Dear Parents,

“So much parent energy and time is spent helping our kids be successful that we forget to encourage our kids to fail. It’s counter-intuitive! But failing is part of the learning process. Just watch an infant learning to walk and you’ll see that for every step forward there are countless stumbles. He fails more than he succeeds. Anything worthwhile learning usually involves many failed attempts to get it right…”

The above is an extract from Michael Grose’s latest parenting newsletter. I have read many of his parenting books and newsletters which offer practical and down to earth advice. We are fortunate enough that our P and F will host Michael Grose early next year for a parenting information session in the hall in the evening. Please put February 25th in your diary. The information session will be offered to all schools in the North Shore Cluster.

Next Monday evening is the final P and F meeting for the year. The meeting begins at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome. Elections will be held on the evening for new members of the executive. All dates for 2016 are currently being finalised and will be added to the website over the next few weeks.

I attended a very insightful meeting of our Student Representative Council with Mrs Dillon this week. Our students have taken on this role with great enthusiasm and respect this year. They are very articulate and are really representing the ideas and thoughts of the students while growing in understanding about the working of the school.

Teachers will administer the PAT Maths and Reading comprehension tests next week and have begun collecting formalised data and work samples for the end of year reports. If you have concerns about your child’s progress please don’t hesitate to talk to their class teacher by making an appointment through the office or requesting a phone call if you are unable to attend the school.

Tickets are available through the parish for the parish Trivia evening on the night of the 7th November. They have a very experienced Trivia Master so it should be a fun night.

Please note the request for banking volunteers next year. Currently we have only two parents who fulfil this role each week. We were hoping to add a few more on a roster for next year as many children access this service and it would be a shame to continue to overload our committed helpers or to have to cease this service for students. The 2016 Volunteer slip can be found on page 4.

Members of the leadership team of the school will attend Professional Learning on Monday the 26th October to work with Ron Ritchhart from Harvard Project Zero team. We are looking at ways we can use the Visible Thinking strategies in our classrooms and in particular with the new Geography and History syllabus.

Regards,

Julie Caldwell

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Term 4 2015

Week 4
26 Oct  P & F Meeting (7.30pm)
27 Oct  2016 Kindergarten Orientation (Session 1 9.30am-11.30am)
29 Oct  Lunch Time Recital Piano & Violin Concert in Veritas Hall (12.45-1.15pm)

Week 5
2 Nov  Kindergarten & Yr 6 Teddy Bear picnic
3 Nov  2016 Kindergarten Orientation (Session 2 9.30am-11.30am)
3 Nov  Year 1 Social Event
3 Nov  Basketball Gala Day
4 Nov  Year 1 Excursion
5 Nov  Interrelate Year 6
6 Nov  Assembly 2.30pm
6 Nov Year 6 Social Event
7 Nov Parish Trivia Night (7pm Veritas Hall)
8 Nov Holy Name Family Mass Year 5

Week 6
10 Nov 2016 Kindergarten Orientation (Session 3 9.30am-11.30am)
10 Nov Remembrance Day Liturgy
10 Nov Night of the Notables (6.30pm) (Students arrive at 6pm)
11 Nov Remembrance Day Liturgy
12 Nov Interrelate Year 6
19 Nov Annual Parish Mass of Thanksgiving and Supper (Installation of Fr David as Parish Priest 7.30pm)
13 Nov Assembly 2.30pm
14-15 Nov Band Workshop
15 Nov Year 3 Social Event

Week 7
16 Nov Year 2 Social Event
18 Nov Andrew Chinn Workshop and Concert (6.00pm)
18 Nov Year 3 and 4 Reconciliation
18-19 Nov Broken Bay Summer Sports Trials
20 Nov Thank you morning tea for all parent helpers
20 Nov Assembly 2.30pm

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

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

During Week 4 Term 4 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:

❖ At Prouille we are responsible when we make good choices (Prayer and Contemplation).

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Mission Week Experience  A HUGE thank you to our wonderful Year 6 Teachers and Mission Leaders, who have shown beautiful leadership in their facilitation of the Mission Week reflection. Each class has attended the Chapel on Monday to have this prayerful experience, and each child has walked away with some very important life messages. We raised over $300.00 for Crazy Sock Day. This money goes to Catholic mission who assist those in need in Madagascar. Thank you for your donations.

Mission Mass  As recognition of this important month, the Mission Leaders, along with Mrs Davidson, attended the Mission Mass, at the Broken Bay Cathedral at Waitara along with students and teachers from all over the Diocese. Thank you for representing our school.

