



# PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Week 4

Term 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Please keep in your prayers this week all the men and women who have lost their lives whilst keeping our country safe. Next Monday we take time to reflect on those who gave us life. We remember those who enriched our lives with peace, harmony, compassion, thoughtfulness and sacrifice. As we reflect upon those whose memory moves us this day, we seek consolation together with the strength and insight born of faith. Remembrance Day in Australia is dedicated to Australians who died as a result of war, particularly from World War I onwards. A minute of silence is dedicated to the deceased, especially for soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation. Remembrance Day is annually observed on 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please keep in mind the many soldiers who are fighting today.



### *Lest we forget*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning*

*We will remember them.*

*From Laurence Binyon's poem For the Fallen, written in September 1914*

## ALL SAINTS DAY

There is a rather cute story about a small boy who stumbled across the life of a saint called Simon Stylites, who lived in Syria in about 450A.D. This strange gentleman lived for 37 years on top of a sixty-foot pillar. For an equally strange reason, the little boy decided that he, too, was called to perform a similar act of saintly heroism. This led him into the kitchen where he climbed up onto a kitchen cabinet and stayed there all morning. When his mother came into the kitchen and prepared a rather attractive lunch, he decided to get down.

His mother, who had caught onto what was happening, said to her son, "Now, you mustn't feel bad about this. (Good advice.) You have at least made the attempt, which is more than most people have ever done. (True.) But you must remember that it is almost impossible to be a saint in your own kitchen" (False. Bad advice.) Actually, this is what we are called to be, saints in our own kitchens, saints wherever we are. This is who saints are, people who put their faith into action and lived out their trust in God in their everyday lives.



One of the most popular modern day saints was St Therese of Lisieux, who was declared a saint only 28 years after her death. This came about because of the astonishing number of favours, cures and reconversions given to those who prayed for her intercession. During her lifetime, it appeared that she had done so little that her Carmelite Community could find nothing to put in her obituary. Later, they uncovered her writings and discovered the amazing closeness she had to God during her brief life; she was only 24 when she died. St Therese is the female Patron Saint of Australia.

During the English Civil Wars of the 1600's, Winchester Cathedral, amongst others, was pillaged by the Protestant Roundheads. Much damage was inflicted including to the huge,

round stained glass window which majestically dominated the long Cathedral. With love and care, the people picked up the pieces and unable to restore the original scene, leaded the pieces together in abstract form. The sun still shines through the colours of the fine stained glass, though somewhat differently.



The window is a symbol of all who enter the Cathedral for we all have had broken lives at some time, have picked up the pieces with the help of the Spirit within us and put our lives together again. On All Saints Day, we are celebrating what Christ has done in and through us, the saints through the ages. Far from living perfect lives, saints have faults and failings like us so that we can identify with them. Nathan Soderblom was rather insightful when he said, "Saints are persons who make it easier for us to believe in God."

We remember the lives of the Saints on the day of their death, sometimes called their "heavenly birthday". Interestingly, there is no occupation or group or endeavour that does not have a Patron Saint. Some of the more famous saints are "naturals" for a matchup:

St Francis of Assisi – animals; St Gabriel the Archangel – broadcasters, postal workers; St Peter – fishermen; St Francis Xavier – missionaries. Some less known Patron Saints are:

St Elmo – explosive workers; St Herbert - drought relief; St Polycarp – earaches;

St Roch – dogs and dog lovers. The following verse by Marnie Barrell offers this little summary of Saints:

**"Sisters and brothers in endless variety,  
Each with a marvellous story to share,  
Reach their full stature in Heaven's society,  
Grown from seed by God's infinite care."**



Then of course there is our school's patron saint St. Dominic who we try to follow in his footsteps as a group of disciples who reach out to others and promote truth!

**God, our Father, help us to be aware of the promptings of the Spirit that call us to goodness and saintliness. Amen.**

### **P&F AGM**

Everybody is welcome to join our P&F AGM which will be held in the library on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm.

### **KINDY & YEAR 6 WILL HOST THE PARISH FAMILY MASS – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November @ 9:15am**

This special moment will be coming up this Sunday, with Year 6 and Kindy hosting their family mass. We look forward to sharing this wonderful experience with you all!

### **SCHOOL DISCO**

Last Wednesday the children enjoyed the School Disco. Thank you to the P&F and the many parent volunteers who worked tirelessly towards the success of this day. The children had a fantastic time! Our DJ Kit-Kat really had the children bopping!



## COUNT US IN

On Thursday our students in Years 4, 5 & 6 along with their buddies from St. Lucy's are invited to sing at the "Music Count Us In Initiative" choral performance at St. Lucy's. The end result is that all children sing the *same song at the same time* in St. Lucy's school hall along with 600 000 students across Australia. The children will have a 10 second count down to exactly 12.30 pm when they will all start to sing. It will be an amazing experience for the children.



