



# PROUILLE NEWS

23 February, 2010

Term 1 Week 5 2010

Dear Parents,

I invite you to read the notes following to gain a thorough understanding of the developments re Teaching and Learning at Prouille:

To assist Parents to more fully understand the developments in Teaching and Learning at Prouille, it may be useful for you to peruse the accompanying “model of learning” that was developed by our School Leadership Team in consultation with the Catholic Schools’ Office (CSO) and Prouille Staff.

Before taking on the role of Principal at Prouille in 2009, I was presented with a series of challenges that were born out of the 2008 CSO Whole School Review. These challenges led to the establishment of a clear and purposeful “Strategic Plan 2009-2012” and associated Annual Goals.

In 2009, Prouille’s Leadership Team spent time investigating schools in our diocese that were performing consistently year in year out in the “outstanding” range K-6 re Literacy and Numeracy. Additionally, staff engaged in comprehensive Professional Development particularly re Literacy. One of the highlights of the year was a Staff Development Day to a local school where all staff engaged in classroom visits K-6 throughout the Literacy Block.

At the end of 2009, Prouille’s Leadership Team and all staff committed to support a “Facilitator Model” commencing Term 1 2010. In order to make this possible, there were several changes to timetables, staffing and resource allocation. All of this was done to make the best possible opportunities for “Student Improvement”.

It is important for parents to note that support for “enrichment programmes” (for low, middle and top end students) has increased in 2010. Importantly too, the Facilitator Model will lead to a richer whole-school learning environment that is continually progressing individual students in their “needed direction” because assessment and discussion re individual student and class needs is forever ongoing with structured “Team Meetings” and the “5 mornings a week” support in classrooms. Up until 2009, only one day a week was allocated to “enrichment”; Mrs Linda O’Brien utilised this time well, providing enrichment support to teachers that was both relevant to the work being done in class, and relevant to the “high” potential of individual students. Linda also utilised her time to provide and offer a variety of enrichment programmes like GATEWAY, “Come On Kids” and the “De Vinci Decathlon”. All of the enrichment programmes provided in 2009 are, of course, continuing in 2010.

Regarding funding / support for our “Special Needs” programmes (with Mrs Cheryl Ives / Mrs Belinda Nisbett / Mrs Leanne McCarthy), the integrity of this has not been compromised; instead, there has been an increase in support / funding in 2010. Importantly too, our Special Needs team plays a critical role in the entire Facilitation Model.

Regarding Library and the role of Mrs Jo Neilson in 2010: ... Jo and I are keen to change her title from Librarian to “Literacy Facilitator” or something that so much more accurately reflects what she does and what she is capable of. Library in 2010 will be done over 2.5 days (or 5 day FN) (3 days in 2009) and Jo’s role in 2010 is much more keenly aligned with what classroom teachers are doing in their Literacy Block. In 2010, Jo will be working each week in a co-operative teaching setting with every teacher K-6. She will, of course, be attending to the managing of book loans etc too. On top of Jo’s 2.5 days, she will receive additional time to support the “Student Improvement Plan” meetings etc. In order for Prouille to fully utilise Jo’s skills and time, Parent assistance in the Library is needed now more than ever before ... Please consider meeting Jo and offering any assistance!

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Regarding PE in 2010, students K-6 will have weekly 45 minute class PE (Physical Education) time with Mrs Louise Tamone. Louise's role has reduced from 2.5 days to 2 days. Our CSO specialist PE time allocation is now in line with CSO expectations re schools in our size category. Parents need to note that the weekly "PE specialist time" is not the only PE time for students each week.

Two of the most important questions to be asked to teachers this year will be, "What is it you need?" (ie re Professional Development and classroom support) and "What are the needs of your students?". These general questions form the basis of the "Student Improvement Meetings". These "Student Improvement Meetings" provide the facilitators, Mrs Neilson and the Special Needs Team with important information to assist them to make their support so much more purposeful when they are working closely with teachers. In recent weeks, staff have been engaging in Professional Development re how to best use an E-Whiteboard in the classroom; I have to commend every teacher at Prouille because all of them are so keenly well beyond "first steps" in such a short time. An important aspect of our 2010 Professional Development is strongly focused on "Best Pedagogy" re ICLT in Teaching and Learning, not just "how do I operate various resources?"

