



PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Week 8

Dear Parents

Who said that children don't take notice of how parents go about doing things? At a Nativity play last Christmas, an enthusiastic group of young children was going about their enactment in a bright-eyed, eager manner. All was going to plan until Joseph knocked on the inn door and asked for a room for himself and Mary. The innkeeper kept to the script and responded by saying that there were no spare rooms. Unexpectedly, this sparked a non-scripted reply from Joseph who emphatically stated, "But my mum booked a room for us on the Internet!" No doubt, this would be a treasured memory for "Joseph's" mother.

Of course, each of us gathers treasures of memories and experiences of teachings and principles as we age and mature. Christmas seems to be a time of drawing out these treasured memories that reach back as far as childhood. Carols and songs, decorated tree and presents, cultural traditions and midnight Mass, all have rich emotions attached, that give meaning to what we do in this season of Christmas. The ancient story told by Luke reminds us about the birth of Jesus and is one of those treasures we hear and store away:

"There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and said: 'Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all people. This very day in David's town your Saviour was born – Christ the Lord. And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' So, the shepherds hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger."
Luke 2. 8:16 abridged



In his best-selling book, "The Jesus I Never Knew", Philip Yancey contrasts the humility that characterised Jesus' royal visit to planet earth with the image associated with royal visits today: "Queen Elizabeth II had recently visited the United States; her four thousand pounds of luggage included two outfits for every occasion, forty pints of plasma and white kid-leather toilet seat covers. She brought along her own hairdresser, two valets and a host of other attendants. A brief visit of royalty to a foreign country can easily cost twenty million dollars. In marked contrast, God's visit to earth took place in an animal shelter with no attendants present and nowhere to lay the newborn King but a feed trough. Indeed, the event that divided history, and even our calendars into two parts, may have had more animal than human witnesses."

So, how will Christmas be this year? Probably, not of Elizabethan proportions but celebratory so it builds "treasures of memories" for our children which will include a respect for Christ's humble entry into our world. As Christians, we are a community that should be known for its compassion, care and love without discrimination. Christ came for all people but especially the disadvantaged; we need to be the bearers of His attitude to the people who come in and out of our lives.

God, our Father,

We ask the Spirit to, "clothe us with compassion, humility, meekness and patience and to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts", so that we, "God's chosen ones" will give true witness to the message of Christ. Amen. Colossians 3. 12:15.

LEADERSHIP DAY

Congratulations to our senior students for the maturity, commitment, responsibility and moral purpose that they displayed whilst participating in Prouille's Leadership Day last week. We should be very proud of our Year 5 students for the inspirational leadership speeches that they delivered. School leaders for 2019 will be announced at our end of year mass on Tuesday 18th December.



END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE

The children might be coming home and showing you their new moves that they have been learning with our choreographer Miss Natalie. All children in years K-6 will be showcasing their newly developed dance skills at our **end of year performance** which will be held on **Monday 10th December**. There will be a **matinee performance at 1.30pm** and an **evening performance at 6.00pm**. We can promise this event will be better than “Dancing with the Stars” or “Little Big Shots”!

On Monday all children are to come to school in their Sports Uniform. They will need to have their costumes for the concert at school in a plastic bag and labelled by Friday 7th December. Following the matinee performance the children will take home their costumes. They need to return to school dressed in their costumes by 5.45pm for the evening performance at 6.00pm.

Everybody is invited to attend this concert. **There is no cost or ticketing as it is a free seating arrangement.**

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

Download the School Mobile App



We have had to develop a new school website due to the fact that the platform that supports the current website will cease to exist at the end of the year. The new website went live on **Monday 3rd December 2018**, if your phone has not updated to the new website the app is now available to download via the App Store or Google Play.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Teachers are currently busy preparing students’ school reports for Semester 2. School reports will be emailed home on Friday 7th December.



ASSEMBLY

Friday afternoon’s assembly on 7th December will commence @ 2.30pm. This will be our final assembly for 2019.

