



PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Week 4

Term 4

Dear Parents,

It's quite amazing the number of variations that pop up when you start talking about the four seasons of the year. The teenage response is salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar, while those who have lived in Canberra invariably respond with almost winter, winter, still winter and Parliament. For the rest of us it is spring, summer, autumn and winter that are the nature made periods through which we understand changes in our environment and lives. The environmental changes we can observe with all our senses but the changes in our lives are dealt with in our hearts.

One of the great challenges in life is to cope with all the changing cycles in our own life and to be fully aware that God has given to humans the free choice that allows us to choose our own achievement or our own destruction.

Human winters come regularly, some are long, some short, some are difficult, some easy. Some winters are economic, some are social, others are deeply personal. These winters can bring disappointment which we have to learn how to handle so we can emerge stronger, wiser and better for the experience. A positive approach is always the best approach to human winter: "Don't wish it were easier, wish you were better. Don't wish for fewer problems, wish for more skills. Don't wish for less challenge, wish for more wisdom." Author unknown.



Human spring is the time for activity and opportunity. We are at our optimistic best. We sow our personal ambitions with knowledge, commitment and determined effort. As we sow in this part of our life, so shall we reap later in life.

Human summer is the time to care for and defend what we have made for ourselves. Our social values, friendship values, work values, spiritual values need to be tended all through human summer, otherwise, we will end up with nothing of value.

Human autumn presents us with the reality of our efforts in spring and summer; what we put in is what we get back. We should reap without apology, if we have done well, and without complaint if we have not. Regardless of the result, we need to accept responsibility for our lives.

Life is only loaned to us and, as with everything that is borrowed, must some day be returned. God created us as "unfinished" humans who, within our hearts and minds, have the capacity to enjoy achievement or suffer disappointment. All that we are and all that we can become, has indeed been left to us. Throughout the seasons of our lives, it is not what happens to us that determines whether we enjoy achievement or suffer disappointment; it is what we do about what happens to us; we decide whether we succeed or fail. "Growing old is mandatory, growing wise is optional." Author unknown. What great example and advice we can give to our children, if we choose to grow wise.

"Lord, help us to be full of peace as we struggle with the inner and outer changes of the seasons of our lives. Move us along with the energy of Your loving guidance. Amen."



On Monday night we welcomed our Kindergarten parents for 2021 at the "Kinder Parent Orientation Night". Amongst this group we welcomed twenty-two new families into the Prouille Catholic School Community. It was an exciting evening as we discussed the

everyday life as a Kindergarten child at Prouille Catholic Primary School. I am sure you will extend a very warm Prouille welcome to these families when they commence their journey with us.

I am extremely grateful for the many people who assisted with the evening, Ann Milling, Sonia Colbert, Eddie Lee, Margaret Hedge, Cathy O'Neill, Carol White, Olivia Abernethy and Nadean Richards.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Sunday marks the final Sunday for the children of Prouille Catholic School and Holy Name Parish to celebrate their First Holy Communion. During this time I ask you to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to our students who received their First Communion last Sunday.



TELL THEM FROM ME- ONLINE SURVEY

How do we achieve positive and practical change in our schools in order to enable school improvement? We listen to what students, teachers and parents have to say. Providing valuable insight for your school planning The Tell Them From Me (TTFM) Survey is a complete evaluation system for measuring student engagement, wellbeing and classroom climate, and other factors known to affect learning outcomes. Information is captured from students in Years 4-12, parents and teachers, to guide decision-making for school planning and ultimately increase student achievement.



As part of our focus on school effectiveness, Prouille Catholic School Wahroonga will be participating in an online survey for students, parents and teachers – *Tell Them From Me* (TTFM). The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our community thinks about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve.

During the next few weeks, you will be given the opportunity and time to participate in this survey. If you agree to complete the survey will be given a random username and password to access and complete the survey online. Participants' names cannot be linked to their responses which allows it to be completely anonymous. Results will show all participants' scores combined together – it is not possible to single out individual participant in the results.

The survey takes approximately 25-30 minutes to complete. The survey measures include such topics as emotional and social well-being, physical health, and behaviours and attitudes linked to student success. The survey also allows participants to give their thoughts and feedback in open-ended question responses. Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary. You will not take part if you do not wish to. If, during the survey, you are uncomfortable answering any question, you should leave it blank and move on to the next one. You can stop the survey at any time. The TTFM Survey will be sent to you via Compass. Thank you for your assistance as it is greatly appreciated. The survey closes on the 27th November.

Congratulations to all the children who received awards last week

CLASS	
K Kangaroo	Elise, Georgie
1 Rosella	Jenny, Jacob
1 Lyrebird	Monica, Alisha
2 Emu	Alex, Nicholas, Matthew
3 Platypus	Chloe, Bryce
3 Bilby	Emma, Gabriel
4 Kookaburra	Yohann, Cooper
5 Echidna	Veronica, Molly
5/6 Wallaby	Luca, Phoebe



STAR OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Kiana B, Year 1, Rosella, who is our Star of the Week.
Well done Kiana.

Yours sincerely

Sue Bevan

Ms. Sue Bevan
PRINCIPAL



UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Special Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th November

- Kinder 2021 Orientation Morning

Tuesday 10th November

- African Drumming Incursion

Wednesday 11th November

- **Remembrance Day**
- P&F AGM @ 7.00pm in School Library

Friday 13th November

- Portfolios go home.

Monday 16th November

- Kinder 2021 Orientation Morning

Friday 27th November

- Christmas School Disco

Wednesday 16th December

- End of Year Mass and last day for students

Thursday 17th December

- Staff Development Day

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PASTORAL CARE NEWS

Dear Parents

Jesus often spoke to His followers of the importance of being honest, of being truthful and of experiencing God's truth in His Kingdom. At Prouille, the teachers teach the students of the importance of being truthful with our teachers, family and with our classmates. It is with this in mind that our PBL focus for this week is:

***At Prouille, we are Responsible when we are truthful
(Truth)***

A huge thank you to all the students and their families for the generous donations during our Socktober Charity drive. We are currently the second most giving school in the New South Wales according to Catholic Mission. It's not too late to donate online if you have not already done so.

Again, a huge thank you for a job well done!

Take care and God bless

Mr Mark Catanzariti

Religious Education Coordinator

