Dear Parents,

The beginning of Advent will be celebrated this weekend. It is a sign our year is coming to a close and the joy of Christmas is soon upon us. The Christmas countdown begins. I am reminded at times that while outwardly Christmas is fun, festive and fruitful that for everyone this isn’t always the case. Some of the children in our communities and some of the families are not experiencing a lot of joy at the moment. Some of the things we try and do at Prouille are to give hampers to those in need and presents to children who may not get them. Thank you to the teachers and parents who are so generously contributing to the hampers to ensure that others can experience some of the joy that Christmas can bring.

I came across some Advent thoughts to encourage wellbeing and a connection to God at this very busy time of the year. You could choose to try some of these simple things for the days in Advent with your family. I have included a family Advent calendar to schedule some time to prepare yourself for the Christmas season.

- Let the business of life go – go and smell the roses together
- Forgive and let go of hurts where you can
- Call someone you haven’t called for a long time
- Go for a walk at sunrise
- Thank God for what you have at the end of each day
- Have a family meal together
- Go on a picnic
- Go to church together
- Go for a drive/walk and see the Christmas lights
- Help an older friend/family member/young mother

All families are invited to mass this Sunday to celebrate the beginning of Advent. Year Six an Kinder children will host. Next Friday is the school disco. The Kinder – Year 2 disco will run from 5.30pm to 7.00pm and the Year 3 to Six disco will run from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

All families are invited to the Graduation Mass on the 7th December at 6pm at Holy Name Church to see our Year Six students graduate and you are also invited to the Opening Mass for the Year of Mercy at Holy Name Church the following morning.

Regards,
Julie Caldwell

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Term 4 2015
28 Nov Gingerbread House making at Holy Name Church
29 Nov Holy Name Family Mass – Kindergarten and Year 6 9.15am

Week 9
2 Dec Year 3 and 4 Reconciliation 2pm
3 Dec Hamper Packing for St Vincent de Paul 9am
4 Dec Advent Liturgy Celebration (9am)
4 Dec No Assembly
4 Dec School Disco (K-2 lollies, Yrs 3-4 refreshments, Yrs 5-6 glo products & decorations) K-2 Disco 5.30pm-7.00pm and Yr 3-6 Disco 7.30pm-9.00pm

Week 10
7 Dec Graduation Mass at Holy Name Church (6pm)
7 Dec Year 6 Graduation Dinner at Prouille
8 Dec  Opening Mass and Event for Year of Mercy
9 Dec  Lunch Time Violin Recital in Hall (12.45-1.15pm)
9 Dec  Year 1 Social Event
10 Dec Year 5 Social Event
11 Dec Band Pancake Breakfast (8am)
11 Dec  Assembly

Week 11
16 Dec End of Year Mass at Holy Name Church (11am)
16 Dec Last Day for Students
16 Dec Year 6 Social Event
17-18 Dec Staff Development Days

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

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

During Week 9 Term 4 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:

❖ At Prouille learners when we are cooperative (Community)

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Kindergarten and Year 6 Mass  On the weekend we have our Kindergarten and Year 6 students assist in hosting our Sunday Parish Mass at Holy Name 9.15am. All families are welcome to attend.

Season of Advent  Advent begins November 29 this year. All teachers will commence their units titled “Advent to Christmas” within their classes. This Monday Year 1 will lead us in prayer at the morning assembly.

St Vincent de Paul Hamper Appeal  Thank-you to those who have already brought in their very generous donations. We would love all donations to be brought in by Monday 30th November so we can ensure we have all the necessary items for each family before packing on Thursday.

I am continuing to seek the help of parents who are able to generously give up their time on the morning of Thursday 3rd of December 9:00am in order to assist in the final packing of these hampers. Please phone the school office if you are willing to assist.

A detailed note outlining how you can assist your class regarding the hampers has been sent home. This detailed exactly what is required for each family to contribute, each class teacher has a list so please ask if you are unsure.

Many thanks in advance for your kind generosity towards this worthwhile endeavour.

End of Year Mass: A reminder to all families that Prouille’s End of Year Mass will be celebrated at Holy Name church Wednesday 16th December at 11.00am. This is always an occasion to reflect on the year that has been and consider the future that is to come. We hope to see you there!

Wishing you peace and blessings,
Tanya Lorimer  (Acting REC)

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

Gold Award  Congratulations to Jade (6AC), Ella (6AC) and Tilly (6AC) who both received their Gold Award this week! We have no doubt their family and friends are very excited for them in achieving this Award in PBL.

A ‘Helping Hand’  The Helping Hand is a tool students can use to remind them of what to do when they need help, or when someone is bothering them. This tool is very useful, particularly on the playground, and encourages independent problem solving and resilience.

Basically, it involves an outline of your child’s hand where each digit refers to steps that the child can utilise when faced with various scenarios.
The Helping Hand steps are:
1. I can do something myself: “Who can solve a problem?... I can”. Encourage your child to use positive talk and tell themselves they can do something about a problem to solve it.
2. I can tell them to stop: “How would you tell somebody to stop? Eg ‘Stop following me’. ‘Don’t take my hat’.” Encourage your child to be directly respectful.
3. I can ignore them: “What does ignore mean? How can you ignore somebody?” I can let the other person know that they don’t have my attention, or I don’t care about what they are saying/doing.
4. I can walk away: Talk with your child about walking away and finding some other friends to play with.
5. I can tell the teacher: Encourage your child to tell the teacher after they have tried to solve the problem themselves, but the problem still exists.

