Dear Parents,

The beginning of each year is very busy as we establish routines and settle into the school year. There are opportunities available for communication, welcome and socialising. Outlined below are some details regarding our busiest time of the year. If you can only make a few please make the Parent information evening and the parent teacher meetings a priority. All of the following dates are on the school website, the school app and are in the newsletter.

Week 3

**Choir** begins at 8.15am Tuesday in the music room for Years 3 to 6 choir members. If your Year 3 to 6 child would like to join the choir they only need to attend. There are no auditions!

On Wednesday the 10th of February Years 3 to 6 will celebrate **Ash Wednesday** with the parish at the 9.15am Mass at Holy Name. Parents are most welcome to attend this mass with their children or attend the Kinder to Year 2 liturgy at school at 9.15am. This will mark the beginning of Lent for us all.

On the same evening (Wednesday the 10th) we will hold our **Parent Information Session** beginning in the hall for all parents at 6.30pm and then two duplicated sessions in classrooms.

Next Friday (12th Feb) we have the **Children’s Welcome Event**. This is a playdate held at school! Year 5 and 6 will host and be selling slushies, cupcakes and fruit. Year 6 students will organise games for the afternoon. The money goes towards the Year 6 Graduation. The playdate will start at 2.30 and we hope to conclude by 4pm. Parents are welcome to attend from 2.30pm. Normal bus, afterschool care and pickup will happen. The early start gives those children who have to leave at the usual time a chance to participate.

Saturday 13th **Soccer Registration** at School – Our Prouille Soccer Club is inclusive, fun and a great way to be healthy and meet friends (for adults and children).

Week 4

Monday the 15th February is the **Swimming Carnival**. Our younger children will stay at school. Notes re this should have been received this week. The Swimming Carnival entry form and permission note can be accessed via link under Sports News. Forms are to be returned no later than next Tuesday 9th February

Friday the 19th February there will be a **Parent Helper and Volunteers Talk at 2.30**. If you would like to volunteer in the classroom we would love to have you. This session details the forms that need to be filled out and the best way you can assist.

Our Welcome event for parents is on the 27th of February. This is not just for new parents but a chance to welcome the new year, reconnect with old friends and to make new friends. We hope to see many of you at school on that evening. Our wonderful musical staff show off their talents to make the evening on to remember.

Our Staff for 2016 are:

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Class teachers
KL Mrs Tanya Lorimer & Mrs Miranda Trlin 3B Miss Talia Brennan
KR Miss Jessica Russell 4F Mr Michael Ford
1P Mrs Celeste Pan 4G Mrs Jill Greenwood
1E Mrs Jane Emmerig 5O Mrs Louise O'Brien-Pounde
2D Mrs Catherine Davidson 5R Mrs Kate Roberts
2S Mrs Julia Smith 6 Mrs Vanessa Dillon
3AC Mrs Tanya Armstrong and Mrs Carmel Chivers 6 Mrs Rachael Lees

Administration Mrs Carol White, Mrs Lisa Emerton & Mrs Amanda Zanchetta
Learning Support Mrs Cathy Chapman & Mrs Belinda Nisbett
Teacher Librarian Mrs Jo Neilson
Music Teacher Mr Dominic Meagher
PE Teachers Mrs Sam Carolan (Term 1) & Mrs Louise Tamone (T2-T4)
Band Mrs Amanda O’Brien
Private Music Tuition Janet Wise & Elizabeth Moor (Piano) & Mr Dominic Meagher (Strings)
Maintenance Mr Peter Martin
Crossing Supervisor Mrs Lea Mead
After School Care Mrs Margie Hedge and Mrs Cathy O’Neil
P&F Presidents Mr Sean McGrath / Mrs Rebecca Luca
Parish Priest Father David Ranson

Meet the Teacher interviews will be carried out from 15th February to 26th February and online bookings are now open. Booking information is included in Learning and Teaching News below. Parents are also asked to complete Tell me about your child form if you have not done so already and bring along to the interview.

Parent class coordinators are still required for some classes, please see P&F News for further information.

Please continue to drive safely around the school. Procedures will be sent home to remind new parents and current parents of procedures.

We are trying to reduce our paper consumption and so will not be sending printed copies of notes and newsletters home. We will investigate using online permission forms this year. We have investigated printers for you and have found that there are four at Officeworks Hornsby, under $50, that will print notes from your phone and ipad.

