Dear Parents and friends

Over the last few weeks the children have had many opportunities to shine. Throughout their school lives there will be many ways that they will compete for different achievements. With all these possibilities there are only so many shiny trophies, so many first place ribbons, so many high Naplan scores, so many perfect atars that can be awarded. If we judged our children's success by their achievements then most of us will be often disappointed. But if we judged our children's success by the values they exhibit we would often be immeasurably proud of them. We proudly teach children Catholic values and we particularly look to the Dominican values for guidance. When we measure our children's success by these values we look for kindness, honesty, generosity, resilience, happiness and many more.

When I take the long view and look at the men and women I hope our children will become I think of the recent funeral of a good friend where over 500 people came to farewell someone who's life was characterised by his generosity, his smile, his mentoring of others, his outreach to those in need and his love for his family. Those were his achievements, not a gold medal or a perfect score in sight.

Last Sunday we enjoyed the celebration of the Eucharist with the parish and many Year 3 families. Thank you to the teachers and families that made this such a warm community celebration. The Year 2 families and others might like to diarise the 13th of September as the Year 2 family mass will be followed by the parish Walk to Water. This is a two hour walk to Bobbin Head. There will be a sausage sizzle at the end and a bus ride back. The twenty dollars a head fee will be donated to the Walk for Water foundation that will help bring clean drinking drinking water to African communities.

Last Sunday the P and F hosted a very informative Cyber Safety evening. Next week we will publish some of the content of John Hessian’s talk. On Monday, the police (community liaison officers) will talk to our older students re cyber safety in order to reinforce the message.

Last week I sought advice from the P and F regarding uniforms and we decided to continue our campaign to ensure that uniforms are correct and appropriate at all times. To clarify our position on hair it was mentioned that hair should not be too short or too long – too short refers to a number one cut or a partial number one cut or any designs or colour in hair. To clarify re sports shoes: shoes should be predominately white (70% would be good to aim for). Very obvious fluro shoes should be phased out as children outgrow them and not purchased. One of our parents has offered to search for shoes that would fit our criteria.

Regards

Julie Caldwell
UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Term 3 2015
17 Aug Public Speaking Final (Berowra) 9.30am
17 Aug Australian Girls Choir Visit 2.00pm
18 Aug Cluster Athletics Carnival - Narrabeen
19 Aug Maths Olympiad 9.00am
19 Aug Year 1 Liturgy (Chapel 2pm)
21 Aug Assembly 2.30pm
21 Aug Junior Band Solo Night in Veritas Hall (6.30pm)
22 Aug Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Group at Prouille (3.45pm) followed by Mass (5pm)
22 Aug Year 3 Social Event
23 Aug Year 6 Social Event
24 Aug Well Being Week
25 Aug Year 3 Excursion
25 Aug Year 2 Excursion
26 Aug Broken Bay Athletics Carnival
26 Aug Kindergarten Liturgy (Chapel 2pm)
26 Aug Confirmation Practice
28 Aug Book Character Parade
28 Aug No Assembly
29-30 Aug Band Camp
30 Aug Celebration of Confirmation at Holy Name (9.15am) or (12.00pm)

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

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

During Week 6 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:

❖ At Prouille we are responsible when we care for our environment (Unity of Creation)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Feast of Mary Mackillop  On Monday, we celebrated a liturgy to honour the feast of Mary Mackillop, Australia’s first and only saint. Thanks to Mrs Davidson, Mr Ford and the children of Year 4 who lead us so beautifully through the celebration.

Feast of the Assumption  Today we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption with a whole school mass. The Feast celebrates the belief that the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken to heaven after the end of her earthly life. Mary’s assumption into heaven is seen by many as the fulfilment of Jesus’ promise to all faithful servants; that they too will be received into the kingdom of God. Thank you to Mrs Dillon, Mrs Lees and Year 5 who assisted in the mass.

Father’s Day Liturgy  Please join us on Friday 4th September at 9.00am, Kindergarten will lead us in our Fathers’ Day Liturgy. All fathers, grandfathers and significant males are welcome!

Regards
Tanya Lorimer (Acting REC)

LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

This week’s challenge can be found on the last page of the newsletter
Write down all your solutions on a piece of paper and put it in the Elmo Emu Challenge Box near Student Reception.
Make sure you write your name and class on your solution.
SPORT NEWS

**Athletics Cluster Carnival** will be held on Tuesday 18th August at Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. Congratulations to the students selected to represent Prouille at Narrabeen next Tuesday, looking forward to sharing the results next week.

Louise Tamone

**Athletics Carnival**  [Link to photos]

**Year 6** photos from the Athletics Carnival  [Link to photos]

LIBRARY NEWS

**Book Fair**  On Thursday and Friday 27th and 28th August we will be having a Book Fair. It will operate from 8-9.30am and then from 3-4pm. The Book Fair is vital in helping to maintain our wonderful library collection. Come along to the Book Fair, buy a book and donate it to the library. Your child’s name is put in the front of the book and they borrow it first. It is a great opportunity to promote sharing of books and a reading culture across our school.

**Book Parade**  There is great chatter amongst the children about what character they are going to come dressed as for the book parade. The Book Parade will be held on Friday 28th August, 1.45pm. Please encourage the discussions about books and characters. This “Book talk” is important in promoting a reading culture across our school.