STAR OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Angus Bookallil in Year 3C Black who is our Star of the Week. Please visit the school walkway to see Angus’s fabulous work

Congratulations to all the children who received awards last week:

CLASS	
KR	Georgia Kelly, Matthew Pepper
KB	Hannah O’Leary, Francesca O’Brien
1L	Nirvan Sadr, Annie Sheppard
1E	Ella Klumper, Katie Chappel
2C	Kelly Atkins, Isabel Yong, Isobelle Chenney, Harrison Nash
3C White	Matthew Ringrose, Jayden Hayes
3C Black	Finn Gibson, Owen Wang
5F	Noah Bryant, Josh Monardo, Holly Paull, Audrey Yan
6TN	Yvie Alford, Siena May, Jordan Feurtado

UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Dear Parents here are a few important dates:

Friday 7 December

- Assembly 2.30pm

Monday 10 December

- Dance Concert
Matinee performance @ 1.30pm &
Evening performance @ 6.00pm



Wednesday 12 December

- Year 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner

Tuesday 18 December

- End of Year Mass 11.00am @ Holy Name Church
- Last day for students

Yours sincerely

Sue Bevan

Ms. Sue Bevan

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

WHAT A WONDERFUL YEAR OF LEARNING @ PROUILLE

This year the teachers have focused on Literacy and Numeracy learning in the classroom. As a result student learning outcomes have increased. Thank you to all of our dedicated teachers who go above and beyond to ensure that all students at Prouille are reaching their maximum learning potential in a happy and safe learning environment.



Year 4 Flying Machines



Maths Shape Hunt in Kindergarten



Year 6 learning to be great leaders

We can even learn during the Festive Season....

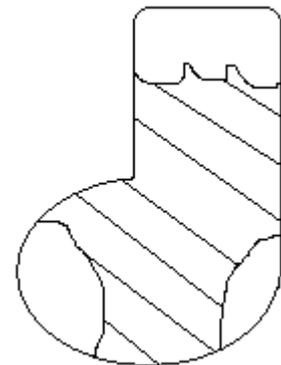
Here are some maths and reading activities to help keep the children learning.

CHRISTMAS FRACTIONS

1. **How many** baubles are on the tree?
2. Harry's Mum wanted $\frac{1}{15}$ of the baubles to be yellow. **How many** are yellow?
3. If $\frac{1}{5}$ of the baubles are red, **how many** baubles are not red?
4. Harry's hamster knocked $\frac{1}{3}$ of the baubles off the tree. **How many** baubles were left on the tree?
5. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the presents underneath the tree are for Rebecca. If there are 20 presents underneath the tree, **how many** will Rebecca get?
6. **What fraction** of the presents are not for Rebecca?
7. Santa took $\frac{2}{5}$ of Rebecca's presents away because she was too naughty. **How many** did she have left?
8. $\frac{1}{2}$ of all the carrots in the supermarket were bought to make snowman noses. If the supermarket sold 168 carrots, **how many** ended up as noses?
9. Emily used 5 pieces of coal for the buttons, 7 pieces of coal for the mouth and 2 for the eyes. **What fraction** of the coal did she use to make the mouth?
10. The scarf is $\frac{3}{8}$ s red and $\frac{5}{8}$ s yellow. If there are 16 sections on the scarf, **how many** are red?



11. Draw a Christmas stocking. Decorate your stocking with 24 stars or circles. Colour:
 $\frac{1}{4}$ yellow
 $\frac{1}{3}$ red
 $\frac{3}{12}$ green



Wishing you all well and thank you for your ongoing support

Yours Sincerely

Karen Townsend

Karen Townsend
Assistant Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE NEWS



Dear Parents and Friends,

We have now officially begun the Church's new Liturgical Calendar Cycle with Advent...what a special time of preparation and anticipation for all of us! It is with bittersweet emotions that we begin to wrap up the end of the year here at Prouille – and what a year it has been! **Thank you** to every member of our community who has helped to make this year such a positive, exciting and memorable one. May God bless you always.

ADVENT LITURGY 1

Thank you to Year 3 who guided us through a special Advent Liturgy on Monday Morning ☺

Advent Liturgy 2 (a short prayer) will occur on **Monday 10th December** at line up time (8:50am) down in the undercroft.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal has always been an initiative we have wholeheartedly supported here at Prouille and this year is no exception.

Just as in previous years, we have been given one family per class to collect hamper donations for.

THANK YOU for your generous donations – the classrooms are filled to the brim with donations for these families!!

The collection will run until this **Thursday 6th December.**

ATTENTION...CALLING OUR PROUILLE PARENTS

This year, we are asking for merry Parent Helpers to contact Carol in the office if you are available to assist with packing the Christmas Hampers **THIS Thursday 6th December.** Packing will commence at 9am.

We appreciate your Christmas Spirit!!



INVITATION TO RECEIVE RECONCILIATION

The children in Stage 2 participated in a Pre-Reconciliation Liturgy last Tuesday afternoon and will be given two opportunities to engage with the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Weeks 8 and 9. Thank you to those who have opened their hearts and minds to this experience.



