Dear Parents,

Prayer for Advent

Loving and powerful God,

Some days I can only be in awe of your power and love. You never tire of supporting me. I constantly ask for help knowing you will always be there. From some place deep in my soul, I hear you calling me by name and I prepare with a joyful heart for your coming. Grant me the gift of hope, patience and waiting in these Advent days because I want the focus of my waiting to be on you. I want to praise and glorify you with my life. Let me live my gratitude to you, rejoicing!

I am very pleased to announce our new student leadership team for 2016:

School Captains
Angus F and Lucie C

Vice Captains
Mattia C and Grace B

Mission Leaders
Manaya U, Emily W, Eli D and Chiara M

Student Representative Council
Alannah M, Jake G, Aimee G and Annabel M

Sports Captains
Crawford: Daniel C and Molly M
Rawlings: Taylor O and Olivia B
O’Brien: Jacinta I and Toby W
Jennings: Lulu D and Ethan M

Library Leaders
Lily H, Bianca G, Bianca Z, Mia K and Olivia D

Environment Leaders
Callin L, Ivana P, Isabella A, Madeline F and Malachi King

Tech Team
Jonah F, Daniel K and Thomas D

St Lucy’s Concert
Mr Ford and I attended the St Lucy’s concert this week with our Year 4 play buddies. Our children were very impressed by their buddies enthusiastic and joyful performances and they danced and drummed to hip hop music. A very big thank you to our Year 4 buddies and Mr Ford who have given up many lunchtimes

Hamper Packing
Many thanks to our very generous community who have donated Christmas presents and food for the families at Whalen. Thank you to Mrs Lorimer for organising the distribution of the hampers and to the parents who came and packed them for each family.

You are all welcome to attend the Graduation Mass at 6pm on Monday the 7th of December at Holy Name and the opening mass for the Year of Mercy at 9.15am on Tuesday morning. Years 3-5 will attend.

Regards,

Julie Caldwell
UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Term 4 2015
Week 10
7 Dec  Graduation Mass at Holy Name Church (6pm) Dinner
8 Dec  Opening Mass and Event for Year of Mercy 9.15am
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  Final Assembly 2.30pm

Week 11
16 Dec End of Year Mass at Holy Name Church (11am)
16 Dec Last Day for Students
17th Dec Staff Development Days

Term 1 2016
Week 1 2016
27 Jan Staff Development Day
28 Jan Assessment Yrs 1-6 / Best Start Testing K
29 Jan Assessment Yrs 1-6 / Best Start Testing K

1 Feb  First day of term  Years 1-6
2 Feb  First day of term  Kindergarten

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

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

During Week 10 Term 4 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:

❖ At Prouille we revise and reflect on our Positive Behaviour for Learning learnt throughout the term

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Christmas Hamper Appeal  Thanking you for the overwhelming response to our Christmas Hamper appeal this year. Fourteen families will receive some very thoughtful, generous gifts and food to celebrate Christmas this year. A huge thanks to our merry helpers and Mrs White who efficiently packed and wrapped all of the wonderful items ready for delivery.

God bless
Tanya Lorimer
(Acting REC)

LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

NSW RSL Anzac Art Awards 2015  Congratulation to Sabrina H, who has won the Year 5/6 category with a gold distinction award for her entry in the 2015 Anzac Art Awards. In addition the school has won the RSL Life Care Award for the 5 most outstanding entries from a primary school. Congratulations go to Jade W, Riley K, Tilly D, Jolo D and Sabrina. H who have also won cash prizes. All winning students are invited to attend the presentation event which is scheduled to take place in March 2016. The winning entries can be viewed in the corridor outside the Year 1 classrooms.
Elmo Emu loves Mathematics at Prouille!

Congratulations to the following students for their wonderful solutions to last week’s challenge and activities:
- Talia 1LS
- Sophie M 3B
- Siena M Yr 3B
- Mattia C Yr 5BD
- Alannah M Yr 5DL

Throughout 2015, Prouille children have challenged themselves with some really hard mathematical thinking. They have been great mathematical detectives by finding lots of mystery numbers on number lines and solving countless challenges in Mathematics, both in the classroom and at home with their families. All students are congratulated for their enthusiasm and love of Mathematics this year.

A special mention is made to the following students for their consistent mathematical contributions this semester (the Elmo Emu challenges, number busting and number line activities):
- Mattia C Yr 5DL
- Sophie M Yr 3B
- Siena M Yr 3B

These students will be receiving an Elmo Emu Prize at assembly next Friday. Congratulations! Elmo Emu wishes all the children and their families a very Merry Christmas and a restful holiday break!

ELMO EMU WILL BE BACK IN 2016!

### PARISH NEWS

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

at
HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PARISH
35 Billiard Avenue, Wahroonga

ALL WELCOME!

Christmas Eve Children’s Mass at 5pm at Church
(with Christmas carols from 4.00pm)

We invite all members of our Parish to bring their children and friends along to take part in our special annual Christmas Eve Children’s Mass. The children attend parishes at the Church so that they can re-enact the Nativity at their special Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm on 24th December.

