



PROUILLE NEWS MEMO

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24 February 2009

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to everyone involved in last Saturday's "Twilight Welcome Spit/BBQ" that was such a success and a wonderful show of support from parents and staff. To all the organisers who were so busy for weeks (and months) before the event, I sincerely thank you for 'pulling off' a brilliant celebration. I have to say that I was awestruck by the live entertainment ... this, combined with the terrific catering, really added to the night; a night that was not 'dampened' by the rain. I know the following stalwarts were behind the whole affair ... thank you sincerely:

- **Organisation:** The P & F Social Committee – Gill Austin, Debbie Johnson & Michelle Le Patourel; the Sub Committee – Louise McEwen, Esther Ssebbowa, Fiona Wright, Brigitta Fowler and Wendy Ryan; Michael & Irene Dean-Jones; Anthony Ryan and all the bar staff; Pauline Luttrell; all the parents who helped with the set up and those who returned to clean up the following day.
- **Entertainment:** Amanda O'Brien, Jason Oong, Steve Johnson, Mike & Nick Ciccarelli, Paul Street, Bobby Luttrell and Tony Murphy.

Events like the "Twilight Welcome Spit/BBQ" are so important as we build community together:

A community needs a soul if it is to become a true home for human beings.

You, the people, must gift it this soul."

([Pope John Paul II](#))

In my short time at Prouille, I've seen plenty of "gifting".

Ash Wednesday is tomorrow (25.2.09) ... This signifies the commencement of our Lenten Season of the Church year ... All parents and friends are warmly invited to our liturgy in the school grounds at 10:30 am.

Take a bow Yr 6:

I sincerely thank Mr Michael Ford and Mrs Linda O'Brien for providing a unique camp experience for Yr 6 last week. It's a big "extra" to go on camp as a teacher ... fortunately, Prouille is blessed to have beautiful Yr 6s who bring a good measure of pleasure to the experience.

I also thank Mrs Szafranek and Mr Overton who assisted for part of the camp.

I was privileged to participate with the Yr 6s on Friday morning ... suffice to say, Yr 6 2009 is an extraordinary group. On Friday evening I received an email from the Director of Challenge Ranch – part of his note follows:

"... On another very positive note; we have just held our 'end of week' meeting to review the past week and prepare for the following week. The students from Prouille received glowing acclamation from both our kitchen and activity staff. Comments like "The most polite kids we've had during meal times."; "Always attentive and willing to participate."; "Very cooperative," were among the praise your students received. Just as we rely heavily on feedback from clients, it is good for you to hear similar feedback. Please pass on our appreciation to your staff and students; it goes without saying you will be welcomed back." (Paul Nield)

Farewell to the Ahearne family:

I sincerely thank the Ahearne family for the contribution they have made to Prouille over the years; they are moving to Lindfield! Farewell to Kay, Michael, Gemma - KM and Rory - 2D. We wish you every best blessing.

Prayers Please:

Please remember the Pejkovic family (Jared 6F), who celebrated the life of Aunty Katarina at her funeral earlier today. May Katarina rest in peace with Jesus.

Our Parish Office has requested that we amend the Parish / School Mass roster slightly (dates remain the same – class involvement changes only)

Dates for Parish School Masses 2009: AMENDED

Sunday 29 March 9:15am (Yr 2)

Sunday 31 May 9:15am (Yr 1)

Sunday 28 June 9:15am (Yrs 4 / 5)

Sunday 30 August 9:15am – followed by our Parish Picnic (K and Yr 6 Buddies + families)

Sunday 8 November 9:15am (Yr 3)

“How can parents assist with Literacy in the classroom?” Please note that a crèche will be provided to assist parents with young children to attend the following 3 sessions:

- 1. Wednesday 4 March 9.00 am to 10.30 am
- 2. Wednesday 11 March 9.00 am to 10.30 am
- 3. Wednesday 18 March 9.00 am to 10.30 am

The Presenter will be Mrs Wendy Bean.

School Photos 2009

The date for School Photos 2009 has been set: Friday 5 June 2009.