It is important for Parents to understand that the "Facilitators" on the School Leadership Team are not always going to be the ones with the best skill base to address a certain need; essentially, any classroom teacher displaying expertise/skill in a particular area will be asked to move into the "Facilitator Role" and lead others ("The village will raise the child").

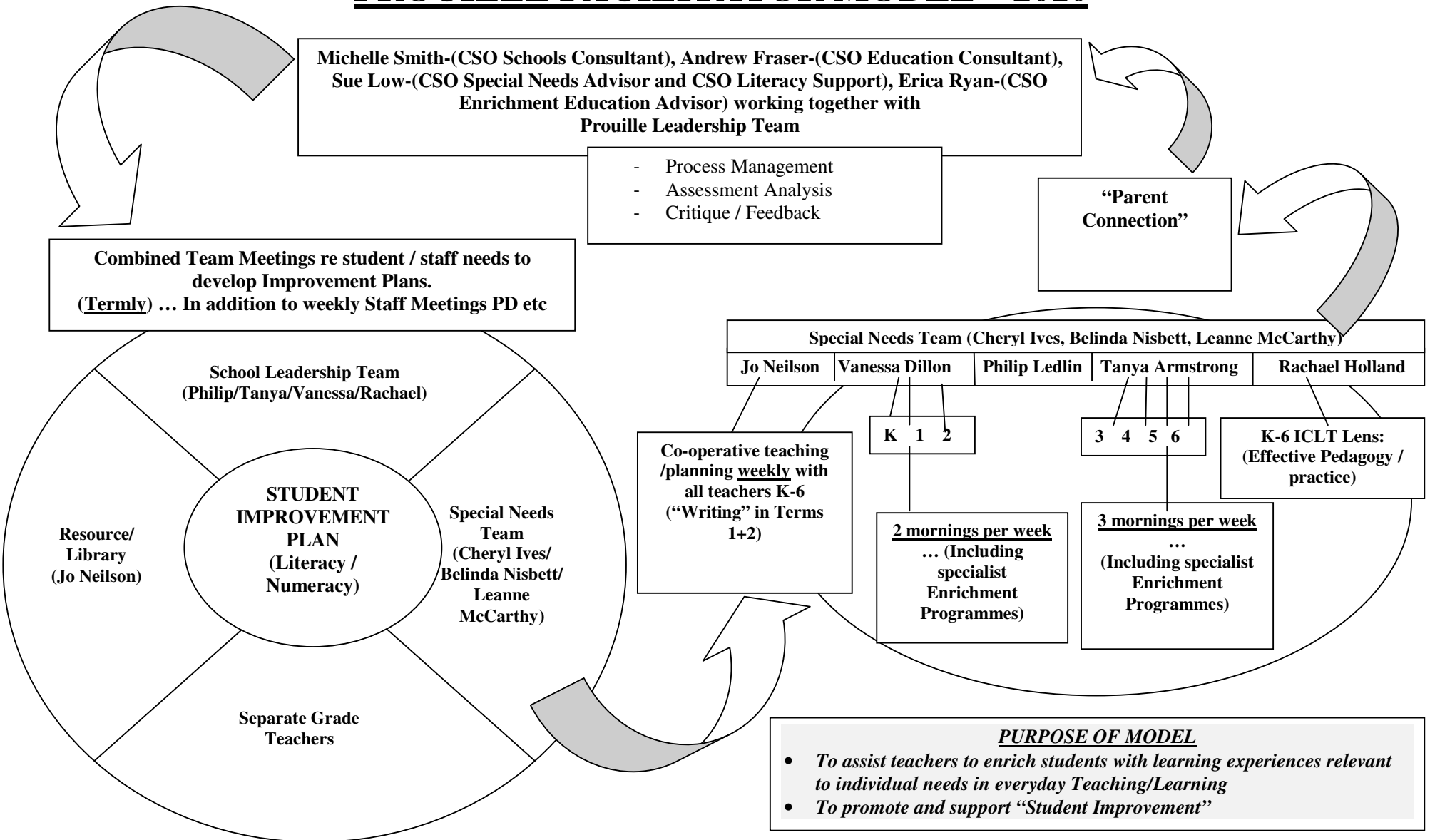
It is also important for parents to understand that the "Facilitator Model" is not funded by increased school fees. There was a review of all school operation structures at Prouille throughout 2009, and this has assisted to support more opportunities for "Student Improvement" at Prouille in 2010. Interestingly, Prouille's School Fee Resource Levy for 2010 has increased at 1% below a typical school increase allowed by CSO (typical School Resource Levy increase is 6%). Recent notification to families re school fees did outline an explanation re possible perceived increases; essentially, families must note the following:

