

PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Term 1

Week 10

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we gently ease into the end of Term 1 next week, I am reminded that even though the first term holiday provides us with a chance to rejuvenate and reset for the next term, it also leads us to the most blessed of all liturgical seasons. I ask that:-

May these weeks leading up to the tragedy of Good Friday and the glory of Resurrection Sunday remind us of who you are, how you love us, and who you have created us to be as your followers.

May we walk through this season intentionally, removing distractions that take our gaze away from your glory.

May we quiet the noise that pulls us from adoration of you and puts our attention on lesser things. May we simplify where we have been stressed, may we surrender what has been burdensome, may we repent of what has been sinful, Lord Jesus.

May we see your goodness and your glory in new ways throughout this season of Lent. May we know the depths of your love for us more fully. May we feel the pain you endured for our sake, Jesus.

Draw us closer to your heart, that we might know you better and understand you more completely. We pray that we would not only give things up for Lent, but that we would give you glory through Lent, Lord. May our actions reflect our hearts, and may we worship you through all that we say and do throughout the weeks to come.

May our praise never cease in this season. May our worship be unending. May our love for you find new depths. May this season bring new hope and new healing. May we journey toward the cross prayerfully and purposefully, even through the pain, our doubt, our questions, and our searching.

May we find resurrection life springing up from this old dusty ground, and may we be surprised by joy in all of it. May

Easter be a day of complete celebration as we rejoice in our risen Saviour and praise our gracious Father. <https://www.crosswalk.com>



END OF TERM ASSEMBLY MONDAY 4th APRIL 2022

This Monday (Week 11) we will be holding our whole school assembly and warmly invite parents to attend. At this week's assembly we will be presenting the 2022 Term 1 Principal's Awards. If your child is the recipient of the award this term, you would have received an email with the details also asking you NOT to tell your child, so they get a surprise at the assembly.

We will also be entertained by Kindy, Year 1 and Year 4 with performances from their music lessons throughout the term. Merit awards from the previous 2 weeks will also be presented and Year 6 would like to make a presentation to the school - A very full agenda!

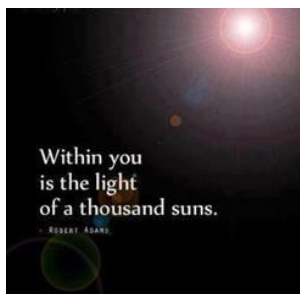
CSBB YEAR 6 LEADERSHIP DAY

On Thursday 31st March our Year Six students attended a virtual Leadership Day with the theme 'The Light of my Leadership'. To begin the day, students listened to our Director of Schools Mr Danny Casey as he spoke of the importance of servant leadership and how we too could lead in the way of Jesus Christ. Students were then able to virtually join all Year 6 schools across the Diocese in liturgy. After the liturgy, Year

Six were privileged to be able to listen to an interview with Bishop Anthony who spoke about who he admired and the many influences he had as a child growing up. Following the liturgy students participated in a number of activities including researching an influential Australian Leader and answering the key questions:

- What impact do they have on others?
- What is the light of their leadership in Australia today?
- -What might I gain/learn from this?

To end the day our students created an artistic representation of a scripture passage on light, with many students choosing to complete a biblical micrography, illuminated text or piccollage. Bienne & Ruby said that “today we learnt how to be a leader and saw what was required by others to be a leader. We researched the good qualities of a good leader and who we looked up to as positive role models and who helps people”.



COVID UPDATE

We have had a number of COVID cases in our school this week. To minimise any risk of spread, staff continue to remind students to sanitise or wash their hands and keep the windows open in classrooms to ensure good ventilation. Some staff and students are choosing to wear masks even though it is not mandatory and our hygienist at school wipes surfaces down each day. Please remember to not send children to school who are displaying COVID symptoms without first doing a RAT.

We are finding securing casual staff to be increasingly difficult as numbers increase across schools. Although we have had a number of cases throughout the term, our numbers have neither been the highest or lowest in the diocese. It is important we continue to be diligent and hopefully avoid days when we may not be able to replace staff who are unwell.

