Dear Parents,

Congratulations to all involved in our swimming carnival last Monday. A very big thank you to Mrs Sam Carolan who organised and ran the carnival on the day. Thank you to all the staff and parents who ensured the day a safe and fun one for the students from Years 3 to 6. The students all showed a great resilience, a love of sport and were a great support for each other. I particularly commend the captains and seniors of the colour houses who displayed tremendous enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the carnival. The results are in the sports section of the newsletter.

On Monday evening the P&F and I met with Class Parents and Year Coordinators who have generously taken on these roles. This year the focus of events is building community. An email will be sent to each year group today providing you with your class parent’s details. This will give you an opportunity to provide your contact details to the class parents in order for them to distribute class/grade social information. You will also have an opportunity to voluntarily provide contact details that class parents will distribute to your grade. The school cannot provide this information due to the Privacy Act.

The Welcome Event is next Saturday and is open to all parents/carers who would like to welcome the year and our new families. You can book tickets through www.trybooking.com/171482 The evening showcases our talented music teachers, tutors and past students who provide the music and an opportunity to have a dance.

Netball registration will be held tomorrow at school in the undercroft or via online registration. Please refer to Water St Netball news located on page 8.

Over the last few weeks Mrs Dillon and I have met with Mr Warren Hopley and Mrs Michelle Jones from ST Lucy’s. We share a bond with St Lucy’s because of our shared Dominican heritage. We were able to offer each other shared support through collaboration for special events, staff interaction and sharing of facilities.

Thank you to Miss Russell and Mrs Lorimer who shared coffee and a chat with Kinder parents in order to offer advice regarding Kindergarten reading. This afternoon, Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Lorimer will share information regarding volunteers at school.

Merit certificates are now given out on Friday mornings. Thank you to the parents who have attended to celebrate this with us. PBL awards are presented on Monday mornings.

A very big thank you to the teachers who have given their time and thoughtfully prepared for their interviews with you. This first meeting was an important start to the year for the students and hopefully goes a long way towards building a partnership based on trust and mutual respect between parents and teachers that will benefit the children in our care.

Thank you to all the teachers who attended the Diocesan Staff Mass yesterday evening. It was a beautiful celebration of hundreds of teachers, staff and members of CSO who celebrated our commitment and vocation as teachers.
I thank the teachers ahead of time for giving up tomorrow to attend the Staff Development Day led by Ron Ritchart on Cultures of Thinking. This will begin our Professional Development journey on the promotion of “engagement, understanding and independence for all learners.”

**Reminders**

- If you need to **change arrangements for your child regarding afternoon pick up** please contact the office. This can’t be done through other parents as teachers cannot release children without official confirmation from their parents.
- All families are welcome to attend the Year 1 Family Mass on 28th February 9.15am at Holy Name

Congratulations to St Leo’s who will be celebrating their 60th anniversary with a special mass next Tuesday with Bishop Peter Comensoli.

Regards,

*Julie Caldwell*

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### UPCOMING DIARY DATES

**Term 1 2016**

**Week 5**

- 23 Feb Reconciliation Yr 5 & 6 (2pm)
- 23 Feb Meeting Sacrament of Reconciliation (Yr 3 parents) 7.00pm-9.000pm Hall
- 25 Feb Michael Grose evening 7.00pm in Hall - all welcome (please register)
- 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)

**Week 8**

- 15 Mar Year 5 Parish Mass (9.15am)
- 17 Mar St Patrick’s Day Reflection
- 18 Mar Parent Education Session: NAPLAN 2.30pm in Hall
- 18 Mar No assembly
- 19 Mar Reconciliation Session 3 Yr 3 (3.45pm at Prouille followed by 5pm Mass at Holy Name)

**SLUSHIES**

$2.00

Each Friday during Term 1

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**Link to School Calendar** is available to view on school website and Prouille Mobile App for further information and dates

**Link to Term Dates**
**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.

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**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING**

During Week 5 Term 1 our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) focus at school (and home) is:

- At Prouille we are responsible when we look after our belongings and the belongings of others (Community)

Link to PBL Scope and Sequence 2016

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**LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS**

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

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**Year 1 Hosted Family Mass** Our children and teachers in Year 1 are currently preparing to host our upcoming Family Mass on Sunday 28th February at 9.15am at Holy Name Church, Wahroonga. All Prouille families are invited to attend and share in this liturgical celebration. Students are welcome to attend singing practice for this Family Mass on Friday 26th February from 3.15pm – 4pm at Prouille in the Chapel.

