethan M, Mia K
Year 6  Olivia B-Team Captain, Isabella V, Eric B, Luca S, Daniel H, Eliza V, Zara O, Natalie B

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students for their dedication and commitment in preparing for this challenging competition. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity of working with such enthusiastic students and was exceptionally proud of the way they conducted themselves on the day. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Cathy Chapman
Learning Support Teacher
Student Report on the Decathalon last week.

On Thursday members of our school went to Knox Grammar for the da Vinci Decathlon. Over 100 schools participated from all over NSW.

We walked from school. When we got there we had some time to get ready. It took a while for us to find our tables in the Great Hall. In the first section we completed English, Maths/Chess, Science and Philosophy and Creative Producers. The English was fun with Isabella Vigers and I working together. Recess was awesome, with chocolate chip cookies almost as big as our faces and delicious apple juice.

After recess we were challenged with Science, Engineering, Cartography and Art and Poetry tasks. Cartography was very challenging. The Engineering required us to make a structure using string, straws, cardboard and tape to fit a design brief. Art and Poetry involved writing a poem and creating an artwork around a theme.

Lunch was a pizza, juice and a muesli bar. It was so delicious.

The last section of the day required us to work as a team to solve General Knowledge and Code Breaking challenges. While the final scores were tallied some Knox students entertained us with songs. They were very good.

The award presentations were exciting and we were very proud of Bianca and Mia in Year 5 for achieving a second place in the Art and Poetry Challenge. Coming second out of 113 teams and over 100 schools was a magnificent result.

It was a wonderful opportunity and an experience I will remember for a long time. On behalf of both teams I would like to thank Mrs Chapman and the staff of Knox for all the preparation in organising such a wonderful learning experience for us.

Natalie Bowesman.

Year 5 Canberra Excursion  Students from our school will soon be undertaking, an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Year 5 Political Parties Campaign – This week we have been working on our 5 key strategies for our political parties.

United Students Party
Peace Party

SPORT NEWS

Touch Football Skills Development Day  Selected students received a note and permission form this week. Please return the form no later than Monday 8th June. Link to note and permission form

Umpires  Umpires are urgently required for the netball gala day on Monday June 22. We would encourage our ex-students and older sisters to come along on the day to support our teams. Many of the high schools have an extra week holidays during Week 10 which coincides with this day. Thanking you in anticipation.  Mrs Tamone

Netball Gala Day  Selected students received a Netball Gala Day note and permission form this week. Please return form by 4th June. Link to note and permission form

Cross Country singlets  All basketball singlets that were borrowed for cross country must be returned to the office ASAP

OFFICE NEWS

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.
Lost Property Missing Size 6 jumper labelled Sophie W. Could you please check your child’s jumper to see if he/she is wearing the wrong jumper and return to Sophie W in KS if found.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

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

- At Prouille we respectful when we take pride in our appearance (Beauty)

SCHOOL BAND

Lunchtime Recital We had a wonderful large audience to enjoy our recent lunchtime recital which featured a brave bunch of first time performers! Lots of congratulations to Mia A, Tori D, Ava H, Jack C, William W, Sam S, Bianca H, Imogen C and Jayden J for their debut performances, and to our “veteran” performers: Ines T, Matthew F, Beau P, Luke M, Candela N, Lily H, Boston P, Georgia D and Lulu D. We have some wonderful pianists in the making.

Our next lunchtime recital will be held on Wednesday 17 June at 12.45pm in Veritas hall. All are welcome to attend.

Showcase Musical Evening The countdown is starting!! On Wednesday June 24th at 6pm we are hosting our Showcase Musical Evening where some of our talented musicians will be performing for you. Our school band ensembles, choir, selected pianists and instrumentalists will perform for you in what should be a fun and entertaining evening. We hope to see as many people as possible in our audience supporting these talented young musicians. All welcome.

Notes will be sent out to the performers and their families very shortly. Please keep an eye out for it.

Janet Wise, Amanda O’Brien, Dominic Meagher and Elizabeth Moor

SCHOOL BANKING

Wednesday is School Banking Day!

School Banking is now on the Prouille School Web page!

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking or School Banking Prouille website.

Happy Banking, Cathy Littleton - School Banking Co-ordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Marriage Debate – What Can You Do? As you may be aware, the question of Same Sex Marriage has taken on a certain urgency recently. This question is not something that should only be left for Parliamentarians to decide, based solely on the views of lobbyists and pressure groups. We all have a responsibility and a voice to make clear that a change in the definition of marriage will impact our local communities in very real and immediate ways. To assist you in being well informed, a number of resource and information materials are available on the Diocesan website www.dbb.org.au including a Draft letter to Members of Parliament and contacts for those representatives in Broken Bay. To find out more about what you can do, please contact the Diocesan Communications Office on 9847 0724 / news@dbb.org.au.
For Sale $30 - Size 10 First Holy Communion dress held in office. Payment via envelope marked Susan Scarf.

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