



# PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Term 2

Week 4

Dear Parents,

When you were in Year Three in Primary School, did you “sit up straight” and, in your best elocution voice, recite the following:

“We say, ‘Thank you’  
We say, ‘Please’.  
We don’t interrupt or tease.  
We don’t argue. We don’t fuss.  
We listen when people talk to us.  
We like to share and take our turn.  
Good manners aren’t too hard to learn.  
It’s really easy once you find,  
Good manners means:-  
Just Being Kind.” Author unknown.



The best aspect of the verse is that it is a very positive statement of how to behave and interact with other people; it is not a litany of rules. Good manners is about showing kindness and consideration to others and using these good manners as a lubricant for the daily interactions in which we all engage.

Dr. James Donnelly of Sydney Children’s Hospital recommends that parents frequently talk to their children about how things are going in their lives, especially the things that aren’t going so well, and how they and their friends reacted. The purpose of talking is to work through what might be the best response to any problems: “The talking fosters moral development in a better way than just teaching children rules. You foster a process of the child working out what is the civil thing to do. You let the child work it out rather than just imposing rules; the more rules you impose, the more rules the adolescent has to rebel against.”

In our society we have a great variety of cultural backgrounds and in as much as we value greatly the person we are, so does each other person with whom we come into contact. We need to emphasise the idea that it is good to treat other people the way we would like to be treated.

A popular T.V. series many years ago was called the “Twilight Zone”. One episode is about a man who finds that just about everything in life irritates him. His neighbour is a pain, the waitress in the coffee shop is barely alive, his partner at work is a real bore. His constant mantra is, “I wish everyone was more like me”.

The next morning he wakes up in the Twilight Zone and everyone around him is just like him, only dressed in different clothes. His neighbour is just like him, the waitress is just like him, his work partner is just like him. He is surrounded by himself the whole day and by the end of it he pleads, “God, please, I just want everyone to be the way they were!”

The wonderful Greek writer of the short moral story, Aesop, once wrote that, “No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted”. Words and actions of kindness and consideration are never the reason for argument or discord but they are the exercise of good manners. So, “sit up straight” and say after me: “We say ....”

**No act of kindness,**  
no matter how small,  
**is ever wasted.**  
- Aesop

**“Lord, we are all made in Your image and likeness. Whenever and wherever we want to see Your face, we will see it. Help our interactions with other people to be based on kindness and consideration. Amen”**

**Excitement is in the air as we prepare for our children to transition on a full-time basis back to the Prouille School Community!**

Thank you once again for your patience during this process and for all the precautions you are taking to keep yourselves and our school community as healthy and well as possible. We are extremely grateful to you for your support as we have transitioned the children from one day to two days at school. The teachers and staff at Prouille are looking forward to preparing for the children's full-time return next week in week 5.

Each morning the students will go to the playground as usual at the start of the day and then proceed to **their classroom with their teacher**. Social distancing, hand washing, sanitising and hygiene protocols will be followed. Checking in with student learning and well-being will be a priority. Every child will have an opportunity to interact with their class teacher in the normal school routine.

During this vital stage of transitioning to school learning and full-time attendance, parents are encouraged to keep their children at home if they are unwell. We will ensure that the mandated social distancing of students, teachers and parents, remains as a top priority for the health and safety of all.

As previously requested we ask that when parents drop off or pick up their child/children, they do it in a swift manner and limit their contact with other parents and staff. **We request that parents do not come into the school grounds as all students will be escorted to the exit point.** You may choose to remain in your car and use the Water St. drive through.

Thank You for your continued support and assistance during this challenging time as we greatly appreciate it. As always our focus at Prouille is on ensuring that we support our students, families and indeed all members of the community.

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2021**

If you are wishing to enrol for 2021 please complete your enrolment forms and submit them with the supporting documentation into the school office.

**Enrolments  
now open**



**STAR OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to Dallas Palmer in Yr. 1 Rosella who is our Star of the Week. Please visit the school walkway to see Dallas's fabulous work!

Yours sincerely

*Sue Bevan*

Ms. Sue Bevan  
PRINCIPAL

**UPCOMING DIARY DATES**

**Special Dates for your Diary**

**MONDAY 25 MAY**

- **All children return to school**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Evangelisation and Catholic Formation

Dear Parents

With many of us working and learning from home at this unprecedented time, we have been exploring new ways to engage with our parents and families to continue to support them in their faith formation and spiritual journey. We have established a Home-Based Spirituality program online for families, consisting of a series of sessions to enjoy at your own leisure. After engaging with online resources throughout the week, parents are invited to come together for a Zoom coffee and conversation. Members of the Evangelisation and Catholic formation team guide parents through thoughtful discussion of the session's materials, with everyone invited to share their thoughts or to simply sit and listen as they prefer, it's a great opportunity to come together and share our journey. Please click here for the latest session HBS Examen-Asking for help Or go to the Walking the Way website and catch up with previous sessions on our calendar page <http://walkingtheway.dbbcsso.org/>

For more information please contact: Jo Spek [jo.spek@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jo.spek@dbb.catholic.edu.au)

Evangelisation and Catholic Formation

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### PROUILLE TERM 3 TENNIS LESSONS

Tennis lessons will commence for the Tuesday, Thursday and Friday groups on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> from 7.30 – 8.30am.

For all players from last term – **the first 2 week are complimentary!**

Term 2 will commence from June 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Fees are \$50 for term.

New players are welcome:  
Contact Alan Stopford 0411 426 554

