

PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Term 1

Week 1

2023

Dear Prouille Families

Welcome back to all our existing Prouille families and all new families starting at Prouille in 2023!

Unless there is something I am unaware of, it has been a very smooth start to the year including our brand new Kindy students who started on Thursday - what a lovely group of children and parents. Thank you so much for working with us to make this a positive experience for all concerned.

I am sure you are all aware that we also have a brand new Parish Priest at our school parish of Holy Name Wahroonga. I had the privilege of meeting Fr. Kelvin last week when he had just started and am excited to work together with him throughout the coming years. Fr. Kelvin brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience as a Parish Priest attached to a school community. We look forward to seeing him around the school and joining in with school masses and liturgies when he has a chance to settle in.

This Newsletter has a lot of information about school business and I thank you for taking the time to read it. We will always send reminders for specific events through Compass as well. Last year many parents commented that they liked the "Term Events" table at the back of the Newsletter which gave them an idea of some of the events already planned. We will continue with this throughout 2023. Please remember that it will be continually updated and added to each Newsletter over the coming weeks, the Google Calendar attached to our website will also be updated to reflect this table.

Proverbs 3:5-6 states it most beautifully and simply when it says

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart"

You have also placed your trust in us and we look forward to working with you this year no matter what your journey may bring.

God bless.

Genevieve Smith
PINCIPAL

Parent Information Nights



Following feedback from last year, we are going to be holding our beginning of the year Parent Information Nights in a slightly different way this year

On **Tuesday 14th February** we will run two sessions.

Parents of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will be invited to attend all together at 5.30pm.

Years 1, 2 and 3 teachers will present the school business items that are the same for all the grades and provide a class specific handout with other information that relates to that grade only.

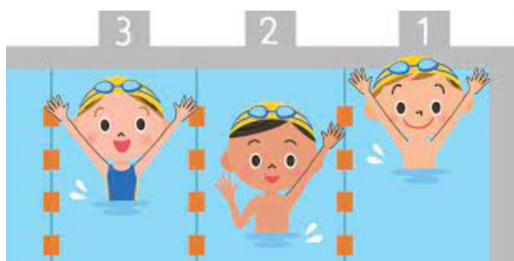
At 6.15pm on the same night, parents of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will meet together with the Year 4, 5 and 6 teachers with the same format.

If you are unable to attend all presentations, handouts will be sent out on Compass after the night.

THE KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT WILL BE HELD SEPERATELY WITH A DATE AND TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Information about the format and the venue will be sent out again closer to the date as a reminder.

Swimming Carnival Monday 13th February Year 2 – 6 only



The Swimming Carnival to be held at Hornsby Aquatic Centre is fast approaching. Parents with children in Year 2 to 6 would have received the Compass permissions post with details. We are very excited that for the first time in 2 years, parents/spectators will be able to join us.

For those of you who haven't been to a school swimming carnival and those that have, please note that it may run slightly differently from years gone by as the staff have changed. Parents and spectators are asked to always remain on the other side of the pool due to Safeguarding Procedures and safety.

The Aquatic Centre canteen **WILL NOT BE OPEN TO STUDENTS OR PARENTS TO PURCHASE ITEMS FOR STUDENTS DURING THE CARNIVAL.**

When the carnival is over, children who are not coming back to school or children that have completed their events and are signed out by a parent, can do as they wish. However, during official school time, we ask that children eat their own food which they bring from home.



P&F Class Parent Lists

At the beginning of every year the P & F collate a class list of parent and student details. This is voluntarily provided by families who would like to share their details for class social functions. Please click on the following link to fill out the form if you would like to be included. This is a great way to strengthen social ties for your children and family within the Prouille Community. Please use the [LINK HERE](#) to fill out the form with your details.

Classroom Parent Helpers



Parent helpers will start in classes in Week 5. Any parent wanting to help in the classroom will need to complete an updated Child Protection mini workshop with Genevieve before signing up to receive the timetable. Information about this will be sent via Compass.

