



## PROUILLE NEWSletter

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Term 1

Week 4

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that it is already the end of Week 4 and the Holy season of Lent has just begun. We have had a Swimming Carnival, a Beginning Year Mass, Year 6 Leadership Induction, an Ash Wednesday Liturgy and thrown some parents into turmoil as we changed the bells and break times throughout the day. Many of the following items have been sent through Compass and following parent feedback, we will be changing the settings on Compass to allow you access to posted items for a longer period of time.

The P&F welcomed the new Prouille School Leadership Team to their first 2021 meeting and greatly impressed us with their organisation, enthusiasm, and dedication to the school community. We have met with many parents and fielded many questions. Please know that if you have questions or concerns or you would just like to introduce yourself, I am more than happy to meet with you and have a chat.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have been unable to hold the Parent Information Nights for all grades other than Kindergarten. We have posted Term 1 Grade Overviews on Compass and these contain all the information that we would have presented on those nights. We hope to invite parents into the classrooms very soon.

Thank you for your continued support of the teachers and the school community.

### **YEAR 4 DINGO**

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Miss Sabrina McCowage as the full-time teacher on Year 4 Dingo for the remainder of the year. Sabrina has been working across the diocese in various capacities and brings with her great enthusiasm and understanding of modern pedagogies.

### **STUDENT ABSENCES**

Please be aware that class teachers will ring parents if your child is absent (unplanned) for two consecutive days just as a way of checking in.

### **SCHOOL DAY START AND FINISH TIMES**

Just a reminder that school starts at 8.50 am. At this time music will play through the speakers for 5 minutes until 8.55am for the children to make their way to class lines. At 8.55am the front gate will be closed.

**If your child arrives after this time, a parent or adult is required to 'sign-in' their child at the office in person, it is a legal requirement for our rolls.**

School pick-up starts from 3.05pm, with Slow n' Go (car pick-up) commencing at 3.10pm to allow for parents picking up children at the front gate to move off.

**Please move from outside the school rather than lingering, children are not to play on the equipment after school time and parents are asked to move away and remember social distancing.**

Slow n' Go finishes at 3.30pm. If your child is continually at school past 3.30pm, arrangements will be made for them to go to after school care with an associated cost to the parents.

**If children are required to leave school before 3.05pm they need to be signed-out at the office as once again, students are legally in our care till 3.05pm**

## RECESS AND LUNCH TIMES

As communicated through Compass, we are trialling a redistribution of break times in line with other schools in the diocese as well as more consistent with current behavioural and educational theory. Although change can be hard, it is not realistic to think that everything will always remain the same if there is a proven way to do things differently for a better outcome.

We will invite parents, students and teachers to review this change at the end of term through a google survey. The bell and break times for the school for Term 1 are as follows:

Time	PURPOSE	NOTES
8:50	Music plays to signal the end of before school playtime. Children pack-up, wash hands and make their way to lines.	
8.55	Bell sounds to signal time to move to class.	If a child arrives after 8.55am they need to be signed-in at the office by a parent.
9.00	Bell sounds to signal the end to 'taking the roll', prayer and administration - Learning Begins!!	Teachers determine when they will have a crunch n' sip break in the first two-hour learning session.
11.00	Bell sounds to start Break 1 / Recess / Supervised Eating.	Children sit to eat with teacher supervision for 10-15 minutes.
11.15	Bell sounds to end supervised eating time and 30 minutes play time commences.	
11.43	Music plays to signal the end of playtime; children wash their hands and make their way to lines ready to move to class.	
11.45	Bell sounds for students to move to class and the second learning block starts.	Teachers determine when they will have a crunch n' sip break in the second two-hour learning block.
1.45	Bell sounds to start Break 2 / Lunch / Playtime for 30 minutes	Children are encouraged to eat lunch if they did not have enough food at the first break.
2.13	Music plays to signal the end of playtime. Children wash their hands and make their way to lines ready to move to class.	
2.15	Bell sounds for students to move to class and commence afternoon learning block.	
3.00	Music plays for 5 minutes to complete work and pack up ready for dismissal at 3.05pm.	
3.05	Bell sounds to signal the end of the school day.	
3.10	Slow n' Go commences once parents have moved off from the "parent pick-up" area.	

## PERMISSION FOR IMAGES TO BE USED ON OUR PROUILLE FACEBOOK PAGE.

The CSBB permission note that went home last week has multiple boxes to tick regarding permissions for the use of student's images. They have come back with approximately 50% of families not allowing their child to appear on our Facebook page or in our Newsletter. We are unsure if this is realistic or a reflection of the form. Please use the below link to answer 4 questions so we can determine whether you allow your children to appear on our Facebook and in our Newsletter to celebrate the learning at Prouille.

[Link to Facebook Photo Permission Form](#)

## SICK CHILDREN

We have noticed an increase in the number of students visiting our sick bay this week. If your child informs you that they are sick in the morning, (especially in these COVID-19 times) please keep them at home as illness spreads very quickly in the school and classroom environment.

## PARKING

Please remember that there is **no parking along the school side of Water Street during afternoon and morning drop-off and pick-up times**. There have been some occasions where a driver has parked outside or just down from the school and it has greatly impacted on parents, students and other schools. When the road is clear from parked cars, the line moves quickly and safely. Please always use the pedestrian crossing and do not "Chuck a Uy" outside the front of the school!

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

We enjoyed a slightly chilly day with some great swimming and wonderful team spirit. Thank you to those parents who respected the "No Spectator" restriction. We understand that it would have been difficult for such proud and supportive parents and we look forward to the easing of restrictions in the following weeks and having parents actively involved in school events.

Unfortunately, we are unable to share The Swimming Carnival photos with the community as the permission note for the use of photos that was sent out recently has resulted in a large number of parents requesting that their children's photos are not used on our Facebook page or in our newsletter.

## MESSAGE FROM KATE ROBERTS TO THE PROUILLE COMMUNITY

*"It is with a heart full of joy that I wish to share the incredible news of my daughter, Isolde Roberts, coming home healthy from the hospital on January 31<sup>st</sup>. These last four months since her premature birth on September 25<sup>th</sup> have been difficult, to say the least. I need to say that the incredible medical professionals and auxiliary staff involved in her care and supporting our family are the true heroes in her journey to home.*

*What an extraordinary Prouille community we are part of. I am beyond grateful for your kindness, prayers and support. Thank you! Big sister Elspeth is overjoyed that her baby sister is home and she can finally play with her, which warms my heart."*

*Kate Roberts*

Kind Regards  
Genevieve Smith  
PRINCIPAL

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# St Leo's Catholic College, Wahroonga

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our \$25m  
campus  
upgrade

### What's on!

*All welcome!*

- Speak to our staff and students
- Hear from the Principal - hourly addresses
- Tour our \$25m campus upgrade
- Information stands and displays
- Sports activities and CAPA performances
- Covid-safe plan in place

Our innovative learning environment, strong academic results, caring community and personalised approach make St Leo's an exceptional place to learn.

Come and find out more!

Enter via Woolcott Ave, Wahroonga, or main event parking via Yardley Ave, Waitara.



## OPEN DAY & EXPO

Tuesday 16 March, 4-7pm



*Enter with passion –  
graduate with greatness*

Register at: [stleos.nsw.edu.au](http://stleos.nsw.edu.au)