Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to Prouille for 2016. Thank you to all the parents who have attended school over the last few days to have the children’s progress in mathematics assessed. The teachers will feed back the information to you in the parent teacher interviews starting in Week 4.

I hope you all had some time over Christmas and New Year to spend some time with family and friends and have had time to recharge. This is just a short note to welcome you back and to help you in your organisation of the next few weeks as the start of the year is quite busy.

All dates that we have so far for the year are on the school website. This will be constantly updated throughout the year. Our Prouille App has just been launched. It is available in the app store for android and Apple phones. It draws information from our website so you can see the calendar, newsletters and it has an alert function for reminders and any emergency events. Details regarding its use are on Page 2 of the newsletter.

YEARS 1-6 MONDAY 1st February
On Monday we welcome Years 1 through to 6 back to school. Supervision for children not attending Before School Care begins at 8.15am. (this is 10 minutes earlier than usual).

KINDERGARTEN TUESDAY 2nd February
On Tuesday we will welcome Kindergarten. Kinder children should stay with their parents until the gates to Kinder are open at 8.40am. Parents are then welcome to bring their children to Kinder and settle them into their seat, locker and some indoor play. Parents will be invited around 9am to come to the hall with me for a cup of tea! The pickup for Kinder will be from the room at 3pm. Teachers will open the doors at 3pm and parents will collect children directly from the teacher. Kinder children going to before and after school care will also be collected from the classroom. Older children who are taking brothers and sisters to bus or pick up line should collect their siblings from the classroom at 3.15pm. This procedure will continue until otherwise notified by Kinder teachers in their weekly Kinder Newsletter.

They should bring fruit break, morning tea and lunch as they commence full days from day 1.

Hopefully your children will be very excited to be back at school with friends and eager to commence learning together. For some children though the new year brings some anxiety at the thought of change, making new friends and meeting their new teachers. Ways to support children through this transition at the beginning of the year are:

- Let them know that you understand any concerns and are there to support them.
- Focus on the positives – see if they need support with any problems.
- Routines and organisation support anxious children
- Don’t over schedule yourself or the children in the first term.
- Don’t expect lots of details from children, they will come out often as you do things together.

If you have concerns please see your child’s teacher asap. Appointments can be made through the office, emails will be passed on to teachers through the Prouille@dbb.catholic.edu.au address or you can request a teacher to phone you when they are free.

Safety at school:
Please be very careful parking and driving around the school because our children’s safety should always take precedence.

The trees in the St Thomas playground – outside Kinder have been assessed as a risk. Large branches have fallen from the tree at the end of last year. The CSO is currently working on a Development Application for council to remove them. Until then the area under the foliage has been roped off. Please keep pre-schoolers away from the roped off area. We would like to be able to open part of the playground to allow parents access in the afternoon to pick up their Kinder children.
Year 1 and 2 will exit via the main gate near the office.

Sport is now on Wednesday and Thursday with Mrs Carolan this term. Wednesday is Yr 5, 3 and 1 and KLT. Thursday is Year 4, 2, 6 and KR. Teachers will advise you during the week of their second sports lesson, library days and music lessons.

Assemblies this term: These will be held on only a few Fridays this term. Please check the website for details. Some assemblies have been replaced with parent information sessions.

**Prouille mobile app** Our school app is now available to download from the App Store for free. You will be able to access school calendar dates, newsletter and receive important school notifications via this app. Simply search ‘Prouille Catholic Primary School’ within the app store to download and we recommend allowing Push Notifications so you receive important notifications automatically without having to go into the app to check.

**Winter Sports and Extra Curricula Sport registrations will begin shortly:**

**Netball registrations** At school on the 20th February in the school hall. Please see Page 4 for all the details.

**Soccer registrations**: Registrations this year will be through the my football website. Details are on the [http://prouillesoccer.com.au/](http://prouillesoccer.com.au/) website.

**Tennis News** Prouille grading days will be held next week.

Thursday 4th February (7.30am to 8.30am) for Yrs 3 to 6.
Friday 5th February (7.30am to 8.30am) for Kindergarten to Year 2. Normal classes will resume from the 9th February.

Classes will be held Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7.30am to 8.30am - cost $145 term. Wednesday classes 7.45am to 8.30am - cost $120 term.

Wet weather program classes will be fully graded. Contact Alan on 0411426554 stopfordalan@gmail.com or see website stopfordtennis.com.au

**Martial Arts** Please see Page 3 for Enrolment information for Martial Methods.

Looking forward to seeing you all next week!

Regards,

*Julie Caldwell*

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**UPCOMING DIARY DATES**

**Term 1 2016**

**Week 2**
- 1 Feb Year 1 to Year 6 students commence
- 2 Feb Kindergarten student commence
- 2 Feb Tea and Tissues for Kindergarten parents (Meeting Place) about 9am
- 5 Feb Opening Mass at Holy Name Church (11am) Parents very welcome

**Week 3**
- 8 Feb Year 6 Leadership Camp
- 9 Feb Year 6 Leadership Camp
- 10 Feb Ash Wednesday
- 10 Feb Year 3-6 Mass with Parish
- 10 Feb Kindergarten Liturgy in Chapel
- 10 Feb Parent Information Evening
- 12 Feb Biggest play date – Welcome Afternoon Tea hosted by Year 6 (2.30pm -4pm) at school

**Week 4**
- 15 Feb **Swimming Carnival** Yrs 3-6
- 16 Feb Pre Reconciliation Liturgy Yr 5 & 6 (2pm)
- 16 Feb Meet Teacher Interviews this week (email re scheduling will be sent)
- 19 Feb Parent Education Session
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.

