Dear Parents,

Last week we celebrated the feast of All Saints. It is interesting to contemplate why different people have been canonised as saints. Sometimes it was because of their extraordinary deeds but mostly it was because they followed the teachings of Jesus. This was often against the norms of the time and with a cost to themselves. It is our challenge to look, as Catholics, at what society today deems as “normal” and compare that to way Jesus lived his life with compassion, open arms and forgiveness. You are all welcome to attend mass at Holy Name Church next week on the 12th of November at 7.30pm for the Installation of Father David as Parish Priest by Bishop Peter. We are blessed to have Father David as our Parish priest and this celebration will make his appointment here official.

**Classes 2016:** During the next few weeks, teachers will be completing the complex task of looking at classes and student placements for 2016. Many aspects of a student’s placement are taken into consideration so as to carefully place every child. This is a very thorough process that involves considerable time, sensitivity and care. Every child is important and all children are given consideration. Every child is placed in reference to a bigger plan of how students, classes and teachers come together for optimal learning.

If your child has any needs different from others in the class that we may not be aware of, or if you have significant information about your child that would assist us, now is the time to let me know in writing by Friday 20th November. Please note a new letter needs to be written each year as children’s relationships etc continually change.

**Head Lice** Head lice seems to be particularly stubborn at the moment. Could I get all parents to check their children’s hair thoroughly and regularly over the next few weeks and treat if needed. Can you ensure your child’s hair is tied back or in braids for girls and kept above the collar for boys (no number one cuts please). Hopefully, if we are all vigilant we can break the cycle over the next few weeks.

**Cyber Safety (from John Hession the CSO technology officer)**

In the process of delivering the Virtual Classrooms Activities in 2015, the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner has become aware of two Apps that are causing quite some concern in school communities. These Apps are Animal Jam and Subway Surfer. One of the main concerns with these Apps is that they contain an in-built global chat facility. This facility enables anyone in the world to make contact with users of the Apps. The potential for children to be exposed to phishing scams, grooming and cyberbullying is substantial. The Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner maintains an excellent resource page that assists parents to better understand these Apps amongst a range of others. This resource may be accessed at: https://esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/games-apps-and-social-networking. Please see the invitation and flyer from the police who are holding a cybersafety lecture at OLGCC Forestville. If you missed our very informative session then it would be a good session to attend.

Congratulations to Dom Meagher who is joining Saint Patricks at Asquith two days a week in addition to his music position here. All other staffing is complete. I am thrilled that all staff have chosen to remain with us at Prouille in 2016.

This week our School Captains, Zara O and Daniel B, were invited by local MP Alister Henskens to attend Parliament House. Zara and Daniel along with captains from other schools were given a tour and awarded a certificate in recognition of their leadership role. The children were also accompanied by their parents and have kindly shared some photos of the morning.

Transport for NSW have introduced a School Opal Card for 2016 student transport. Please find further information located within Office News which includes information for parents and links to the online application.

Please keep in your prayers all who have friends or family who are unwell or have recently passed away. A very special prayer for Mrs Meredith Tomkins, Principal of Forestville whose husband Nick passed away yesterday after a short illness.

Regards,

*Julie Caldwell*
UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Term 4 2015

7 Nov Parish Trivia Night 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 Night of the Notables Year 5 (6.30pm) (Students arrive at 6pm)
11 Nov Remembrance Day Liturgy
12 Nov Interrelate Year 6 (Personal Development Course)
12 Nov Installation of Fr. David as Parish Priest by Bishop Peter 7.30pm Holy Name Church
13 Nov Assembly
13 Nov Kindergarten Social Event
14-15 Nov Weekend Band Workshop at School

Week 7
16 Nov Year 2 Social Event
18 Nov Andrew Chinn Workshop (Class time) and Concert (6.00pm) & Band performance
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
20 Nov Year 3 Social Event
22 Nov Kindergarten Social Event

Week 8
24 Nov Piano & String End of Year Concert in Hall (5.45pm-7.45pm)
25 Nov Year 3 and 4 Reconciliation
27 Nov Assembly
28 Nov Gingerbread House making at Holy Name Church
29 Nov Holy Name Family Mass – Kindergarten and Year 6

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

Link to Term Dates

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

During Week 6 Term 4 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:

❖ At Prouille we are respectful when we take pride in our appearance (Beauty).

