

# PROUILLE NEWS BULLETIN

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Dear Parents and Carers,

"Happy Easter!" Well, almost. There are still a few days to go before we enter into the joys of "Chocolate Land!" Of course, one important thing to do before we loosen our belts on Easter Sunday, is to have a bit of a rethink about what actually happened on the first Easter day.

No doubt, if we had been alive in Jesus' time we, too, would have been astonished by the miracle of a resurrected corpse. Luke tells us that just as Jesus was entering the town of Naim, a funeral procession was coming out. The dead man was the only son of a widow. Jesus was filled with compassion for the widow and so went over to the coffin and said, "Young man! Get up, I tell you". The dead man sat up and began to talk and Jesus gave him back to his mother. Luke 7:11-17. Mark tells us how in like manner Jesus resurrected the corpse of the twelve year old daughter of Jairus, an official of the local synagogue.

"Little girl I tell you to get up". She got up at once and started walking around. "Give her something to eat." Mark 5:22-24, 35-44.

The two individuals raised to life by Jesus returned to their normal lives and at a later point in time they died, definitively. So, how was their "resurrection" different to Jesus'? Well, "Jesus' Resurrection was about breaking out into an entirely new form of life, into a life that is no longer subject to the laws of dying and becoming, but lies beyond it – a life that opens up a new dimension of human existence."

Unlike the widow's son and the daughter of Jairus, "Jesus has not returned to a normal human life in this world like Lazarus and the others whom Jesus raised from the dead. He has entered upon a different life, he has entered the vast breadth of God himself, and it is from there that he reveals himself to his followers." "In Jesus' Resurrection, a new possibility of human existence is attained that affects everyone and that opens up a future, a new kind of future, for mankind."

Now, what would you have been thinking if you were one of Jesus' followers on that first Easter day? "...they were simply overwhelmed by the reality, but after their initial hesitation and astonishment, they could no longer ignore that reality. It is truly he. He is alive; he has spoken to us; he has allowed us to touch him, even if he no longer belongs to the tangible in the normal way."

Jesus' disciples were quite used to Jesus performing the unusual: restoring sight to the blind; restoring mobility to the crippled; curing lepers of their disease. But now they had to grapple with a new understanding of Jesus: "He was quite different, no mere resurrected corpse but one living anew and forever in the power of God. And yet, at the same time, no longer belonging to our world, he was truly present there, he himself. It was an utterly unique experience, which burst upon the normal boundaries of experience and yet for the disciples was quite beyond doubt."



This week the events of Holy Week will remind us of our calling to be active Christians in the way we lead our own lives. If we are harbouring hurt within us, Jesus' actions can encourage us towards forgiveness and away from grudges and bitterness. We have all experienced hurt through the actions or words of another and this hurt we might have carried for years and deprived ourselves of the opportunity to embrace peace, hope, gratitude and joy by being unforgiving.

Forgiveness is a decision to let go of resentment and thoughts of revenge. In place of anger, confusion, maybe anxiety or even depression through being swallowed up by our own bitterness or sense of injustice, we can move away from our role as victim and relieve the power, that the offending person or situation has on our life. As we let go of hurt and resentment and don't allow them to define our life, we open ourselves to find compassion and understanding. Slowly, we embrace forgiveness and begin once more to live a truly Christian life.

Jesus' example to us on Good Friday, clearly defined for us the extent of God's forgiveness and the encouragement for us to do likewise in our own limited human way. But Jesus' example has an after effect as well, for on Easter Sunday he rose gloriously to a new life. No doubt this was the ambition of the three Nations that embraced forgiveness and reconciliation, instead of punishment and revenge. How about us this Holy Week? Is there unforgiveness we still have to deal with, that overshadows our lives?

So, when Easter Sunday does arrive we can join with the writer of Psalm 117 in saying, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad". We can rejoice and be glad, because Jesus, through his humanity, has given us the opportunity of true resurrection. However, as the resurrected Jesus said to the once doubting Thomas, "You believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe." John 20:29.