## KINDER 2020 INFORMATION NIGHT

Last Monday evening we held our Kinder 2020 Information Night. We welcomed 20 new families. There was excitement all round. We will hold Kinder Orientation Mornings from next week.

## UNSW SPELLING BEE COMPETITION



Twenty students from Years 2 to 6 elected to participate in the University of NSW Spelling Bee Competition. All children need to be congratulated on their outstanding results. Special congratulations to the following students who received Distinctions, Credits and Merits.

**Distinction:** Eli Edmunds, Daniel McGrath, Charlie Mouawad and Charlotte Bull

**Credit:** Xavier Munce

**Merit:** Hugo Groom, Yohann Pereira

Congratulations to all the children who received awards last week



CLASS	
<b>K Kangaroo</b>	Evie Jones, Max Richards, Benji Neves-Botelho
<b>K Koala</b>	Georgina Quoye, Patrick Mouawad
<b>1 Rosella</b>	Luke Ringrose, Mia Hill
<b>2 Wombat</b>	Raphael Sahni, Alfred Mina
<b>2 Emu</b>	Adele Scully, Isabella Ong-Grimes
<b>3 Platypus</b>	Madeline Grant, Jack Fullilove
<b>4 Kookaburra</b>	Milly Hallam, Isabella Andersson
<b>4/5 Echidna</b>	Isaac Lung, Sibella Dooling, Faith Chitanda
<b>6 Wallaby</b>	Charlotte Gibson, Noah Hayes



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Natalia Alvarez Lopez who is our Star of the Week. Please visit the school walkway to see Natalia's fabulous work!

Yours sincerely

*Sue Bevan*

Ms. Sue Bevan  
PRINCIPAL

## UPCOMING DIARY DATES

### Special Dates for your Diary

#### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

- COUNT ME IN PROGRAM @ 12.00PM

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November

- ASSEMBLY @ 2.40PM

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

- KINDER & YR. 6 FAMILY MASS HNC @ 9.15AM

#### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November

- ORIENTATION MORNING FOR KINDER- 9.00-10.00am
- REMEMBRANCE DAY REFLECTION

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

- P&F AGM @ 7.00pm in Prouille Library.

#### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

- PROUILLE'S SHOWCASE OF THE STARS

#### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

- PROUILLE DANCE CONCERT  
1.30 - 2.30pm & 6.00 - 7.00pm

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION- COMPASS



Last week the teachers at Prouille were trained and are now using a new online attendance and report writing system - Compass.

Compass is a web-based student management system which will give you access in two ways:

- the Parent Portal, on any web browser on your computer/device, or
- the Compass School Manager app, available on any mobile device.

This parent portal will allow you to:

- \* View information on your child/ren's attendance
- \* Add a note for unexplained absences (NO MORE PAPER NOTES)
- \* Update your contact details
- \* Receive communications from us.

Teachers will be marking the class roll twice daily, at 9am and 2:10pm. Teachers can mark rolls using either the class computer or a mobile device (including their mobile phones). This allows for rolls to be marked accurately daily regardless of where the class is e.g. an excursion or sporting event.

**All you have to do now is to wait for a letter from the office with your login details.**

**If your child is late or leaving early** - you need to escort your child to the office and use the kiosk, noting the following:

- Sign in your child
- Give the child the printed ticket to give to their teacher
- Children are NOT permitted to use the kiosk. Only a parent can sign their child in or out of school - **no other person can use the kiosk.**

### IPAD Cases for Sale

We have 209 black and grey iPad cases for sale, they fit iPad 5 and 6's. They are like new and extremely sturdy. They retail at around \$70. If you are interested see either Carol or Karen. We will also be selling them at assembly on Fridays.

### Math Riddles for the Family

A grandfather, two fathers and two sons went to the movie theatre together and everyone bought one movie ticket each. How many tickets did they buy in total?

A duck was given \$9, a spider was given \$36, a bee was given \$27. Based on this information, how much money would be given to a cat?

I can't wait to see your answers.

God Bless

*Karen Townsend*

*Karen Townsend*  
**Assistant Principal**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE NEWS



Dear Parents and Friends,

### **MISSION MASS**

The Mission Leaders, School Captains, Vice Captains and SRC Executive attended the Mission Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara with Miss Russell during Week 2. We engaged in meaningful discussion led by Catholic Mission representatives as well as participated in a beautiful Mass presided by our very own, Fr David. We even got to meet our new Bishop, Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

Thank you to our wonderful Parent Helpers who offered their time to transport students on the day – Mrs Luca and Mrs Lee – we appreciate all that you did for us! We thoroughly enjoyed our time there.