3 Practices at Church: This is a Prouille Christmas tradition!

10th Dec 4pm-5.15pm (Thursday)
- First Practice – allocation of roles, jobs, readings and sorting out costumes

17th Dec 10am-12pm (Thursday)
- 2nd Practice – run through of Nativity for Gospel

19th Dec 10am-12pm (Saturday)
- 3rd Practice – run through of Gospel Nativity plus Singers/Band practising Carols

24th Dec 4pm Carols then 5pm Christmas Eve Mass – arrive at 3.30pm to get dressed and find a seat

If your child would like to take part in the Mass, but cannot attend the practices, or for any further information, please contact Sally Gong before the first practice and discuss with her.

9489 3221 or 0413 817 114 or sacrament@holynamewahroonga.com.au

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### 2016 Sacramental Calendar

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

From Year 3 – Confirmation should be completed prior to Reconciliation

- Parents’ (only) Information Evening: Tuesday 23 February (week 4) 3pm–4pm
- Group Leaders’ Evening: Tuesday 1st March

- Session 1: Saturday 5 March
- Session 2: Saturday 12 March
- Session 3: Saturday 19 March (Palm Sunday)

- Sacrament: Monday 21 March (Holy Week) or Wednesday 23 March (Holy Week)

Pentecost is on 15 May – Parish International Food Fair

**Sacrament of Eucharist (First Holy Communion)**

From Year 3 – Reconciliation must be completed prior to First Eucharist

- Parents’ (only) Information Evening: Tuesday 24 May 7pm–9pm
- Group Leaders’ Evening: Tuesday 31 May

- Session 1: Saturday 6 June
- Session 2: Saturday 13 June
- Session 3: Saturday 20 June

- Sacrament: Weekend of 24/25 June (Saturday: 4pm Mass or Sunday: 9.15am Mass)

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

From Year 2 – this Sacrament is completed prior to Reconciliation and First Eucharist

- Parents’ (only) Information Evening: Tuesday 24 July 7pm–9pm
- Group Leaders’ Evening: Tuesday 22 August

- Session 1: Saturday 26 August
- Session 2: Saturday 9 September
- Session 3: Saturday 16 September

- Rehearsal: Wednesday 24 August

- Sacrament: Friday 25 August (3.30pm Mass or 7.30pm Mass)

Enrolment and payment will be via the Parish website: www.holynamewahroonga.com.au

Please note that attendance at each Parents Evening, each Group session and each practice is compulsory if you wish to celebrate the Sacrament.

For any further information, please contact the Parish Sacramental Preparation Co-ordinator, Mrs Sally Gong, on 9489 3221 or sacrament@holynamewahroonga.com.au

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### OFFICE NEWS

**School Fees**

Statements have been emailed to families with outstanding school fees. Please arrange payment by Monday 7th December unless you have a payment arrangement in place.
**Student Medication** Parents are required to complete [Request to Administer Medication at School form](#) when handing over medication to the office. This form applies to both prescription and over the counter medication.

- Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility for noting expiry dates of medications supplied to the school.
- Please ensure your child’s medication is in original packaging and labelled with student’s name and dosage.
- If you do not have a record of the expiry date on your child’s medication, please telephone 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](#)

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**BANKING NEWS**

[Link to school banking information](#)

Merry Christmas to our volunteers that have come along to assist and our wonderful school banking children.

**Last banking day for Term 4 is Wednesday 9th December**

Any rewards ordered next Wednesday will be held over until the commencement of 2016.

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

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**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

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Prouille Primary School Chess Championship 2015**

**Prize Winners**

Tournament run on Thursday 3rd December, 2015 Arbited by Bevan Clouston

**Trophies:**

1st Place – Angus R 6/7 2nd Place – Malachi K 6/7 3rd Place – William B 5/7

**Medals:**

Best Year 2 and under – Michael D 4/7
Best Girl – Isabella K 2/7

We hope that you enjoyed the 2015 Prouille Primary School Chess Championship. For all other tournament enquiries please visit our website: sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/tournaments
January HOLIDAY GROUPS
Monday 4th January to Friday 8th January 2015
Early Bird rate until 16th December! Limited places available.

School Readiness (Kindergarten 2016)
Get ready for Kindergarten! Developing skills such as pencil grip, scissor skills, name
writing, gross motor skills, letter and number recognition/formation.
When: 5 days (Mon 4/1 – Fri 5/1) 9:00am-10:30am
Cost: $479 for the program. $425 early bird rate

Kick Start the School Year (Years 1-3 2016)
Get ahead for the year! Furthering skills in working memory, visual perception, fine and
gross motor skills and much much more!
When: 4 days (Mon 4/1 – Thurs 7/1) 10:00am-11:30am
Cost: $380 for the program. $340 early bird rate

Zones of Regulation
Regulating level of alertness, regulating behaviour, social skills, managing emotions,
self-control and problem solving.
When: 4 days (Tues 8/1 – Fri 11/1) 9:00am - 10:30am
Cost: $380 for the program. $340 early bird rate

OT Intensives
5 sessions of OT for 45 minutes
Cost: $445 Early bird rate $415

IM Intensives
5 Sessions of IM for 30 minutes
Cost: $325 Early bird rate $300

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