Dear Parents

This lovely reflection on last week’s gospel, The Loaves and Fishes, was shared with us.

In Whose Hands

A basketball in my hands is worth about $19.
A basketball in Michael Jordan’s hands is worth about $33 million.
It depends whose hands it’s in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands.
A tennis racket in Serena William’s hands is a Wimbledon Championship.
It depends whose hands it’s in.

A rod in my hands will keep away a wild animal.
A rod in Moses’ hands will part the mighty sea.
It depends whose hands it’s in.

A sling shot in my hands is a kid’s toy.
A sling shot in David’s hand is a mighty weapon.
It depends whose hands it’s in.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.
Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in God’s hands will feed thousands.
It depends whose hands it’s in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.
Nails in Jesus’ hands will produce salvation for the entire world.
It depends whose hands it’s in.

As you see now it depends whose hands it’s in.

So we can put our concerns, our worries, our fears, our hopes, our dreams, our families, and our relationships in God’s hands because --

It depends whose hands they’re in.

If you would like to see and enjoy Maths with your child please come to school on the morning of the 5th August. Maths has been moved to the morning time slot so you can pop in and enjoy Maths with your children.

Some safety issues:

There have been changes to the playground rules as we have a number of serious injuries in the playground over the last few weeks the teachers have requested that the grass area once again be a passive area with no running. This does not mean no running at all in our playground. Running games are allowed on both ball courts and the Sienna Ball Court that we borrow from St Lucy’s to play soccer. At the P and F meeting on Monday 3rd August at 7pm in the Library we will be looking at a proposal to continue to renovate our playground in order to engage the children in many forms of play.
A reminder re safety and road rules in Water Street. Please do not block neighbours driveways or park in no parking zones. A neighbour has mentioned that one of our parents was abusive to them because of a traffic situation. Please exercise caution, be safe and gracious in our beautiful street.

Dogs should not be brought into the school yard. It is preferable that they are not at the school gate or footpath in front of the school when children arrive and leave as I would hate to have a child injured at school.

Congratulations to Eliza C in Year 6 who was selected to perform as Hortensia in the musical Matilda at the Lyric Theatre. We wish her well in all her performances during the shows season.

Regards
Julie Caldwell

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CALLING ALL BAKERS ...

WE NEED YOU!

TO BAKE FOR THE PROUILLE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CAKE STALL

HOSTED BY K – 2

THURSDAY, 6th August, 2015

Please bring something delicious and home baked to contribute to the cake stall –

Cupcakes
Brownies / Blondies
Cookies
Slices
Cakes
Biscuits

All baked goods to be dropped to the oval on the day – and please ensure all contributions are NUT FREE. If your contribution is baked without gluten / dairy etc, please note that on the container. Many thanks.

Here’s to another fun-filled Proville Athletics Carnival 😊.

Brigid Wright and Margot McGibbon

K-2 Stage Co-Ordinators
UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Term 3 2015

1 Aug  Kindergarten Social Event
3 Aug  P & F Meeting (7pm)
4 Aug  Year 5 & Year 6 Mass for Archie (9am) at Holy Name
4 Aug  Prouille Public Speaking Competition in Veritas Hall K-2 at 10.15am & 3-6 at 1.45pm
4 Aug  Confirmation Group Leaders Training at Prouille (7pm)
5 Aug  Lunchtime Recital (Hall)
5 Aug  Maths in the Morning 9-10am
6 Aug  Sports Carnival (rescheduled date due to wet weather on 23rd July)
7 Aug  St Dominic's Day
7 Aug  No Assembly
7 Aug  Music Practice for Family Mass 3.30pm to 5.00pm
8 Aug  Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Group at Prouille (3.30pm) followed by Mass (5pm)
9 Aug  Year 3 Family Mass (9.15am)
10 Aug  Mary MacKillop Liturgy (9am)
10 Aug  Cybersafety Night for parents (7.30pm)
10 Aug  Year 1 Social Event
11 Aug  Years 2-6 ICAS Maths Competition (in class time)
12 Aug  Year 4 Class Mass (2pm)
14 Aug  The Assumption Whole School Mass at Holy Name (11am) All Welcome
14 Aug  Assembly
15 Aug  Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Group at Prouille (3.45pm) followed by Mass (5pm)

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

PARISH NEWS

Confirmation Parent Information Evening  If you missed the parent information evening on Tuesday 28th July regarding Confirmation please contact Sally Oong.