## CANDELA STALL – THIS WEEK!

The mission in Candela helps women through a program that teaches them to make beautiful handicrafts. The sale of these crafts gives the women an income so they can provide for their families. There will be a sale of the beautiful handicrafts that the women have made during the week. All items cost between \$2 - \$15.

All funds raised go back to the women who have made the goods.

This money is used by the women to buy basic necessities for their families. Our school has supported the Candela mission and much has been done to improve the lives of these women and their families.

Our stall will be run by our Mission Leaders and will be open for purchase during Lunchtimes in Week 4 on; **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November.**

Your support of the mission is greatly appreciated.



## SOCKTOBER – THANK YOU!

Thank you to all community members who got involved and embraced our Socktober initiative for 2019.

It was wonderful to receive such amazing images of the children in their crazy socks – I know that Catholic Mission will be so unbelievably grateful for your generous donations!



## FAMILY MASS HOSTED BY YEAR 2

Thank you to all our beautiful community members who joined us for our Year 2 hosted Family Mass.

It truly was an extra-special occasion as we had Adele Scully making her Confirmation within this Mass. We are SO proud of you!



### **FAMILY MASS HOSTED BY KINDY AND YEAR 6**

This Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, Kindergarten and Year 6 will be hosting their Family Mass at Holy Name Church at 9:15am. As is always the case, ALL members of our community are warmly invited to attend!

This will be another extra-special occasion, as we celebrate the Baptism of our beautiful Wang family. Please keep Owen, Ethan and Andy in your thoughts and prayers during this meaningful time.

### **KINDY CLASS LITURGY – TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

All members of our community are invited to the Kindergarten Class Liturgy to be held in our School Chapel on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2:10pm. Fr Anselam will be presiding and we thank him for his constant support and enthusiasm in spending this precious time with the children!

### **SRC TERM 4 CLASS REPRESENTATIVES**

We will be acknowledging our newly appointed SRC representatives for Term 4 this Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at our 2:40pm Assembly.

Congratulations to all those children who have been voted in by their peers to join us!

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

Can you believe that we are nearing the end of the 2019 school year and embarking upon one of the most important seasons in our Church's Calendar?!

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.

A special note will be sent home in the near future with your child which has an item that has been nominated by your child to bring in for the hamper.

### **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 on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**. Packing will commence at 9am.

We appreciate your Christmas Spirit!!

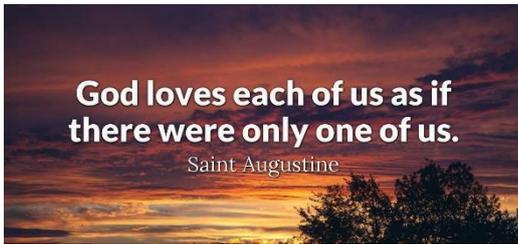
### **SWEETER THAN HONEY: TEACHING SCRIPTURE CONFERENCE**

The conference went brilliantly – such a fabulous context to share, inspire, grow and lead with other fellow Religious Education Colleagues within our Diocese. Mrs Catherine Davidson and I attended various sessions focusing on Archaeology of the Word, Godly Play and explored the life of St Paul amongst many others. We can't wait to share these experiences with our dedicated and talented colleagues to trial within their own classrooms!



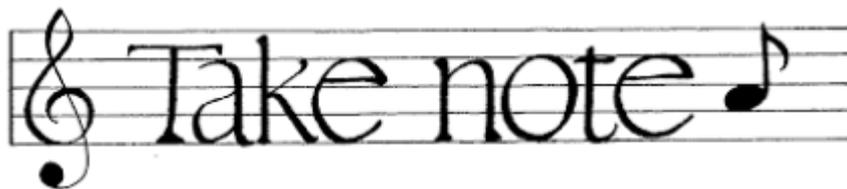
## Quote of the Week

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November we celebrated All Saints Day – a day where we commemorate the faithful departed. We honour all saints known and unknown...



Warm regards,  
*Jessica Russell*  
Religious Education Coordinator  
Coordinator

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### WYSPERS

The WYSPERS group (Wahroonga Youth Singers and Players) at Holy Name Church Wahroonga are seeking new singers and accomplished musicians of any age to join us in providing the music for the 5:30 pm Mass on the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. If you are interested, please contact Ian Edmunds at [ianed@bigpond.com](mailto:ianed@bigpond.com)



**MERCY CATHOLIC COLLEGE**  
CHATSWOOD Est. 1890

Mercy Catholic College is looking for an enthusiastic staff member to join the team in their convenient Chatswood location.

**FOOD TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANT**  
PART TIME (20 HOURS A FORTNIGHT)

You would need to:

- have an interest in food preparation
- be organised and thorough
- be able to follow instructions
- have good communication skills
- be available two days per week

Closing date: 18th November, 2019

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