Dear Parents,

Mrs Pan shared this prayer with the staff this week. For dads...

God took the strength of a mountain
The majesty of a tree
The warmth of a summer sun
The calm of a quiet sea
The generous soul of nature
The comforting arm of night
The wisdom of ages
The power of an eagle’s flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
The God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called him...Dad

Many thanks to Kindergarten and their teachers for preparing our beautiful Dad’s liturgy this morning. The children really appreciated the presence of so many dads. Thanks to Mrs O’Brien and the band and to Mrs Wise and the Bolhson family, the Diggles family and the Oong family for sharing their musical talents. Many thanks to Bridget Wright and Margot McGibbon for their organisation of the beautiful breakfast and thank you to the many helpers parents who came along to help as well.

Thank you to Mrs Lewis who took students from Years 5 and 6 to St Lucy’s to participate in their Week Without Words morning song on Tuesday. Please see the Pastoral Care report for details.

Our holidays are fast approaching and it would be a good time to check summer uniforms for length and fit as the children should return to school in summer uniform after the holidays. Please also note the day the students return to school is Wednesday the 7th of October as the staff will be participating in a Staff Development Day on the Year of Mercy (2016) on Tuesday the 6th of October.

School fees are now due unless you have a payment plan with us.

Regards
Julie Caldwell
UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Term 3 2015
Week 9
9 Sep  Maths Olympiad
9 Sep  Year 2 Class Mass (Chapel 2pm)
10 Sep  Book Swap Stall
11 Sep  Assembly
12 Sep  Year 2 Family Mass at Holy Name (9.15am)
13 Sep  Walk to Water (Parish fundraiser)

Week 10
14 Sep  Health Lunch
16 Sep  Open Classrooms (9am-10am)
16 Sep  Year 3 Pirate Day
17 Sep  Year 1 Social Event
18 Sep  Assembly
18 Sep  End of Term

Term 4
7th Oct  Students return to school (Summer Uniform)

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confirmation  Congratulations to all of the children who celebrated their Confirmation last weekend. Many thanks to Sally Oong, Fr David Ranson, Natalie Oong and the talented musicians at Holy Name who did a spectacular job making sure all of the children and their families shared in a heartfelt, moving celebration they will never forget. We thank Mrs Caldwell, Mrs Chapman, Mrs O’Brien-Pounde and Mrs Greenwood who also participated in this beautiful celebration.

Fathers’ Day Liturgy  Thank you to Mrs Smith and Miss Selkirk and the Kindergarten children for the beautiful liturgy they provided in celebration of Fathers’ Day 2015. Wishing all fathers and significant males a happy day on Sunday!

Invitation to Year 2 Family Mass – Sunday 13th September  On Sunday 13th September we have a Family Mass at Holy Name Parish. Year 2 families are invited to attend the 9.15am mass. We would like to invite all our Prouille families to join us on this special day.

Regards
Tanya Lorimer (Acting REC)

PASTORAL CARE

Week Without Words  Thank you to Mrs Amanda Lewis who has been instrumental in coordinating Prouille’s involvement and support for ‘Week Without Words’ with the Year 5 and Year 6 students. The following information has been provided by Chiara (Year 5) and reflects on her involvement in this initiative.
‘Week Without Words’ is a fundraising and awareness campaign that started at St Lucy’s a few years ago. It encourages students like us to think about what it would be like to not be able to talk and communicate in an easy and automatic way. At St Lucy’s there are lots of children who struggle to communicate using words. These children are our friends from when we were Play Buddies. I remember learning the importance of understanding what my buddy, Campbell, was trying to tell me through his use of actions and signs and sounds. We became really good buddies and I feel that I learnt a lot from this experience, which is why I was so willing to participate in ‘Week Without Words’.

I decided to spend one whole day without speaking. Instead I used flashcards, written messages and body language to express my thoughts and ideas. It was really difficult to do! However, by doing this it made me realise how frustrating it must be for some of our St Lucy’s friends and how clever they are to be able to communicate in other ways.

