



a very busy person. However, Jesus was also a person who celebrated life with enthusiasm from the beginning of his public life at the marriage feast at Cana to after his Resurrection, when some of the Apostles came ashore after fishing all night and found Jesus cooking breakfast for them.

Our “wants” and “desires” can cause our life to rush past us. Probably, we all need to spend time on ourselves to ensure our physical and spiritual welfare and so that:

“Our hearts will **not** be filled with misgivings, and we’ve **not** been too busy for living.”

**God, Our Father, help us this Advent to take time for ourselves for healing and emotional nourishment so as we can celebrate life with enthusiasm as Jesus did. Amen.**

### K-2 INTENSIVE SWIMMING



The children in Years K-2 need to be commended for their cooperation, collaboration and exemplary behaviour during their Intensive Swimming Program last week. The instructors said the Prouille students were the best ever!



### PROUILLE PRIMARY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



The Prouille Primary Chess Championship will be held tomorrow, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at Prouille School. The tournament will be organised by the Sydney Chess Academy and will be run in a “Swiss” format with approximately 6 - 7 games. This means that all children play in all rounds and no one is knocked out. This competition is open to **all** Prouille students if you would like information regarding how to register please obtain an information form from the school office.



### .SURF EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Years 3 to 6 students are participating in a ‘Surf Awareness & Surf Skills’ program at Manly beach. Surf Education Australia’s certificate program provides a uniquely Australian beach and ocean experience for students. The program provides the safety message of survival techniques unknown by the majority of Australians. The 8 hour course over 3 sessions is designed to increase the level of awareness students have about surf safety and also boost their confidence in the surf.



The children participate in 4 learning modules:

- Still Water Assessment
- Theory
- Rips Identification and Demonstrations
- Practical Session.

The children are supervised with a staff / student ratio of 1:5 in the water. They experience basic wading & surf negotiation, running safely on the ocean floor and diving safely using the bottom to advantage. They dive over / under waves & body surf from a standing position. They will be use foam boards. Children in Years 3 - 6 will be heading for their second practical lesson @ Shelly Beach, Manly on Friday 6 December.

### SCHOOL REPORTS

Teachers are currently busy preparing students’ school reports for Semester 2. School reports will be available on Compass tomorrow, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Reports can be downloaded and printed off from Compass. Please use your Compass App. to access reports.



### Important message for Year 6 Parents and parents of Leaving Students

Please be aware that you will need to download/print off semester reports currently appearing in Compass by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 if you wish to keep a record of these. Once a student leaves a school, parent access to that student’s details in Compass ceases.

If you have any problems doing this during the holiday period, please contact us after 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 when we are open for the new school year.

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> December**.

There will be a **matinee performance at 1.30pm** and an **evening performance at 6.00pm**. We can promise that this event will be better than "Dancing with the Stars" or "Little Big Shots"!

## COSTUMES

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Congratulations to all the children who received awards last week**



CLASS	
<b>K Kangaroo</b>	Alisha Senn, Amelia Bhatti, Harry Brady
<b>K Koala</b>	Amelia Cooper, Lewis Willett
<b>1 Rosella</b>	Matthew Pepper, Mia Hill, Atticus Quoye, Nicholas Hanley
<b>2 Wombat</b>	Emily Littleford, Harry Boyd
<b>2 Emu</b>	Annie Sheppard, Kate Chappel
<b>3 Platypus</b>	Isabelle Chenny, Hugo Groom
<b>4 Kookaburra</b>	Sienna Bryant, Violet Nimmo
<b>4/5 Echidna</b>	Jethro Edmunds, Isabella Holland-Lopez
<b>6 Wallaby</b>	Lily Carolan, Joshua Monardo



## STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to, Jack Fullilove, 3 Platypus and Christopher Doyle, 2 Wombat who is our Stars of the Week. Please visit the school walkway to see 'Jack and Christopher's fabulous work!

Yours sincerely

*Sue Bevan*

Ms. Sue Bevan  
PRINCIPAL

## UPCOMING DIARY DATES

### Special Dates for your Diary

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

- Surf Ed. @ Manly Years 3-6
- School Assembly @ 2.40pm

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

- Prouille Dance Concert  
1.30 - 2.30pm & 6.00 - 7.00pm

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

- Graduation Mass @ 11.30am at HNC
- Graduation Dinner

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

- Final School Assembly for 2019 @ 2.30pm

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

- End of Year Mass 11.30am @ HNC

#### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

- **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS.**

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION - COMPASS

#### Compass has now been introduced to our school

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.

As part of the implementation Compass as our school is a parent portal.

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 to 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 if the class is on an excursion or sporting event.

**All parents should have received a letter from the office with you login details.**

**If your child is late** - 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.**
- **School commences at 8.50am any student arriving after 8.55am must be signed in by a parent.**

*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.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to say a wholehearted thank you to every member of the school community that I've had the privilege of crossing paths with in my 8 years here at Prouille. I look forward to embarking on a new adventure next year at Holy Cross Catholic School, Kincumber. I will keep you all in my thoughts, prayers and hearts – always. I look forward to seeing you in 2021. May God bless you.

### ADVENT LITURGY 1

Thank you to Year 2 who guided us through a special Advent Liturgy on Monday Morning ☺

Advent Liturgy 2 (a short prayer) will occur on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** at line up time (8:50am) down in the undercroft.



This year, we will also have a short Advent Liturgy 3 on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** at line up time (8:50am) down in the undercroft.

