



PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

There can be a beautiful simplicity about Christmas that is calming to our senses amidst the furious activity of daily life at this time of the year. When we listen to carols and view the sanitised stable scenes that are in our cribs at school, church and home, we are comforted as we are when we read a verse such as this:

*"Long ago, one winter's night
The air without was cold,
Mary and Joseph shelter sought
The inns are full they're told.
They found a cave – a stable
And with oxen resting there,
The Babe was born, the King of Kings,
Yes, in a manger bare.*

*The shepherds came, adoring Him
Great joy their hearts did fill,
Angels sang, Glory to God on High,
Peace on earth to men of good will."* Extract. Christmas. Patrick McCormack.



However, for Mary and Joseph the birth of Jesus was far from being calming and comforting. Mary and Joseph lived in Nazareth, four days journey north of Bethlehem. Mary is a teenage mother to be and a journey late in her pregnancy is difficult for her. For Mary and Joseph this was a time of hardship and anxiety.

Long after the angels disappear into the heavens, the shepherds return to their flocks, the wise men journey home, Jesus remains. The infant babe, in whom we rediscover God's great love for humanity, becomes the adult who challenges us to imitate His selflessness and compassion, to recreate our lives, to make the peace, justice and hope of Christians a reality throughout the seasons of the year.

Christmas is not only the commemoration of an historical event that occurred 2000 years ago, it is a spiritual event to be lived within each of us. Our mission is to make holy the secular aspects of Christmas and we do this by being holy people – kind, patient, generous, loving, laughing people no matter how maddening the Christmas rush around us.

A poet was once asked if he could explain one of his poems in "ordinary terms". He replied with some feeling, "If I could say what I meant in 'ordinary terms', I would not have had to write the poem!" In a similar manner, it is difficult to put into "ordinary terms" the mystery of Christmas: the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, who grew in wisdom and age, who preached a way of love, who suffered, died and rose again, who became the model for our human and spiritual growth. The birth of Jesus made possible, not just a new way of understanding life, but a new way of living it. Even though all around us are signs that are rushing us to a Christmas of celebration that equates spending with love, we need to feel a strong undercurrent of authentic meaning. If we were to put into "ordinary terms" the meaning of Christmas, perhaps it might look something like this:

"It's sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts.

It's not wrapping presents, it's being present and wrapping your arms around the ones you love. It's not getting Christmas cards out on time, it's sending any card, anytime, at the right time.

It's not having the best Christmas light display, it's displaying the Christ light that comes from your heart.

It's not Santa coming down the chimney, it's Jesus coming down from heaven and giving us the gift of Himself." Author unknown.

How about another verse to add to the other three:

*"O blessed be Thy holy name,
Our Babe, our Lord, our King,
All praise and all thanksgiving
Let Christmas joy-bells ring."*

Peace and Best Wishes.



THANK YOU!

Well the end of the 2020 educational year is drawing to a close and we now have to give thanks for the truly amazing year that we have experienced. I give thanks each day for being part of this wonderful Prouille Catholic School Community. The individuals who make up this beautiful school are such special people who bring so many gifts to our community. I wish to thank our unbelievable and dedicated admin and teaching staff for without them I would not be able to fulfil my daily workload. They are such a dedicated and committed group of professionals, I enjoy being part of such a professional team.

I am extremely grateful to my school executive team who give their all 200% of the time. Ann and Mark are my left and right arms who provide tremendous support and are always there to guide me and it is their shared leadership qualities that I value. They will be greatly missed as they head off on their new ventures for 2021.

I wish to thank the children for they are absolutely the very best children that any Principal could be blessed with. They are friendly, enthusiastic, caring, compassionate, motivated, respectful and loving. They are living examples of their wonderful parents. Parents I wish to thank you for your valued partnership, trust, cooperation and support.....and for the many things you do each day.

I also particularly want to thank Sarah Ward, Ange Chappel and the P&F executive for their amazing support. Thank you also to Fr. David Ranson who has supported us, been our Religious Leader and provided spiritual guidance throughout the year. We wish Fr. David every happiness in his new appointment as Parish Priest at Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood.

Beginnings are scary and endings are sad but what occurs in the middle is the most exciting part when hope floats up to meet you and fills you with wonder and surprises during your journey.....for the many families who are leaving us this year we hope that this has been your experience at Prouille Catholic School.

Please remember that you still are very much a part of the Prouille story, and we are so grateful that you have helped weave our tapestry. We wish you every success in your future journey and remember, you will always be welcomed back, till next time thank you and best wishes to the Bull, Chitanda, Georgiades, Wickham and McGrath families.

WE WILL MISS YOU



CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who will be graduating on Friday. We are extremely proud of them. Thank you to Mrs. Louise O'Brien-Pounce who through her devotion, commitment and dedication has contributed greatly to the students' final year's education in Primary School which will culminate in a very beautiful Graduation Mass and celebration. Thank you, Fr. David who will celebrate this very beautiful Graduation Mass and for providing spiritual guidance to our senior students. Thank you also to Mrs. Ange Chappel, the Year 5 parents and the students of Year 5 who are organising this spectacular Graduation Celebration.



To **Charlotte, Rosie, Thea, Faith, Jethro, Arjuna, Salome, Evan, Isaac, Katelyn, Lily and Oliver**

May we congratulate and salute you Year 6 and wish you the very best and as you journey:

May the road rise up to meet you

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face and until we meet again

May God hold you in the palm of His hand in a loving embrace!

STAFFING

Parents, I appreciate your patience as this year's staffing, due to unforeseen circumstances it is taking a little longer this year. Hopefully I will have confirmation on staff towards the end of this week and then I can notify you regarding staffing at Prouille for 2021, no later than early next week.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Teachers are currently busy preparing students' school reports for Semester 2. School reports will be emailed home on Friday 11th December.

