



PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Term 4

Week 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday marks the start of my favourite time of not only the Liturgical Year but the year as a whole! Advent not only signals to us that it is only 4 Sundays till Christmas Eve but the first Sunday of Advent is the start of the new Church and Liturgical year. The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means 'coming' or 'visit'. During this time we connect with the longing and expectant waiting of the Jewish people as they prepared for the advent of the Messiah. We also look forward with similar longing and expectancy to the second advent of Christ that we have been promised.

As you all know, one of the special colours associated with the season of Advent is purple. To mark the significance of this important season for us, we are asking all students and staff to wear purple to school this Monday (29th November). It can be as small as a purple ribbon in the hair or as 'full-on' as all purple clothing! The Year 6 Mission Leaders will celebrate a short liturgy in our Zoomberly on Monday and lead the school in prayer each day throughout Advent.

As we enter this season of preparation and action we pray:



This Advent-time
we remember Mary and Joseph,
giving thanks for their faithfulness,
courage and obedience,
stepping out into the unknown
in the strength of your Spirit,
playing their part in the fulfilment of
your plan
to bring your prodigal people home
again.

We pray that their example
might be the pattern of our lives,
that when your gentle whisper
breaks through the clamour of this
world
and into our small corner,
we might be ready to listen,
and having listened, to act.

Amen

We are currently working on the classes for 2022 and although there continues to be some movement the following outlines the class teachers for 2022:

Kindergarten Kangaroo:

Mrs Catherine Davidson

Kindergarten Koala:

Miss Sabrina McCowage

Year 1 Lyrebird:

Miss Gabrielle McKay

Year 1 Rosella:

Mrs Jo Neilson

Year 2 Emu:

Mrs Samantha Sheather

Year 3 Bilby:

Mrs Robyn Clyant

Year 3 Platypus:

Mrs Kate Roberts/Mrs Celeste Pan

Year 4 Kookaburra:

Mrs Rebecca Runnalls/Mrs Simone Hayward

Year 5 Echidna:

Mrs Caroline Willard

Year 6 Wallaby:

TBA - Assistant Principal

Sport:

Mr Darren Nosti

Music:

TBA

We wish to congratulate Mr Dominic Meagher who has accepted the role of Head of Junior Music at St Aloysius College commencing in 2022. Although a great loss for Prouille, this is an amazing opportunity for Mr Meagher's career and a very fortuitous addition to the St Aloysius College staff. We are currently recruiting a Music Teacher for 2022 and will inform the school community as soon as we have finished the process. We thank Mr Meagher for his outstanding service to Prouille and will have many opportunities to celebrate his contributions over the coming weeks.

Mrs Lousie O'Brien-Pounce will be taking on the role of Executive Release for the Assistant Principal (TBA), the Religious Education Coordinator (Samantha Sheather) and the Literacy Leader of Learning (TBA). In 2022 we will temporarily farewell Mrs Carmel Chivers who will be going on extended leave and Mrs Talia Grigor who will welcome her family's second child. Both teachers will be greatly missed. Mrs Rachael Lees will be in the role of Library Technologies Support Teacher (LTST) and will be working alongside teachers in the classrooms to integrate current and appropriate technologies into the curriculum as well as run Library borrowing.

All students will get to meet their 2022 teachers in their 2022 classrooms at the Step-Up/Promotions Day on Friday the 10th of December from 2.20pm to 2.50pm.

As COVID raises its head in various NSW schools over the past few weeks, I thank all the parent, staff and student community for continuing to adhere to our Level 3 restrictions and COVID safe practices so that we can 'hopefully' all experience a safe, joyous and peaceful Advent and Christmas Season with families and friends.

There is a lot of information contained in this newsletter and I thank you for taking the time to read it.

God bless and Stay safe

Genevieve Smith
PRINCIPAL

2022 YEAR 6 STUDENT LEADERS

Over the last few weeks, all 2021 Year 5 students have been a part of the Student Leader Election process for 2022. All students and parents received the Student Leader Election Policy and Procedures document and there have been nominations, interviews, speeches and voting. This Friday we will announce the Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains to the Year 5 class and they will be introduced to the school community at our Monday assembly via Zoom.