Term 4 Dates For Your Diary

Week 4  Candela Stall Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th October lunchtime
Week 5  Family Mass Sunday 8th November Year 5/ whole school 9.15am
Week 7  Andrew Chinn Concert Wednesday 18th November 6.00pm
Week 8  Family Mass Sunday 29th November Kindergarten & Year 6/ whole school 9.15am
Week 11  End of Year Mass 16 December 11:00am

Invitation to Year 5 Family Mass – Sunday 8th November  On Sunday 8th November we have a Family Mass at Holy Name Parish. Year 5 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 NEWS

PBL Gold Award  Congratulations to Ella J in 6C for recently receiving her PBL Gold Award! This is an amazing achievement which was acknowledged in front of the school at our Friday Assembly this week!

LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

EMU Express  The Week 4 challenge can be found on the last page of the newsletter. 
Congratulations to the following students for their wonderful solutions to last week’s challenge and activities:

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LUNCH TIME CLUB NEWS

RSL Anzac Art Competition  Our Year 6 students have been hard at work creating amazing entries for the annual RSL Anzac Art Competition. Copies of their artwork can be viewed in the walkway outside the Year 1 classrooms. We wish them all the best in the judging held next month.

Belinda Nisbett

PARISH NEWS
2016 Volunteers needed
With the help of volunteers our school banking program can continue next year

Many hands make light work. Volunteers are required to assist processing student’s deposits.

With your help we hope to roster a coordinator and helper for one Wednesday a month.

Please indicate your interest in volunteering for this great program by filling in the tear off section below and returning it to the office marked Attention: Cathy Littleton.

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Yes, I would like to help with School Banking in 2016!

Name: _____________________________________
Phone: _____________________________________
Email: ______________________________________
Availability: ____________________________________

Wednesday is School Banking Day!
**Commonwealth Bank School Banking Update – Please Read**

Following the decision last month to recall the Cosmic Light Beam Torch due to a potential safety issue, a decision has been made to also withdraw the Lunar Light Band reward from the School Banking Rewards Program.

To avoid disappointment there is a new reward item available for redemption in Term 4 while stocks last. Students can now test their skills with a game of frisbee with the new Galaxy Glider! Don’t forget the Outer Space Savers Money Box is also available in Term 4.

Bankers eligible to claim a reward please remember to complete a reward coupon and return it, along with your 10 tokens, with your next School banking to ensure you receive the reward of your choice! Please note due to the reward changes a new Reward Slip is now available from the office and online.

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

Regards
School Banking Team
OFFICE NEWS

**School Fees**  A reminder to all families paying school fees on termly instalments, BPays, etc. Please check your statement and ensure all payments are up to date.

**Lost and Found**  A silver bracelet with little roses along it was found on Thursday and can be collected from the school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Michael Grose**  
*Australia's Leading Parent Educator is coming to OUR school!*  
Free Seminar for Parents & Carers  

Michael Grose is one of Australia’s leading parenting educators and author of 8 parenting books including, *Teach your Child to Shrug* and *Does Your Child Learn the Hard Way?* Michael appears regularly on television and radio discussing relevant issues for modern parents and professionals. Raising and teaching kids to become resilient, confident and self-sufficient is just some of the expert advice you can expect to receive from Michael! In fact he’ll even have you working towards redundancy! (as a parent that is.)  

The [Broken Bay Diocesan Parent Council (DPC)](http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com) provides seminars and workshops each term for all parents in schools across our diocese and are thrilled to be working with Michael in 2016 and having him present here at Prouille Catholic Primary, Wahroonga on Thursday 25 February, 2016 – put it in your diary. All parents from schools across our diocese are welcome so spread the word. To get an insight into Michaels approach to parenting or to register you interest in attending go to the DPC website to RSVP [www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com](http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com).
Elmo Emu loves Mathematics at Prouille!

EMU EXPRESS - Term 4 Week 3

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.

This fortnight's Elmo Emu Challenge

This fortnight we are exploring the concepts of patterns and early algebra. Patterns are all around us in the everyday world. A pattern occurs when something is repeated like a number, a shape or a rule.

CHALLENGE: The fourth picture in a pattern consists of 5 squares

What might the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th pictures look like? You might like to think about a repeating pattern, or an increasing or decreasing pattern.

Write down 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. DUE WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2015

NUMBER BUSTING ACTIVITY

Infants (K-2) number 16
Primary (3-6) number 48

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

DUE WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2015

WHAT'S NEW IN TECHNOLOGY FOR MATHEMATICS LEARNING?

Learning about basic patterns is an important skill in problem solving. Take a look at the Learning Patterns—Help Kids Develop Critical Thinking and Pattern Recognition Skills app that can be found in the iTunes store.


NUMBER LINE ACTIVITY

Can you work out what the mystery number is?

50 ? 100

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.

DUE WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2015