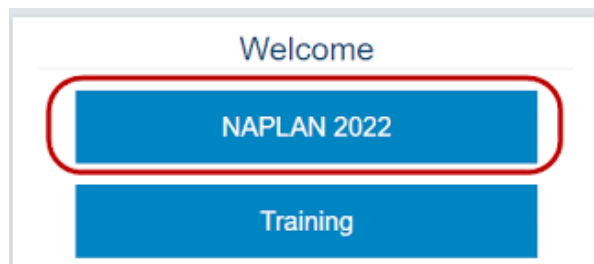
PROBLEMS WITH PHONES

Recently we were asked to move all our phone services to the NBN in line with the other residents of Water St. Following the migration to the NBN we have experienced a range of problems with the phones. This includes calls not coming through, poor phone lines, a different voice mail message with no line connected as well as no call waiting when our administration staff are already on the phone.

We have escalated this disruption to CSBB and the Telco and ask that you please continue to be understanding and patient and let us know if you are experiencing problems while we sort through the ongoing issues.



NAPLAN UPDATE



Students in Year 3 and Year 5 are participating in NAPLAN this year. NAPLAN gives schools and school systems valuable information to inform planning for teaching and learning.

Over the last two weeks, the students have participated in practice tests that provide them with examples of the Numeracy, Spelling, Language Conventions and Reading questions. Year 5 also completed a practice writing test online. These tests familiarise the students with the online platform and the types of questions they will be asked. These tests are also an opportunity to work out any technical difficulties that may occur with the test or devices.

The practice tests are not marked and schools/students do not receive feedback.

The testing window for the 'real' NAPLAN tests is from the 11 - 20 May. We will let you know days and dates for the testing early next term. We will always plan for 'catch-up' tests in the 2 weeks should children be away. **There were a number of children who did not have working headphones for the practice test and although we are prepared with spares, could we please ask that your child has working headphones or earbuds for the May testing period.**

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Sunday 27th March at 3:30pm at Holy Name Parish Wahroonga our Year 3 students celebrated their sacrament of confirmation. During confirmation the children received the Holy Spirit, confirming them to Christ and strengthening them so that they may bear witness to Christ in faith and love.

The staff at Prouille would like to congratulate the following students:

Aurelia Bell
Amelie Boon
Lucas Bradley
Darcey Carolan
Harriet Chenney
Jocelyn Gibbs
Alice Hallam-McCallam
Nicholas Hanley
Mia Hill
Georgia Kelly
Jared Lee
Ava Munce
Isis Nardi
Hannah O'Leary
Matthew Pepper
Larkin Polack
Luke Ringrose
Alex Skatulaska
Ethan Wang
James Whitby



CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE

It was obviously quite disappointing that the school Cross Country Carnival had to be cancelled. Given that we still have to select a team to represent Prouille at the North Shore Cluster Cross Country early next term, we will need to run a selection event at school next week, but **ONLY** for students who wish to trial for the Cluster Carnival. With the prospect of wet weather and slippery conditions still predicted, we will most probably run a shuttle or 'beep test' style event in the hall. Details about the specific day will be sent to parents shortly so that those students wishing to run, wear their sport uniform.

LUNCHER UPDATE



This term we trialed a start-up company called **Luncher** to provide quality lunches for our students through an online ordering system. Thank you to the parents that have tried the service and provided feedback.

As staff we have also provided feedback as to the size, variety, quality and types of food and flavours. Much of our feedback has been about what children eat and how they access the food. **Luncher** has taken this on board and is putting in place a new menu for Term 2 that incorporates smaller portion sizes, easier to eat finger food, less spice and more kid-friendly food.

Thank you to **Luncher** for taking on board our suggestions and working with us to provide an easy to use, kid and school-friendly quality lunch order service here at Prouille.

SIBLING ENROLMENTS

Any sibling of current students that are looking to enrol for Kindy 2023, we will be starting our enrolment interview process next term and welcome any applications.



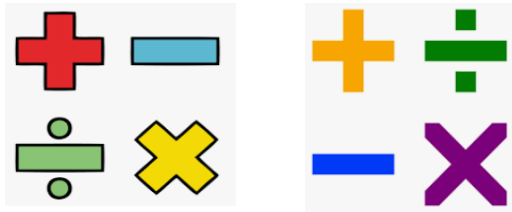
Prayer to the Holy Spirit Spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**,
enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity.
Spirit of **right judgment** and **courage**,
guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love.
Spirit of **knowledge** and **reverence**,
help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology.
Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with **wonder** and **awe** in your presence, which penetrates all creation.
Amen

EVACUATION DRILL NEXT WEEK

Next week, the whole school will take part in an Evacuation Drill. This will include all sirens, loudspeakers and the need to leave the school grounds to assemble over the road at St Andrew's Anglican Church. All children will be communicated with regarding the expected behaviours and debriefed afterwards.

