Dear Parents,

We hope that many families will be available to share the Eucharist on Sunday at 9.15am on the 13th of September with us. The Mass will be hosted by Year 2 and is a family mass for all families at school and the parish followed by the Walk to Water fundraiser.

You are invited to an Open Classroom morning next Wednesday the 16th of September from 9am to 10am. The children love to share their work and would be happy to see visitors who appreciate their efforts.

Please note the EMU activities at the end of the newsletter. Doing these types of activities with your child can make a great deal of difference to their confidence with numbers and supports the growth of their mathematical thinking. Congratulations to the children who are taking on the EMU challenge and handing their solutions in.

A reminder regarding parking across neighbours driveways or turning into driveways. Our neighbours have shared their concerns with council and they have referred them to the school. Please be mindful of planning your trip when coming to school for pick up. Many cars have left the area and it is easier to arrive at pick up after 3.20pm.

Two of our students, Thomas W and Rosie W, are to be congratulated on their fundraising for Syrian Refugees. Please read the family’s story below as it is a reminder of how everyone can make a difference.

On the weekend Thomas W and Rosie W set up a stall out the front of our house to raise money to help the Syrian refugees. They sold oranges, flowers and herbs from our garden as well as handmade paper 'chatterboxes'.

The response from neighbours and passers-by was amazing. We said we’d match whatever the children made and donate it to the UNHCR. Some friends and family wanted to contribute so I set up an Everyday Hero account so people could directly donate to the UNHCR. Thomas and Rosie raised $88 that day and by Sunday night had raised over $700!

We are really proud of their initiative and effort and hope to inspire others to take action regarding social justice issues.

Anyone can make a difference.

We have received an email from the UNHCR already and we hope to continue the campaign to raise more money. We have now raised over $1000.  [https://unhcrpersonalchallenge.everydayhero.com/au/help-the-syrian-refugees-with-tom-and-rosie](https://unhcrpersonalchallenge.everydayhero.com/au/help-the-syrian-refugees-with-tom-and-rosie)

The children were also interviewed by ABC radio this week. Congratulations!

As the weather is getting warmer children may choose to wear either the full summer uniform or full winter uniform next week. Summer uniforms are to be worn by all students when Term 4 commences. Please remember when buying new sports shoes that they should have a white base with some colour. This will be compulsory from 2016.

Regards

Julie Caldwell
UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Term 3 2015
Week 9
13 Sep Year 2 Family Mass at Holy Name (9.15am)
13 Sep Walk to Water (Parish fundraiser)

Week 10
14 Sep Healthy Lunch
16 Sep Open Classrooms (9am-10am)
16 Sep Year 3 Pirate Day
16 Sep Year 1 Social Event
18 Sep Assembly (2pm)
18 Sep End of Term

Term 4 2015
4 Oct Daylight saving begins

Week 1
7 Oct Students return to school (Summer Uniform)
11 Oct Holy Name Church Family Mass for Year 5 & Blessing of the Animals

Week 2
12 Oct Reading with your child session 6.30pm in Library

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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)

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

During Week 10 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:

 At Prouille we are respectful when we speak and act with kindness (Peace and Peacemaking)

LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

International Competitions and Assessments for School Competition Results 2015 – ENGLISH

Seventy students participated in the 2015 English Competition and were awarded – 2 High Distinction, 8 Distinction, 17 Credit, 6 Merit and 37 Participation certificates.

High Distinction: Caroline C (Year 2); Ruby H (Year 2)
Distinction: Oscar K (Year 2); Eliza W (Year 2); Lois A (Year 3); Sophie M (Year 3); Angus R (Year 4); Amanda K (Year 4); Toby W (Year 5); Natalie B (Year 6)
Credit: Michael D (Year 2); Byron K (Year 2); Jonah L (Year 2); Owen M (Year 3); Natasha R (Year 3); Adriana W (Year 3); Molly M (Year 4); Mia H (Year 4); John M (Year 4); YoungYoon O (Year 4) Libby T (Year 4); Lucie C (Year 5); Bianca G (Year 5); Mia K (Year 5); Annabel M (Year 5); Isabella V (Year 6)
Merit: Matthew F (Year 2); Ava M (Year 2); Jordan F (Year 3); Patrick M (Year 3); Bianca H (Year 3), Daniel H (Year 6)
Reading with your child - Parent Information Session  Monday 12th October, 6.30pm-7.30pm in Prouille School Library.

EMU EXPRESS Term 3 Week 9  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

Polding Athletics Championships  As we reported last week our Senior Girls Relay team (Ella J, Olivia C, Isabella B and Eliza V) placed 1st winning Gold medals in the 4x100 m relay. We are very proud of the girls as they record great times as they continue on their winning way. They will now go to the NSWPSA Championships at Homebush on Thursday October 15. Congratulations to Olivia C who also competed in the 100m and 200m and placed 6th and 7TH in those events and to Ella J who placed 9TH in Long Jump.