OFFICE NEWS

**Father’s Day Stall**  A reminder to return Father’s Day Stall order forms no later than Monday 17th August.  [Link to form]

**Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers**  Look for the basket in the School Office and Student Counter to add your stickers for Prouille to earn education resources. Link to  [Earn and Learn Sticker Sheet]

**Lost Property**  A number of items were found after the Athletics Carnival and St Dominic’s Day: Black pirate cap, Black Maui Jim cap, Black Bondi Beach Australia cap, blue scarf, brown jumper children size Jeanbourget brand. The lost property in the basket located Dominican Walkway still has many school items that do not have names marked.

Please ensure your child/ren’s names are clearly marked on school clothing, hats etc.
A BIG ATHLETICS CARNIVAL THANK YOU! We were very lucky to have a wonderful group of sponsors and parent volunteers to assist us with the Athletics Carnival BBQ, Cake Stall and Canteen and on behalf of the P&F Committee, we would like to thank you all. We had 3 main sponsors:

AZURE PROPERTY AGENTS (Contact: Alicia Ghilardi. however one of our schools parents, Monica D, mother to Olivia and Mimi, works for this company and did all the hard work in approaching Alicia for her support)

ACACIA TREE SERVICES (Contact: Craig D, father to Noah and Tilly)

CURTAINS UP! (Contact: Simone B, mother to Bella, Noah and Sienna)

Thank you also to Brooke Finucane (and her father-in-law) for donating all the TIPTOP bread for our Sausage Sizzle, Stephanie O’Kane for organising the Shepherd & Allen Real Estate marquees, which kept our cakes and race timekeepers out of the sun and Kennards Hire in Waitara for providing the BBQs at a very low cost - we only had to pay for the gas, and they also delivered and picked up the BBQs for us

The BBQ (run by Yrs 3-4), the Cake Stall (K-2) and the Canteen (Yrs 5-6) had many, many parent volunteers helping to set up and serve and we truly appreciate everyone’s assistance in making it all run smoothly. Thank you also to the hoard of cake bakers and buyers who provided tasty treats to sell - making the cake stall a very difficult area to pass without being tempted!

However a special mention and thank you to the following helpers, who put a lot of their time into organising the set-up including: Katia and Brent Penfold, Sally Oong, Brigid Wright and Margot McGibbon.

We had a very successful and enjoyable day - all the stalls raised an overall total of $1,859.00 which is a fantastic result! (Cake stall $538.20 / Canteen $537.30 / Sausage Sizzle $783.50). Proceeds go towards resources and equipment along with a contribution to the Year 6 graduation. The distribution of funds will be jointly decided by Mrs Caldwell and the P&F.

Well done to everyone - you should all be very proud of our hard-working and supportive Prouille school community!

Term 3 Second-Hand Uniform Sale Once again the P&F will be facilitating the sale of second-hand uniforms before the change from winter to summer uniforms next term. An email was sent to all families on Tuesday 11th August containing a spreadsheet to be completed and returned to Emma McGrath via emma.mcgrath@yahoo.com.au by Monday 24th August at the latest.

SCHOOL BANKING

Wednesday is School Banking Day!

There are fantastic prizes on offer to Prouille bankers this term. Simply make 3 or more deposits this term to automatically be in the running for prizes including:

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.
Enrolments at Brigidine College St Ives Limited Places Available for Year 7 2017

If your daughter is currently in Year 5 and wishes to attend Brigidine College St Ives for Year 7, 2017 now is the time to apply.

The College is keen to ensure that all students attending a Catholic primary school are given every opportunity to enroll at Brigidine College. Limited places are still available. We would be delighted to show you around the College. Requests for a tour or an Enrolment Application Form can be made via our website or contact the Registrar.

Jennifer Kirkby Registrar
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Regards, School Banking Team

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EMU EXPRESS - Term 3 Week 5

Each fortnight, there will be an Elmo Emu Challenge, a different number for Infants (K-2) and Primary (3-6) to number bust and number line activities for students to complete. Congratulations to Sophie M 3B for your terrific answers to the last fortnight challenge and the number line challenge.

This fortnight’s Elmo Emu Challenge

This fortnight, we are exploring using number lines to solve subtraction problems. When we talk about subtraction we use words like take away, subtract or difference.

This fortnight’s challenge:

Infants (K-2): Use a number line to find the answer to 12 — 8. Then, work out how to use the same number line to find the difference between 12 and 8.

Primary (3-6): Use a number line to find the answer to 125 — 84. Then, work out how to use the same number line to find the difference between 125 and 84.

Write down all your solutions on a piece of paper and put it in the Elmo Emu Challenge Box near Student Reception. Make sure you write your name and class on your solution.

NUMBER BUSTING ACTIVITY

Infants (K-2) number  12
Primary (3-6) number  81

Remember number busting is when you break a number into smaller parts.

WHAT’S NEW IN TECHNOLOGY FOR MATHEMATICS LEARNING?

Subitising is an important skill for young children to learn as it allows them to recognise small quantities quickly without counting. This is an essential skill for developing early addition and subtraction strategies. The subitising flash card app can be downloaded by using the following link: http://www.littlemonkeyapps.com/subitising

NUMBER LINE ACTIVITY

Can you work out what the mystery number is?

0  ?  120

Write down the mystery number and explain why you chose that number. Put your solution in the Elmo Emu Challenge Box near Student Reception. Make sure you write your name and class on your solution.