Dear Parents,

Thank you to the staff and students for the outstanding Opening School Mass last Friday where we celebrated the beginning of the 2016 school year and inducted our Year 6 leaders. Their song “I want to leave a legacy” will be their leadership theme for 2016.

I attended camp this week with Year 6 and was delighted to work with such an open, responsible and sensible group of young people who will lead our community this year. They were a credit to their teachers, parents and are an example of what a student at Prouille can hope to be/achieve through their years at this school.

Easter begins early this year. Years 3 to 6 celebrated Ash Wednesday with the parish and K to 2 with a liturgy in the hall. Both were reminders that through our Lenten preparation time (using the symbol of the ashes) we need to let something “die” (something we give up) for us to “live” to our full potential.

Thank you to the teachers and many parents who gave up their time on Wednesday evening to engage in their children’s learning. I outlined the successes of our 2015 goals and shared our 2016 goals. Many parents were keen to access the EMU games that help children with their foundational understanding of maths. The following three documents have been added to the Maths page on the school website - link to Mathematics page

1. EMU games: fun games to play with your child to help improve their flexibility with number
2. The targets for each class for the MAI interviews
3. A short explanation of each of the growth points that match the above numbers

Parent Teacher interviews: At your interview next week teachers will share the maths interview results with you and any other data they have so far. Can you share any relevant information you need to with teachers at that meeting.

Many thanks to the parents who responded to our request for help at Monday’s swimming carnival. We are very appreciative. If anyone else if willing to help with water safety please bring your costume (shirt & shorts if cold) to wear in the water.

The school office will be unattended from 9.30am to 2.00pm next Monday due to the Swimming Carnival.

Family Verification Reports have been sent home to families this week. Please take a moment to check over the information and update as necessary. It is important that we have updated information such as parent mobile numbers, emergency contact information. Forms are to be signed and returned to the school office by Friday 19th February.

It would be greatly appreciated if parents are able to delivery Prouille Open Day flyers to their child’s preschool over the coming weeks. Flyers will be available to collect from the school office. Please email Lisa Emerton to advise if you are able to assist Prouille@dbb.catholic.edu.au Our Open Day will be held on Friday 11th March 9.30am-11.00am.
Congratulations to Ethan M and Annabel M who attended the Broken Bay trials. Annabel M competed in tennis and Ethan competed in softball. Ethan has been selected for the State Catholic Team competing in NSW PSSA Softball boys state carnival in August.

Reminders

- Soccer registration tomorrow 13th February
- Class Parents Meeting 15th February 7pm at school
- Kinder Parents ‘Coffee & Chat’ 18th February 2pm in Chapel
- Parent Helpers/Volunteers 19th February 2.30pm in hall

(procedures if you wish to help in the classroom/excursions)


Regards,

Julie Caldwell

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Term 1 2016

Week 4
15 Feb Swimming Carnival (Years 3-6)
15 Feb Class Parents Meeting in Library 7pm
16 Feb Pre Reconciliation Liturgy Yr 5 & 6 (2pm)
19 Feb Parent Education Session 2.30pm in hall (new volunteers meeting)
19 Feb No assembly

Week 5
23 Feb Reconciliation Yr 5 & 6 (2pm)
24 Feb School Banking – account opening day 8.15am-9.30am to assist parents wishing to open Youthsaver account
25 Feb Michael Grose evening 7.00pm in Hall - all welcome
26 Feb Assembly (2.30pm)
27 Feb Welcome Event - all parents welcome 7.30pm in Hall (parent event)
28 Feb Family Mass at Holy Name Church - Year 1 (9.15am)

Week 6
1 Mar Cluster Swimming Carnival
1 Mar Reconciliation Yr 5 & 6 (2pm)
2 Mar Piano Lunchtime Recital (Hall)
4 Mar Year 6 Cluster Mass
4 Mar Parent Education Session (Wellbeing) 2.30pm in Hall
4 Mar No assembly
5 Mar Reconciliation Session 1 Yr 3 (3.45pm at Prouille followed by 5pm Mass at Holy Name)