Regards,
Julie Caldwell

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Term 1 2016

Week 3
8 Feb Year 6 Leadership Camp
9 Feb Year 6 Leadership Camp
10 Feb Ash Wednesday
   Ash Wednesday Year 3-6 Mass with Parish 9.15am
   Ash Wednesday Kindergarten Liturgy in Chapel
10 Feb Parent Information Evening 6.30pm in Hall
12 Feb Kinder Kick – a chance to try out soccer at school.
12 Feb Biggest play date – Welcome Afternoon Tea hosted by Year 6 (2.30pm)
   Slushies and cupcakes for sale
12 Feb No assembly

Week 4
15 Feb Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)
16 Feb Pre Reconciliation Liturgy Yr 5 & 6 (2pm)
PROUILLE MOBILE APP

Our Prouille App has just been launched and is available for all families to download for free from the App Store. It can be used for Iphones and Android.

The app is available in the app store for android and Apple phones. The Prouille app draws information from our website so you can see the calendar, newsletters and it has an alert function for reminders and any emergency events.

Simply search ‘Prouille Catholic Primary School’ within the app store to download.

We recommend allowing Push Notifications so you receive important notifications automatically without having to go into the app to check.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

During Week 3 Term 1 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:

❖ At Prouille we are respectful responsible learners when we are Cyber Safety Aware and Cyber Smart

LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Meet the Teacher Interviews will be carried out from 15th February to 26th February. You are able to book a time online that suits your family. Link to Online Bookings information, Meet the Teacher Interviews

Link to Tell me about your child Parents are asked to complete this form and bring along to Meet the Teacher interview

Please note, online bookings CLOSE Thursday 11th February
SPORTS NEWS

Prouille Swimming Carnival Monday 18th February 2016 at Hornsby Aquatic Centre

Students in Years 3-6 (selected Year 2 students)

Link to Swimming Carnival Entry Form and Permission Note

Please return forms no later than next Tuesday, 9th February 2016

Year 2 students who are turning 8 years old this year and can confidently swim 50m freestyle may enter the swimming carnival.

- Class Roll will be taken at the beginning and end of the day at school and at the pool.
- Any parent who has made previous arrangements to take their child home early (i.e. written note) must see their child’s class teacher or colour house teacher before they leave the pool.
- Girls should wear a one-piece costume and boys should wear racing costumes (e.g. Speedos). No bikinis or board shorts will be allowed.
- Colour house swimming cap (Available to purchase from the School Office $3)

- If a child misses a race, they must see the colour house teacher who can send them to the marshalling area.
- Points will be allocated for 1st (4), 2nd (3), 3rd (2) and 4th (1).
- Ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in each race.
- Trophies will be given to the Girl and Boy Junior and Senior Champions.
- Medals will be given for the runners-up in the championships.
- Medals will also be presented to the winners of the 50m Invitation races.
- Wear a hat and a T-shirt when you are not racing.
- Canteen and other pools are OUT OF BOUNDS.

PARISH NEWS

2016 Sacramental Program 2016

Link to Children’s Sacramental Program 2016

- Enrolling your child into the Sacramental Program
- Parish Family Mass dates for 2016
- Information Evenings
- Group Leader Training
- Sacramental Preparation Groups

Singing/music practice  There will be two practices for the singing/music for the Mass, which will be Tuesday 16th February and Friday 26th February, 3:15-4:00pm at Prouille in the Chapel. All children are welcome and if musicians wish to have the music, could they please contact Natalie Oong via sacrament@holynamewahroonga.com.au, thanks. Any questions, please send an email to Sally Oong on the same email address.

Parent Welcome and Information Evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation  (Confession/Penance) is on Tuesday, 23rd February, 7pm-9pm in the school hall and attendance is compulsory for one parent/carer. This sacrament must be completed prior to First Eucharist.

Family Mass  All families are invited to attend the Family Mass on 28th February 9.15am at Holy Name.

OFFICE NEWS

School Fees have been emailed to all families. If you have not received an email please contact the school office.
Bookclub Orders for bookclub are to be returned by 18th February 2016. A reminder that cash payment cannot be accepted. If you have any questions please contact Nicole Mulders at bookclubprouille@gmail.com

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

P & F NEWS

Hi everyone!

Welcome back to school and a very special welcome to all our new families. We hope you are settling in well and that the children are enjoying their first days at school.

There plenty of things happening this term and we have a lot to get organised.

Class Parents Thank you to all the parents who have so far volunteered to be class parents. Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Class parents are required across all of the grade and class groups and are integral for providing a link between the teacher and the parents of that class. Class parents are typically responsible for communicating (mostly via e-mail) with the parent group for their class and assisting with social, school and P&F events that are held throughout the year. These activities include, athletics carnival cake stall/bbq etc, Mothers and Father’s Day breakfasts, organising a parent dinner or a family picnic, helping with the school disco and general assistance when needed. Many hands make light work and we welcome any parent who can offer a small or large amount of their time.