### **THANK YOU FOR TERM 1**

Easter marks the end of Term 1, it is unbelievable to think that the first "mixed bag" eleven week term is coming to an end. It has been a challenging, extraordinary and a rewarding term. We have welcomed new staff, families and children and by all accounts they too have enjoyed their first term at Prouille including the last three weeks!!! I need to thank **you**, our fabulous Prouille community for your continued warm hospitality, acceptance, support and flexibility which have contributed to the success of the commencement of the 2020 educational year. I would also like to thank our wonderful staff for their dedication and ongoing commitment to quality teaching and learning at Prouille. It is a privilege to be part of a community that pulls together when circumstances are out of our control. We can all congratulate ourselves on the resilience and determination we have shown as together we have travelled through this stay positive, stay safe, and stay connected era.

Our Kindergarten students should be very proud of themselves completing their first term of school and for the marvellous achievements that they have made. In fact all the children need to be congratulated on their hard work, efforts and a fabulous start to this remarkable 2020! A special thank you to our School Executive, Mrs. Ann Milling and Mr. Mark Catanzariti for their hard work and assistance.

Thank you and congratulations to Ange Chappel, Sarah Ward and the P&F committee for their wonderful work and never-ending generosity of time and commitment towards organising every detail during Term 1 and preparing for the year!

### **ENROLMENTS ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN FOR 2021**

I am endeavouring to complete all interviews for siblings anticipating to join Kindergarten in 2021 after the Term 1 Autumn vacation. Please complete your enrolment forms and submit them with the supporting documentation into the school office.



### **SINCERE THANK YOU**

On behalf of the teachers, staff and myself, I extend to you our sincere gratitude, for your continued support of our school during this challenging time. I simply underline the high value we place on your contribution, your engagement and partnership in our joint endeavour to educate our young people to their full potential. I also ask you to join me in thanking the Prouille teachers and staff for their continued commitment to the wellbeing, safety and learning of the children entrusted into their care. I am truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful community....thank you!



***We are also very appreciative of the many thoughtful emails, phone calls, messages and kind words that we have received from many parents.***

## TERM 2

School recommences for Term 2 on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**. The Acting Director of schools, Mr. Tony Bracken has deemed this as a pupil-free Staff Development Day. We are unsure what school will be like in Term 2 in regards to COVID-19. What we do know at this point in time is that school will resume for children of parents who provide essential services on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April**. We will keep you informed once we receive further advice from the Government, Health Minister, NSW Catholic Schools and Catholic Schools Office Broken Bay. In Term 2 when the children eventually return to school they will wear their **winter uniform**.

## ANZAC DAY

During the holidays we will take time to reflect on our war heroes who fought for our freedom. We will also pray for the men and women who are wearing the Australian uniform and are still on duty. We give thanks for these men and women who defended our liberty and remembered the sacrifice that they paid for our freedom....



**“They shall grow not old, as we who 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”.**

## WASH YOUR HANDS – from Play School

A cute song to enforce the importance of hand washing

Please click on this link: <https://www.abc.net.au/abckids/shows/play-school/covid-19/12114308>

## Hello Friends! (A COVID-19 Special)

Join Emma and Matt with the whole family for this special episode as they help explain some of the big questions around coronavirus, from staying at home to washing your hands.

Watch the full [Hello Friends! \(A COVID-19 Special\)](#) on the ABC Kids app right now.

Song: Wash Your Hands



*Wishing you a very Happy Easter & a safe and enjoyable holiday.*

Yours sincerely

*Sue Bevan*

Ms. Sue Bevan  
PRINCIPAL

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

How are the home teachers? We think you are doing a wonderful job-thank you!

Much has been written and talked about regarding the challenges of 'teaching' online and the implications for teachers whose enormous challenge is, in a relatively short period of time, to convert their known program into a new form of delivery. The sticking point for teachers is that the program is a content document and not a teaching document. So it's up to teachers to problem solve the pedagogy (the teaching) so it translates the content into something worthwhile to learn, is still relevant to the children and just as importantly, able to be managed in the home.

However in this short period of time this term our Prouille children seem to be adapting and we are overwhelmed by the quality responses to Mrs Neilson's POETRY CHALLENGE, launched last week. Why did Mrs Neilson choose Poetry?

