Dear Parents

Many thanks to all who attended the Grandparents and Friends Liturgy this morning. Thank you to all the teachers and students who worked to prepare this special event. Thank you to the parents who have assisted in the preparation and presentation. At the liturgy the P and F presented families whose grandparents had recently passed away. The beautiful gift of lilies and rosary beads were greatly appreciated by the recipients.

Pope Francis wrote about grandparents:

Grandparents are a treasure...

Lord Jesus
You were born of the Virgin Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over.
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment
for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older,
may they continue to be for their families
strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals,
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits
of their mature human and spiritual experience. Amen

Next week we say farewell to Mrs Burns who is currently teaching 5D with Mrs Dillon. Stephanie and her family are moving to Melbourne. Mrs Burns has been teaching at Prouille for a number of years as a teacher and as the Religious Education Co ordinator. She will be missed by her class and the staff as we have valued her excellence as a teacher and her warmth and kindness as a colleague. Mrs Burn’s last day will be next Tuesday.

We have recently spent almost $5000 on new take home readers for our children. Thank you to Mrs Lorimer and Mrs Neilson who have facilitated this. Can parents please ensure that their children know they need to look after their readers and return them promptly. A recent audit showed that there are a large number still not returned. At $10 a book it is a very costly exercise to replace them.

A very big thank you to those parents who made a big effort to ensure that their children are wearing correct uniform. Reminder notes will go home next week with children who still need to make some adjustments.

A reminder that supervision before school begins at 8.25am. Children are to wait in the meeting place for the teacher on duty to arrive.

Please note that the Literacy K-2 evening scheduled for next Tuesday has been postponed.
The wet weather date for the Athletics Carnival is Thursday the 6th of August and hopefully it will be a warmer and drier day.

Regards

Julie Caldwell
UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Term 3 2015

24 July  Senior Band Solo Night
25 July  Year 5 social event
28 July  Soccer Gala Day Montview - selected children
28 July  Year 2-6 ICAS English Competition
28 July  Parents K-2 Literacy evening 6.30pm (POSTPONED Date TBC)
28 July  Confirmation Parents Information & Enrolment Evening in Veritas Hall (7pm)
29 July  Year 6 Class Mass 2pm
29 July  Maths Olympiad
30 July  Year 5 and 6 MILO Cricket
31 July  Assembly
1 Aug   Kindergarten Social Event
3 Aug   P & F Meeting (7pm)
4 Aug   Prouille Public Speaking Competition
4 Aug   Confirmation Group Leaders Training at Prouille (7pm)
5 Aug   Lunchtime Recital (Hall)
6 Aug   Wet Weather date for Sports Carnival
7 Aug   St Dominic's Day
7 Aug   No Assembly
8 Aug   Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Group at Prouille (3.45pm) followed by Mass (5pm)
9 Aug   Year 3 Family Mass (9.15am)

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

PARISH NEWS

Sacramental Program CONFIRMATION – Holy Name Catholic Church, Wahroonga (for Year 2 and above)

Parents’ Information Evening: Tuesday 28 July, 7pm in the Prouille School Hall, 5 Water Street, Wahroonga (compulsory attendance for one parent/carer)

Enrolment – new details – enrolment forms will not be available on the night
· Please enrol and pay online. The link for enrolment is http://www.trybooking.com/IFOC
· Payment is via the parish website: https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/holynamewahroonga
· Information: see attached sheet for dates and times

If you have any questions, please contact Sally Oong by email: sacrament@holynamewahroonga.com.au or via the Parish Office on 9489 3221 or by mobile 0433 817 114 during working hours.

Link to Confirmation Information 2015

Family Mass Music Practices  Our next Family Mass is on Sunday 9th August at 9.15am

Natalie Oong is organising practices for the Music for each Mass. We are holding the first practice on Friday 31st July from 3.45pm to 5.30pm at Prouille in the Chapel or the Music Room. The second practice is next Friday, 7th August from 3.45pm to 5.30pm. Please advise Natalie or Sally if you are able to attend the practice, so we know who is coming. Students from all years are invited to come along. Please feel very welcome to come along and join the choir. You can contact Natalie via Sally Oong by email on sacrament@holynamewahroonga.com.au or on 0433 817 114. The music is modern, upbeat and family-friendly. Bring your Holy Name passport!

Thanks,
Sally
St Dominic’s Day  We are celebrating St Dominic’s Day on Friday 7th August 2015 and would welcome your assistance in helping with our Interest Clubs in the afternoon sessions. The format of the day includes a whole school liturgy at 9.00am followed by in-class activities until lunchtime. Following lunch we are inviting the children to select from a range of options that will form our Interest Clubs. Each teacher will facilitate an Interest Club session from 1.30- 2.15pm and 2.15- 3.00pm. If you would like to assist a teacher we would welcome your expertise and enthusiasm.