The 2022 Year 6 Leaders will be commissioned at our Beginning School Year Mass in 2022. The elected Captains and Vice Captains will call their parents from the Principal's Office and let them know the exciting news on Friday afternoon. We also acknowledge this is a difficult time for other students as they do not get the roles they were anticipating and thank them for being a part of this process.

**CELEBRATION FOR THE START OF ADVENT – WEAR PURPLE MONDAY**

All students and teachers are asked to wear all purple or part-purple clothing with their sports uniform and accessories on Monday the 29th of November to mark the commencement of Advent. This will coincide with a special Advent liturgy run by our Year 6 Mission Leaders at the Zoomberly on Monday.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY /ZOOMBERLY

Monday 29th of November 12.45pm

All parents and carers are invited to attend our school assembly held via Zoom on Monday the 29th of November. The Zoom link can be found [here](#) and will be sent in a compass post on Monday morning as a reminder. The assembly is run by our Year 6 Leaders and this week, the Mission Leaders will celebrate an Advent liturgy. The 2022 School Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains will be announced.

PROUILLE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY ZOOM AND 2021 PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

On Wednesday the 8th of December all classes and students will take part in a whole school Nativity Play via Zoom. Parents are invited to join the Zoom. Each class will come dressed as a Nativity character and roles for an re-enactment will be distributed by teachers. A compass post outlining the details will be sent on Monday. The following outlines the part of the Nativity each class is asked to come dressed as:-

Kindergarten:	Angels
Year 1:	Shepherds
Year 2:	Sheep/donkeys/cows
Year 3:	Inn keepers
Year 4:	Stars or Frankincense/Gold/Myrrh
Year 5:	Mary/Joseph
Year 6:	Wisemen

The Principal's Awards for 2021 will also be announced at the conclusion of the Nativity Play.



END OF YEAR MASS/LITURGY

We have been working closely with the parish and Fr. Paul to ensure we celebrate the end of the school year with our important Catholic traditions in mind. Upon discussions with the diocese and the Vicar General, we received the following response to a whole school mass in the church:-

"According to the tier of restrictions on which schools are currently operating on: Whole of school Masses are possible outdoors on the school site without outside attendees, Individual class Masses can be in the parish church but without any other attendees

So, at this stage it is not possible for the whole of Prouille to come to Holy Name for an end of year Mass."

To this end, we are working on a whole school Mass at school with just the children either outdoors or zoomed to classrooms and families. (As per Level 3 COVID restrictions).

This will be held on the last day of school on Wednesday the 15th December at 12.00 pm concluding with a celebratory ice block for all students, parents are invited to take children home after the liturgy/mass.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM DONATIONS

Unfortunately due to Level 3 restrictions, we are unable to hold a Second Hand Uniform Shop this year. However, we are still accepting donations. Please ring the office if you would like to drop off donations:

Please note: - We ask that you DO NOT donate stained, ripped, obsolete uniforms etc.

Remember - If you would not dress your own children in the uniform, then the clothing should not be donated to the second hand shop.



2021 P&F

Prouille would like to thank the 2021 P&F committee for their tireless work and commitment to the school and students throughout 2021. In the final Newsletter for the year, (Week 10) we will outline and thank the outgoing committee members and welcome the new!

YEAR 6 "PUBERTY NIGHT"

Due to the disruptions of COVID, the Year 6 teachers have been unable to complete all the syllabus outcomes for the important area of "Growing and Changing" in the PDHPE syllabus. We have organised a special "Puberty Night" via zoom on Thursday the 2nd December and encourage all Year 6 parents

and students to attend. Other schools in the diocese have run it this way with great success and are now planning for this in 2022 regardless of COVID restrictions!

FAMILY REGISTRATION FORMS

Thank you to the families that have returned the Family Registration Form.

For those families who have not yet returned it please note that this is an audit requirement. We would appreciate it if you would please complete and return the form as soon as possible. All families should have received forms as they were sent home with the students. If you would like another copy please contact the school office and we will send it home with your child.