With some of the other children in Years 5 and 6, I attended the Morning Song at St Lucy’s on Tuesday. We saw how helpful technology can be for children who can’t express themselves through words. One girl ‘welcomed’ us through
using a ‘text to talk’ app on the iPad. We saw the use of sign language when the song was being sung. And we realised how important the use of actions is to help express yourselves.

Along with some other Year 5 students, we have also decided to find other ways to play during lunchtime, where talking isn’t occurring. So, we have been playing games like ‘charades’, and we have been doing the colouring-in sheets that are available and we have also been teaching each other sign language.

‘Week Without Words’ is something that I have enjoyed participating in and I know I will be doing it again next year. It is something that all students in schools like Prouille should experience because it helps us to understand how lucky we are to have the gift of verbally communicating to those we interact with. As well, it helps us to admire all the more how amazing our friends at St Lucy’s are! They really do teach us so much!

If you would like to know more about ‘Week Without Words’, please visit go to www.weekwithoutwords.org.au or view some of the videos made available by St Lucy’s at http://bit.ly/1zhkDNi

Kind regards,
Vanessa Dillon

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

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

❖ At Prouille we are learners when we are cooperative (Community)

LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

International Competitions and Assessments for School Competition Results 2015 -WRITING
Thirty students participated in the 2015 Writing Competition and were awarded – 4 Distinction, 9 Credit, 3 Merit and 25 Participation certificates. Congratulations to the following students:

**Distinction:** Sophie M (Yr3), Patrick M (Yr3), Amanda K (Yr4), Annabel M (Yr5)

**Credit:** Lois A (Yr3), Hugo W (Yr3), Chloe D (Yr4), Youngyoon O (Yr4), Libby T (Yr4), Angus F (Yr5), Mia K (Yr5), Chiara M (Yr5), Natalie B (Yr6)

**Merit:** Chloe K (Yr4), Jemma V (Yr4), Toby W (Yr5)

Reading with your child- Parent Information Session Monday 12th October, 6.30-7.30 pm in Prouille School Library.

SPORT NEWS

Polding Athletics Championships were held in Newcastle today. Congratulations to our Senior Girls Relay Team won the final. We are waiting on further results from the day.

MILO Cricket Day On Thursday all Year 4 went to a Milo Cup Cricket Day at Rofe Park. They enjoyed friendly games against other school from the Hornsby district and the Milo and posters they were given at the end of the day.

Thank you to Mr Ford and Mrs Davidson for accompanying the children and all the parents who kindly assisted with managing the teams on the day.

Thank you to Cricket N.SW for their promotion of cricket in our schools.
**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Kindergarten to Year 3**  Illustrator Sarah Davis will be visiting children in Kindergarten to Year 3 next Monday 7th September to speak about illustrating and creating books.

**Book Week Character Parade**

Link to photos

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**PARISH NEWS**

Our next Parish event is our Family Mass on Sunday 13th September at 9.15am. This is followed by our annual “Walk to Water” charity event starting at 11am, walking through the bush from Grosvenor St to Bobbin Head. For more information, please contact Sandi Candotti on 0419 532 490 or splaat@ozemail.com.au.

The September Family Mass is hosted by year 2, but it is for all years and their families. If your child would like to take part in this Family Mass, or future Family Masses, please let me know.

I would like to also invite everyone along to morning tea afterwards. This is provided and served by the host Year’s families (Year 2) but everyone is definitely welcome to contribute a plate of food to share with the community after Mass, prior to the Walk to Water.

I hope to see you there. Natalie organises the music for the Family Masses with our other 3 girls and anyone else who wishes to come along and practise the hymns with her. Please contact me if you would like to be involved with this J Sally Oong - Prouille P&F/Parish Liaison 0433 817 114 oongs@optusnet.com.au

**WALK TO WATER  Sunday, 13 September 2015**

This year Holy Name is again participating in the annual Walk to Water charity event to help raise money for persecuted Christians in Nigeria and Kenya. In 2011 we raised $1000 to help provide water wells for these communities so that they can have fresh water closer to their villages.