St Dominic’s Day Interest Clubs
(Please return this form to Mrs Lorimer)

☐ I would like to assist a teacher in an Interest Group over 2 sessions.

Name: ________________________________

Child’s name: ____________________________

Child’s class: ____________________________

Response from our Winter Appeal 2015  I thought I would share a letter our school received last week in response to your generosity throughout our St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Many thanks again for your wonderful donations, we were not only able to support the Winter Appeal but also provided a number of items to the Women’s Refuge in Hornsby.

I would like to let you and your children and their families know how much I appreciated the box of goodies that I received which I understand came from your school. I live in the Blue Mountains with two teenage boys and have received assistance from time to time, but even at Christmas ‘hamper’ time I have never received such a wide variety of wonderfully useful and helpful items. Our box had toothpaste, shampoo and soap (not that my teenage boys are too heavy on the soap!!) right through to longlife milk, pasta, tinned fish, kids snacks and even TimTams. Every single item we will use and we will be thankful for your generosity and the effort that it takes to get something like this organised in a school.

Have you made a difference in someone’s life? Yes you have, and thank you so very much.

Yours sincerely,
(Name withheld)

Mrs Tanya Lorimer
Religious Education Co-ordinator

Pastoral Care

Birth Announcement  Yet another wonderful piece of news was brought to our attention this week when Luca (Year 4) informed us that he now has a new baby brother, Elijah, who was born on the 21st July! Luca, his sister and mum and dad are very excited by Elijah’s arrival, as are we! Congratulations to Luca and his family!

Grandparents and Special Friends Day  Thank you to Miss Russell, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Chivers and the Year 6 students for the beautiful liturgy they provided for the community in celebration of our annual Grandparents and Special Friends Day! Thank you also to Mrs Smith, Miss Selkirk and the Kindergarten students for their special involvement, too.

Many of our visitors commented on the day, and how they look forward to it each year! Our grandparents and special friends really do play such a vital role in our lives and the lives of our children, and days such these help to validate the beauty they bring to our lives.
At our liturgy, we celebrated the loving memory of those grandparents within our community who have recently died. Thank you to the P&F who, six years ago, introduced the ritual of giving Peace Lillies and Rosary Beads to the families who are feeling the loss of these special people, and assisted in providing these memorial gifts today:

- Elaine Fordham, Nanna to Eliza, Phoebe and Lily.
- Connie Butt, Granny to Angus and Eliza.
- Peter Kelly, Grandpa to Jemma.
- Gerald Griffin, Grandpop to Jake.
- Vincent Bailey, Grandad to Amy.
- Sabrina’s Nan.
- Joseph Finucane, Grandad to James.
- Eric Thomson, Grandad to Kayla.
- Barry Gollan, Poppy to Ava and Mischa.
- David Tullipan, Poppy to Elizabeth, Henry and Victoria.
- Barry Peacock-Barnett, Poppy to Cadence.

Our prayers are with their families as their loss is one that can be difficult to overcome, and indeed takes time. May the many memories held dear be cherished always.

Kind regards,

Vanessa Dillon
Pastoral Care Co-ordinator

**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

**During Week 3 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:**

- At Prouille we are learners when we show a positive attitude (Joyfulness)

**SPORT NEWS**

**Prouille Athletics Carnival – Wet Weather Day**

The wet weather day for Athletics Carnival

**Thursday 6th August 2015 at Bannockburn Oval**

**Soccer Gala Day** Next Tuesday Year 6 senior boys and girls and Year 4 junior boy soccer teams will be representing Prouille at the cluster soccer gala day at Montview oval. Thank you to the parents who have offered to help with coaching, managing and refereeing on the day. If the day has to be postponed a decision may be made the day before or a message will be on the Wet weather line on 8250 7976.

**Milo Cup Cricket** Next Thursday Year 5 and 6 will be attending a Milo Cup Cricket day at Rofe Park. Once again we encourage parents to come along and help support class teachers with supervising the teams. Once again we are hoping for fine weather!

**LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS**

**International Competitions and Assessments for School Competition Results 2015**

**SCIENCE**

Forty two students participated in the 2015 Science Competition and were awarded – 3 Distinction, 8 Credit, 6 Merit and 25 Participation certificates. Distinction: Year 3 - Sophie M, Henry D & Jordan F Credit: Year 2 - William B, Oscar K, Year 4 - Ashleigh C, Mia H, Stanley H, Amanda K, Jemma V, Year 5 - Angus F Merit: Year 2 – Matthew F, Year 3 – Patrick M, Audrey S, Year 4 – Molly M, Year 5 – Bianca G & Toby W.
International Competitions and Assessments for School Competition Results 2015

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Twenty students participated in the 2015 Digital Technologies Competition and were awarded – 3 Distinction, 8 Credit and 9 Participation certificates.