Sports (Got Game) and Class Sport Days

Please note that our whole school regular sport day with Got Game is on Tuesday and the class sports day is as follows.

Year 6	-	Monday
Year 5	-	Friday
4 Kookaburra	-	Thursday
4 Dingo	-	Friday
Year 3	-	Friday
Year 2	-	Friday
Year 1	-	Friday
Kindy	-	Friday

Students wear their sports uniform on Tuesday and their class sport day:

School Mass & Leadership Induction Ceremony

We have tentatively booked our Opening School Mass and Leadership Induction Ceremony on Monday 20th February at 12.00pm at Holy Name Parish Church. We are awaiting confirmation from the Parish Office and will let you know as soon as it is confirmed.

Whole School Assembly

School Assemblies will be held every Friday at 2.15pm. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. The first whole school assembly will be held on Friday 17th February (Week 3). We will send out a reminder on Compass that week. There will be no assembly this week or the next.

Parking and Drop Off/Pick Up

Please be mindful of our student's safety, our neighbours and surrounding traffic during drop off and pick up times.

Please do not double park, do not do U-turns across the street in front of the school or run between the cars either by yourself or with a child. Remember the drive through pick up zone in the afternoon is for drive through only and parents do not get out of the car and children only enter through the passenger side.

Please always use the Pedestrian Crossing regardless of where you have parked.



NAPLAN- 15/3 to 27/3

As communicated last year, NAPLAN for Years 3 and Year 5 will take place in Term 1 to allow teachers and schools to use the data to inform the direction of teaching for the full school year. Parents in Year 3 and 5 will receive separate communication via Compass next week to outline the processes.

School Choir

Next week we will discuss the School Choir sign-up and try-outs for all students in Grades 2 to 6 who may be interested to join for 2023. Class teachers will remind students how to sign-up and Choir will begin in Week 3. We are delighted to get this up and running again!

2023 Sacramental Program

Please find attached at the back of this Newsletter a leaflet from Holy Name Parish that outlines the Sacramental Program for 2023. This will also be sent out directly to relevant families.

Congratulations!!

We are delighted to congratulate the Nardi Family (Isis in Year 5) and the Rabbit Family (Connor in Year 1) on the arrival of their newest members of the family in January this year. We can't wait to meet them... (or at least some photos please!!!!)



Anxiety in Children Workshops

Hornsby Shire Council are running some excellent and timely seminars and workshops for parents regarding anxiety over the coming weeks. Please see the flyers at the back of the Newsletter for dates and booking details.

Writer's Workshop

Mrs. Neilson will commence the Writer's Club on Wednesday 8th February (Week 2). A separate note will be sent home to these families.

Sydney Academy of Chess

Chess classes start back up on Thursday 9th February (Week 2) at 11.00 to 11.30am. Please see attached flyer for details.

Transdev School Bus Information

Please click on the links below to view information on Prouille school bus services for 2023

- where to find your school timetable - <http://www.transdev.com.au/sydney-school-bus-timetables/>
- the *Student Code of Conduct* while travelling on bus services - [Student Code of Conduct when travelling](#) | transportnsw.info
- our 2023 *School Bus Information Guide for Parents, Guardians and Students* - [school-bus-information-guide-2023-2.pdf](#) (transdev.com.au)

Quick Reference Guide to Upcoming Events for Term 1

[Link to Website Calendar](#)