Federal Government’s Education Tax Refund

Please find attached to this memo a note from the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation re the Federal Government’s Education Tax Refund.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Ledlin
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES		
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25.02.09	Wednesday	10.30 am - Ash Wednesday – Whole School Liturgy in school grounds.
26.02.09	Thursday	5.30 pm – Diocesan Schools Staff Mass. 7.30 pm – Prouille Soccer – Coaches & Managers’ Meeting in School Hall.
27.02.09	Friday	“Clean Up Schools Day”.
28.02.09	Saturday	1.00 pm – 5.00 pm – First Working Bee 2009 – Kindy & Year 6 Families.
03.03.09	Tuesday	Lunchtime Recital.
04.03.09	Wednesday	9.00 am – 10.30 am – Session 1 for Parents: “How can parents assist with Literacy in the classroom?”
05.03.09	Thursday	Director/Principals Meeting – full day. 6.00 pm – Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Mingara.
10.03.09	Tuesday	9.00 am – Year 4 Excursion to The Rocks.
11.03.09	Wednesday	9.00 am – 10.30 am – Session 2 for Parents: “How can parents assist with Literacy in the classroom?”
12.03.09	Thursday	Principals’ Association Meeting.
18.03.09	Wednesday	9.00 am – 10.30 am – Session 3 for Parents: “How can parents assist with Literacy in the classroom?”
29.03.09	Sunday	9.15 am – Year 2 Parish/School Mass at Holy Name Church.
31.03.09	Tuesday	Lunchtime Recital.
04.05.09	Monday	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free – All Staff at Santa Maria Del Monte School at Strathfield.

Thank You

Year 6 would like to thank Mr Ford, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Szafranek, Mr Overton and Mr Ledlin for coming to our camp at Challenge Ranch. The highlights were seeing Mr Ford on the rope swing and Mr Ledlin on the flying fox! Thanks also to Mrs O'Brien for being Chief Photographer and helping us with all the activities. We all had a great time at our Leadership Camp and without you it would not have been possible.

Year 6 2009

Polding Tennis Trials

Last week Robbie Szafranek (6F) and Isabella Sharpe (5T) represented the Broken Bay Diocese in the Polding Trials in Newcastle. While neither were selected in the Polding team, they both enjoyed the experience and competition. Congratulations and well done!!!

Louise Tamone (PE/Sports Teacher)

Library Matters

The Premier's Reading Challenge is well and truly underway. Congratulations to the following children who have completed the Challenge already: Aidan Lonsdale (KT), James Schulz (KM), Luke Schulz (2D) and Stephanie Sardinha (3AC). Find your name on our Library window. The star indicates the first child in each class to complete the Challenge.

Children in K-2 must complete 30 books, while children in Years 3-6 need to complete 20.

We have boxes of new home readers which need to be covered. If you can spare half an hour on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon to help cover these books in the Library, it would be much appreciated. Happy reading.

Jo Neilson & Lee-Anne Plasto (Teacher Librarians)

Piano News

There are still 2 plastic serving plates, 1 smaller and 1 larger, from the end-of-the-year Piano Concert. Please collect them from the piano room.

Janet Wise (Piano Teacher)

Working Bee Reminder – Calling all Kindy & Year 6 Parents & Children

We have a HUGE list of jobs to get through this weekend at our Working Bee. The Year 6 SRC is very good at identifying things to be fixed. We have lots of simple maintenance to do, some store rooms to sort through, a picnic table to assemble and a hedge and vines that need trimming. We also want to remove some wire from the tennis brick wall and paint a net line and targets. Anyone with a trailer to take rubbish for recycling would be appreciated.

If you have any questions please contact Pauline Luttrell via the school office or email at groundsmaint@prouillepandf.com.au.

You can reply to attend by going to the Prouille P & F website: www.prouillepandf.com.au

Pauline Luttrell (Ground/Maintenance Co-ordinator)

Soccer Managers & Coaches Meeting – Thursday 26 February

We had a great morning on Sunday sorting players into teams and were pleased to get so many parents volunteering to manage and coach.