Congratulations to all students who entered the competition, with a special mention to the following students for achieving: Distinction: Year 3 – Lucia M, Year 4 – John M, Year 5 – Mattia C, Credit: Year 3 – Jordan F, Sophie M, Hugo W, Year 4 – Molly M, Chloe D, Amanda K, Chloe K, Year 5 – Bianca.

OFFICE NEWS

School Fees  A reminder to families paying on a termly basis, Instalment 3 is payable by 24th July 2015. Payment of overdue fees would be greatly appreciated.

P & F NEWS

Parent Engagement

Prouille Website
We have just added some useful maths resources for parents to our school website. A huge thanks to Gloria Giraldo who initiated this!

They can be found under “Learning and Teaching “ then click on “Maths”.

Link to Resources for Parents

We will continue to add resources and please feel free to send some in.

Friday Morning Maths
A reminder that Mrs Tanya Armstrong will re-commence Friday morning Maths sessions from Week 3.

Tanya will demonstrate some maths teaching methods and give valuable tips for helping your child with maths.

Where: The Hall
Time: 9.00 to 9.30 – only 30 minutes!
Everyone is welcome to join us (just turn up!).
Toddlers welcome.

Michelle McGrath - Parent Engagement Coordinator (0411 790 672)

Cybersafety – Invitation to Prouille Parents and Carers

Prouille Parents and Carers,

Please join us for an information session on CYBER SAFETY Presented by John Hession.

John is the Education officer, E-Learning at the Catholic Schools Office.
Monday 10th August at 7.30pm in the Veritas Hall

No need to rsvp – just turn up!
Wednesday is School Banking Day!

A reminder to all our regular bankers - if you have already achieved 10 banks [or more] and have not yet claimed your reward, please complete your reward card coupon and return it, along with your 10 tokens, with your next School banking.

Note: If you cannot locate your reward coupon, a replacement card may be printed by visiting School Banking on the Prouille School web page.

Don’t forget the fantastic prizes on offer this term to our regular student bankers. Bankers will automatically be entered into the competition once they have made 3 or more deposits during Term 3. In addition, students can also complete a Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal from July 13th to double their chance of winning a prize.

Prizes on offer include:
- 75 x iPad minis WiFi 16GB
- 125 X Beats by Dr Dre Solo Headphones
- 200 x $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates

As a participating school, Prouille will also be in the running to win one of 75 sets of children’s books for our library, valued at $200.

School Banking is now on the Prouille School Web page!
For more information, visit School Banking Prouille website.

Regards
School Banking Team
St Leo’s College is the only Catholic co-educational high school on Sydney’s North Shore. This unique learning environment provides an invaluable opportunity for students to learn with true equality; to develop and mature as a school where diversity and inclusion sit side-by-side with a broad and academically challenging curriculum, supported by our 1 on 1 iPad program.
Come and experience everything St Leo’s has to offer on a private tour of the College.

Woolworth Earn and Learn Program
Stickers can be handed in at the school office
Link to Earn and Learn Sticker Sheet

Pymble Turramurra Pre-school Annual Fete
Sunday 16th August 2015 10am - 2pm
21 Handley Ave, Turramurra

JUNIOR Touch
All Games @ Foxglove Oval, Mt Colah
REGISTER NOW
$60 Inc. t-shirt

Online @ hornsby.mytouchfooty.com
Or Foxglove Oval
Wednesday 29th July
4:30pm - 6:30pm
After more Information?
hornsbytouch@hotmail.com
No Coaches, No Pressure..... just FUN
Girls 9s 11s 13s 15s 17s
Boys 9s 11s 13s 15s
Dr Justin Coulson
FREE SEMINAR for Parents & Carers

What Your Child Needs From You

There are endless do’s and don’ts that surround parenting. In this practical seminar, Dr Justin will take you from confusion to clarity by sharing essential strategies to get to the heart of raising a happy child and creating a connected family.

“Justin is an engaging presenter and an effective communicator. His stories had us laughing and nodding in agreement – he really gets it. His real life examples really do help parents.”

Dr Justin Coulson, father of 6, is one of Australia’s most respected parenting speakers, authors and researchers. He is the founder and mentor of ‘happy families’ and has written a number of popular books about parenting and happiness. Dr Justin appears regularly on The Project and Studio 10, and he is the parenting expert at Kidsport and the daily Telegraph.

Monday
17 August
7 - 9 pm

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