**Rite of Reconciliation Years 5 and 6** During Lent, we are asked to renew our hearts. Each year, we are fortunate in having Fr David come to our St Dominic’s Chapel and provide for our older students the Rite of Reconciliation. Last week, the students in Years 5 and 6 attending a liturgy that helped ready them to receive this Sacrament next week. The focus for the liturgy was in having a change of heart, not to judge others for the choices they make in their words and actions, but to demonstrate compassion instead.

**Project Compassion** During Lent, we are also asked to find ways to reach out to those who are less fortunate than us, and to support charities such as Caritas Australia, who provide amazing support and guidance to communities within Australia and around the world. One major way that we can support Caritas is through donations to Project Compassion.
Our Year 6 Mission Leaders will be providing each class with a Project Compassion box to place their donations in. More information about how this money assists communities will be provided at our Friday afternoon assembly next week (26th February).

**Project Futures: Cambodia Bike Ride:** Three former Prouille students are currently fundraising to participate in a bike ride through Cambodia in support of the charity, Project Futures. These three students are Liv W, Yvette C and Charlotte S, who attend Loreto Normanhurst. Project Futures was founded by a former Loreto student, Stephanie Lorenzo, in response to the injustice being experienced by young girls and teenagers in Cambodia. Below is a letter from Liv outlining her reason for participating in this inspiring experience.

To support this charity please click on the link to read the letter from Liv [Project Futures](#). We would like to promote the upcoming Year 1 Mass where Liv will be selling cupcakes and Emily will selling guessing competition tickets during recess and lunch time at school.

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**WELLBEING NEWS**

**Gold Awards**  Congratulations to Olivia (3AC) for achieving her Gold Award! Olivia will be acknowledged at next Friday’s afternoon’s assembly (26th February) along with Jacinta (6LD) who received her Gold Award at the end of last year! 😊

**Cyber Safety PBL Focus**  Over the last two weeks, the students at Prouille have been discussing the importance of Cyber Safety as part of our PBL focus. Perhaps you were informed of what your child had been learning, and the practical tips they received regarding their responsible use of technology both at home and at school...

Here are some of the comments we received from various children (K-6):

- **You shouldn’t do something online that you wouldn’t do in real life, like giving out information about yourself** – student, Year 4.
- **If you play an online game with your friends, and you hear about one of your friend’s accounts being hacked, then you should stop playing the game to protect yourself and your information** – student, Year 5.
- **When you are using the internet, you should have a parent with you** – student, Year 1.
- **If you are playing or using an app and a pop-up occurs, you should never click on it and show your mum or dad straight away** – student, Kindergarten.
- **Some of the videos we watched were really scary and confronting because, even though they were only dramatisations, they really spoke about what can happen in real life if you’re not careful about who you are interacting with online** – student, Year 5.
- **Don’t let someone trick you into giving away your personal information** – student, Year 3.
- **The internet is a place that is really helpful and can provide you with so much assistance and connectivity. But, just like when we are out in our own streets and community, we need to be aware of what can make it unsafe and just be sensible with it** – student, Year 6.

ACMA ‘Australia’s Communication and Media Authority’ through the Federal Government’s esafety (www.esafety.gov.au) website is a great resource for parents wanting to know and understand more about this issue. There is a great, succinct poster you might wish to print off and have it available for use in your home? Additionally, here are some great, practical tips you might wish to consider:

- **Don’t feel pressured into letting your child use technology, like phones and games, if you don’t think they are mature enough.**
- **Watch over your children when they are online** – especially children under 10 years of age.
- **Encourage your child to come to you if anything they see online worries or upsets them.**
- **Try not to use technology as a ‘babysitter’ for your child** – it’s no substitute for quality time together.
- **Make the most of built-in tools such as parental controls, SafeSearch options and privacy controls.**
- **Set boundaries and rules for your children from the outset, no matter what their age** – their online reputation will follow them through life so it’s never too young to start.

We want our children to continue to enjoy what technology has to offer, and to engage with it in a respectful and responsible way. The more you are involved in guiding them in their use of technology, the more equipped and safer they will be as digital users.

Wishing you peace and blessings!
Vanessa Dillon
**SPORTS NEWS**

**Prouille Swimming Carnival**  Last Monday all Year 3-6 and some Year 2 children, parents and staff all enjoyed a fantastic day at our school swimming carnival at Hornsby Pool. Thank you to all colour captains, teachers and parents who all contributed to ensure that the carnival was a great success.

Congratulations to all the Divisional Champions and to the CRAWFORD – GOLD House who won the Championship Point Score.

Congratulations to all other colour houses for the wonderful team spirit they displayed, especially O’BRIEN – BLUE who won the Spirit Award.