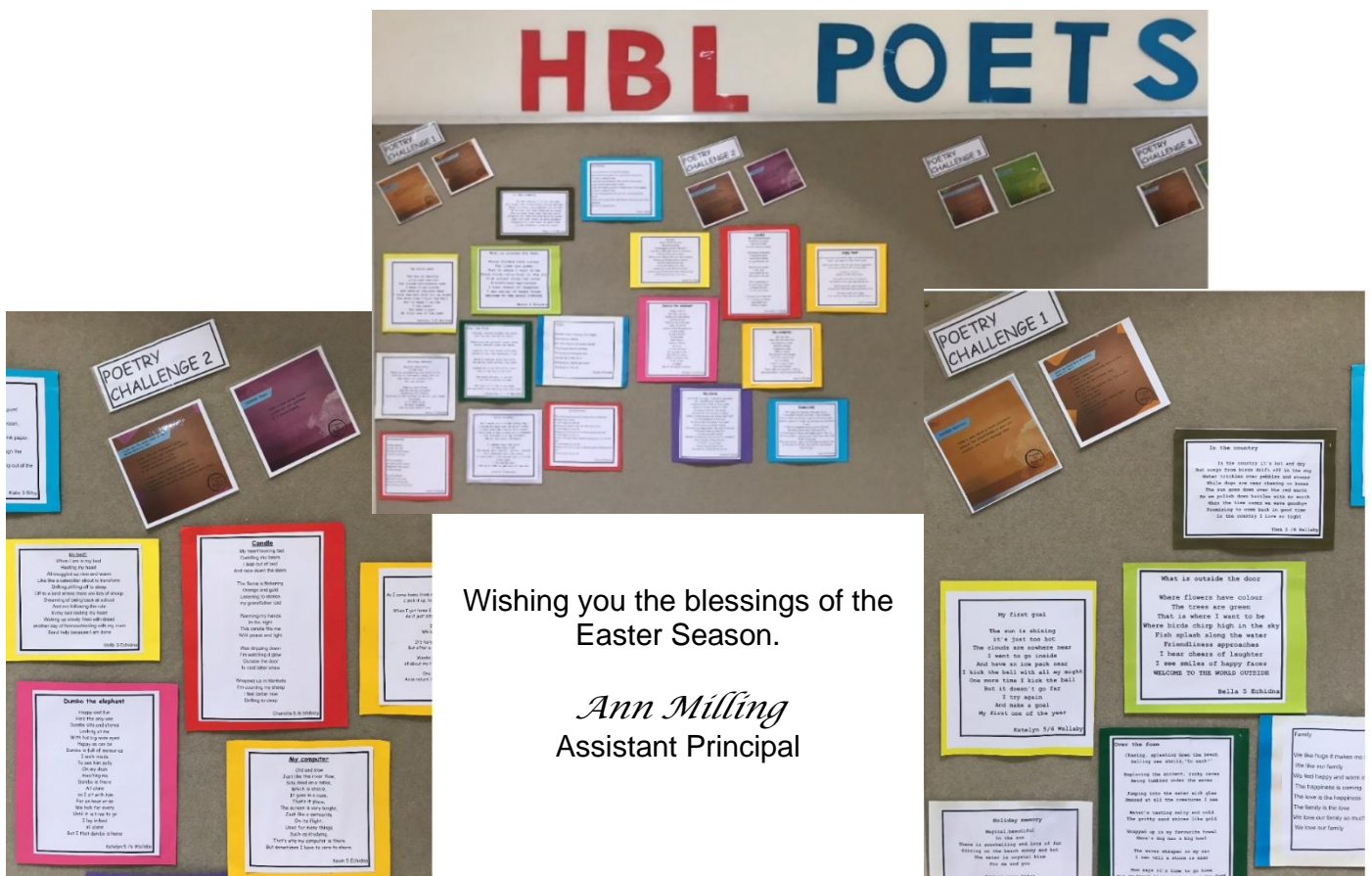
Poetry is so important because it helps us understand and appreciate the world around us. Poetry's strength lies in its ability to shed a "sideways" light on the world, so the truth sneaks up on you. ... poetry teaches us how to live...so what better time than now .... to write poetry. In fact Mrs Neilson would like a few parent/teachers to take up the challenge too!

Why make it a poetry challenge?

Poetry is challenging and stretches both technical and creative skills e.g. alliteration, symbolism, personification, imagery and rhyme.

