Dear Parents

Our very best wishes to all children who make their First Communion this weekend. We will join with the parish at the 5pm mass on Saturday and the 9.15am mass on Sunday to celebrate this very special occasion. Many thanks Sally Oong and to all the parents who have engaged in the group sessions and a special thank you to those who ran groups.

Our Parent Teacher interviews began this week. I do hope that all parents have taken up the offer of an interview. If you do not have a time slot please ring the office to arrange an interview as the booking site has closed. This interview is an integral part of the reporting process.

On Wednesday we had twenty visitors to the school. They were members of the CSO Wellbeing team and Principals from the Lismore Diocese. These Principals came for a two day tour of selected Diocesan schools who had implemented Positive Behaviour for Learning and KidsMatter. Kate Selkirk and Vanessa Dillon, along with members of the SRC and Year 6 leaders, greeted our guests, presented our story of PBL and outline our processes and the way the Domenican values are embedded in the life of the school. It was a very proud moment for me to watch our talented and professional teachers who have led PBL present to our visitors and to see our student leaders who were articulate, confident and knowledgeable about our school.

Alister Henskens, local member for Ku-ring-gai, will be visiting the school next Monday. He will be especially welcomed by Year 5 who are studying democracy at the moment. I’m sure they will be keen to share tips and ask questions about their campaigns and the ministries they are creating and promoting.

Our Year Six head off to Bathurst on Monday to learn about life on the Bathurst Goldfields. I’m sure they will have an exciting learning time.

The ICAS tests for next week are:
Tuesday 16th June - Spelling – meet at the Library at 8am
Thursday 18th June – Writing – meet at the Library at 8am

Please note that we have scheduled a Staff Development Day at the beginning of next term. This is Professional Learning for teachers on Writing. This will be led by Mrs Lorimer and Mrs Davidson. School will resume after the holidays on Tuesday the 14th July.

Classrooms will be open for parents on Wednesday the 24th form 9am to 10am to see your child’s work. If you are able to attend you will be delighted at their work and progress I am sure!

Regards

Julie Caldwell

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

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)
15-16 Year 6 Bathurst Excursion
16 June Years 3-6 ICAS Spelling Competition
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
22 June Piano Gala Day at Montview
24 June Year 3 Parent Liturgy in St Dominic’s Chapel (9.15am)
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

Term 3 2015
13 July Staff Development Day
14 July First Day for Term 3

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First Holy Communion This weekend a number of children in our School and Parish are making their First Communion. This is a hugely important faith milestone for the children and their families. This special and precious moment, which they will experience every time they go to Mass, is the pinnacle of our faith. Please keep our children in your prayers as they meet Jesus in this form for the first time on the weekend. Congratulations to each and every one of you! This is indeed a very special day and faith-filled event, and I am sure it is one that will remain with you always. Thank you to those who helped prepare our children for this special Sacrament, especially Mrs Sally Oong, group leaders, teachers and parents. Your faithful example and guidance greatly assists the children along their spiritual journey, and it is much appreciated.

Whole School Mass Friday 19th June - Feast of the Sacred Heart

All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for a whole school Mass at Holy Name Church this coming Friday, 19th June at 11 am. The Mass will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal We have a huge 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.

Kind regards
Tanya Lorimer

PASTORAL CARE

Congratulations to the family of Sarah in Year 1E who welcomed little Annie Rose into their lives on Tuesday 10th June. Big sister, Sarah, is most excited as we are sure the rest of her family are too! We look forward to welcoming Annie into the Prouille community at an upcoming school assembly (when Mum and bub are feeling ready) 😊

Congratulations to Alannah (5BD) who will receive her PBL Gold Award at an upcoming Friday assembly! This means that Alannah has received 30 tokens within all three areas of our PBL focus – Respectful, Responsible, Learner! She will receive a very special PBL badge when we acknowledge her achievement at our school assembly.