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 3.30pm to 5pm at Prouille in the Chapel or the Music Room.** The second practice is **next Friday, 7th August 3.30pm to 5pm.** 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Parish Mass in Memory of Archie  Next Tuesday 4th August at 9.15am, Fr David will lead the parish community in a Mass that will be held in memory of Archie Hunt. All students in Years 5 and 6 will be attending with their class teachers. Fr David and the Holy Name Parish extend this invitation to all other students and families of Prouille as well. However, if your child is in K-4, you will need to take them along to the Mass and remain with them before bringing them to school afterwards.
Birth Announcement  Congratulations to Lachie (1LS) who welcomed into the world his new baby brother, Felix, on Wednesday 29th July. Lachie and his brother Harry, along with Mum and Dad, are very excited by Felix’s safe and healthy arrival! 😊

Farewell and Good Luck to Mrs Burns  This week we farewelled Mrs Stephanie Burns who is moving, with her husband and son, Rafferty, to Melbourne. Stephanie has contributed much to our community over the last three years, and we will indeed miss her happy presence and caring nature. The children and families of Year 5 generously provided Stephanie with a fitting farewell afternoon tea on Tuesday, and I have no doubt that Stephanie takes with her many long lasting and special memories of Prouille. All the best, Steph! 😊

In Loving Memory  At last week’s Grandparents Day Liturgy we remembered those grandparents in our community who had recently died. We also lovingly remember Mrs Margaret Morgan, beloved Nana of Stanley (4F). We keep Stanley and his family in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

PBL Awards  One of the suggestions raised by our previous SRC members (Terms 1 and 2) was to re-design our PBL awards. A huge thank you to Mrs Dooling, who has kindly provided her creative talents, to draft a new look design for the students and staff to consider.

At our SRC meeting this week, the new SRC members looked at the drafted and designed and offered some great feedback to take the design further and into implementation. We hope to be using the new awards in the near future!

Grandparents Day  Link to photos

CyberSafety  The children from K-6 have just completed a two week focus in PBL regarding CyberSafety. Perhaps you were informed of what your child had been learning, and the practical tips they received regarding their responsible use of technology both at home and at school...
Here are some of the comments we received from various children (K-6):

- You shouldn’t do something online that you wouldn’t do in real life, like giving out information about yourself – student, Year 4.
- If you play an online game with your friends, and you hear about one of your friend’s accounts being hacked, then you should stop playing the game to protect yourself and your information – student, Year 5.
- When you are using the internet, you should have a parent with you – student, Year 1.
- If you are playing or using an app and a pop-up occurs, you should never click on it and show your mum or dad straight away – student, Kindergarten.
- Some of the videos we watched were really scary and confronting because, even though they were only dramatisations, they really spoke about what can happen in real life if you’re not careful about who you are interacting with online – student, Year 5.
- Don’t let someone trick you into giving away your personal information – student, Year 3.
- The internet is a place that is really helpful and can provide you with so much assistance and connectivity. But, just like when we are out in our own streets and community, we need to be aware of what can make it unsafe and just be sensible with it – student, Year 6.

I have attached a copy of the poster supplied by ACMA ‘Australia’s Communication and Media Authority’ through the Federal Government’s esafety (www.esafety.gov.au) website. The poster is one that the children were exposed to, and it offers practical tips regarding cyber safety and internet use. You might wish to print one off and have it available for use in your home? Also, don’t forget about the upcoming CyberSafety talk for parents that has been arranged and placed within our calendar.

Kind regards,
Vanessa Dillon
During Week 4 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:

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

**LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS**

**Prouille Public Speaking Competition**  Parents are warmly invited to attend the annual Prouille Public Speaking Competition on Monday 4 August 2015.

The Competition will be run in two stages in Veritas Hall.

- K-2 at 10.15am
- 3-6 at 1.45pm

**SPORT NEWS**

**Soccer Gala Day**  On Tuesday four teams represented Prouille at the North Shore cluster soccer gala day. All of our teams enjoyed a day of friendly competition against other cluster schools, St Agatha’s Pennant Hills, St Gerard’s Carlingford and St Patrick’s Asquith. All of our teams did very well, displaying their football talents and good sportsmanship.

Their divisional results are as follows: Senior Boys – 1st, Junior Boys - 2nd, Senior Girls 1- 4th, Senior Girls 2- Equal 1st

Thank you to Mr Ford, Mrs Armstrong, Miss Russell for their support and to all the parents who came along and enthusiastically supported our teams on the day.

**Prouille Athletics Carnival** – Thursday 6th August 2015 - Bannockburn Oval

**Athletics Carnival Permission Note**  If there are any changes or additions to Permission notes completed and returned for the original carnival of 23rd July, parents can revoke this permission by contacting the school office to advise.