RELIGIOUS NEWS

‘Book of Remembrance’ Within the Catholic Church, November is the month of remembrance. Here at Prouille we have a special book which we make available to students and families to record the names of loved ones who have died recently. This book is on display in the Chapel. If you would like to enter a name into the Book, the Chapel will be unlocked in the mornings from 8.25am and in the afternoon until 3.30pm, beginning on Tuesday 10th November. Alternatively, you can send the name in that you would like to be entered, and our Liturgy Prefects will do this for you. Please also indicate the family and students to which this friend/neighbour/relative is connected.

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.

Andrew Chinn Concert On Wednesday 18th November 2015, Australian religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to share his songs with our children. Andrew’s songs, such as “These Hands”, “Rainbow” and “An African Blessing” are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada. Parents
are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun. There is no charge for adults. The concert will take place in Prouille School Hall, at 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

All children are asked to be at school by 5.45pm, wearing bright coloured clothes. This is a celebration of the 2015 school year; and don’t forget we’re celebrating Christmas Carols with our Holy Name Parish on Saturday 19th December at 6.30pm.

**Term 4 Dates For Your Diary**

**Week 7**  Andrew Chinn Concert Wednesday 18th November 6.00pm and Band performance

**Week 8**  Family Mass Sunday 29th November Kindergarten & Year 6/ whole school 9.15am

**Week 11**  End of Year Mass 16 December 11:00am

Regards

Tanya Lorimer (Acting REC)

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### PASTORAL CARE NEWS

**Gold! Gold! Gold!** Congratulations to the following children who have received their PBL Gold Award this week. This is a very special achievement which showcases the Respectful Responsible Learners that they are!

Well done to: John M (4D), Sarah H (1LS), Eily May W (1LS), Oliver W (6AC) and Zara O (6AC).

These children were acknowledged at today’s afternoon assembly, where they received a very special PBL badge. All Gold recipients for the year will also be invited to a very special morning tea with Mrs Caldwell in the coming weeks.

**Student Wellbeing  Social and Emotional Learning through Play**

Children develop their social and emotional skills through play. Children learn more in the first few years than they learn at any other stage of their lives. Young children learn through their relationships with others and the world around them and they learn through play.

A good deal of children’s important early learning about how to express and manage their feelings, takes place through play. Children’s play is ‘an important training ground for intellectual and emotional development’. (Garbarino, J., & Manly, J. (1999). This learning underpins much of children’s future success and wellbeing.

School-aged children (around six to nine years) start to play more concrete games, and have a better grasp of rules. Children at this age may start to enjoy playing team games, although if they are still developing the emotional skills required to be a good winner and loser, they may have difficulty losing cheerfully at some games.

Children at this age may start to want to play with children the same sex as them, and may stereotype the opposite gender including talking about what ‘boys do’ and ‘girls do’. This can be a good time to explain to children that boys and girls can play at any games. Start to increase their capacity for empathy ie imagining what it’s like to be another person, and develop sustained friendships. They may also have a growing desire to fit in and be accepted by their peer group.

Encouraging children to maintain their enthusiasm for play, no matter what age, is a great way to ensure they remain engaged and connected to their friends, peers and family.

During wet weather in particular, finding creative and active ways for your children to play safely and interactively can be a challenge at times. Check out this great website for some helpful suggestions: [http://www.todaysparent.com/family/parenting/20-fun-indoor-games/](http://www.todaysparent.com/family/parenting/20-fun-indoor-games/)

Wishing you peace and blessings!

Vanessa Dillon.
**LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS**

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

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**Basketball Gala Day**

On Tuesday six teams represented Prouille in a basketball gala day at Thornleigh. All of our teams performed very well with our Senior girls going through undefeated and three of our other teams winning three out of four games. Many of our basketballers received compliments on their ability and all of our children displayed good sportsmanship. After the final point score was calculated our teams placed as follows:

- Senior Girls 1 1st
- Senior Girls 2 3rd
- Senior Boys 1 2nd
- Senior Boys 2 7th
- Junior Boys 2nd
- Junior Girls 3rd

Thank you to Miss Russell for her enthusiastic support on the day and to the many parents who assisted in scoring, managing and coaching. Without your ongoing support, all year the children wouldn’t have been able to enjoy all the opportunities to go these gala days.

