



# PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Term 3

Week 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 3's HBL Update is included in this newsletter and as always, we would like to start our communication with our heartfelt thanks for your continued support of your children's learning and the support you show to the teachers during these ridiculously difficult times.

You are all doing an amazing job. We know that things can change from week to week and day to day and rest assured whatever you and your child do with the work that we outline and suggest, will be supported by us. Some days you may get all of it done and some days none at all! Every family's circumstance is different and our weekly plans and daily outlines need to be adapted to suit you.

Please find below a number of school related items before the HBL update.



## RETURN TO PROUILLE IN 2022 GOOGLE FORM LINK FOR PARENTS

Thank you to the families who have filled in the Return to Prouille in 2022 Form that was sent out on Compass this week. If you have not had a chance to fill it in yet, please do so by the 1st of August. The link is here: - [Return to Prouille in 2022](#)

## HBL UPDATES ON COMPASS

Since the beginning of the NSW lockdown 5 weeks ago, we have been posting 'HBL Updates' on Compass. We understand the frustration when some of these then disappear after 2 weeks. To alleviate this frustration, we have been saving all these communications under the Newsletter Section of the Prouille Website, where they

remain for a much longer period of time should you need to reference them.

## 100 DAYS OF KINDERGARTEN

We have decided that Covid lockdown restrictions will not stop us from celebrating this significant event in our Kindergarten student's lives!! We will be contacting Kindy parents over the next week to set things in motion!



## NEW FAMILIES AND STUDENTS COMMENCED AT PROUILLE IN TERM 3.

Please join me in welcoming the Nardi, Chueh and Huie families to Prouille this term and also two new children from existing families, David Green and Ruofan Lui join their siblings at our school. We warmly welcome you and your children. The students have been welcoming these children via classrooms and we can not wait to welcome them in person the first chance we get.



## STUDENTS AT SCHOOL

Thank you to the very small number of families who continue to fill in our Google Form to let us know that they have no other choice but to send their children to school on some of the days throughout the week. Could I please ask that you complete the form for the coming week as

we have less and less staff being able to travel to work as the LGA restrictions change and increase. We understand you are only sending your children as they need to be here and that you understand they are not receiving teacher input other than what the children at home are receiving through HBL. The Week 4 Google Form is here. [Week 4 Term 3 - Children who need to attend school Form.](#)

### **PROUILLE PUBLIC SPEAKING**

We understand the importance of the Prouille Public Speaking Competition to students and families. We had plans to run this competition this term for Kindergarten to Year 6. We have put these plans on hold for Kindergarten to Year 5 and will run the competition the moment we are all back together on site.

### **ICAS ASSESSMENTS**

Please note that the ICAS assessment window dates have changed to October. If you have registered your child for any of the assessments, you should have received notification.

### **ST DOMINIC'S FEAST DAY FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – 10.00am**

#### [Zoom Link to Liturgy](#)

On Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> of August we will celebrate the feast of St Dominic. Unfortunately, due to Covid we have had to postpone our whole school celebrations, (They will be held in Term 4) however, we invite you to join us in a special live zoom liturgy at 10.00am run by the teachers of Prouille.

St Dominic was a special teacher. He taught us to live our lives well and gave us values to help us to be more like Jesus. St Dominic helped others and he wanted us to look out for people in need in our world. He wanted us to be God's voice to speak out for people in need. After the liturgy I encourage you to take the time to



reflect on how we can live the life of Jesus just as St Dominic did.

### **FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS**

**MacKILLOP**

**MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST – 9.30am**



#### [Zoom Link to Liturgy](#)

On Monday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of August we will join in a live zoom liturgy at 9.30 to celebrate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Mary MacKillop was an educator, a pioneer and a leader, someone who had compassion for others regardless of their situation or race. Mary MacKillop was kind to all people, even if they did not agree with her. She helped many people during her lifetime by keeping her faith in God and bravely challenging those who did not support her vision for a more caring world. Mary MacKillop was declared a saint by the Catholic Church in 2010.

### **PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES**

We have a number of families within the school who have lost grandparents over the last few weeks. While it is hard enough for families to process the loss of a grandparent in normal times, the distance and inability to mourn and celebrate these significant family members in traditional ways, adds another level of complexity. Our thoughts and prayers are with those families who have lost a loved one.



**Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine  
upon them.**

**May the souls of all the  
faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.**

**~Amen**

Kind Regards  
Genevieve Smith  
PRINCIPAL

## HOME BASED LEARNING UPDATE

Thank you to those families who continue to give us positive feedback and suggestions regarding how we are running HBL at Prouille. We have taken on board a number of suggestions and will continue to do so over the coming weeks. It is interesting to note that some say we are setting too much work and some say not enough. Others are asking for more Zooms while some are requesting we do less. Other families would like the weekly plan on a Friday the previous week and some want it a day at a time on the morning of the actual school day. We are attempting to strike a balance and much like the classroom, know that individuals and families all work differently.

**Now that we know the Lockdown has been extended until the 28<sup>th</sup> August, we would like to hear from other families that may not have contacted us with questions, suggestions and concerns. Please take the time to fill in the survey and once we have received the survey responses, we will respond to concerns in the next HBL Update. Please find the link to the survey here. [\(Link to Parent Survey about HBL\)](#)**

**Teachers set the Weekly Outline as a guide only. It is timely to remind you that Home Based Learning is NOT meant to replicate the classroom learning at home and it is NOT “online learning” it is a guide and plan for continuing the growth, development and learning of students whilst at home under difficult circumstances and one size does not fit all.**

Last week many teachers showed me their email inboxes. The work being handed in from students ranged from 190 to 315 pieces of work being sent in for teachers to view in one day! Of course, that is our job and much like the classroom we will choose pieces of work to provide detailed and personal feedback and some work just to see that it has been handed in. This is common practice across all schools. Teachers are unable to give detailed feedback on every piece of work, every single day, to every single student. Teachers choose particular pieces of work to delve into deeper and then may use that as a source of information about student growth.

**Next week we will continue with HBL as usual. However, in Week 5 we would like to trial a SCREEN FREE DAY for every student across the school. That means no devices at all.... of course we will plan and provide appropriate activities that will ensure the students are engaged and learning...but free from any form of technology!**

Thank you to the parents and students that supported our Virtual Disco today, we look forward to seeing everyone at our weekly Zoomerly on Monday at 2.30 for our virtual merit awards.