2023

Week	Date	Event	Grade
1	31/1	Years 1 to 6 First Day	1-6
	2/2	Kindergarten's First Day	K
2			
3	13/2	Swimming Carnival	2 - 6
	15/2	Parent Information Nights Years 1, 2 & 3 - 5.30pm Years 4, 5 & 6 - 6.15pm	1 - 3 4 - 6
	17/2	First Assembly of the Year (FRIDAYS at 2.15pm in Hall)	K-6
4	20/2	<u>SAVE THE DATE - TO BE CONFIRMED</u> Opening School Mass and Leadership Induction Ceremony HOLY NAME PARISH CHURCH 12.00 - 1.15	K-6
	22/2	Ash Wednesday TBA	K-6
5			
6	8/3	Stage 3 Run Cake Stall	K-6
7	15/3 - 27/3	Naplan Test Window - Years 3 and 5	Y3 and Y5
8	15/3 - 27/3	Naplan Test Window Continues Years 3 and 5	Y3 and Y5
9	28/3	School Photo Day	K-6
	31/3	End of Term P & F Lunch for students	K-6
10	5/4	Holy Week Liturgies	K-6
	6/4	Last Day of Term 1	K-6
Wednesday 26th April - FIRST DAY OF TERM 2			

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Prouille Primary School is held on Thursdays from 11:00am to 11:30am, starting on 9 February 2023.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



TENNIS LESSONS
Alan Stopford Tennis Coaching
Over 35 years coaching in the local area
0411 426 554
stopfordalan@gmail.com



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| * Tennis Australia qualified | Grading days |
| * Working with Children clearance | Grades 3-6: Thurs 9 th Feb, 7:30 – 8:30am |
| * Full stroke analysis | Grade K-2: Fri 10 th Feb, 7:30 – 8:30am |
| * Wet weather program | |

Cost is \$175 for the full term. Payment can be made by Cash or EFT by 25th Feb

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 1 ORDERS DUE BY 17 FEB 2023



Buy a book from

 **SCHOLASTIC**

Book Club

to help build
our classroom
resources

orders are due:

17 FEB 2023

Orders can be placed via Book Club LOOP

NO CASH PAYMENTS.

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Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?
LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!



Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!



For any queries contact Michelle Lee via email:
bookclubprouille@gmail.com

When enrolling your child in the Children's Sacramental Program
for the first time, please provide the following:

- Enrolment is online, open now: <https://www.trybooking.com/CERLI>
- Photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate, even if they were baptised at Holy Name Parish (can be emailed or a photocopy brought to Parent Info Night)
- Please email a photo of your child or bring to the Parent Info night or first lesson or attach photo to the Coloured-in sheet given for each Sacrament

If, for a good reason, you cannot be present at either of the Parent Information Sessions, for either of the Sacraments, please contact the Sacramental Co-ordinator, Mrs Sally Oong, on 9489 3221 in office hours or by email on sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au or leave a message at the Parish Office, prior to the specified date, to make alternative arrangements.

If there is a lesson and/or Mass date you cannot attend, please contact Sally before or at the start of the program, or as the need arises, to discuss your situation.

If your child has special needs or a disability we seek to accommodate them in our program so that they may be welcomed and participate in the program in the most helpful way for them. Please call or email Sally Oong for more information:
9489 3221 or sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au

Parish Family Mass dates for 2023

Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in our regular Family Masses, which feature modern music and we always have a special morning tea afterwards:

Dates will be advised later for 2023

Children's Sacramental Program 2023



Reconciliation
2023



Eucharist
2023

Holy Name Catholic Parish
35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga
www.holynamewahroonga.com.au
T: 9489 3221
E: sally.oong@bbcatholic.org.au

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35 Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga. Ph: 9489 3221

Please note that attendance at one Information Evening for each Sacrament (Parent) and all Sessions/Masses (Parent/child) is compulsory



RECONCILIATION (February, March 2023)

Enrolment link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CERLI>

Eligibility: Candidates must be Baptised, have celebrated Confirmation and be in at least Year 4 at school. **In our Diocese of Broken Bay, the Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated before Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Confirmation will be offered in August/September 2023.**

Parents and Carers - Welcome and Information Evening

Wednesday 15 or Tuesday 21 February, 7-9pm in the Veritas Hall at Prouille School, 5 Water Street, Wahroonga. This is an information evening for parents/carers, which includes refreshments.