For families with siblings at school please note that unless this form is completed we are unable to process the sibling discount.

LITERACY CORNER

Last week I spent the morning in Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two classes, working with those students on spelling. Spelling has been a school improvement focus and journey for us this year at Prouille, it was wonderful to see the great improvement across these classes!

We will be continuing this focus through 2022.

Sharon Kelly - Assistant Principal



POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PBL) AT PROUILLE

As the end of the year approaches, and there is a 'buzz in the air' with anticipation for the upcoming Christmas holidays, teachers are continuing to ensure consistency across K-6, in regard to Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL).

Each class is actively engaging in a daily PBL lesson, where students are provided with opportunities to learn about and action specific PBL rules. Teachers reinforce expectations within a positive framework, and work with the students using the following strategies:

PRACTISE

(Lead the children through the behaviour and allow them time to practise, role play, etc)

ACKNOWLEDGE

(Reinforcement for expected behaviour, corrective feedback for misbehaviour)

(REMEMBER the 4 Rs of PBL – Remind, Reteach, Redirect and Remove)

STUDENT REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- *Do I take every opportunity to learn?*
- *Have I made good choices today?*
- *Could I have done something differently today?*
- *Why is it important to make good choices?*
- *What choices could I make tomorrow?*
- *Have I remembered to move safely around the school today?*
- *Have I cared for my own safety by having shoelaces done up?*
- *Have I helped another person to be safe?*
- *Have I cared for school property and the school environment by moving safely?*
- *Have I followed safety rules on my way to and from school?*

Our wonderful Year 6 SRC leaders have created videos to help support students with understanding the expectations and behaviours associated with each PBL rule, which have been shown during school zoomberlys.

Thank you for your support, as we strive to enable all students to become **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, LEARNERS** at Prouille.

Prouille PBL News



Catherine Davidson - PBL Leader of Learning

RE CORNER

Advent is a time of waiting, remembering, hoping, and thanking God for becoming one of us. It is the liturgical season of four weeks devoted to preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas. We encourage all Prouille families to celebrate the liturgical year at home. Practicing our faith is essential in forming our Catholic identity. Advent is one way to make memories and traditions that will last a lifetime for the faith of your family. Below are three ways you may like to prepare for the season of Advent with your children:

1. Set up a place to pray together in your home, for example the kitchen or dining room table or a table in a corner of the room.
2. Use a symbol of Advent such as an advent wreath. Place it on coloured prayer cloth that reflects the season - Advent uses purple
3. Choose a time that the family can gather regularly and pray in the evening or morning or before a meal.

Advent Wreath Prayer

Loving God, together with those around
the world who struggle on
their journeys,
we gather around this wreath
and pray with joyful hope that
the light of Christ will illuminate our paths.
We praise you for the gift of your son,
Jesus Christ,
light of the world and hope of all nations.
We ask your blessing throughout
the Advent season
for those of us gathered here and
for those who
journey throughout the world.
We ask all this through
Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The resources and activities you find in the table attached at the end of this Newsletter may help you celebrate the season of Advent as a family at home

Samantha Sheather - REC



YEAR 6 GRADUATION PURCHASES

Year 6 families

It is that time of year where we are preparing to farewell our lovely Year 6 leaders and part of the tradition is parents buy their child a graduation bear, football, or soccer ball, and their friends sign this at school as a memento/keepsake. If you are interested in purchasing this for your child order via the QKR app please.

The yearbook is also available via the QKR app. We would appreciate your orders by Friday 3rd December 2021

Please access the Qkr app for the following:

Graduation Bears - \$16.00

Graduation Soccer/Rugby Balls - \$15.00

Yearbook - \$30.00



STUDENT WORK

Recently I have been sharing student work with you from different grades. This time I would like to share a letter that a Year 2 student shared with me. I have checked with Liam and he agreed that I shouldn't be the only person to read this!!

To my teachers,

I would like to tell you some things about autism. Autism makes me cry easily. For example, when I do something wrong, or do my work wrong.