Louise Tamone

**PARISH NEWS**

**MUSIC PRACTICE FOR FAMILY MASS 8TH NOVEMBER**  If your children would like to be involved in the music for the FAMILY MASS at 9.15am on Sunday 8th November, please bring them to a rehearsal in the Music Room on Friday 6th November from 3.15pm to 4.15pm with Natalie Oong. All Welcome.

**MUSIC PRACTICE FOR FAMILY MASS 29TH NOVEMBER**  If your children would like to be involved in the music for the FAMILY MASS at 9.15am on Sunday 29th November, please bring them to a rehearsal in the Music Room and Friday 27th November 3.15pm to 4.15pm with Natalie Oong.

For further details, please contact Sally Oong 0433 817 114. All welcome to come along.
OFFICE NEWS

Family Registration Form 2016  Forms [pink form] were sent home this week to be completed by all families. Please complete and return the form to the school office no later than 20th November so correct fees for 2016 school year can be determined for your family. Link to Family Registration Form 2016

Student Transport 2016, new school Opal Cards  Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal Card. The School Opal Card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016.

- New students to the school will need to apply online.
- Students progressing from Year 2 to Year 3 or Year 6 to Year 7 need to complete a new application online.

Link to Important information about the School Opal Card
Link to Online Application

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

Found  8GB Scan disk memory card was found in the carpark outside the office on Tuesday 3rd November. It contains photos of a boys cricket game and can be collected from the school office.
**BANKING NEWS**

Link to [school banking information](#)

**Rewards** Wrist bands are no longer available. Please click on link to view current rewards.

If you have outstanding rewards remember to get them in so you can receive your reward before the end of the year.

The last day for Term 4 school banking is **Wednesday 9th December**

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**RAISING RESPONSIBLE DIGITAL CITIZENS**

*With Leonie Smith the Cyber Safety Lady*

Leonie Smith is one of Australia’s leading cyber safety educators and a mother of four.

- Learn how to keep your kids safe online.
- Screen time balance
- Safe social media
- Cyber bullying
- Smart phone safety
- Avoiding adult content

**Tue 17 Nov**

7 - 9pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Currie Rd, Forestville

FREE but bookings essential on youthbookings@waringah.nsw.gov.au

For more information call 9942 2661.

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**LOWES BLACK FRIDAY SPECIAL**

**13% off**

Schoolwear & Everything Else

**Online Only**

1 DAY ONLY Fri 13 Nov

Simply enter the Code 13FR12015 at checkout

*Offer does not apply to items already on sale. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts.*

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**Michael Grose**

*Australia’s No.1 Parenting Educator*

Coming to Prouille

25 February 2016

Visit [www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com](http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com)

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**RUN for LIFE**

*10km and 5km run, 5km walk*

**Sunday 15 November 2015, 7am**

Run for a reason!

The San Run for Life this year is a run for ‘All causes’. We invite you to participate in celebration of a life saved or to commemorate someone special you have lost. Share your reason for running with us online and be part of the fight against ‘all cancers’.

Register early and save! Early bird entry closes on 18 October.

Be sure when registering at [www.runforlife.com.au](http://www.runforlife.com.au) that you start fundraising! The highest fundraiser will receive a mystery prize!
Elmo Emu loves Mathematics at Prouille!

EMU EXPRESS - Term 4 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.

This fortnight’s Elmo Emu Challenge

This fortnight we are exploring the concept of times as many as a way of multiplying. We can use arrays and our timetables facts to help solve times as many problems. For example, if I have 4 coloured pencils and you have 4 times as many as me. I could solve the problem using an array, or my knowledge of times tables facts to help me: 4x4=16

CHALLENGE: Elmo Emu has some coloured pencils. Imagine that you have 3 times as many as Elmo Emu. How many does Elmo Emu have? How many do you have? Draw an array to explain your thinking.

EXTENSION: Imagine you have 6, 7 or 8 times as many pencils as Elmo Emu.

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 18 NOVEMBER 2015

NUMBER BUSTING ACTIVITY

Infants (K-2) number 24
Primary (3-6) number 225

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

DUE WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2015

WHAT’S NEW IN TECHNOLOGY FOR MATHEMATICS LEARNING?

There are lots of great apps for learning and consolidating times tables. One of the apps that Elmo Emu has found useful is Kids Fun Times Tables and it can be found at the iTunes Store for $1.29. Follow the link below:


NUMBER LINE ACTIVITY

Can you work out what the mystery number is?

30  ?  90

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 18 NOVEMBER 2015