We are still seeking class parent volunteers in the following classes - ideally, 2 parents are best per class -

- 1P
- 2G (we have one parent, we need one more)
- 2D
- 3AC
- 4G
- 5D
- 6

If you would like any more information on being a class parent or would like to volunteer for one the above classes, please let us know as soon as you can. We will be holding a volunteer planning meeting at school on Monday 15th February at 7pm

Please come along if you would like to know more about what we do and how you can help.

Any questions? Contact Rebecca Luca lucafamily8@outlook.com or 0416 010 091

WELCOME EVENT We hope you have received your invitation for this years' Welcome Event.

Book your tickets online now - www.trybooking.com/171482
Thank you to the parents who have already offered their services and help on the evening.

We need lots of parent helpers in order to make this the fantastic night that we have enjoyed in the past. Please help out if you can!

If you can assist in any of the following areas, or are happy to come along and help where required, please let us know ASAP;

- Decorations - planning/purchasing (we have some available for re-use)
- Decorating the hall on the day
- General set up on the day
- Picking up of drinks, alcohol/ice and Eskies (need a large vehicle or van)
- Running the welcome table on the night (distributing name tags etc)
- Selling raffle tickets (at the welcome desk and also 'roaming' sellers)
- Clean up crew
- Final Clean up Sunday morning

A planning meeting for all helpers is scheduled for next **Wednesday 10th February at 9am** after school drop off. Please come along and by all means, bring your toddlers or little ones as they are welcome also.

Any questions, or let us know if you can help but can’t make it to the meeting;

Kelly Rowling  kelly@turramurrcyclery.com.au  Ange Chappel  angechappel@gmail.com

**And Last but not least...... Raffle Prizes!**  We need lots of donations of prizes for our raffle. If you have a business, use a business or know of a business that would be willing to provide goods, vouchers or services as prizes, please collect on our behalf. All business' that donate will be announced on the night and also thanked in print after the event and then again at the end of the year.

**Some prize suggestions include:** Hair/beauty vouchers, cafe/restaurant vouchers, gym/personal training vouchers, photography vouchers, wine, Books, digital or technological items, home cleaning/maintenance vouchers, accommodation vouchers.

All donations can be dropped into the office at school.

Many thanks!

**School Uniform Update:** We are aware that there are currently some items of uniform which are out of stock at Lowes. Lowes have advised that the following items are due back into store next week:-

- Pullover size 6 – 3 only
- Sports polo size 6
- Sports jacket size 6 – 6 only

There will be a delivery of boys birch shorts size 8, but we do not have a due date yet.

For those parents who need the sports polo shirt size 4 there are 3 second hand available $3 each (fair condition).

We will be organising a second-hand uniform sale later this term in readiness for the changeover to winter uniform in term 2. So please start to sort out your unwanted/outgrown uniforms so you have the details ready for the sale. All proceeds of donated uniforms are given directly to the Pastoral Care Fund, if you wish to contribute, please bag up your unwanted uniforms and leave in the office marked Donated Uniform.

If you have any uniform issues or want to enquire about second-hand stocks then please contact Emma McGrath at emma.mcgrath@yahoo.com.au.
Wednesday is School Banking Day!

Welcome back to all our School Bankers! We hope you all enjoyed your holidays and are ready to commence Banking on Wednesday 10th February.

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and 8 new exclusive School Banking reward items. This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits. Every deposit, no matter how big or small, earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag

- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

Rewards Available in Term 1 [while stocks last]

Flying Snake Tail  
Wildlife Writer Set

2015 Rewards [while stocks last]

Outer Space Savers
Inergalactic Rocket
Galaxy Glider
ET DVD

Not banking at school yet? It’s Easy!.... To get started the parent/guardian can open an account:

- In person at any Commonwealth Bank Branch. This is the fastest way to open a Youthsaver Account as they are opened on the spot! Both the parent/guardian and the child must be identified. If the parent/guardian is an existing Commonwealth Bank customer, simply provide the existing account number as identification. Alternatively, a drivers licence, passport or birth certificate can provided for identification. Remember to bring along the child’s birth certificate.
- Online with Netbank. A Youthsaver Account can be opened online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to Netbank. Accounts opened via Netbank will be visible on the parent/guardian’s Netbank within 3 working days.

Once you have opened your account...

Bring in the Dollarmites deposit wallet with the completed deposit slip and money on Banking Day...WEDNESDAY! Deposit wallets are collected by class teachers and deposits are then processed by the School Banking team of volunteers. The first time you make a deposit, a Student Number will be allocated to your child. This number will be recorded on the inside of your deposit book at the next school banking.