- School Fees for all students K-6 now incorporate student stationery requirements (prior to 2010, stationery was a separate payment for families, and a substantial cost saving is now made with a bulk school purchase)
- School Fees now incorporate all text books (prior to 2010, text books were a separate payment for families, and a cost saving is now made with a bulk school purchase)
- For Yrs 5 and 6, camp fees are now incorporated in the general Yr 5/6 school fees to assist with management of funds. (Prior to 2010, camp fees were forwarded to school by parents as a payment separate to school fees)
- "Mathletics" is an additional fee for parents in 2010, and this was agreed to after consultation with teachers and the P+F. Because "Mathletics" was introduced in 2010, it was agreed that there would no longer be a need to have a Maths Mentals Homework Book. Parents need to understand that the Maths Mentals book was approximately \$9 less than an individual student subscription to "Mathletics" for a year.
- Whilst CSO tuition fees and the CSO Building Levy (levies set by the CSO) have increased proportionally more than Prouille's School Resource Levy, I hope Prouille families appreciate that our School Management/Leadership Team is committed to providing the very best opportunities for "Student Improvement" in 2010.

Finally, in 2009, our school community benefited from an enormous addition of funding poured into Teaching and Learning Resources (primarily IT resources). I was blessed to "inherit" a school in 2009 with extremely healthy P+F funds. Essentially, over \$80,000 of P+F funds was approved by the P+F for the school to utilise in 2009. This, combined with another \$80,000 from the Federal Government BER/PRIDE funding, allowed the school to purchase essential resources to promote and support "student improvement".

I encourage Parents to contact me at school if you would like further information regarding the exciting developments in Teaching and Learning at Prouille; so much energy and effort has been injected into the new Facilitator Model and I am really excited to see how this will change and develop the learning landscape at Prouille ... The new model of learning follows on the next page:

# PROUILLE FACILITATOR MODEL – 2010



**Getting to know you Night ... "Ice-breaker Evening":**

Last Saturday night's "Ice-Breaker" really was a wonderful evening with a terrific turnout at an absolutely spectacular venue with glorious weather. I sincerely thank, Ange, Jen, Clare and Paula who led a team of organisers/volunteers who made "something special" happen.

Thank you to Steve (our 'maintenance man') for attending to security issues and a myriad of other organisational needs ... Thank you, also, to Leanne (my lovely wife from St Lucy's) for attending to and organising all the technical needs for the film that was such a hit - "Surf's Up" ... Thank you to Rick and Irene for looking after our coffee needs with such delightful hospitality ... Finally, thank you to St Lucy's for allowing us to utilise your grounds and resources.

**Play Equipment Installation:**

Installation of the new play equipment will commence Monday 1 March.

**Approved Fundraising FYI:**

1. Easter Egg fundraising by Stage 3 students/families as per "tradition" will commence in the school very soon. Students in Yrs 5 and 6 have traditionally sold Easter Eggs as their main fundraiser for their "gift to the school" at the end of the year. (I stress that this is not a compulsory fundraiser and I ask any parents in Yrs 5 or 6 to inform the school if they do not wish to participate.)
2. Prouille Soccer Club will soon be "offering" the "2010 Entertainment Books" for anyone interested.

**Important Diary Dates for 2010 (recent additions)**

- Sausage Sizzle: Thursday 18.3.10 (hosted by Yrs 5 & 6)
- Sausage Sizzle: Friday 2.7.10 (hosted by K,1,2)
- Sausage Sizzle: (At School Athletics Carnival 30.7.10:  
Cake & Coffee-K,1,2; Sausage Sizzle-Yrs 3& 4; Drink/chips-Yrs 5&6)
- Sausage Sizzle: Tuesday 14 December (hosted by Yrs 3 & 4)

**School Photos – Friday 5 March:**

Full summer uniform must be worn for School Photos on Friday 5 March. A timetable is attached to this newsletter.

**Parent Lists by Class Parents:**

As per tradition, Parent Lists will be prepared by Class Parents. If any parent does not want their details (Name/Home Phone/Email) on these lists, please notify the School Office by this Friday 26 February.

