



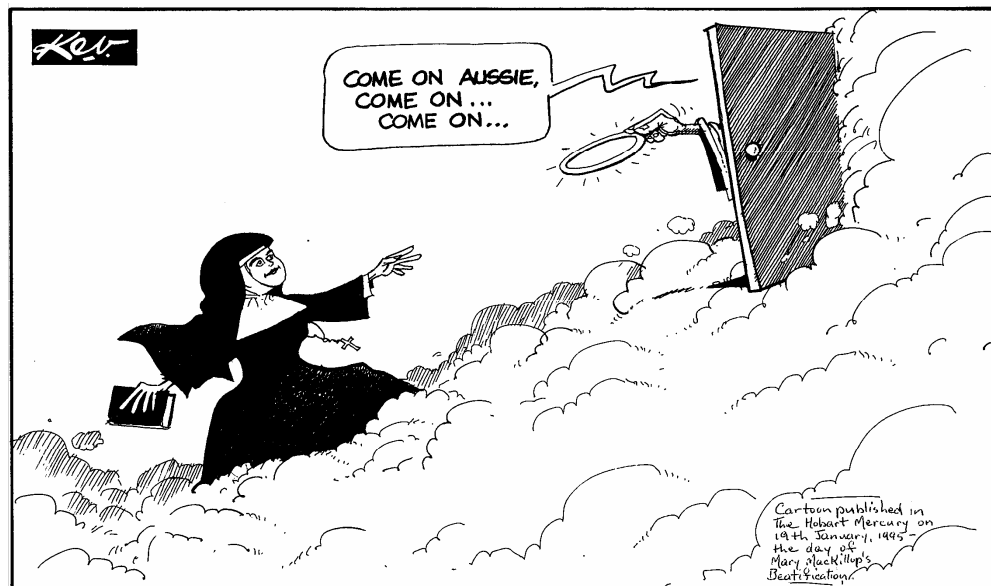
PROUILLE NEWS

2 March, 2010

Term 1 Week 6 2010

Dear Parents,

Last week, I really think divine intervention led me to stumble on the absolutely brilliant cartoon below. I collected this cartoon years ago ... (19 January 1995 – The Hobart Mercury ... The day of Mary MacKillop's Beatification), and it's relevance today is rather poignant. No doubt readers are aware that Blessed Mary MacKillop will be canonised a Saint for Australia later this year on 17 October.



School Photos – Friday 5 March:

Full summer uniform must be worn for School Photos on this Friday 5 March. A timetable was attached to last week's newsletter.

No assembly Friday 5 March:

Due to the School Photos on this coming Friday, there will be no whole school assembly this week.

Student Leadership at Prouille – Invitation to discuss with Philip:

At last week's P+F Meeting, I invited Parents to write/phone/meet me re suggestions to improve the entire Student Leadership structure at Prouille (including the election process and purpose).

Working Bee Reminder ... This coming Saturday particularly for Kindergarten families and Yr 6 families:

Don't forget the school working bee this coming Saturday (6.3.10) - (everyone is welcome) – 1-5pm ... Thank you to Sinead for co-ordinating the whole affair!

Philip Ledlin (Principal)

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Quiet time in the School Office and Uninterrupted Learning time at Prouille each day:

Parents will recall efforts made in 2009 re establishing an "uninterrupted learning block 9-11am" each day in every classroom at Prouille. Thanks to some very innovative timetabling and co-operation from staff, much was achieved.

Another step to further improve the effective running of the school and to further improve the effectiveness of the morning learning block is outlined below:

We will trial "Office Quiet Time" from 9.30 am- 11 am each day. In 2009 I observed our office staff, Carol and Sue, work extended hours pretty well every day. The role of our office staff has to be one of the most varied, busy and complex in any work environment. If they are given an uninterrupted 90 minute window of "Quiet Time" this will greatly assist them in their work. Additionally, with an entire school in "Uninterrupted work/learning mode", so much more can be achieved.

So, Parents are respectfully asked to refrain from phone calls/office visits etc in the quiet period each day.

Naturally, if a matter is urgent or requires immediate attention, you must phone / visit in this quiet time. Thank you.