Week 7
7 Mar Catholic Schools Week
7 Mar Kindergarten mums social event
8 Mar Year 1 Liturgy (2pm)
8 Mar Diocesan Swimming Carnival
9 Mar P & F Meeting (9am)
11 Mar Open Morning (9.30am – 11.00am)
12 Mar Reconciliation Session 2 Yr 3 (3.45pm at Prouille followed by 5pm Mass at Holy Name)

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

Link to Term Dates

SLUSHIES
$2.00
each Friday
during Term 1
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 4 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

Link to PBL Scope and Sequence 2016

LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS

Meet the Teacher Interviews commence next week. The interview is an opportunity for parents to meet with their child’s teacher. Children are not required to attend. The smooth running of this event relies on parents keeping to the timetable.

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

Term 1 Curriculum Overview can be found on your child’s class page.

Click on link to Learning and Teaching Class Pages

Elmo Emu loves Mathematics at Prouille!

EMU EXPRESS - Term 1 Week 3 The Elmo Emu Express is back in 2016!

Click on link Week 3 Challenge

For our new families, the Elmo Emu Express is a special Mathematics Newsletter that is published each fortnight and is emailed home, linked within the School Newsletter. Some exciting news this year is that the Elmo Emu Express can also be found on our school website under the Learning and Teaching Tab—Mathematics.

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. There is also a “What’s New in Technology for Mathematics Learning?” This includes websites with lots of fun games that can be played on the computer and suggested applications for iPads and tablets for children’s mathematical learning.

Please encourage you child /children to complete these activities at home each fortnight.
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & PASTORAL CARE NEWS**

**Ash Wednesday**  Wednesday, marked the beginning of the Season of Lent with all our students attending a liturgical experience to receive the ashes for Ash Wednesday. Thank you to Year 2 and Mrs Smith and Mrs Davidson who led the K-2 classes in a beautiful liturgical experience in Veritas Hall. Thank you to the Year 3-6 classes who attended the 9.15am Parish Mass at Holy Name. They showed beautiful reverence and respect for this special liturgical celebration.

**Birth Announcements**  We try to share in the excitement of ‘new additions’ to the families of Prouille. Over the Christmas/New Year break we heard of many ‘good news’ announcements! Congratulations to Olivia (Yr2) who welcomed her new baby sister, Charlotte, into her family 😊 Congratulations to Jack (KR) who welcomed her new baby brother, Charlie, into his family 😊 From what we have heard by the ‘big sister and big brother’ everyone is well and happy and healthy!

If ever a new bub is welcomed into your family, please let us know because we would love to share this happy news with the community!

**Monday Morning Assembly**  Beginning next week (on a Tuesday – due to the Primary Swimming Carnival) we will re-commence our morning assembly where we acknowledge those students who have received a Bronze PBL Award in class over the last week, and we also call out and congratulate any Silver Award recipients. This assembly also enables our SRC members to remind the children of our PBL focus for the week.

**Friday Morning Assembly**  This year we will be holding a short Friday morning assembly in our undercroft to hand out Merit Awards and to celebrate birthdays. You are welcome to remain behind and share in these announcements. Our Friday afternoon assemblies will focus on special awards and achievements, as well as special messages that relate to a current happening in the school.

**Playground**  The children have come back enjoying the use of the playground and the available toys, etc that are provided each day! The playground will continue to be a focus for development throughout the year. Thank you to all those families who kindly dropped off items for us to use here at school, such as doll houses and large LEGO style creations and dress ups! We really do see the children benefit from the use of these and it makes for a very happy playground experience for all 😊

Wishing you peace and blessings!

Vanessa Dillon.

**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 program](#)

- Class Roll will be taken at the beginning and end of the day at school and at the pool.
- Any parent who has made pervious 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.

Upcoming date: The Cluster Carnival will be held on 1st March

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**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.

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**OFFICE NEWS**

**School Fees** have been emailed to all families. If you have not received your school fees via email please contact the school office. The first instalment date for those paying monthly is due Monday 15th February.

Link to school fee instalment dates

If you have any queries regarding school fees please contact the school office. Lisa Emerton will follow up to assist families with fee enquiries.

**Office Closed** on Monday from 9.30am-2.00pm due to swimming carnival.

**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

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**Lost and Found** A Batman wallet was found last Friday. If it belongs to your child please visit the school office to collect.
Print from your phone and ipad  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.

