

PROUILLE NEWS BULLETIN

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Dear Parents and Carers

ST. DOMINIC

Born in old Castile, Spain, he was trained for the priesthood by a priest-uncle, studied the arts and theology, and became a canon of the cathedral at Osma, where there was an attempt to revive the apostolic common life described in the Acts of the Apostles.

On a journey through France with his bishop, he came face to face with the then virulent Albigensian heresy at Languedoc. The Albigensians (Cathari, "the pure") held to two principles -one good, one evil- in the world. All matter is evil- hence they denied the Incarnation and sacraments. On the same principle, they abstained from procreation and took a minimum of food and drink. The inner circle led what some people regarded as a heroic life of purity and asceticism not shared by ordinary followers.



Dominic sensed the need for the Church to combat this heresy, and was commissioned to be part of the preaching crusade against it. He saw immediately why the preaching was not succeeding: the ordinary people admired and followed the ascetical heroes of the Albigenses. Understandably, they were not impressed by the Catholic preachers who travelled with horse and retinues, stayed at the best inns and had servants. Dominic therefore, with three Cistercians, began itinerant preaching according to the gospel ideal. He continued this work for 10 years, being successful with the ordinary people but not with the leaders.

His fellow preachers gradually became a community and in 1215 he founded a religious house at Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans).

His ideal, and that of his Order, was to link organically a life with God, study, and prayer in all forms, with a ministry of salvation to people by the word of God. His ideal: *contemplata tradere*: "to pass on the fruits of contemplation" or "to speak only of God or with God."

Last Monday marked the feast day of St. Dominic and provided us with a time to reflect on the Dominican values of *justice, truth, knowledge, community, creation, beauty, individuality, prayer, joyfulness and peace.* **Happy St. Dominic's Day!**

THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs. Ann Milling for taking on the role of Acting Principal whilst I was on leave during the first two weeks of term. I am extremely grateful to Ann who ensured that Prouille was taken care of in my absence.

ATHLETICS FUN DAY

As mentioned earlier we will be holding two Athletic Fun Days over the next few weeks in lieu of our School Athletics Carnival. Once again we must follow COVID restrictions and improvise on regular school events. This Friday, 7th August is Year K-2's Athletics Fun Day. We ask children to wear their sports uniform and to wear a coloured T-Shirt or cap that represents their Colour House. On the day students will participate in fun Tabloid events during which they can score points for their Colour House. Unfortunately due to current COVID-19 restrictions parents are unable to attend.

LEAP INTO LEARNING

This Thursday 6th August from 9.30 -10.30am we commence our **Learning Exploring Active Play Sessions**. This involves a free 1 hour play based morning session designed and run by teachers to help your child be school ready. If you would like to join us please visit our website to register.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SENN FAMILY

Last Monday Mr. Senn and his two children Alisha and Oliver became Australian citizens. This was a very proud moment for the family.



ENROLMENTS



Enrolments are officially open for 2021.

Please complete your enrolment forms and submit them with the required supporting documentation into the school office.

HEAD LICE ALERT

There has been a reported outbreak of headlice. We ask that you check your children's hair and treat it accordingly.

Congratulations to all the children who received awards last week

CLASS	
K Kangaroo	Skylar, Elanor, Amelie
1 Rosella	Hamish, Aarush, Valentina
1 Lyrebird	Abigail, Angus
2 Emu	Matthew, Atticus
3 Platypus	Grace, William
3 Bilby	Madeleine, Christopher
4 Kookaburra	Joseph, Jack
5 Echidna	Matthew, Kevin
5/6 Wallaby	Phoebe, Luca



STAR OF THE WEEK

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

Yours sincerely

Sue Bevan

Ms. Sue Bevan
PRINCIPAL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE NEWS

Dear Parents

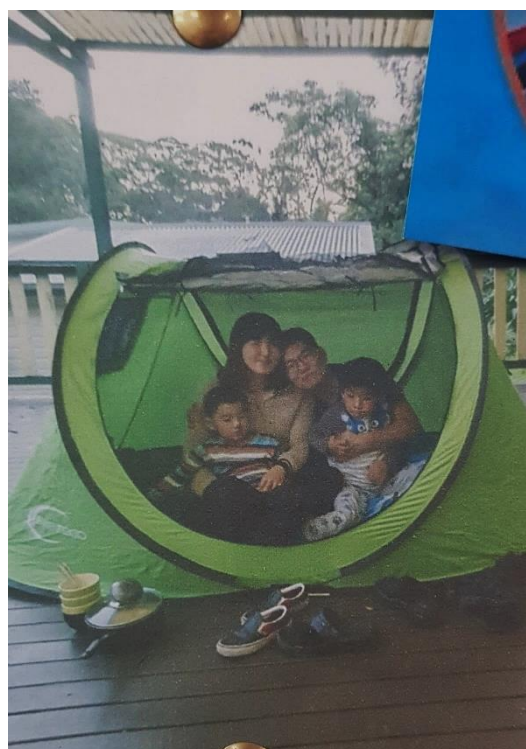
One of the principles that St Dominic often spoke to his audience about was the Unity of Creation and it is indeed one of the ten values of our school as displayed on one of the tiles in the *Dominican Way*. Our PBL focus this week that we are encouraging the students here to follow is:

At Prouille, we are RESPONSIBLE when we care for our environment

We are so fortunate to have such beautiful grounds. From the classrooms which all feature the latest smartboards to the playgrounds with our wonderful playground equipment. We are truly blessed.

PROUILLE WINTER SLEEP-OUT

Last week, the students at Prouille experienced a meal in the winter cold as part of the fundraiser; - Prouille Winter Sleep-out. They enjoyed a meal as a family in the cold staying out as long as they could. They then came back inside, lit a candle and said a prayer for the homeless, again as a family. The fundraiser was for the St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal and the school raised \$120.30 which will go towards helping those less fortunate than ourselves.





Take care and God bless,
Mr Mark Catanzariti
Religious Education Coordinator

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