**National "Ride to School Day":**

Prouille School will again be supporting National "Ride to School Day" ... Please mark this date in your diary – **March 17<sup>th</sup> 2010**... If there is a parent in our community who would like to be the main co-ordinator, please contact the School Office.

*"National Ride2School Day 2010 is fast approaching. This year, Australia's largest celebration of walking and riding to school is being held on **March 17<sup>th</sup> 2010**. Thank you for making last year's celebration bigger and better than ever! Over 1000 schools across the country took part in the event making it Australia's largest active event for school students.*

*This year, NSW schools will also receive up to 50 free reflective slap bands courtesy of NSW sponsor Monkeysee. The reflective bands are fun, bright and make an excellent accessory that can be attached to the wrist, arm, ankle, bike or bag to increase visibility."*

**Diocesan Parent Council - Website:**

Together with our Prouille Diocesan Parent Council Representative (Sally Butel), we commend the following Diocesan website that contains a myriad of useful links and information for parents re "parenting", "building community" and "education matters" ... Well worth a look!

<http://www.brokenbayparentcouncil.org/>

Yours sincerely,

Philip Ledlin  
Principal

# Photography Schedule

## Prouille School Photos

Friday 5 March 2010

**Approximate** Times (NB Times may vary on the day)

7.45 am	Band arrives at school, meet in hall, unpack instruments
8.00 am	Band photo on St Thomas' Playground
8.15 am	Staff photo on St Thomas' Playground
8.30 am	Choir photo on St Thomas' Playground
8.40 am	String Ensemble photo on St Thomas' Playground
9.00 am	KOB class photo on St Thomas' Playground
9.15 am	KDO class photo on St Thomas' Playground
9.30 am	1M class photo on St Thomas' Playground
9.45 am	1T class photo on St Thomas' Playground
10.00 am	2M class photo on St Thomas' Playground
10.15 am	2E class photo on St Thomas' Playground
10.30 am	3AC class photo on St Thomas' Playground
11.15 am	3H class photo on St Thomas' Playground
11.25 am	4A class photo on St Thomas' Playground
11.35 am	4H class photo on St Thomas' Playground
11.45 am	5T class photo on St Thomas' Playground
11.55 am	6F class photo on St Thomas' Playground

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>
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25.02.10	Wednesday	North Shore Principals' Meeting. 5.30 pm – Diocesan Schools' Staff Mass.
26.02.10	Friday	9.00 am – Whole School Assembly.
27.02.10	Saturday	Sacrament of Reconciliation: Lesson 1 – 4.30 pm Sat. / Lesson 2 - 8.45 am Sun. at Holy Name Church.
1.03.10	Monday	9.00 am - North Shore Cluster Swimming Carnival at Lane Cove Pool. 7.30 for 7.45 pm start – “Bringing out the Best in Children” Session 1 - Gold coin donation at the door.
2.03.10	Tuesday	10.00 am – Reconciliation for Yr 5. Yr 2 Excursion to Kenley Park Museum.
4.03.10	Thursday	Director/Principals' Meeting.
5.03.10	Friday	School Photos (full summer uniform to be worn).
6.03.10	Saturday	1.00 pm – 5.00 pm – Working Bee – K & Yr 6 families. Sacrament of Reconciliation: Lesson 2 – 4.30 pm Sat. / Lesson 2 - 8.45 am Sun. at Holy Name Church.
9.03.10	Tuesday	10.00 am – Reconciliation for Yr 6. 6.00 pm – Diocesan Swimming Carnival at Mingara. 7.30 for 7.45 pm start – “Bringing out the Best in Children” Session 2 – Gold coin donation at the door.
13.03.10	Saturday	Sacrament of Reconciliation: Lesson 3 – 4.30 pm Sat. / Lesson 2 - 8.45 am Sun. at Holy Name Church.
15.03.10	Monday	Young Leaders' Day – Sydney Entertainment Centre.
16.03.10	Tuesday	Yr 3 Excursion to IMAX Theatre and Botanical Gardens.
17.03.10	Wednesday	National Ride to School Day. St Patrick's Day Liturgy – Assembly area – prepared by Yr 4. 7.30 for 7.45 pm start – “Bringing out the Best in Children” Session 3 – Gold coin donation at the door.
18.03.10	Thursday	Sausage Sizzle hosted by Yrs 5 & 6.
19.03.10	Friday	9.00 am – Prouille Open Day.
20.03.10	Saturday	Sacrament of Reconciliation: Lesson 4 – 4.30 pm Sat. / Lesson 2 - 8.45 am Sun. at Holy Name Church.
29.03.10	Monday	Prouille Cross Country – Cliff Oval – Yrs 3-6.
28.04.10	Wednesday	North Shore Cluster Cross Country at St Ives Showground.
2.07.10	Friday	Sausage Sizzle hosted by Yrs K, 1, 2.
30.07.10	Friday	Prouille Athletics Carnival – Bannockburn Oval – Cake/Coffee – Yrs K, 1, 2; Sausage Sizzle – Yrs 3 & 4; Drinks & Chips Yrs 5 & 6.
10.12.10	Friday	School Disco.
14.12.10	Tuesday	Sausage Sizzle hosted by Yrs 3 & 4.
<b><u>Staff Development Days 2010 (Pupil Free days)</u></b>		
19.04.10	Monday	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day – I.T. & Pedagogy Inservice.
16.12.10	Thursday	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day.
17.12.10	Friday	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free Day.