I like to call it autism or AS, not ASD- because it's not really a disorder. It's a spectrum, and a different way of thinking. I'm really smart and notice things that other people might not.

Some people think that autistic people don't feel or show emotions. They actually do, and most feel emotions more intensely. Sometimes, it feels like I'm at a beach and there's a wave of worries coming over me. Deep breaths can help a bit.

When I'm overwhelmed, it's not easy for other people to tell. My face might go a bit red and I might look like I'm about to cry. Having a quick play with squishy toys or a break in the reading corner can help me calm down.

I find it hard when things change. Last minutes are the worst. When things change, giving me reminders can be really helpful. If it's a sudden change, a quick explanation would be good.

When things are brand new I can get really worried and think "I can't do it". I might need a few more check-ins than the other kids.

Most kids are kind and understand my autism. There has been one kid who didn't, but that's been better recently. I hope that everyone keeps being so understanding. When I'm doing something exciting you might see me rocking back and forth with my body. That's called stimming. Stimming helps me get my excitement out and I'd feel sad if someone told me to stop it. In fact, I can't stop it. It's just my body's reaction to excitement.

Autism doesn't mean I should be treated like I'm not a real person. I should be treated like anyone else.

Thanks for reading,

Liam

Dates for your Diary

Monday 29th November	<p style="text-align: center;">Wear Purple for Advent Whole School Zoomberly - 12.45pm Link (Including Advent Liturgy and introduction of Year 6 2022 Captains)</p>
Wednesday 8th December	Whole School Nativity - Via Zoom
Friday 10th December	Step-Up/Promotions Day - 2022 Years 1 - 6
Friday 10th December	Student Semester 2 Reports sent via Compass
Tuesday 14th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass, Awards and Luncheon
Wednesday 15th December	<p>Whole school End of Year Liturgy Ice Block Celebration Children invited to leave after Liturgy Last Day of school</p>
TERM 1 2022	
Friday 28th Jan 2022	<p>Week 1 Term 1 2022 No Student Attendance (Staff Professional Development Day)</p>
Monday 31st Jan 2022	<p>Week 2 Term 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MAI Testing Years 1 to 6 (Individual Student Appointments) Kindy Best Start Assessment Day (Individual Student Appointments)
Tuesday 1st Feb 2022	<p>Years 1 - 6 First Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten - Best Start Assessments continue
Wednesday 2nd Feb 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten Students' first day of big school!

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Week & Theme	Prayers	Bible Story to Read	Activity
HOPE Week One	The Sign of the Cross The Hail Mary	The Annunciation · Luke 1:26-38 Questions to Ponder: · In what ways does Gabriel describe Jesus? · What is Mary's response to God's question?	Make an Advent Wreath
PEACE Week Two	The Hail Mary The Our Father	The Visitation · Luke 1:39-56 Questions to Ponder: · How do Mary and Elizabeth rejoice when they see one another? · What is your favourite line from Mary's prayer?	Use pieces of art to pray and discuss the events of Advent and Christmas
JOY Week Three	The Glory Be The Apostles Creed	The Preaching of John the Baptist · John 1:6-8, 19-28 Questions to Ponder: · How does John prepare the way for Jesus? · How can we prepare our hearts for Jesus to come?	Share Your Joy · How can you bring the joy of Advent to others this week? Plan as a family to send cards, make a phone call, hang up Christmas lights, etc. to share Jesus with others!
LOVE Week Four	The Our Father The Hail Holy Queen	The Nativity · Luke 2: 4-15 Questions to Ponder: · What surprises you about how Jesus was born? · What gift would you have brought to baby Jesus?	Create your own ornaments

Wahroonga Community Celebrates



- The resilience and community spirit during the COVID-19 pandemic
 - The Centenary of Wahroonga Park
 - The Centenary of Rotary in Australia

You are invited to
a Healing Ceremony
and
the Dedication of a Time Capsule

Where: Wahroonga Park at the Rotunda

When: Saturday 4th December 2021

8.00am – 9.00am

BYO chair

For items /contributions to the Time Capsule go to:

<https://wahroongarotary.org/page/wahroonga-park-centenary-2021/>



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