To ensure deposit requests can be processed, please ensure ALL details are completed on the deposit slip.

No foreign currency can be accepted.

Only one deposit per child can be processed on each School Banking Day.
Please follow this link to School Banking on the Prouille website for more information

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program!
Regards,
The School Banking Team

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) 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 you interest in attending go to the DPC website to RSVP www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com.

SAVE THE DATE
Mercy Catholic College OPEN DAY
Sunday 6 March, 2016
11am – 2pm

Water Street Netball - Registration Day 20 Feb  Just a reminder that online registration has commenced and we will also be holding a Registration morning at school on Saturday, 20 February from 9am to noon.

Some people are experiencing difficulties with the KNA online registration process. We are having a meeting with the KNA registrar on the weekend to iron out any difficulties, and will resend link. Thank you for your patience!

Payments are not done through the KNA website but via direct debit so we would encourage families to pay their rego fees as we can then also complete the on-line registration process once we know who has paid their fees. Please note all fees must be done via direct deposit - no cash or cheques.

All fees must be received by 20 February as we have to pay KNA that week.

Please text me on 0417 867 148 and I will respond to any direct queries as soon as I can.

Mary Weaver - President
PROUILLE FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS – Registration Day

Registration Day for the Prouille Football Club will be held at the school on **Saturday 13 February from 10am – 12pm.**

In addition, online registrations opened last week. As in previous years, should you wish to play in 2016 you will need to register via the MyFootballClub (www.myfootballclub.com.au) website using your FFA number and by clicking on “Register Now”. If you can’t remember your FFA number, it can be recovered.

We wish to have all registrations completed prior to Tuesday, 1st March 2016 to ensure that we have enough time prior to season commencement to organise teams.

Being a small, school based club, to have a successful year it will be essential that we have parents commit to being Coaches and Managers of the various teams. Once we have an indication of how many teams will be fielded, we will advise of an appropriate forum for parents to express their interest.

Regards
Pat Burton
Registrar, Prouille Football Club

PROUILLE FC

My dear Prouille Footballers

Please be aware that the 2015 AGM will be held 3pm to 4pm on Sunday February 21st at the Blue Gum Hotel.

It is always entertaining, especially after such a successful year. This year we will be ushering in a new constitution (our old one is over 25 years old) along with voting for some new committee members.

The Prouille FC committee is a great way to get involved in the local community and to make an investment in your kids - so come along and have a chat. You won’t regret it.

See you there..

Michael
President, Prouille FC
Mo: 0406 753 029, President@prouillesoccer.com.au
Proudly sponsored by the Alto Group, NorthPoint Motor Body Repairs, and That Barber Shop In Wahroonga!!

INSTRUMENTS FOR SALE

**JUPITER ALTO SAXOPHONE – $500 (original cost $900)**
Very good condition and a good beginner’s saxophone. Holding neck strap (pink) and reeds also included, as well as some music books. Case is slightly scuffed on the outside.

**JUPITER TRUMPET - $400 (original cost $800)**
Has a couple of minor dents on the bell part (end of trumpet) otherwise in good working order and has been serviced recently. Case also in very good condition.

**Both Instruments were Brand New on Purchase and Come with Cases and Cleaning Equipment – Everything to Get Your Child Started in the Band! Happy to Throw in a Music Stand as Well!!**

PLEASE CONTACT WENDY ON 0409 692 232
Martial Methods
Enrolment form 2015

Our Martial Methods program has been proven by research conducted by the University Of Sydney to have a positive impact on classroom performance and playground behavior.

Come for a FREE trial!

Classes at Prouille
Wednesday 1:00-1:45 Yrs 3-6 (Boys and Girls)
Thursday 1:00-1:45 K-2 (Boys and Girls)

PARTICIPANTS DETAILS:

Surname: .................................................................
Given Names: ..............................................................
Date of Birth: .............................................................
Parents Name: ............................................................
Ph (home): ...............................................................
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Email: .............................................................
Date: .............................................................

Please tick the class you’d like to attend for a free trial and email to admin@kidfoot.com.au and Kids OT will be in touch! For further questions please call us on 9451 5735

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MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE
PART TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Mercy Catholic College at Chatswood is looking for two new employees. Both positions are part-time and would ideally suit someone who has school age children. The positions available are listed below:

Science Laboratory Assistant
22 hours per week; applications close Monday 8 February 2016.

Marketing and Promotions Officer
12 hours per week; applications close Monday 15 February 2016.

You will need to have some experience in the area you are applying for. Please submit a CV including details of nominated referees to kirsteen.fischer@dbb.catholic.edu.au by the closing date nominated above.

Further details can be found on the College website under ‘Employment’ or via the Catholic Schools Office website.