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) 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 Michael’s approach to parenting or to register your interest in attending go to the DPC website to RSVP www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com.
WELCOME TO THE NETBALL SEASON FOR 2016

Please read below for some important information and dates relating to the 2016 season

Registration

Register on-line. If you are a returning player, you will receive an email with your login details. Please note that payments will need to be made via Direct Debit (details below) and not online. Online registration is open until 20th February.

If you are a new member who will play with a team, Water St Netball Club will holding a Registration Day at Prouille Primary School on Saturday, 20th February, 2016 between 9am and 12 noon. Please bring a copy of your birth certificate as proof of age.

All returning players should be registered on-line on or before the Club’s Registration Day on Saturday 20th February, 2016.

Fees

Water St Netball Club is a not-for-profit association and as a result, we aim to keep fees as low as possible. Your Fees include Netball NSW and Ku-Ring-Gai Netball Association registrations, insurances, equipment purchase/replacement, umpires and other costs associated with the season.

Our fees for 2016 are:

- Net Set Go Competition – (6-10 yrs) $170 (this is for children aged between 6 & 10 who are allocated to a team and play modified competition netball each week.)

- Juniors (11-17yrs) $210

Age categories are based on the age of the player as at 31st December 2015.

Payment can be made by cheque, credit card, cash or by Direct Debit.

Direct Debit details are:

- Account Name: Water St Netball
- BSB: 112-879
- Account Number: 043525907
- Reference: Surname and age Group eg, Smith 12’s

Refunds

The Netball NSW portion of fees CANNOT be refunded at any time. Prior to and including round 7, any de-registrations may receive a refund for a portion of their fees however all refunds will be at the discretion of Ku-Ring-gai Netball Association and Water St Netball Club Executive. No refund will be permitted after Round 7.

Venues/Timeslots for Winter Day Competition PLEASE NOTE THAT TIMESLOTS ARE A GUIDE ONLY AND MAY CHANGE DEPENDING ON COURT AVAILABILITY EACH YEAR

Net-Set-Go Skills This skills only program, held at Lofberg Netball Courts, Lofberg Road, West Pymble is available to children aged between 5 & 10 years. As a guide, the skills program has generally been held around 10am each Saturday for the season (excluding the finals rounds).

Net-Set-Go (Winter Competition)

Offers a modified competition for children aged between 6 to 9 years of age. Wins and losses are not recorded on a ladder are there are no finals matches.

Children 6-8 play at Lofberg Netball Courts, Lofberg Road, West Pymble and game times may range from 8am to as late as 1pm, depending on court availability. Teams are generally placed in a round with other teams of similar ability. Firmer timeslots are usually confirmed after the KNA Net Set Go Orientation day and once allocated, games will be played at the same time each week.

Children aged 9 generally play at 8am each week at Canoon Road Netball Courts, Canoon Road, South Turramurra.
Netball Winter Day Competition
All games for children aged 9+ are held at Canoon Road, Netball Courts, Canoon Road, South Turramurra each Saturday as per the KNA Calendar [http://kna.nsw.netball.com.au/events.aspx](http://kna.nsw.netball.com.au/events.aspx).

As a guide, general timeslots for age/grades are as follows:

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**Uniform** Uniforms comprise of a top and skirt and will be available for purchase on Registration Day or alternatively you can contact our Uniform Officer, Lee Harrison on andrewandleeh@gmail.com. White socks are to be worn with the Water St uniform. Uniform costs are detailed below:

- Top: $40
- Skirt: TBA (as we are trying to source cheaper options)

If you have any second hand uniforms to sell, please email the details i.e. description, size and price to Lee so she can include on second hand list that will be sent out to all players.

**Coaches and Managers** All netball teams need coaching and managing to train and organise the players. This responsibility falls on the parents of the children in the team and to that end we ask that at least two parents from each team volunteer their services as either coach or manager. In conjunction with KNA, Water St Netball Club offers great coaching support and run specialist sessions for novice coaches.

If you are considering being a team Manager and would like some more information about the duties involved, please contact the President, Mary Weaver on 0417 867 148.

If any team is unable to provide their own coach, Water St Netball will do their best to source an “outside” coach, but parents must be aware that this will come at an additional cost to the team.

**Grading** If your child is playing competition netball from 9 years onwards, she/he may be required to attend a compulsory Grading day to be held on **Sunday 21st February, 2016** at a venue to be confirmed. You will be contacted shortly after registration day to advise you as to whether your child needs to attend the grading day.

After grading, there is typically some movement of players between teams in the same age group as independent graders slot players into teams where the girls have similar ability. It is advisable to have a chat with your daughters to let them know ahead of time that there is a chance they will not play with exactly the same team as they did last year. Please note that Grading will be conducted by independent, external Graders who have limited association with Water St Netball Club and its members.

**Training** All training days and locations are based on the suitability and requirements of each individual team. Training for most teams will be held on the Prouille school grounds from approximately 3:30pm onwards however, this facility is subject to availability.

Looking forward to seeing lots of smiling faces and some great netball in 2016!

Regards,

Mary Weaver – President
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