A big thank you to our parents who assisted on the day, without your help it wouldn’t have been such a wonderful day.

Link to photos

**PROUILLE SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS**

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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 a practice for the singing/music for the Mass, on 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**

**Standard Collection Notice**  Link to view [SCN](#)

**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 was **due Monday 15th February** and first instalment date for **standard payments is 26th 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.

**Lost and Found** The following items can be collected from the school office:

- **Biggest Playdate**: Medium sized Clear plastic container with blue edging on lid, Large size clear plastic container with cupcake tin insert and turquoise edging on lid, plastic plate with Ablas’s pastry, small blue purse with ‘Australia’ and koala and Batman velcro wallet.
- **Swimming Carnival**: Towel - I love Malta, Towel - Sydney Roosters, pink goggles

**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.

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**P & F NEWS**

**Student Welcome Event – cake stall and slushies** Thanks to our wonderful Year 5 and 6 parents, who baked and brought delicious cakes and slices for sale at last Friday’s Student Welcome Event! No surprise that Donna’s custard puffs sold out in a matter of seconds and we even had some homemade honey from Nicole M’s bees! We also had lots of Year 5 and 6 parents who helped set up and sell our tasty treats, raising a fantastic $589 towards the Year 6 Graduation Dinner. Well done everyone - what a great start to the year.

A big heartfelt thank you to Michelle Whelan and Brooke Finucane who gave up their time to prepare and sell the slushies. They raised $413.50 which has also generously been donated towards Year 5 and 6 fundraising.

Thank you also to the teachers and our wonderful Year 6 leaders for organising the play activities - the whole afternoon was so much fun!

**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](http://www.trybooking.com/171482)

If you haven’t already, PLEASE BOOK YOUR TICKETS - Confirmation of numbers with our suppliers is required early next week and in order to do this, we need final numbers ASAP! Please follow the link and book your tickets for what is going to be a wonderful night.
Thank You  We have had an overwhelming response in relation to helping with our Welcome Event. Thank you to everyone who has offered their time and assistance. There are too many to name and we apologise if we have not got back to everyone. We are thankful we have more than enough people to help with our setting up, assistance through the night and also for packing up at the end of the evening. We are sure it is going to be a very successful night.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

Open a Youthsaver account at school – Wednesday 24th February

This coming Wednesday, 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 with the CBA.

All you need to do is bring along identification such as a drivers licence or passport, your child’s Birth certificate and complete an application form on the day. A Dollarmite wallet will then be mailed to you and on receipt your child will then be able to commence school banking!

This is a great opportunity for all children wishing to participate in the School Banking program to open an account without having to go to a CBA branch.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.
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.

Water Street Netball - Registration Day 20 Feb
Thank you everyone who has registered already. If all returning players could please make sure they have logged on and registered by Saturday, 20 Feb and paid their registration fee via direct debit to the club account:

Water Street Netball  BSB 112 – 879  Acc 043525907

Grading - 27 February  For all the 12s age group players, grading will be at Canoon Rd netball courts at 2.30 pm - all girls who wish to trial for the 12As must attend.

We look forward to seeing all new players here at school tomorrow morning from 9am to register and get fitted for uniforms.

Mary Weaver  President - 0417867148

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!!
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

Mercy Catholic College
Chatswood

Open Day
Sunday 6 March 11am to 2pm
Providing Excellence in Teaching and Learning
HSC top 100 schools in NSW
ranked 70 in 2015

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 9957 5000, Applications close 24th March 2016

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For further information, contact College offices:
Mercy Catholic College 151 Anchor Street, Chatswood NSW 2067
Phone: 02 9419 2500 | www.mercychatswood.nsw.edu.au
Please join us for our
OPEN DAY MORNING
Tuesday 8th March 2016, 9.30am until 11.30am

We will commence with a welcome by our new Principal, Mr Jon Franzin, followed by an information session and a tour of our school facilities, concluding with morning tea.

St. Edmund’s, a college for teenagers with special needs, is a place of hope and success. It is a college of remarkable teenagers with a wide range of disabilities, who exude optimism, motivation and sheer joy about life.

Our aim – that they face their challenges in life and in the future, take their place in the community as adults who can make a significant contribution to society.

St. Edmund’s takes students for enrolment from a wide range of educational settings — Catholic, Department of Education and Independent sectors.

Please let us know if you will be attending by contacting our Registrar, Mrs Jackie Reilly on phone: 02 9467 1844 or email: reilly@stedmunds.nsw.edu.au

St. Edmund’s College address is 60 Burns Road, Wahroonga. with entry via Wahroonga Avenue. Parking is recommended in Braeside Street or Burns Road.

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