

PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Term 2

Week 10

2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a challenging term for many within our community. Some families, students, teachers/staff and friends have struggled with ill health, family grief, unexpected turn of events and emotional upheaval. We have prayed for these families both individually and as a school and continue to ask for God's grace. Through it all, there have been beacons of light, kind words, small gestures, genuine smiles, warmth and support with words and actions. So instead of focusing on the difficulties and challenges, I would like to offer a prayer of gratitude to all Prouille families for the gifts you bestow on us each day.

Lord God,

*The Builder of all things,
We are truly blessed by the
ministry of your Holy Spirit
within us.*

*We are so grateful that through the power of
your Holy Spirit, we
can walk as children of the light.*

*Your Spirit enables us to live lives of love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

*We thank you that you've also given each of us
different gifts of the Spirit, so we can serve each
other and build up your church.*

Amen.

Thank you for taking the time to read the following notices and I pray that each and every one of you have a safe and restful break and time to reconnect with each other.

God Bless

Genevieve Smith
PRINCIPAL

Grandparents Day Friday 22nd July

We warmly welcome all Grandparents and families to join us at Holy Name Parish Church on **Friday 22nd July at 10.15 am** to celebrate all our wonderful grandparents with a whole school mass followed by a morning tea for Grandparents and visitors on the Church grounds.



Lost & Found Property

We ask that all clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled with the current student's name. We have a multitude of items that we cannot redistribute to students as they have no name on them or they have a past student's name.

Grade Masses

Grade parish masses for years 3 to 6 will commence in Term 3. A timetable will be sent at the beginning of the term for when your child's grade will attend parish mass in the morning at Holy Name Parish Church. Parents are welcome to join the grade for the morning mass. Could you please ensure that your child has a raincoat or umbrella in their school bag so that if there is a light drizzle they can still walk to the church with their grade.

P&F Winter Wonderland

Please see flyer and information attached for the Winter Wonderland Cocktail Party. Tickets went on sale on June 30th.



Attendance

Next term we'll be adhering strictly to our start and finish times. A parent must always accompany a child to the office to sign them in via Compass if late. Children are not allowed to do this on their own at any time of the day.

Please note as per this excerpt from our school's handbook that school starts at 8.50am, the school hours are as follows: -

SCHOOL HOURS

Before school duty - 8.20am

- 8.50:** Music will play for 5 minutes signaling time to start moving to lines
8.55: Bell will sound signaling that all grades move to classes
9.00: Bell will sound signaling the start of all lessons for the morning sessions

Crunch n' Sip takes is determined by each individual class when they want to have their fruit/veggie break.

Recess

- 11.00:** Bell will sound signaling time to move down to lower playground.
2 teachers, 30-minute duty
11.30: Bell will sound to signal the end of recess

Lunch

- 1.30:** Bell will sound to signal start of lunch. 10 minutes supervised eating time.
4 teachers, 2 x 20-minute duties: 1.30pm – 1.50pm and 1.50pm – 2.10pm
1.40: Bell will sound to signal the end of eating and go play
please encourage children to clean up rubbish, don't allow students to move off until all clean (PBL points for clean areas)
2.08: Bell will sound to signal end of lunch and time to start moving to lines
2.10 Bell will sound to signal end of lunch

End of school day

- 3.00:** Music will play to signal end of day and start to pack up and move to front of school for dismissal at 3.05
3.05: Bell will sound to signal end of day and dismissal
3.10: Drive-Thru pick-up will commence - please encourage parents to move on from the front to keep the area clear for drive-thru pick up (Slow n' Go)

Assembly is on Monday afternoon at 2.15 pm

The Learning Every Day Counts initiative aims to improve student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, families, schools and the community. The Learning Every Day Counts initiative promotes four key messages:

- 1. All children of compulsory school age (6-17 years) should be enrolled at school and attend every school day*
- 2. Schools should promote, monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve and maintain regular school attendance*
- 3. Missing days of as well as continual parts of the school day impacts on a students' learning, wellbeing and future employment and life choices*

- 4. Supporting good attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the school community*

**Learning Every Day
Counts**



NAPLAN 2023

In March this year, Education Ministers across the country agreed to a number of enhancements to the National Assessment Program. These included bringing NAPLAN forward to Term 1 from 2023 so that results can be returned to schools earlier in the year. [Read more](#) about the changes.

NAPLAN will be held in **Term 1** from **Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March 2023**.

Dates for NAPLAN from 2024 onwards are available on the [NESA website](#).

Congratulations

We wish to warmly welcome Clementine's (Kindy) new baby brother Pierre. Congratulations to the Goron-Sincere family on the arrival of this precious gift.



Family Learning Conferences

Thank you to all the families who attended the Family Learning Conferences at the end of the term to celebrate the learning of individual students and set goals for the coming semester. Thank you also for the flexibility in rescheduling some of these till next term for a myriad of reasons. If you have not been able to attend a meeting and do not have one scheduled within the first two weeks of Term 3, class teachers will contact you to organise a suitable time.