MATHS OLYMPIAD

Last week a team of students selected from Years 5 and 6 participated in the first of five tests as part of the 2022 Maths Olympiad. The tests contain highly complex and varied problems involving multiple strategies and mathematical thinking skills. The competition continues across the year with students working together in practice sessions in preparation for each test. The main aims are to introduce important concepts, build strategies for problem solving, encourage creativity and intuition, stimulate enthusiasm for mathematics and satisfaction in meeting challenges.



MATHEMATICS PROBLEMS SOLVING IN TERM 2

Apart from the Maths Olympiad team, students from Years 3 to 6 will be engaging in various mathematical problem-solving opportunities in Term 2. All students in Years 3 and 4 will be introduced to the Maths Explorer program. The program allows students to collaborate with peers and work together to make decisions about the way they explore problems. Years 5 and 6 students will be taking part in the Maths Games program. Maths Games provides opportunities for all students to learn problem solving skills and exposes them to the application of mathematical problem-solving strategies and techniques.

WRITER'S CLUB

This term Writer's Club has focussed on writing a mystery. With the guidance of Susan and Alicia from the State Library of

NSW the students have been adding to and developing a mystery story each week. Our students' ideas and parts of their stories are often shared on the zoom. The students have enjoyed writing the mystery and we look forward to sharing their finished stories with the school community next term.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SPELLING

Throughout this term for Professional Learning, the staff have focussed on effectively teaching spelling strategies across the school. This has built on the professional learning we did last year with spelling. We have looked specifically at developing a consistent editing code across the school starting with Kindergarten and building on it each year. Editing is an important part of the writing process. Then linking the spelling strategies back to editing to empower the students to recognise which strategy they are using. It has been a valuable and positive process with teachers sharing the spelling from their classrooms, analysing, planning, acting and reviewing how they teach the strategies in the classroom.

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FROM THE RELIGIOUS CO-ORDINATOR



We have a number of upcoming liturgies that the students and staff of Prouille will be celebrating. We would like to invite all parents & carers to attend the following:

- **Anzac Day Liturgy** will be run by Year 4 in the Veritas Hall at Prouille on Thursday 28th April at 12pm
- **Mother's Day Liturgy** will be run by Year 3 in the Veritas Hall at Prouille

on Friday 6th May at 9am. This will be followed by tea & coffee.

- Our first family mass will be run by Year 1 and Year 5. It will be held at

Holy Name Catholic Church on Sunday 15th May at 9am. All families are welcome and refreshments will be provided after.

Kind Regards

Genevieve Smith
PRINCIPAL



Alan Stopford Tennis Coaching
Over 35 years coaching in the local area
School Holiday Camps (for ages 5 – 15 years)
Normanhurst Boys High School
Fraser Road, Normanhurst
Camp one 11th April to 14th April (4 days \$170)
Camp two 19th to 22nd April (4 days \$170)

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OF \$5 IF YOU BOOK AND PAY ONE WEEK PRIOR TO CAMP (full camp only – not casual bookings).
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Camp features:

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- * Fun games, challenges and tournaments. Footwork and movement training.
- * FREE pizza lunch on the last day of each camp. Prize money will be given for advanced group. Medals given for each group.
- * Wet weather program available using school facilities.

Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm daily
Half day option available : \$130 for the week.
Casual day rate: \$65.00
½ day casual rate: \$40.00 (9.00-12.00)



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Information for Term Two Lessons:

- Wednesday Squad (Intermediate/advanced) 27th April 5.30-7.00pm at Mills Park, Asquith \$210.00 for the term.
- Saturday Junior/Intermediate class 30th April 09.30am – 10.30am Normanhurst Boys High, \$165.00 for the term.
- Saturday Squad 30th April 10.30am – 12.00pm at Normanhurst Boys, \$210.00 for the term.
- Private lessons available by appointment.

April 2022 School Holiday Camp: Please detach and complete.

Names: _____
Address: _____ Email Address: _____
Home Phone and mobile: _____
Medical Conditions: _____
School: _____
Date of birth: _____ School Year: _____
Please tick: Camp 1 _____ Camp 2 _____ Half Day _____ Casual day _____