For those of you joining us on our charity walk to Bobbin Head through the Ku-ring-gai National Park, we will leave from the end of Grosvenor Street in North Wahroonga after Mass at 11am. We invite you to join us at the end of the walk for a sausage sizzle provided by Holy Name. For the walk, however, you will need to bring some snacks and enough water to get you through the 2.5 hour walk. There will be transport available to take us back to our cars. To raise money, we are asking for a note donation from adults and a gold coin donation for kids as an entry fee. Please remember that all this money goes to Open Doors, the organisation supporting these African communities. For further information, contact Sandi Candotti on 0419 532 490 or splaat@ozemail.com.au

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**OFFICE NEWS**

**Student Leavers**  Any student leaving at the end of the year parents are asked to contact the office or visit to collect a Student Leavers form.
Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers Double Sticker Weekend! Than you to everyone for all the stickers collected so far. Our current points tally is 18,300.

SCHOOL BANKING

Wednesday is School Banking Day!

P & F NEWS

Sushi Lunch Order Form  Link to form  Please return form by Wednesday 9th September

Father’s Day Breakfast Thank you  We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to all who assisted us both this morning and in the lead-up to the Father’s Day Breakfast. It was such a wonderful team effort.

Firstly, thank you to the amazing parents/grandparents who baked the delicious treats for the groaning food table. It was like manna from heaven! As a result of your efforts, there were some very well fed bellies this morning :-).


Your help ranged from many trips battling the traffic between Prouille and Wahroonga Village to collect the delicious bacon & egg rolls from ‘Hooked’, to setting up, to chopping up, to serving, to monitoring the food and drinks, to cleaning up - and, quite literally, we couldn’t have done it without you.

Lastly, but by no means least, thank you also to the tireless Wendy Maccioni and Rebecca Luca for both your guidance and assistance in the lead-up to the breakfast and on the morning itself.

Once again, we were humbled by the wonderful spirit of the school community and again, feel very blessed to be a part of it.

We hope you manage to have a lie-in this weekend, after today’s early start, and we wish all the fathers a very happy Father’s Day.

With our warmest wishes,

Brigid Wright and Margot McGibbon (K-2 Stage Co-Ordinators)

Father’s Day Raffle

1st Prize - Brendan Dinnar - Bodyboard donated by Surf Hardware International, Mona Vale (sourced by Rebecca Luca)
2nd Prize - Sean Fabry - Shores Dining Voucher donated by Shores Restaurant, Hornsby - a great new restaurant/bar at Westfield
3rd Prize - Surjadi Widjaja - Haircut and Whisky donated by That Barber Shop, Wahroonga Village (Greg Luca’s business)
4th Prize - George Severino - Sydney FC Family Pass donated by Sydney FC (sourced by Prouille FC)
5th Prize - Niall Finucane - Meat Tray donated by McFarland’s Gourmet Meats, Wahroonga Village
6th Prize - Matt McKenzie - 2 Bottles of Red Wine donated by BWS, Wahroonga Village
We ask our school families to please support these local businesses as they have kindly donated to our school fundraising efforts.

Parent Engagement
An “after the bell” session for parents and students!

As a follow on from Book Week, Mrs. Neilson will present “Using Destiny Quest” A guide to using the library search interface.

Please join us with your children on Tuesday 8th September 3.15pm, in the library. Toddlers welcome.

Michelle McGrath
Parent Engagement Coordinator 0411 790 672

COMMUNITY NEWS

Roland V Drum Kit with stool only 7 months old, near new condition. Price $400.00.
If interested please call Margaret 0424316849.

SUMMER SWIMMING CLASSES
HEATED POOLS
(babies, toddlers, school age, adults LTS & squads + aquarobics)
Bush School Wahroonga; Lady Davidson Pool Nth Turramurra

Book now for T4 2015, Jan holidays, T1 2016 Classes
Contact Chris Curran: curran100@gmail.com or 0412 165 100

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