Whole School Dance Performance

What an amazing turn out of families and friends to support the students in a whole school dance performance! We were delighted to welcome so many people and fill the hall to its capacity. Thank you for ensuring your children wore their grade colours to make it even more special. As all students and teachers in the school were participating, we did not get photos or videos, so if any kind parent would be able to share some of theirs with me, I would like to add them to our school photos file.

Please send them to my email genevieve.smith2@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Debating & Public Speaking

Next term, selected Year 6 students will take part in the North Shore Cluster Debating Competition and the Catholic Schools Broken Bay Public Speaking Competition. In-school selection will take place in the first weeks of term and then parents will be invited to debates on a Friday either at Prouille or another CSBB school as well as the North Shore Cluster Public Speaking final to be hosted by Prouille on Wednesday 24th August. Details will be set directly to Year 6 families.

2022 Prouille Athletics Carnival Wrap-Up

At our final assembly of the term we awarded medals to our age champions (see below). We would like to congratulate all students who competed on the day and simply had a go and tried their very best. With all points from results, effort, cheers and extra points now finalised, we can announce the overall Winning House based on results and the Spirit Award winner:

Spirit Award	Winning House
Rawlings (Green)	O'Brien (Blue)

Prouille Athletics Carnival Age Champions

Age	Boy	Girl
8	Louis Palmer	Annabelle Goodwin
9	Luke Ringrose William Fullilove	Matilda Quoyale
10	William Groom	Darcey Carolan
11	Ryan Littler	Sivani Karthikeyan
12	Hugo Groom	Sienna Mezgec

The North Shore Cluster Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 16 August (Week 5). The team to represent Prouille will be selected based on overall placings in each **age group** or **age category**. The top two students in their **age group** qualify for the 100m. For all other events, the top two students in each **age category** will qualify for cluster

Age Category	Events 200m, 800m, Shot Put, Long Jump, Discus, Relays
Junior	8 Year Olds 9 Year Olds 10 Year Olds
11yrs	11 Year Olds
Senior	12 Year Olds

Merit Awards

Merit Awards Term 2 for Week 9 (awarded in week 10)

Class	Names
Kindy Koala	Aiden Ji, Bena Chomprasert and Claire DeFries
Kindy Kangaroo	Liana Behnam & Fletcher Hill
Year 1 Lyrebird	Aaryan Dua & Stella D'Souza
Year 1 Rosella	Cara Polselli & Hamish Goodhew
Year 2 Emu	Skylar Jang & Manech Lemetter
Year 3 Bilby	Matthew Lo & Reyansh Rana
Year 3 Platypus	Mairead De Fries & Tennyson Cain
Year 4 Kookaburra	Luke Ringrose & James Whitby
Year 5 Echidna	Ariz Ahmed & Gabriel Edmunds
Year 6 Wallaby	Bienne Lung & Aidan Douglas

Principal's Awards Term 2 2022

Criteria for nomination

1. Upholding the Dominican Values
2. Being Respectful, Responsible Learners (so our PBL values - consistent behaviour)
3. Citizenship and Compassion
4. Resilience and Perseverance

Kindy Kangaroo

Sophia Kudelia

William Belsey

Kindy Koala

Harrison McRoberts

Georgia Coupland

Year 1 Lyrebird

Eliza Magpayo

Lennart Claros

Year 1 Rosella

Violet McInnes

Penelope Brady

Year 2 Emu

Amelia Roberts

Angus Kerr

Year 3 Platypus

Annabelle Goodwin

Kiana Bhandoria

Year 3 Bilby

Hannah Behnam

Maximilian Richards

Year 4 Kookaburra

Grace Chueh

Matthew Pepper

Year 5 Echidna

Bryce Davis

Emma Murray

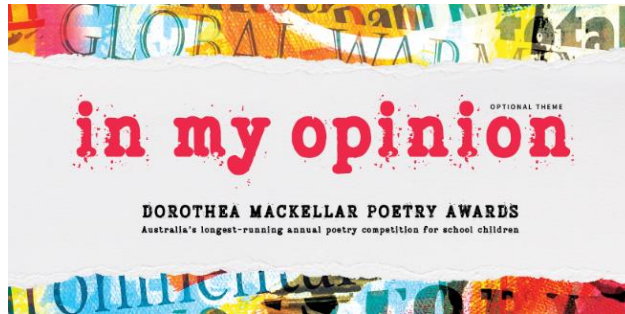
Year 6 Wallaby

Sienna Mezgec

Sri Sasikumar

Dorothea MacKellar Poetry Competition

I would like to share with you three of the Prouille entries into the 2022 Dorothea MacKellar Poetry Competition. Congratulations to these students selected to represent Prouille.



A Plastic Problem

By Mairead De Fries

Gliding freely, embraced by the sea.
Unaware of unfolding tragedy.
The Sea Turtle bobs.
The Blue Whale sings.

Plastic. A convenience to me.
A careless catastrophe.
The Sea Turtle bobs.
The Blue Whale sings.

Bags float like jellyfish, and bottles
carpet the sand.
An ocean so full of plastic, piles
convert to land.
The Sea Turtle bobs,
The Blue Whale sings.

Jellyfish sighting! Sea Turtle starts biting.
Litter amongst krill, the Blue Whale's fill.