 **REMINDER** 

- ❖ *Prouille Newsletter is now available on our website: [www.prouille.com.au](http://www.prouille.com.au)*
- ❖ *Prouille Parents & Friends' Newsletter available online at [www.prouillepandf.com.au](http://www.prouillepandf.com.au)*
- ❖ *Uniform Shop opens Tuesdays 8.45 am – 9.30 am & Thursdays 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm*

## SPORTS NEWS

### Upcoming Dates

- 29/3/10 – Prouille Cross Country Trials – Yrs 3-6
- 28/4/10 – North Shore Cluster Cross Country – St Ives Showground

## KINDY PARENTS AND CARERS' MORNING TEA



Thank you to all the families that were able to join us for morning tea this week.

Please join us for the next Kindy morning tea on Thursday 11 March at 9.30 am.

Venue: The Cook's Garden, 272 Bobbin Head Road, Turramurra

RSVP : Tuesday 9 March      Email Carolina: [thedarleys@optusnet.com.au](mailto:thedarleys@optusnet.com.au)

## LIBRARY NEWS

### OPSM'S EYE LOVE BOOKS PROGRAM

Eighty per cent of childhood learning is visual yet the Australian Department of Health and Welfare found that eye disorders are one of the most common long term health problems experienced by children. More than 660,000 Australian school aged children have some form of undetected vision defect, but most aren't aware of the vision issue. They presume the way they see the world is normal, allowing the vision problem to go easily undetected.

To ensure Australian children can see clearly at school, **OPSM has developed the Eye Love Books program to encourage parents to take their child for an eye test. Between February 1 and April 1 2010, OPSM will donate \$5 worth of books to registered schools for students' eye tests.**

For further information, please visit [www.opsm.com.au/prc](http://www.opsm.com.au/prc)

Jo Neilson (Teacher Librarian)

## ITEMS FOUND ON SATURDAY NIGHT



Two items found at the P&F Picnic & Movie event on Saturday night can be claimed from the School Office:

- Black cap with "97" on the front
- Green Tommy Tippee cup



## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

### UNIFORM SHOP URGENTLY NEEDS 1-2 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OUT TUESDAYS 8.45 AM - 9.30 AM

NO experience necessary ... interesting to learn all about our uniform ... it's lots of fun and you get to meet parents of children from K-6 at Prouille.

We even treat you to lunch at the end of the year! If you can spare 45 minutes every 2-3 weeks, please contact **Sally Asnicar via Christian 6F**.

## PROUILLE SOCCER CLUB

The Prouille Under 12 soccer team is desperate for players. Former players, friends and relatives are all welcome to sign up so we don't miss out on fielding a team in our final year of school. For more information call Paul Christenson on 0400 690 894 or at [pchristenson@2gb.com](mailto:pchristenson@2gb.com).



### CADBURY EASTER EGG DRIVE (Year 5/6 Fundraiser)



Each year Years 5/6 organise fundraising events. Year 5 fundraise for the Year 6 Graduation Dinner and Year 6 fundraise for the purchase of a gift to the school. Year 5/6 will be holding a CADBURY EASTER EGG DRIVE (120g bags – chocolate and caramello) during March. A flyer/order form is being sent home today.