To find out all you need to know about your role as coaches and managers, come to our meeting on:

Thursday 26 February from 7.30 pm in the School Hall.

Teams will be finalised at this meeting, kit bags handed out and all your questions answered.

Pauline Luttrell (Prouille Soccer Club – Secretary)

Prouille Aussie BBQ Spit - Thank You



Wow, what a night! Despite the rain, the Prouille spirit was at an all time high.

Thank you to all those who were able to come, it was a great way to welcome our new families and of course our new Principal, Philip Ledlin, and RE Co-ordinator, Vanessa Dillon.

Such events do not happen without the assistance of a large number of helpers. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of these people.

Firstly we would like to thank our sub committee: Louise McEwen, Esther Ssebbowa, Fiona Wright, Brigitta Fowler, and Wendy Ryan. What a great bunch of girls – no job too small or too large and always obliging.

Thank you to Michael and Irene Dean-Jones. As always Michael provided the complete event package, providing us with creative ideas, fantastic props, furniture and lighting. Many thanks to both of you for staying to help us with set up on what was a very busy Saturday for you both.

Thank you to all of our musicians. We are a very blessed community to have such talented and generous musicians. Thank you Amanda O'Brien, Jason Oong, Steve Johnson, Mike and Nick Ciccarelli, Paul Street, and to our new musical additions Bobby Luttrell and his friend Tony Murphy.

Thank you to the people who helped with the set up: Andrew Marren; Olaf Reger; Michael and Julian Chan; Nathan Khoudair; Louise McEwen; Mark Gilbert; Anthony Scott; Lauren, Alan, Declan, Connor, Caitlin and Molly Montgomery; Sharon, Simon, Samuel and Hayley Johnson; Sarah and Jim Hartnett; Geoff, Katie and Emily Austin; Pauline Luttrell; Suzanne Spalding; Olivia, Abby and Ella Johnson; Holly Gannon and Craig, Ella, Will and Meg Le Patourel. Great team work guys and a pleasure to work with you.

Thank you to those who came back the next day to help with clean up: Andrew, Chrissie, Rachael and Tommy Marren; Andrew, Josh and Angie Slattery; Anthony Ryan; Olaf, Carmen and Max Reger; Anthony and Josh Scott; Alan Montgomery; Geoff Austin; Liam Gilroy; Craig, Will, and Ella Le Patourel.

Thank you to Anthony Ryan who organised our kegs and ran our bars with precision and a welcoming smile. It is always a pleasure Anthony – thank you.

Thank you to Anthony's eager bar staff: Simon and Sharon Johnson; Geoff Austin; Craig Le Patourel; Andrew Marren; Rob and Louise McEwen; Wendy Ryan and anyone else who had a go at the keg!

Thank you to Pauline Luttrell for organising our Quiz. What a hoot! The Prouille community certainly knows a lot about their history. It was a great way to meet new families and share a laugh with friends. A great inclusion to the night Pauline!

And lastly thank you to our generous raffle donors who provided us with fabulous prizes. We would ask that you take note of these donors and where possible use the services of these local businesses that have so kindly supported Prouille. The list of donors include:

Prouille Donors

Whitewires Pty Ltd (Kelly Family)
Sally Butel
Rick Kwok

Local Businesses

Beyond Skincare, Turramurra
Danes Coffee, Wahroonga
Eat@Lees, Turramurra
Jims at Waitara
Fruitworld Waitara
Eastern Rd Pharmacy,
Turramurra

Local Businesses

Greater Union Hornsby
Roseville Cinema
Sydney Aquatic Centre,
Homebush
Oceanworld Manly

Photos will soon be posted on our website prouillepandf.com.au, so keep an eye out – you may be in the Prouille Social Pages!

Our next social function will be in May when we celebrate Mothers' Day, so watch this space.

Thanks everyone.

The P & F Social Committee
(Gill Austin, Debbie Johnson & Michelle Le Patourel)

Years 5 & 6 Fundraiser; CADBURY EASTER EGG DRIVE

Each year, Years 5 & 6 organise fundraising events. Traditionally, Year 5 fundraise for the Year 6 Graduation Dinner while Year 6 fundraise for the purchase of a gift to the school.