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

“What makes someone beautiful?
It is not looks.
It is not what they say.
It is in what and who they are.”
Markus Zusak

Last week was ‘Wellbeing Week’ at Prouille. Each day had a theme associated with the meaning and intention of Wellbeing Week.

Monday was ‘Meditative Monday’. This enabled the children to experience meditation within their class. Whilst meditation is a proven tool that assists children who experience anxiety, its overall benefits for all who experience it, is to create positive, healthy and balanced minds. It is a discipline that is difficult to learn, yet it is one that research indicates provides long lasting effects for the participant. Many classes maintained a meditation focus throughout the week, and many of the teachers remarked on the change in those students who struggled with it at the beginning of the week, to responding and interacting more positively with it at the end of the week. As well, so many of the children kept on asking for it each day and mentioned how much they loved it and how relaxed it made them feel. It is definitely a whole school approach that we are considering implementing more regularly throughout the year.

Tuesday was ‘Talkabout Tuesday’. This was a day that enabled the children to identify strengths and qualities in others within their class. They were encouraged to ‘talkabout’ what makes another special. It also was an opportunity for self-reflection and a chance to identify within themselves their own strengths and qualities.

Wednesday was ‘Wellbeing Wednesday’. Here, the children were able to reflect on kindness. Some classes used the following quote to stimulate this:

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”
Anne Frank

Some classes allowed the children to choose a ‘random’ classmate to show ‘random acts of kindness’ to them in secret. This meant that some children were receiving lovely compliments, or an unexpected show of help. It also meant little post-it notes validating them was left on their table or chair or locker. It brought up the conversation in many classrooms about the genuine act of kindness and how it makes the recipient (and giver) feel.

Thursday was ‘Thriving Thursday’. This day enabled the students to self-reflect on what achievements they have experienced has helped to allow them to grow and thrive. In some classes, the children wrote a letter to themselves. Reading through these letters, some teachers commented on how positive this experience was for the children. Some children even praised themselves for achieving such things as moving schools so easily, or making friends with someone new, or even just how they appreciate the little things in life so they always feel ‘up’ when they sometimes feel ‘down’.

Friday was ‘Fabulous Friday’. Some classes took the opportunity to link Wednesday's focus with today’s. Basically, this meant that a letter was written to the classmate they had secretly been showing kindness to. In the letter they wrote about the special qualities that are found in that person and what they notice about them and the way that person is within their relationships with others. It also enabled the writer to describe to the other what makes them so ‘fabulous’. The letters were then signed by the writer so that the recipient could then identify who it was that had been showing them such kindness. The feedback from this activity was overwhelmingly positive with some children even saying ‘I want to frame this letter!!!’

As a school, we are indeed trying to find ways to ensure that the wellbeing of each person is considered beyond the four weeks a year when we have it as an intensive focus. We are using the platform of our PBL framework to inform the KidsMatter journey we are undertaking so that all aspects are linked and are relevant. Soon, you will see a change to our PBL awards that will include the added component of our PBL matrix on the back of each certificate. Thank you to the SRC for their input on this.

Also, we are continuing to investigate ways to make our playground spaces accessible and interactive for all children K-6. Already there has been many new and exciting things that have been implemented to improve our play spaces, but we continue to reflect on other ways to enhance it. The children are loving the new grassed area, and the SRC have given us some helpful feedback on what else we can consider.

We look forward to what the year continues to bring by way of Pastoral Care at Prouille.

Warm regards,
Vanessa Dillon    Pastoral Care Co-ordinator.
**OFFICE NEWS**

**Lego wanted** Due to the popularity of lunch time Lego Club we are seeking donations of lego in good condition suitable for ages 6-12 years. Please contact the office if you can assist or drop off lego to the school office. Thank you, Belinda Nisbett

**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.

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

During Week 9 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:

- At Prouille we **responsible** when we are **truthful** (Truth)

**P & F NEWS**

**PARENT ENGAGEMENT Thanks for the Maths, Tanya!**

For the last two weeks Tanya Armstrong has hosted a group of parents on Friday mornings and taken them through some of the maths strategies which are currently being used at Prouille.