### WORKING BEE REMINDER

**1<sup>ST</sup> PROUILLE WORKING BEE, KINDERGARTEN & YEAR 6  
SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010 FROM 1 PM – 5 PM**



I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new Kindergarten parents. This is our first working bee for the year, with subsequent working bees on the following dates for 2010 – please make a note in your diaries.

- **15<sup>th</sup> May, Years 4 & 5**
- **21<sup>st</sup> August, Years 2 & 3**
- **13<sup>th</sup> November Year 1**

So we can capture the feedback, suggestions, skills, and maintenance requests from across the whole school community to help identify specific tasks for working bees, we are also looking for a parent representative from each year, to act as a point of contact between the teachers, parents and children for that year, and the Grounds and Maintenance Co-ordinator.

If you are interested in being the Grounds & Maintenance class year representative, please contact me, c/o the School Office.

Please make an effort to come to this working bee if you can. If not, you are still more than welcome to attend a working bee later in the school year. You get to meet other parents and the children have great fun playing. Your help also saves the school money and gets jobs done to improve the school environment for our children and their teachers.

Each working bee ends with a BBQ - parents, grandparents and children are all welcome to attend.

Any time you can spare would be appreciated.

Martin Bowesman (P&F Grounds & Maintenance)

### Community News

- **DANCE MAX – \* Jazz \* Ballet \* Hip Hop \* Contemporary Tap – Ages from 3 years to adults**  
Dance classes in Wahroonga & nearby halls. Since 1967 Dance Max has been the friendly dance school where all shapes & sizes are encouraged. Boys welcome and we also have boys-only Street Funk classes. Try a class, obligation-free, to see how much fun they really are!  
**[www.dancemax.com.au](http://www.dancemax.com.au) or 9418 777 476**



## Prouille P and F Association

### FAMILY MOVIE & PICNIC

What a wonderful night!!!

Last Saturday was the inaugural Prouille Family Movie & Picnic Evening. Families, old and new alike, gathered under a perfect summer sky to celebrate the start of another school year. The evening saw the true Prouille spirit of welcome at its best, with parents, carers, children and staff all joining as a united community. Families gathered to share a picnic dinner before the kids enjoyed their treasure hunt, iceblock and movie, leaving the parents free to continue enjoying their evening.

Thank you to all families who were so generous with their donations on the evening. The amount raised will cover all costs associated with the evening including the iceblocks, movie copyright license, thank you gift to Steve and hire of St Lucy's hall.

Many thanks must go to Carol White, who in true Prouille spirit, ensured that all families were welcomed at the door with a warm smile. We would also like to thank the newly appointed "Prouille Town Cryer" Tom McCormack, who managed to gather the masses and expertly co-ordinate both the children's and adult's treasure hunts. Our thanks is also extended to St Lucy's for the use of their wonderful facilities, Mrs Ledlin for her AV expertise, Steve for ensuring the evening ran so smoothly and the parents who helped with the children's treasure hunt.

We are please to announce that the Kindy classes had the greatest proportion of students at the picnic, and as such, all students in Kindy will have an iceblock treat on Friday at lunchtime.

### PARENT EDUCATION CLASSES

Parents, carers and friends are warmly invited to attend our Term One Parent Education Classes. The Parent Practice will run the series "Bringing out the best in Children" over three weeks in March.

The Parent Practice is an organisation that is committed to helping parents transform their family life through workshops, courses, talks, and private consultations providing tips and skills on all aspects of positive parenting. A facilitator will teach a series of valuable, easy to learn techniques to make life as a parent more fulfilling and children feel happier and more confident, more resilient and motivated and willing to do their best.

The evenings all commence at 7.30 pm for a 7.45 pm start and will be held in the school hall. They will run for 90 minutes each. Please feel free to invite parents who are not part of our school community to join us as well.

The dates and topics for discussion are:

**Monday 1 March 7.30 pm; Skills for building confidence, cooperation and communication**

**Tuesday 9 March 7.30 pm; Setting up for success**

**Wednesday 17 March 7.30 pm; Positive discipline**

We hope that this will be a great opportunity for all of us to improve in the areas of our lives that matters the most – our kids. You do not need to attend all three – just attend as many as you can! There is no cost for these classes but a donation at the door will help to offset the cost.

### POSITION VACANT

If any member of the school community has computer/website expertise and would be interested in taking on the role of P&F Webmaster could you please contact Jen or Angela at [president@prouillepandf.com.au](mailto:president@prouillepandf.com.au).