Poetry has a place in our curriculum. It can be taught as part of reading, writing, and language lessons, and it fits easily into classroom themes, projects, and celebrations. It can add additional value to our studies. View the weekly challenge in Google Classrooms.

Check out the Poem of the Week Challenge and aim to have your poem published on our school wall for Home Based Learning Poets. Mrs Neilson will love it!!



Dear Parents

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE NEWS



This year, Holy Week ceremonies and Easter Masses will not be accessible as usual. But that does not put a stop to our faith celebrations.

I urge all parents to do all they can to celebrate these special days with their children at home. After all, the home can still be a *domestic church* with a sacred space and parents are the *first teachers* of their children.



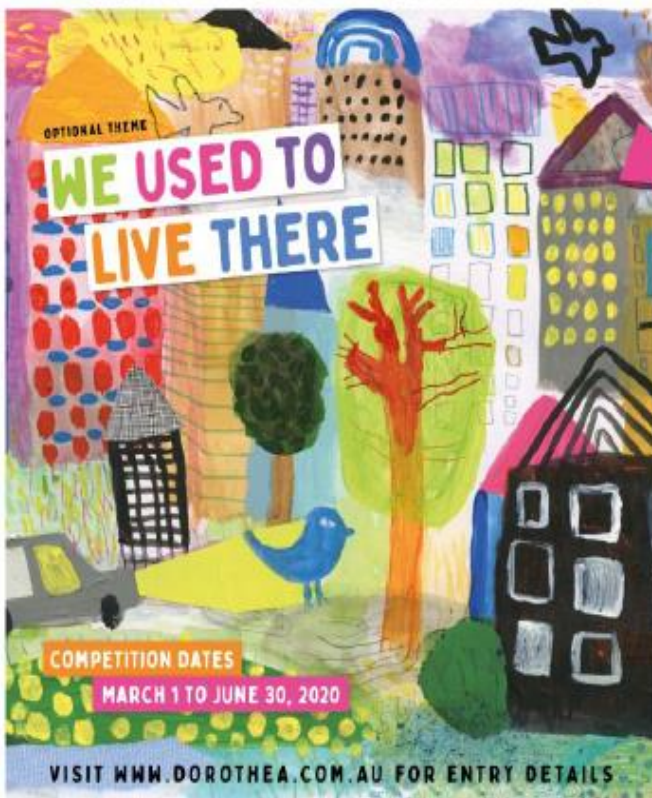
Each day this week I will email you ideas and suggestions to celebrate this most sacred time in the Church calendar.

I look forward to hearing from the children the different ways your families will celebrate Holy Week (while still observing Government protocols regarding COVID19)

Take care and God bless,  
Mr Mark Catanzariti

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### DOROTHEA MACKELLAR POETRY AWARDS



The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards are back at Prouille for 2020.

There are two age categories (Lower Primary and Upper Primary) and poems can be any theme and any style. The *optional* theme, We Used to Live There, may provide inspiration.

Please send your entries to [jwalker@brigidine.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jwalker@brigidine.nsw.edu.au) along with your child's full name, age they are turning in 2020 and school year.

*Roses are red,  
Violets are blue.*

*Prouille poets,  
Dorothea Mackellar is calling YOU...*

We are here to help families during COVID-19 and ongoing.

**CatholicCare**  
Diocese of Broken Bay

CatholicCare is working hard to keep their doors open to those in need – their clients, our school families, staff and our wider communities in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

While CatholicCare currently has minimal staff at each of their hub sites, they have developed alternative ways to offer services, recognising the increase in need at this time.

Contact CatholicCare if you need:

- Counselling, Psychology or Allied Health support. They offer Medicare funded services including bulk billing to CSO families.
- Financial counselling.
- Housing support.
- Domestic violence supports.
- Emergency relief – to support those in immediate need.

They can connect with you via phone or video link so you do not have to travel. Anyone can access support from the safety of their home.

P: 1800 324 924

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### PARISH NEWSLETTER

Please click on this link to view the [Parish Newsletter](#)

Feet on the ground. Aiming for the stars.



**Girls Enrolment**  
*Information Evening*

YEAR 11 FOR 2021

Thursday 07 May 2020 | 7.00pm to 8.00pm  
Register: [www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au](http://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au)

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