We learnt about Multiplicative Thinking (try saying that fast ten times!) Friends of Ten and Number Busting amongst other things. It’s also a great way to learn the lingo – sometimes just knowing what jargon to use when you are teaching your own children can be invaluable.

Tanya will re-commence with Friday morning sessions early in Term 3. It is just a short 30 minutes and everyone is welcome to join us (just turn up!). Toddlers welcome.

Michelle McGrath
Parent Engagement Coordinator - 0411 790 672

**School Uniform Report** Please find School Uniform Report form located on last page of newsletter

**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 Concert News  Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, the Showcase Concert is nearing. Make sure the 24th June, Wednesday 6pm is pencilled into your diaries for an entertaining evening of music by our talented young musicians. They are rehearsing, practising, and preparing with much excitement to give you an enjoyable evening.

Selected students have been invited to participate, however we would love as much of the school body to attend as audience, to support these wonderful young musicians. It is to their credit that they can make this happen. It takes a lot of effort, maturity, dedication and diligence to put in all the solitary hours of practise required to learn a musical instrument when there are so many distractions for their time which may seem more appealing, and yet they put it aside so that they can practise and improve on their instruments.

Please come along to support them. We hope to see you there.

Amanda O'Brien, Dominic Meagher, Elizabeth Moor, Janet Wise - music staff

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

St Leo’s News  On Wednesday 3rd June, the St Leo’s Catholic College Stage Band performed in the Intermediate Stage Band of the Sydney Eisteddfod and they WON! (last year they were highly commended).  The adjudicator, Eric Dunan said of the Stage Band performance as first place was announced : "Congratulations on a great, unique and interesting performance that really show-cased your band’s strengths. There were 16 bands in your category and so many great performances. You and your students should be really proud - that last tune especially - loved it."

The winning piece was arranged by our own Ellen Kirkwood called Der Traum - originally written for the Amsterdam Klezmer Band.

"Ellen Kirkwood - a local jazz/fusion trumpeter conducts St Leo's Senior Stage Band and Lemin Luu (amazing music educator and performer) conducts our Symphonic Band. Both ladies continue to develop and extend our instrumentalists - they are both exceptional" said Tony Gleeson, Principal St Leo’s Catholic College, Wahroonga.  St Leo's College has 4 Bands and 2 choirs.  Our Vocalist Group has just come 3rd!!  Under 19 Mixed Choir (18 girls and 5 boys), singing "The Rythym of Life" and "Sailing Home" - this was written by Jarman for Jessica Watson (solo around the world sailor from Qld).
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Alan Stopford Tennis Coaching
School Holiday Camps (for ages 5 – 15 years)
Normanhurst Boys High School
Fraser Road, Normanhurst
Camp one 29th June 2015 to 3rd July 2015
Camp two 6th July to 10th July 2015

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OF $3 IF YOU BOOK AND PAY ONE WEEK PRIOR TO CAMP. BRING A NEW FRIEND TO RECEIVE $5 OFF. SIBLING DISCOUNT OF $10 AVAILABLE

Golf Clinic/Putt Putt on Wednesday afternoons at Thornleigh Golf Centre.
Camp features:
- Coaching of forehand, backhand, serves and volleys.
- Classes graded to both age and standard
- Correct grip/ready position,
- Fun games, challenges and tournaments.
- Footwork, movement training.
- Multi-sport activities including – soccer, athletics, basketball, cricket, golf, table tennis and other games included.
- Free pizza lunch on the last day of each camp.
- Prize money will be given for advanced group. Medals given for each group.
- Wet weather program operates when necessary using the school facilities.

Cost:
Cost for camp one and two $185.00
Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm daily
After camp care available from 3.15pm – 5.15pm at a cost of $10.00 per hour
Half day option available: Camp one and two $130.00 (9.00 – 12.00)
Casual day rate: $50.00 (for golf clinic price is $65.00)

Contact Alan Stopford Tennis Australia Qualified Coach
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