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

**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.

**School uniform items with no name**  The following items can be collected from the school office. Any items not collected by the end of the term will be donated to the Second Hand Uniform shop.

- Black scarf, 4 x black hats, 9 x black sports jacket (various sizes), 2 x brown jumpers

**Lost Property**  We still have a number of items that were found after the Athletics Carnival and St Dominic’s Day: Black pirate cap and black pants, black cape, Black Maui Jim cap, Black Bondi Beach Australia cap, blue scarf, brown jumper children size Jeanbourget brand, black track pants size 8), grey hoodie adult size Marks & Spencer, black Cougar jacket size 12, black cap, Roxy pink hat, Bunnings cap, grey long sleeve tshirt size 10. The lost property in the basket located Dominican Walkway still has many school items that do not have names marked. Items listed are available to collect from the school office.

Please ensure your child/ren’s names are clearly marked on school clothing, hats etc.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers Double Sticker Weekend!**  Than you to everyone for all the stickers collected so far. Our current points tally is 21,900.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

**Wednesday is School Banking Day!**

Link to [School Banking information](#)

**BAND NEWS**

**Lunchtime Recital**  At our Lunchtime Recital last Thursday, we were once again able to hear and see the great progress our Prouille musicians have made. Our supportive audience (including a small cheer squad!) enjoyed the performances of our violinist Annabelle W, and all our pianists Eily May W, Jayden J, Hugo W, Bianca H, Lucia M, Lily H, Ines T-P and Ruby H.

We look forward to another lovely audience and another group of performers at our next recital on Thursday 29 October at 12:45 in Veritas Hall.

Janet Wise
**Parent Engagement**  Thanks to those who attended our first “after the bell” session on Destiny Quest last Tuesday, and of course to Mrs Neilson for presenting the benefits of this system.

All of the children (and parents) learned a thing or two about

- Searching the library interface
- Maintaining personal reading lists
- How to recommend books to a friend and
- How to reserve a book.

Feel free to see Mrs Neilson if you need any information on Destiny Quest

Michelle McGrath - Parent Engagement Coordinator 0411 790 672

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Roland V Drum Kit** with stool only 7 months old, near new condition. Price $400.00.

If interested please call Margaret 0424316849.

**Water Street Netball Report** What a great season 2015 has been! We would like to congratulate the 11As on reaching the Preliminary Finals - one step short of the Grand Final. These girls play in the highest grade for their age group and should be so proud of this achievement. Congratulations too, to all our other teams who tried their best every week. We are proud of all of you. Thank you also especially to the Managers and Coaches for all your work each week throughout the season. It is greatly appreciated.

**Term 4 - Netball Fun Afternoons!** We are holding 3 Netball fun afternoons on Fridays in Weeks 2, 3 and 4 and invite anyone who would like to come along and have a try - we would especially like to see all our kindy, Year 1s and 2s! Our incredible coaching expert will be there and it should be a great way to form our netta teams before the end of the year. Come to one or come to all!

**Presentation Day and AGM** Our presentation day will be after Mass on 11 October at Holy Name as part of the Parish Picnic. We hope to see all the players there to receive their trophies! We will also be holding our AGM and this is the chance for anyone who would like to join the Committee to put their hand up! It's a lot of fun to be involved. We are a small club and we do it so that our children have the chance to do something healthy and build their friendships too - but we need every parent to be willing to help in some way - so have a think, and if you have any questions don't hesitate to call me on 0417 867 148. I will provide more information about the Committee roles in next week’s newsletter.

Mary Weaver - Water Street Netball
Elmo Emu loves Mathematics at Prouille!

EMU EXPRESS - Term 3 Week 9

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 (Year 3B), Siena M (Year 3B) and Mattia C (Year 5BD) for their wonderful solutions to last week’s challenge and activities.

This fortnight's Elmo Emu Challenge

This fortnight we are exploring the concept of time.  This week’s fortnight challenge:

Infants: Elmo Emu ran the Cross Country Race and finished in 10 minutes. What time did Elmo Emu start and what time did he finish?
Primary: Elmo Emu ran the Cross Country race and finished in 13 minutes. What time did Elmo Emu start and what time did he finish? Record you answers on a digital and analogue clock. Stage 3 might like to also think about recording some solutions with 24 hour time.

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 18
Primary (3-6) number 1000

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

WHAT’S NEW IN TECHNOLOGY FOR MATHEMATICS LEARNING?

Number lines are important when learning about basic mathematical concepts such as counting, ordering, addition and subtraction. Number lines continue to be important for older students as they can use them to help explain their thinking and the strategies they use to solve problems. This app explores the different ways we can use number lines.

http://www.littlemonkeyapps.com/friendsoften

NUMBER LINE ACTIVITY

Can you work out what the mystery number is?

0    ?    1000

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.