### SECOND BLESSING OF NEW OUTDOOR PLAYGROUND LEARNING AREA

Kindergarten had a very special visitor last Wednesday afternoon. Fr Anselm spent some time with our Kindergarten children, answering lots of 'wonder' questions and also blessing out new outdoor learning space!

We are so lucky to have shared this special moment with him. Thank you to Mrs Talia Grigor and Mrs Jane Emmerig who hosted his visit.



### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL TERM 4

This Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December we will be acknowledging the fabulous efforts of our SRC for Term 4, 2019 at our School Assembly at 2:40pm.

We thank them for their commitment to recent events, especially sending heartfelt letters to our brave firemen and sharing their insights into their experiences at Prouille.



### 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 5th 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 tomorrow, **Thursday 5th December.** Packing will commence at 9 am.

We appreciate your Christmas Spirit!!

**INVITATION TO RECEIVE RECONCILIATION**

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



**YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS AND DINNER**



The Year 6 cohort for 2019 will be acknowledged through their special Graduation Mass and Dinner on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 11:30am at Holy Name Church. All are welcome to attend! We appreciate all that you have contributed as leaders of Prouille this year 😊

**END OF YEAR MASS**

Our final Mass for 2019 will occur on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11:30am at Holy Name Church. This is where we will be commemorating our leaders for 2019 as well as celebrating our new leaders for 2020. As always, all are welcome to join us!



**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*

Religious Education Coordinator

## SCHOOL NEWS



### BAND NEWS

Prouille's Senior Band had the wonderful opportunity to visit St Leos College yesterday for a band intensive.

The combined band workshop had 140 students from OLOR, St Agatha's, St Patrick's, St Leo's, Prouille and St Bernard's Primary for a full day of wonderful music. The overall standard was exceptional and hearing the band perform the Music from the Avengers was amazing.

Well done Jonah, Kayla, Isabella, Lily, Luca, Harry, Henry, Matthew F, Kevin, Matthew R, Xavier, Jack, Lucas, Veronica.

### CONCERT BAND AND INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

Would you like your child to learn an instrument and gain enormous educational benefits?

### BE PART OF THE BAND!!!!

Band develops critical thinking and leadership skills, improves reading skills, improves maths skills, increases coordination and emotional wellbeing.

Students have a small group tutorial each week and a full band rehearsal each week.



**On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December: we will be testing students on instruments**, so they are correctly matched with the right instrument. Enrolment forms to enrol for the instrument testing are available at the school office. If you would like your child to play an instrument, please fill out the form and return it to the school office – forms will need to be returned by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am. Your child will be collected from class on Monday for the testing.

If you need any assistance please call 0419 630 511 or email Kate ([procusmusic@gmail.com](mailto:procusmusic@gmail.com))

### Piano lessons for 2020

Piano lessons are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on the school premises from 12. If you are interested, please email [procusmusic@gmail.com](mailto:procusmusic@gmail.com) and we can send you the enrolment form.

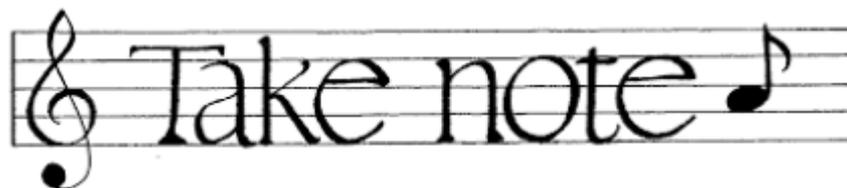
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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### CAROLS IN THE GARDEN

Everybody is invited to Carols In the Garden @ Holy Name Church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 6.00pm. The Prouille Band, St. Leo's and Parish musicians will be featured at this event. You are asked to bring a picnic, family and friends. Song sheets will be provided and there will be a BBQ available. Come along for an enjoyable night of carol singing in the beautiful Holy Name gardens





## 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)



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Over 35 years coaching in the local area  
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Camp one 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (two day camp) \$105.00  
Camp two 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 \$195.00

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OF \$5 IF YOU BOOK AND PAY ONE WEEK PRIOR**  
**(full camp only – not casual bookings).**  
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### Camp features:

- ✦ Coaching of forehand, backhand, serves, volleys. Correct grip /ready position.
- ✦ Separate groups for young achievers, intermediate and advanced skill levels.
- ✦ Fun games, challenges and tournaments. Footwork and movement training.
- ✦ **FREE pizza lunch on the last day of each camp. Prize money will be given for advanced group. Medals given for each group.**
- ✦ **Wet weather program operates when necessary using school facilities.**

Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm daily

Half day option available : \$85.00 for week one and \$140.00 for week two  
9.00am – 12.00pm daily.

Casual day rate: \$60.00

½ day casual rate: \$40.00 (9.00-12.00)



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### Information for Term 1 2020 Lessons:

- Wednesday Squad (Intermediate/advanced) 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 5.30-7.00pm at Mills Park, Asquith \$200.00.
- Saturday Squad (Intermediate/advanced) 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 10.30am – 12.00pm Normanhurst Boys High \$200.00.
- Thursday Junior/Intermediate class 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 3.30-4.30pm at Normanhurst Boys High School \$155.00
- Saturday Junior/Intermediate class 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 09.30am – 10.30am at Normanhurst Boys High School \$155.00.
- Private lessons available by appointment.

December/January 2020 School Holiday Camp: Please detach and complete.

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone and mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick: Camp 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Camp 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Casual Day \_\_\_\_\_