Attendance is compulsory by one parent/carer on 15 or 21 February.

Group Leader Training:

Tuesday 28 February, 7.00pm, Sunroom at the Church (Leaders only)

Sacramental Preparation Groups:

Meet each week at the Prouille School Hall at 3.45pm

These are held at Prouille School, 5 Water St, Wahroonga, on:

- Lesson 1: Saturday, 4 March at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 2: Saturday, 11 March at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 3: Saturday, 18 March at 3.45pm,
- with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at Church:

Tuesday 21 March at 5pm or 6pm (2 sessions available)



FIRST EUCHARIST (May, June 2023)

Eligibility: Candidates must be in at least Year 4. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation (also known as Confession or Penance) is celebrated before the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

Parents and Carers - Welcome and Information Evening

Tuesday 2 or Tuesday 9 May, 7-9pm in the Veritas Hall at Prouille School, 5 Water Street, Wahroonga. This is an information evening for parents/carers, which includes refreshments.

Attendance is compulsory by one parent/carer on 2 or 9 May.

Group Leader Training:

Wednesday 10 May, 7.00pm, Sunroom at the Church (Leaders only)

Sacramental Preparation Groups: Meet at the Prouille School Hall

These are held at Prouille School, 5 Water St, Wahroonga, on:

- Lesson 1: Saturday, 13 May at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 2: Saturday, 20 May at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 3: Saturday, 27 May at 3.45pm,
 - Lesson 4: Saturday, 3 June at 3.45pm,
- with each lesson followed by 5.00pm Mass at Church.

Practices: Wednesday 14 June at 5.00pm for Saturday Sacrament or
Wednesday 14 June at 6.30pm for Sunday Sacrament

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist at Church:

Saturday 17 June at 5.00pm Mass or
Sunday 18 June at 9.30am Mass

Small Steps

Seminars, workshops and tools to identify and support childhood anxiety



Anxiety can impact a child's social, family and school life

Seeking help early is the most effective way to improve outcomes for children



When children develop coping skills they can better manage the symptoms of their anxiety

With treatment and support, children can thrive



IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR BIG SCHOOL



Learn about childhood anxiety and develop
confidence to help your child with our

SMALL STEPS ANXIETY SEMINARS 2023

WayAhead



This FREE 1 hour seminar is coming to Hornsby Library!

Hornsby Library

Dates: Wednesday 8 or Wednesday 15 February 2023

Time: 10:30 am to 11:30am

Room: Hornsby Library Meeting Room 4

smallsteps@wayahead.edu.au (02) 9339 6003

Scan the QR code to register for a
free session Small Steps | Eventbrite





Play Rugby with the **TIGERS** in 2023!

wahroongarugby.com.au/registration/

U5's to U7's

Tag Rugby
(no tackling)
Boys and Girls
7 players on each team
Everyone scores a try
Play with school friends
Coach on the field
Games on Saturday mornings
Training 5pm Friday nights
3-4 teams in each age group

U8's to U9's

A safe introduction to tackle rugby
Boys and Girls
Play with school friends
Playing 1/2 field
Games on the North Shore
Games on Saturday mornings
Training 6pm Friday nights
3-4 teams in each age group

U10's to U11's

Boys and Girls
Play with school friends
Modified full field
12 players per side
Games on Sunday mornings
Graded competition across Sydney
Training 6.30pm Thursday nights
2-3 teams in each age group

U12's to U18's

Full field rugby
Teams graded based on skill level
Games on Sundays
Graded competition across Sydney
U12's & U13's training 6:30pm Tuesday nights
U14 & over training 6:30pm Wednesday nights
2-3 teams in U12's -U14's

U5's -U9's Try Rugby @ Cliff Oval
Sunday 26th February 9.00am
AND
Friday 3rd March 5.00pm

U10's - U18's Pre Season
Skills and Drills @ Cliff Oval
Sunday 12th **AND** Sunday 19th Feb
4.00pm - 5.30pm

