



PROUILLE

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
WAHROONGA

HBL UPDATE - Friday 6th August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

With the 4th week of Home Based Learning coming to a close, it was lovely to see the families that joined in the liturgy for the Feast of St Dominic via zoom today. I think St Dominic's prayer certainly resonates with us all during these difficult times:-

*May God the Father, who made us, bless us.
May God the Son, who redeemed us, send healing into our midst.
May God the Holy Spirit, who gives us life, move within us.*

*May God give us eyes to see God, ears to hear God,
and hands to bring God's work into the world.*

*May we walk with God and preach the word of God to all.
May the angel of peace watch over us and
lead us at last by God's grace to the eternal Kingdom.*

- Prayer of St. Dominic

As the parents and carers of the children from Prouille, you continue to amaze us. You have turned your lounge rooms into obstacle courses to teach position, your backyards into stages to encourage acting and singing, you have innovated with household objects to inspire artworks, created "idea incubators", allowed chalk to be drawn all over concrete, used your kitchen to explain scientific reactions and even used Noah's Ark to count and explore animal husbandry! All that, whilst still trying to attend to your own work commitments and competing family demands.

You have and always will be the greatest teachers of your children. When they become school age, you generously give us the privilege to share in that role and I can assure you, that we are missing having a more active part in their learning journey and like you, can not wait till school resumes as usual.

Thank you for your continual feedback with regards to HBL at Prouille. Many of you have very different views with your expectations and beliefs when it comes to how it should work. One of the areas you all have the biggest differing opinions in, is with the amount of time your child spends on Zoom in front of a teacher. As outlined in last week's HBL update, HBL is not a replica of the classroom at home, however, we will continue to try and find a balance to address your needs. The following outlines some of your concerns and how we are working towards solutions:-



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- Many of you would like us to have 'one to one' zooms with the students. Due to Child Protection and Safeguarding we are unable to hold 'one to one' zooms with a teacher and an individual student. From Week 6 we will be specifically targeting Literacy and Numeracy via small group zooms (1 teacher with 2-3 students with either a Literacy or Numeracy focus to address a specific need in those two major KLAs) The class teacher will organise those throughout the week.
- Some parents would like Zooms to resemble a classroom, where a teacher will explicitly teach a concept or a targeted lesson. Research has shown that when primary school children watch a screen, their attention wanes after 10-15 minutes (depending on the age). To address this issue, teachers are experimenting with videoing themselves in short 5 minutes segments explaining concepts for specific lessons and then posting them on the learning platform so that students can access them as many times as they need throughout the week. You will start to see these appear in the coming weeks.
- Teachers have started to archive the previous week's work to address the concern that some parents have regarding their children being overwhelmed with the amount of work remaining on the platform as well as the student's ability to navigate Google Classroom and Seesaw with so much work being posted.
- From Week 5, we will be having a '**screen free**' day once a week to address parent's concerns about the amount of time their children are on technology. Teachers will plan for the learning to be completed without a computer or Ipad. It will be posted at the beginning of the week and children will be reminded on Tuesday that **there will be no Zoom or technology to be used on Wednesday the 11th August.**
- In Week 6 we are extremely excited to be bringing you a **Well-being Day** full of fun family-filled activities for everyone to enjoy...stay tuned.
- Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) have highlighted to all schools that during HBL, the focus needs to be on Literacy, Numeracy, RE and student Well-being, we would like to continually support parents in focusing on these areas and assure you that we understand if these are the only KLAs that get completed daily.
- Parents have asked for an updated list of Zoom Links and that it be easier to continually access. A comprehensive list of Zoom links is attached and I will post it on Compass at the end of each week so it is easily accessible to all. Please note, these links have not changed since the last time and are always posted on your child's learning platform (Seesaw K-3 and Google Classroom Years 4-6)

Stay safe and God Bless

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Prouille HBL Zoom Links		
Time	Title	Zoom Link
2.30 Mondays	Prouille School Zoomberly	https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/61647531696?pwd=ZTk2NEVuK0VrUUU1aFRiUIRCRHI5Zz09
9.30 Monday 9th Aug	School Liturgy St Mary MacKillop Feast Day	https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/65397550143?pwd=MWRGOHBlaTN6Wkx1VjRmS01xQVh1dz09
9.30 Daily	Kindy Kangaroo Classroom	https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/63294273073
9.30 Daily	Kindy Koala Classroom	https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/68339675557
9.30 Daily	Year 1 Lyrebird Classroom	https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/s/68840933182
9.15 Daily	Year 2 Wombat Classroom	https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/67415599736
9.00 Daily	Year 2 Emu Classroom	https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/65017253405
10.00 Daily	Year 3 Bilby Classroom	https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/64111585961
10.00 Daily	Year 4 Dingo Classroom	https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/64477431231
10.30 Daily	Year 4 Kookaburra Classroom	https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/s/69810391789
10.00 Daily	Year 5 Echidna Classroom	https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/63144323700
10.30 Daily	Year 6 Wallaby Classroom	https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/65060903625

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