You must have downloaded the Compass App and have logged in using your password to access your child's report. If you need assistance with logging in, please call the school office.



BOOKING FOR 2021 ASSESSMENT INTERVIEWS

Parents please check Compass for instructions and important letter regarding booking in for MAI and Best Start assessment interviews for 2021. This year schools will be using Compass, so the process is different. Bookings will open next Monday, 14th December 2020. See attached letters at end of newsletter regarding assessments

Please contact the office if you have any queries

THANK YOU

Thank you to Year 1 and Year 5 families who joined us for a special family mass last Sunday. It was a very special celebration. Thank you to Sally Oong and her family, Mrs. Ann Milling, Mrs. Robyn Clyant and Mr. Mark Catanzariti.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Congratulations to all our recipients of Principal Awards last week These students need to be affirmed for their gentle and caring nature, commitment to learning, being consistently respectful, reaching out to others, selflessness and positivity.

Well done ***Faith, Angus, Abigail, Patrick, Annabelle, Huxley, Nicholas, Hannah, Charlotte, Blake, Ariz, Alfred, Ava, Archie, Veronica, Matthew, Salome and Evan....***we are so very proud of you!!!!

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

Kindy and their Year 6 Buddies celebrated a year of learning and support at Prouille.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 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, you have been exceedingly generous ***THANK YOU, THANK YOU*** Mrs. White and her merry group of volunteers filled the hampers to the brim with donations for these families!!





END OF YEAR MASS

The End of Year Mass will take place on Wednesday, 16th December at 11.00am, in the Veritas Hall – all welcome!

Yours sincerely

Sue Bevan

Ms. Sue Bevan

Congratulations to all the children who received awards last week:

CLASS	
1 Lyrebird	Flynn, Sophie, Isaac
2 Emu	Luke, Jared, Aurelia, Will
3 Bilby	Ella, Annabelle
4 Kookaburra	Darcie, Ruby
5 Echidna	Violet, Harry
5/6 Wallaby	Lily, Katelyn, Arjuna, Jethro



UPCOMING DIARY DATES

Dear Parents, here are a few important dates:

Friday 11 December

- Year 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner

Wednesday 16 December

- End of Year Mass 11.00am @ Veritas Hall Prouille
- **LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS**



PROVILLE SCHOOL

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Re: Booking for KINDERGARTEN Assessment Interviews 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next year Kindergarten children will participate in assessments over a two day period.
Thursday 28th and 29th January 2021.

Your child will participate in both a Mathematical Assessment (MAI) and the Best Start Assessment (literacy) during the one session.

Bookings will open on **MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER** and close on **FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY 2021.**

Please secure **ONE** timeslot for your child using the instructions below.

Each interview will be **one hour** and will be held in your child's 2021 Kindergarten classroom.

Both assessment interviews are play and story based so won't be stressful for your child.

To select your assessment interview time please follow these simple instructions:

1. **Log onto Compass** using either your computer or the phone app.
2. Refer to your login email sent from the school for your User ID and password.
3. On your dashboard you will see an item – *Book Parent Student Teacher Conference*, under each of your children's names.
4. Click on this link and you will see the teacher's name on the right-hand side and timeslots.
5. Click on the teacher name.
6. Select and click on a timeslot.

When arriving at the school on Assessment day;

- Go to school office
- Sign in
- Carol will direct you to the correct classroom
- Wait outside the room until teacher comes to collect you and your child.

Please contact the school office if you have further questions.

Wishing you and your family the blessings of the Christmas season and we look forward to seeing you in 2021.

Best Wishes
Ann Milling
Assistant Principal



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Re: Booking for YEARS 1- 6 MAI assessment interviews 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next year, all students from Years 1 to 6 children will participate in a Mathematical Assessment (MAI).

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Interviews will be scheduled over one day only Thursday 28th January 2021.

Please secure **ONE TIMESLOT** for your child using the instructions below.
If you are unable to book into a time slot then class teachers will contact you next year and your child will be tested at another time.

Each assessment interview will be for **30 minutes** and will be held in your child's 2021 classroom.

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WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS?



CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS PRACTICES

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC CHURCH, WAHROONGA

35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga

ALL WELCOME

You MUST PRE-BOOK your tickets for the Mass:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKDL>

1st Practice: Monday 14 December 3.30-4.30pm (Afternoon tea - 3.15pm)

- * **Children** - The allocation of Nativity roles, jobs (prayers and readings etc) & sorting out costumes

2nd Practice: Thursday 17 December 10.00am-12.00pm

- * **Children, Musicians, Singers, Dancers** - run through of Nativity for Gospel, Carols plus children practising Readings, Prayers, Angels' Dance, Drummer Boy, 3 Kings.

3rd Practice: Monday 21 December 10.00am - 12.00 noon

- * **Children, Singers and Musicians** - total run through Nativity, Readings etc and Carols

MASS: **Christmas Eve 5PM on Thursday 24 December**

Carols from 4.30pm, then Mass at 5.00pm

PLEASE arrive by 4pm to organise costumes and seating

The more Shepherds, Angels and Animals, the merrier! Always memorable!

ALL PARENTS/CARERS are welcome to come and help, please.

For more details, please contact Sally Oong: hnwsally@gmail.com or at the Parish office: 9489 3221





Wahroonga Netball Clinic at Prouille

Date: Thursday December 10th

Time: 3:15pm – 4:45pm

Free Netball Clinic
for everyone!

A grade coaches

- Netball skills training
- Mini Games
- Team Building
- Sportsmanship
- Prepare for next season

**Come and
have FUN**



Due to COVID-19 restrictions no parents allowed until pick up time and Prouille kids only. Please register your interest or if you have any questions contact Serena Artindale 0457 592 057

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