P & F NEWS

WELCOME EVENT  Welcome Event - all parents invited - we look forward to seeing you on the night!  Book your tickets online now - www.trybooking.com/171482

Raffle Prizes - thank you so much to those of you who have donated or committed to donating prizes for our raffle. Please leave all donations with Carol or Lisa in the school office. It would be great to have a few more, so please have a think about how you may be able to help.

Class Parent Planning night - This Monday 15th February, 7pm in the library - please come along if you can.

Many thanks!

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

We have had a wonderful start to the school year with many students commencing school banking for the first time this week along with our fantastic regular bankers.

For those students still wishing to open an account and participate in the school banking programme we have arranged for a special ACCOUNT OPENING DAY on Wednesday 24th February!

Jamey Poyaoan, CBA School Banking Specialist, will be at Prouille from 8:15 until 9:30 to assist all parents wishing to open a Youthsaver Account for their child/children to participate in the School Banking program. All you need to do is bring along your identification such as a drivers licence or passport, your child’s Birth certificate and complete an application
form on the day. The CBA will open the account and mail a Dollarmite wallet and deposit book to you. On receipt, your child will then be able to commence school banking on a Wednesday.

When your child make’s their first deposit at school they will earn their first Dollarmites token and our school will also receive $5 commission. In addition to this, Prouille also receives 5% of every deposit made at school (up to a maximum of $10 commission per individual deposit) to put towards school resources.

Rewards Available in Term 1 [while stocks last]

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set

2015 Rewards [while stocks last]

- Outer Space Savers Money Box
- Inergalatic Rocket
- Galaxy Glider
- ET DVD

Thank you for supporting our school and helping teach your child the benefits of saving regularly.

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 Michaels approach to parenting or to register you interest in attending go to the DPC website to RSVP www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com.
CHESS!!

Learn how to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Prouille Primary School is held on Thursdays from 12:45pm – 1:45pm in the Hall. Term 1 lessons will commence on 11th February, 2016.

Chess is the world’s most loved board game. Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment! Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games, with personal feedback from the coach.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, solving puzzles, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can pick up an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

Water Street Netball - Registration Day 20 Feb Thank you everyone who has registered already! The link is working and we are seeing lots of registrations coming through. If all returning players could please make sure they have logged on and registered by next Saturday, 20 Feb and paid their registration fee via direct debit to the account set out in our recent mail out.

Water Street Netball Account   BSB 112 879   AC 043525907

Grading - For all the year 6 12s age group players, we will put grading details in next week’s newsletter and on the Water Street Netball Facebook page - if you haven't joined it, please do so. At present it will either be on 21/27 Feb.

We look forward to seeing all new players here at school next Saturday morning to register and get fitted for uniforms.

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

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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): ...................... Ph (Mobile): .........................
Email: ........................................................................
Date: ........../........../.........

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

**Co-education in the Heart of Wahroonga**

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**OPEN DAY**

Friday 4th March 9.15 - 11.45am

- Principal’s Welcome 9.15am - The Light of Christ Centre,
- Meet the Principal, staff & students: school tours: light refreshments
- Parking and Entry via Yardley Ave & Unwin Road

Prospective Parent Supplementary Information Evening
Tuesday 15th March 7pm-8.30pm
The Light of Christ Centre.

For more College and enrolment information please visit: www.stleos.nsw.edu.au

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**Holy Name Parish Church**

35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga NSW 2076

Parish Priest: Fr David Ranson  Parish Secretary: Mrs Jackie Thornton

Phone: 9489 3221  Email: secretary@holynamewahroonga.com.au  Website: www.holynamewahroonga.com.au

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**Marist College North Shore**

**Expo Day**

Saturday 5th March 2016, 10:00am - 2:00pm

Come and visit our staff and students and learn about Marist College North Shore’s integrated and comprehensive curriculum program that, for every student, promotes faith, encourages excellence, engenders responsibility and develops respect and dignity.

Currently accepting enrolments for Year 7, 2018
For an application: www.maristcollege.com or contact the Registrar on 9937 5000. Applications close 24th March 2016

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