END OF YEAR MASS

Our final Mass for 2018 will occur on Tuesday 18th December at 11am at Holy Name Church. This is where we will be commemorating our leaders for 2018 as well as celebrating our new leaders for 2019. As always, all are welcome to join us!

PLENARY COUNCIL

Please note that due to a lack of RSVPs for these sessions, we have decided to postpone the aforementioned sessions to early 2019. We will keep you posted for an update on dates!

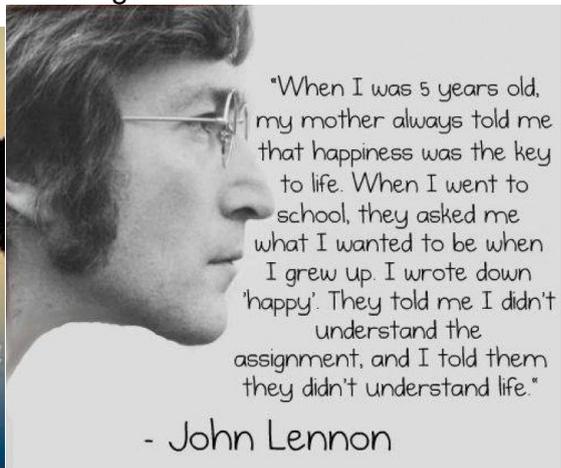


Quote of the Week

This week, our quotes are dedicated to those who are entering into this festive Season, without the love and support of friends and family by their sides. Let us keep these people in our thoughts and prayers as we appreciate all the wonderful blessings we have in our own lives.

Warm regards,

Jessica Russell
RE Coordinator



"When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life."

- John Lennon



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CONCERT BAND AND INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

Dear Parents,

The following letter is to provide you with the information about the band and Instrumental program which will operate in 2019 at Prouille Catholic School. Today we held a concert for the children in years 2-4 and demonstrated the following instruments.

Instruments offered: are as follows

Flute	Clarinet	Trumpet
Tuned Percussion/ Drums	Alto/ Tenor Saxophone	Baritone
Bass Guitar	Piano	Trombone

The program is open to all students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 of 2019

- The Concert band is made up of students in the instrumental program and other interested students learning a concert band instruments
- Individual Tuition is also provided for piano and the students will have the opportunity to perform though not with the concert band until they are experience players.

Structure of the Program

- Students attend one half hour group tutorial each week
- Lessons take place at the school at a time determined in consultation with the school.
- The concert band rehearsal is once a week and attending the rehearsals is vital to achieving optimum results.

Costs Involved

- The cost of tuition and band fees is \$275.00 including GST on receipt of an invoice at the start of each term.
- This fee covers all tuition, rehearsals and performances.
- Students are also required to purchase a tutor book costing \$ 19.00 for concert band instruments and Music stand at \$ 24 .00. Drummers require a practice pad \$45.00 and drum Sticks \$15.00
- A venue hire is charged every term.

How do we get an instrument?

Naturally, your child will also need a musical instrument. Procus Music has a wide range of instruments that can be rented, or purchased outright.

Commitment

Students will need to commit to the entire year of Training band. Students then graduate to the Concert Band. For optimal results students need to practice regularly, attend band sessions and tutorials and enjoy being part of the team.

Private Lessons

Individual lessons will be available for all piano students (no group lessons available) and any instrument. These lessons will be held on Wednesday from Midday – 3pm on a rotating timetable, so students don't miss the same class lesson each week. Prices vary on 20 minutes and 30-minute lessons.

BAND AND INSTRUMENTAL TUITION PROGRAM REGISTRATION FORM

This form should be handed back to the school office or emailed to procusmusic@gmail.com

Student's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian name: _____

Class: _____

Phone/ Mobile: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION PROGRAM

Do you wish for your child to learn to play an instrument as part of the Instrumental Tuition Program?

YES/ NO (PLEASE CIRCLE)

Instrument Selected (if known) _____

Would you like group lessons or Private lessons? Group/Private (please Circle)

Does your child have an instrument at home? YES/ NO (please Circle)

Would you like a purchase / Hire email? Yes/ No (please circle)

What Happens Next

If you are agreeable to your child participating in the Band Program, please return this form to the school office immediately and we will contact you with a confirmation. If you require further instrumental testing, please call me on 0419 630 511 to arrange a time.

We look forward to an exciting and stimulating musical year.

Yours Sincerely,

Kathryn Ney and Mathew Bleinham