This term, Years 5 & 6 will be holding a CADBURY EASTER EGG DRIVE (120g bags chocolate and caramello eggs) during March. All Years 5 & 6 students will soon be bringing home a box of Cadbury Easter Eggs (20x 120g bags) to sell to family and friends. Prouille families may also wish to purchase Easter Eggs through the school. We will be selling bags of eggs at school for \$3.00/120g bag (price in supermarkets \$4.00/120g bag). An order form will be sent home soon.

Please direct enquiries to Irene Dean-Jones (Year 5 Class Parent) 0410 601 901
Bridget Vardy (Year 5/6 Class Parent Co-ordinator) 0409 426 610

Many thanks in anticipation for your support.

Year 5/6 Class Parents 2009

NETTA (Junior Netball) RECRUITMENT DRIVE – UNDER 7 and UNDER 8

Calling all girls and boys, aged 7 or 8 as at 31 December 2009, who would like to join the Under 8 Netta Teams. We have almost enough for two teams and would really like you to join us for a fun season of non-competitive junior netball, running from 28 March until August.

We train together at school on Monday afternoons from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and play at Lofberg Road (West Pymble) Netball Courts on Saturday mornings. For more details, or for a registration form, please contact Sally Oong on 0433 817 114 or oongs@optusnet.com.au

ST LEO'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

'OPEN DAY'

Year 7, 2010 & 2011

***Friday 20th March
9.30 am - 11.45 am***

Prospective Parent Evening - Tuesday 24th March - 7.30pm

Marist College North Shore
Expo
Saturday, 14th March, 2009
10.00 am – 2.00 pm
270 Miller Street
North Sydney
(opposite North Sydney Oval)
Entrance to College from
Lower gates on Miller Street

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 *Your Broken Bay Catholic School
Parent Council presents...*

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DANNIELLE MILLER FROM ENLIGHTEN EDUCATION
**“BEYOND BRATZ, BRITNEY
AND BIG BROTHER!”**

Today's kids are faced with negative stereotyping, exposure to inappropriate and unrealistic media images, and an unhealthy fixation with their body image

How do we help our kids

- decode the mixed messages they are bombarded with daily?
- guide our kids to develop their full potential & ensure they know just how truly special they are?

Tuesday 10th March
Central Coast -
OLR Catholic Primary, The Entrance

Wednesday 11th March
Northern - Holy Family Catholic Primary, Lindfield

Monday 16th March
Peninsula - OLG Catholic Primary, Forestville

ALL FORUMS 7.30pm – 9.30pm

RSVP
 Cathie Ph 9847 0340 or parentcouncil@dbb.edu.au
 For more information go to www.brokenbayparentcouncil.org

Parents Walking Together in Partnership with School and Parish

Supports parents in their role within the family

Keeps parents in touch with educational and social issues

A hot topic for all parents!

**ALL WELCOME
NO COST**



Free Parent Forum
Wednesday 11th March
7.30 - 9.30pm
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
**“Beyond Bratz, Britney
and Big Brother”**
Dannielle Miller
 From *Enlighten Education*
*Join us for an informative evening with
insightful suggestions and practical
strategies for parents of **all** ages”*

**Holy Family Primary,
2-4 Highfield Rd,
Lindfield**

Everyone Welcome
Tell your neighbours and friends.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S EDUCATION TAX REFUND

The Education Tax Refund – Get 50% back

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students. This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- *Youth Allowance (student) aged 18*
- *Disability Support Pension*
- *ABSTUDY*
- *the Veterans' Children Education Scheme*
- *the Student Financial Supplement Scheme*
- *a scheme under s258 of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*
- *an Australian Postgraduate Award.*

Independent students are also eligible to claim.

What can you claim?

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- *laptops, home computers and associated costs — for example, internet and paper*
- *educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs*
- *stationery and art supplies*
- *school textbooks and associated learning materials*
- *trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.*

Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

When can you claim?

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.

For more information:

- *visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au*
- *phone the Tax Office on 13 28 61.*