Time passes, but we do not see.
Choked by the ocean unable to flee.
No Sea Turtle bobs,
No Blue Whale sings

Blissful

By Adele Scully

Bubbles of joy form
Every breath I take is love
Floating, dancing, warm
My life is catching the light
Making cascading rainbows
Breathe in- enjoy the moment
Where I can lie on the sand
Just for one moment
With utter, absolute peace
In this other world.

Swishing

By Grace King

The leaves swiftly sway in the gentle breeze as the small birds chirp merrily in the sky.
The clouds stretch across the large pale blue sky, white as snow, all fluffy and pure.
The swishing tail of the bouncing fox swims enthusiastically across the snow,
leaving a dragging trail of cold, white matter.
The frosty grass pierces sharply to anything that dare walk across its frozen surface barefoot.

Band Eisteddfod

City of Sydney Eisteddfod- We had an incredible day achieving 85/100 at the Eisteddfod. The band represented the school with pride and respected all the other musicians by listening to other performances. Having an opportunity to perform in a concert hall is a daunting experience for the first time and waiting in the wings in semi darkness can certainly make a professional musician nervous, however, the students in the Prouille School should be commended on their ability to rise to the occasion and perform. Dan William – our adjudicator is an amazing professional educator, who has performed around the world as a sought-after classical trumpet player and conductor.

Kate Ney
Band Coordinator



Learning Every Day Counts



Absences add up!

Being **10 minutes** late per day can lead to **6 days missed** per year.



Missing **2 days** of school a month means over **1 entire year** of missed learning in a child's school life.

Missing
2 days
of school
a month

=

Missing
more than
1 year of
learning over
13 years

Each day missed:

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up.
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy.
- Can lead to gaps in learning and impact on social and emotional skills.



**ATTEND MORE,
LEARN MORE,
BE MORE...**

Good habits begin early

Be on time each and every day.



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten and sets your child up for success in school life.

What parents can do

- **Be firm.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- Develop good sleep and morning routines
- Schedule appointments after school
- Avoid taking holidays during term time
- Limit screen time

Schools are there to help

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.



Additional resources

www.csodbb.catholic.edu.au/schools/attendance



2022 PROUILLE P&F 'WINTER WONDERLAND' COCKTAIL PARTY

We are very much looking forward to seeing all parents and carers at the P&F 'Winter Wonderland' Cocktail party on July 30th (invite was in last week's newsletter via Compass).

Tickets go on sale **June 30th** via the QKR! App!

Raffle Prize Donations

Where possible, we like to garner the support of organisations and businesses from our local community. **We are looking for donated goods/experiences to be raffled off at the Winter Wonderland Event.** As one of the generous supporters of our school, your company name will be advertised throughout the raffle, and in the newsletter which will be issued to all of the families who currently utilise our school services. We will also acknowledge and publish to the school community, all contributors again at the end of the year.

If you are able to donate goods or vouchers to be used as raffle prizes, please contact Colleen or Laura on:

Colleen.p.haigh@gmail.com or Laura.munce@outlook.com

We thank you in advance!

Don't forget to book your tickets via the QKR on June 30th!

Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday 30th July!





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Alan Stopford's School Holiday Tennis Camp

Camp 1: 4 - 8 July

Camp 2: 11 - 15 July

Hours: 9am – 3pm

Ages: 5 to 15 years

Where: Normanhurst
Boys High School,
Normanhurst

Fun games!

Challenges!

Friday pizza!

Tournaments!

5 full days \$205

5 half days \$145 (9-12pm)

Casual day \$65

Coaching of forehands, backhands, serves, volleys,
correct grips, ready positions and footwork.

**To register, complete the form on the
reverse side or call 0411 426 554 or email
stopfordalan@gmail.com**

Alan Stopford Tennis Camp

\$5 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT - PAY 1 WEEK PRIOR *
\$5 SIBLING DISCOUNT FOR 2ND CHILD

Alan Stopford is a Tennis Australia Qualified Coach with over 35 years of experience coaching in the local area.

Alan's school camps are ideal for kids of all standards:

- Beginners learn basic tennis strokes
- More experienced players improve their game play
- Advanced players compete for prize money!
- Trophies and medals are given for each group

Wet weather program available.



Information for Term 3 Lessons:

- Wed squad (intermediate/advanced) from 20 July 5.30 - 7pm (Mills Park, Asquith), \$210 / term
- Sat class (junior/intermediate) from 23rd July 9.30am - 10.30am (Normanhurst Boys High), \$165 / term
- Sat squad from 23rd July 10.30am - 12pm (Normanhurst Boys High), \$210 / term

* Discount available for full camp only

Holiday camp registration form
Deliver to Alan or SMS to 0411-426-554

Name(s):

Email:

Phone:

School / Grade:

Medical conditions:

Please circle your selection:

Camp 1 (4-8 July)	Camp 2 (11-15 July)
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Full Day (\$205/wk)	1/2 Day (\$145/wk)
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Casual Full Day (\$65)	Casual 1/2 Day (\$40)
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Payable by EFT, cash or cheque