Playground Items  A HUGE thank you to the Jacob B & Hanah B’s family who kindly donated their toadstool garden setting. It has already been a popular addition to the playground, especially for those students who spend their lunchtimes creating fairy gardens in the tree stumps.

If you have any unused sarongs, or light coloured material, please feel free to donate them as this is a popular choice from our dress up box during the day. The children use them in a variety of ways, especially for the ‘day spa’ that is set up under the Magnolia Tree of a lunchtime 😊

Trucks, cars, car mats, LEGO, tea sets, picnic ware, fake food, dinosaurs, animals… all these are great examples of what the children love accessing for play time at Prouille… so if you are doing a clean out now or over the holidays, feel free to donate some of these items to the school.

Wishing you peace and blessings!

Vanessa Dillon
Office News

School Fees  A reminder for outstanding school fees to be paid by 30th November 2015.

Found  Child size blue sunglasses can be collected from the school office.

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

Book Club  A reminder to return your book club order. Please remember we cannot accept cash. Also parents are now able to download an app on their smart phone and place orders! For any help please check out this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmYkplsi0c&feature=youtu.be

Looking forward to your orders.

Cheers,

Nicole Mulders  0400327262  bookclubprouille@gmail.com

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

Music News

Lunchtime Recital  Our next Lunchtime Recital will be held on Wednesday 9th December at 12:45 in Veritas Hall. You will be able to enjoy a wonderful range of Christmas Carols. Please join us.

Term 4 Piano and Violin End of Year Concert

Janet Wise

P & F News

Prouille Students Disco 2015  Friday 4th December

Link to  Prouille Students Disco 2015 form

Please return form and money to the school office no later than 30th November
Save the Date!! PROUILE 2016 WELCOME EVENT – SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2016 7:30pm
Planning has started for what is sure to be another wonderful event for next year. Please pop it in your diaries and book a babysitter – Invitation will be sent in the new year.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Michael Grose
Australia’s No.1 Parenting Educator
Coming to Prouille Wahroonga
25 February 2016
Visit www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com

Creative Writing Classes
FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN
with
Wendy Fitzgerald
and Susan Temby

BOOKINGS ARE NOW ONLINE!
BOOK NOW

Ku-ring-gai Art Centre
Summer Holiday Program 2016
Enrol Now!
kmc.nsw.gov.au/artcentre

2015/2016 CatholicCare
Sacred Heart
OHSC Summer Vacation Care

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Active Kuring-gai
Junior Golf
Summer School Holiday Program
North Turramurra Golf Course
361a Bobbin Head Rd, North Turramurra
- For girls and boys 6 - 12 years
- All skill levels welcome
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School Holiday Camps (for ages 5 – 15 years)
Normanhurst Boys High School
Fraser Road, Normanhurst

Camp one 21st December to 24th December 2015
Camp two 18th January – 22nd January 2016

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OF $5 IF YOU BOOK AND PAY ONE WEEK PRIOR TO CAMP (full camp only – not casual bookings) BRING A NEW FRIEND TO RECEIVE $5 OFF. SIBLING DISCOUNT OF $10 AVAILABLE

Golf Clinic/Putt Putt on Wednesday afternoons at Thornleigh Golf Centre.
Camp features:
* Coaching of forehand, backhand, serves and volleys.
* Classes graded to both age and standard
* Correct grip /ready position.
* Fun games, challenges and tournaments.
* Footwork, movement training.
* Multi-sport activities including – soccer, athletics, basketball, cricket, golf, table tennis and other games included.
* FREE pizza lunch on the last day of each camp.
* Prize money will be given for advanced group. Medals given for each group.
* Wet weather program operates when necessary using the school facilities.

Cost: Cost for camp one is $155.00 and camp two $190.00
Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm daily
After camp care available from 3.15pm - 5.15pm at a cost of $10.00 per hour
Half day option available : Camp one $105.00 and two $135.00 (9.00 – 12.00)
Casual day rate: $55.00 (for golf clinic price is $70.00)
½ day casual rate: $40.00 (9.00-12.00 or 12.00-3.00)

Contact: Alan Stopford Tennis Australia Qualified Coach
Phone: 0411 426 554
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Website: stopfordtennis.com.au
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Pay by cash, cheque or EFT (direct deposit)
Make cheques payable to Alan Stopford
115 Baulkham Hills Road, Baulkham Hills NSW

December/January 2016 School Holiday Camps: Please detach and complete.

Names: ____________________________________________ Date: __________________________
Address: ___________________________________________ Email Address: ______________________
Home Phone and mobile: _______________________________ Medical Conditions: ________________________
School: ____________________________________________ Date of birth: ____________________________

Please tick: Camp 1 _______ Camp 2 _______ Half day _______ Casual day _______
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