**Parent Helpers** Thank you to all parents who have kindly offered to help at the carnival. **Extra helpers would be greatly appreciated.** Allocated jobs will carry over for the rescheduled carnival on 6th August.

The following information may assist you in preparing your children for the day:

- All children should wear House coloured shirts with their sports uniform.
- No spikes or bare feet are allowed.
- Children must wear hats and be encouraged to wear sunscreen.
- Children must have returned permission notes and parents need to have indicated the travel arrangements for their children.
- No child is to go home with another parent, unless you have written permission to your child’s class teacher.
- Parents are welcome to sit with your children at lunchtime.
- Children must bring any necessary medication (eg asthma puffers) with them.
- Children aged 5/6, 7 and 8 years will participate in a sprint, relays, ball games and novelty games.
• Children aged 9, 10, 11 and 12 years will participate in sprints, relays, ball games, long jump and shot put (9 year children will do Vortex instead of Shot Put).

• Colour Captains will select teams for the Circular Relays at lunchtime.

• There will be two Invitation 100m races, which will involve the 7 fastest boys and girls from the 100m races. These will be run immediately after lunch.

• Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placegetters.

• Points will be allocated 4, 3, 2, 1 respectively.

• At the conclusion of the carnival, the following awards will be made in the Presentation.

• These will be based on points gained in the 100m/200m/800m races, Long Jump and Shot Put.

• In the case of a tie, places in the 100m Invitation may be used to determine the divisional champion.

The awards will be:

- Junior Boy Champion (10 Years & Under)
- Junior Girl Champion (10 Years & Under)
- Senior Boy Champion (11-12 Years)
- Senior Girl Champion (11-12 Years)
- Boys 100m Invitation Champion
- Girls 100m Invitation Champion
- Overall Champion Colour House

Please note:

- In the case of wet weather, a decision will be made at school.
- If the Carnival is postponed, it will be a normal school day.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Congratulations** to the following children who have completed the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge: Sam (Yr1), Ruby, Noah H, Holly P, Cadence, Isabella L, Lucia M, Youngyoon, Ben P, Mattia, Natalie, Nicholas K, Isabella V.

There are only a few weeks left so keep reading and entering your books online.

**Book Week**  Books Light up our World is the theme for Book Week this year.

We will celebrate Book Week in Week 7, Monday 24th August - Friday 28th August. Book Week was set up to engage the community with literature for young Australians and celebrates the contributions of Australian authors. This term is focussed on celebrating and sharing literature by Australian authors.

There will be a Book Parade on Friday 28th August. The children may wear their costume to school on this day. This is an exciting day and the talk surrounding the book and choice of costumes is invaluable.

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**OFFICE NEWS**

**School Fees**  A reminder to families paying on a termly basis, Instalment 3 payable by 24th July 2015.

Payment of overdue fees would be greatly appreciated.
Wednesday is School Banking Day!

ATTENTION ALL SCHOOL BANKERS! School banking is a great fundraising activity for our school. Prouille receives 5% of every dollar you deposit at school to help fund school resources. [up to a maximum of $10 commission per individual deposit]

This term is a great time to recommence banking at school with fantastic prizes on offer. Simply make 3 or more deposits this term to automatically be in the running for prizes including:

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

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. 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.

Thank you also to our regular bankers who have claimed their rewards this week – your rewards will be forwarded to you once received from the Commonwealth Bank.

For those bankers yet to claim your reward remember to complete the reward card coupon and return it, along with your 10 tokens, with your next School banking to ensure you receive the reward of your choice!

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

School Banking is now on the Prouille School Web page!

For more information, visit School Banking Prouille website.

Regards
School Banking Team
cyber rules

stay safe and have fun on the internet

Be careful who you trust online. Making new friends can be fun, but there’s a chance that they may not be who they say they are.

Set your profile to ‘private’ so your personal information is kept secret.

Don’t open messages from people that you don’t know. These could be nasty, contain viruses or be trying to sell you something.

Always keep your password a secret.

Tell your parents if you are upset by language, pictures or anything scary on the internet.

If someone is nasty, offensive or makes you uncomfortable in a chat room, don’t respond and leave straight away.

Think before you post information online—once posted it’s difficult to remove.

Don’t accept any offers that seem too good to be true—they probably are.

Ask your parents before you give anyone on the internet your name, address or any personal details.

www.cybersmart.gov.au
Earn & Learn stickers

Look for the Earn & Learn basket at the Student Counter to add your stickers

Link to Earn and Learn Sticker Sheet