Parish Masses 2010:

GRADE	DATE
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>Sunday 14 March – 9.15 am - Holy Name Parish</i>
<i>Year 2</i>	<i>Sunday 23 May – 9.15 am – Holy Name Parish</i>
<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Sunday 20 June – 9.15 am – Holy Name Parish</i>
<i>Year 3</i>	<i>Sunday 22 August – 9.15 am – Holy Name Parish</i>
<i>Years 5 & 6</i>	<i>Sunday 19 September – 9.15 am – Holy Name Parish - Followed by PARISH PICNIC</i>
<i>Kindergarten</i>	<i>Sunday 21 November – 9.15 am – Holy Name Parish</i>

2010 Prouille "Wishlist" presented to the P+F at the Term 1 P+F General Meeting by Philip:

Following is a copy of the "wishlist" approved at last week's P+F General Meeting:

-	6 Notebook Computers – for classrooms - 1100 x 6	\$6,600
-	5 B/W Laser Printers – for classrooms - 900 x 5	\$4,500
-	Library Resources - (Dictionaries, Thesauruses, Text Type Charts) -	\$1,500
-	(Home Readers)	\$1,000
-	Resources to support Stage Units of Work	\$3,000
-	Class / Teacher allocation - \$100 per class	<u>\$1,200</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$17,800</u>

I remind parents that funding for this "wishlist" is sourced from the P+F levy on the 2010 school fees – Thank you.

Are you able to assist?

Prouille has been blessed to have the assistance of one of our Holy Name Parishioners, Mrs Muriel Molner, for "classroom assistance" each Monday and Tuesday. If you are able to assist Muriel with transport in the morning on either Monday or Tuesday, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Buses and seatbelts:

As per agreement at the recent P+F General Meeting, every effort will be made to acquire "seatbelted" buses for all school excursions etc. The school will commit to ensuring that all excursions into "80km and above" zones will always be in "seatbelted" buses.

Parents must understand that the cost of hiring "seatbelted" buses is more than "standard" buses.

IMPORTANT DATES

4.03.10	Thursday	Director/Principals' Meeting.
5.03.10	Friday	School Photos (full summer uniform to be worn). No School Assembly this week due to School Photos.
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.
14.03.10	Sunday	9.15 am – Year 4 Parish/Class Mass at Holy Name Church.
<u>Staff Development Days 2010 (Pupil Free days)</u>		
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
- ❖ Prouille Parents & Friends' Newsletter available online at www.prouillepandf.com.au
- ❖ Uniform Shop opens Tuesdays 8.45 am – 9.30 am & Thursdays 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm



PROUILLE OPEN DAY – FRIDAY 19 MARCH – 9.00 am – 10.30 am



2011 KINDERGARTEN – ENROLMENT INTERVIEW DATES

- Appointments with parent/s and child
- Appointments to take approx. 20 minutes
 - Bookings now available

DATES	TIMES AVAILABLE
<i>Tuesday 20 April</i>	<i>12.00 pm – 3.00 pm; 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 21 April</i>	<i>12.00 pm – 3.00 pm</i>
<i>Thursday 22 April</i>	<i>7.30 am – 8.30 am; 12.00 pm – 3.00 pm; 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm</i>
<i>Friday 23 April</i>	<i>12.00 pm – 3.00 pm</i>
<i>Tuesday 27 April</i>	<i>7.30 – 8.10 am; 9.00 am – 10.30 am; 3.30 pm – 6.00 pm</i>

THANK YOU

This week I would like to take the time to thank you for all for your thoughts, well wishes and prayers. Knowing that I had the loving support of the Prouille community – staff, parish, families and students – helped me greatly in maintaining the strength and spirit required to recover in a positive way. The beautiful flowers and cards and messages have continued to decorate our little home, bringing much happiness. It is all very much appreciated.

School/Parish Masses:

The final confirmation of dates is advertised in this newsletter, and we ask parents to recognise one change with the Kindergarten Class Mass. This date will now be **Sunday 21st November**. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Our first school/Parish Mass will be on Sunday 14th March with the involvement of both Year 4 classes.

Ash Wednesday:

I wish to acknowledge the assistance of Mrs Amanda O'Brien and the school choir in the celebration of our Ash Wednesday liturgy a couple of weeks ago. Also a BIG thank you to our Mission Prefects and Liturgy Prefects who co-ordinated and facilitated the lovely liturgy. Thank you also to Fr Clem Hill and Olivia I and Daniel M for the important role they had within the liturgy.

Many of the children and parents commented on the beautiful presence of our St Lucy's friends. It is wonderful to have them join us where it is mutually possible.

**Lent:**

We are now in the Season of Lent which enables us to prepare for the celebration of the Easter Season. This is a time where we are encouraged to deepen our relationship with God. Through such areas as prayer, penance and self-denial we seek to achieve this. The children are currently working through the relevant RE Teaching and Learning modules for the Lenten Season to enhance their awareness of this special time.

We continue to pray for those in our school and parish community in need of our prayers.

Wishing you every blessing,

Vanessa Dillon (R.E. Co-ordinator)

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 has already been sent home.



YEARS 5 & 6 PARENTS' MORNING TEA



Years 5 & 6 Parents' Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 11 March – come along after dropping the children at school. It will be held at Lauren Montgomery's home, 178 Grosvenor Street, Wahroonga.

KINDY PARENTS AND CARERS' MORNING TEA

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



YEAR 2 PARENTS' DINNER



Saturday 27 March at 7.30 pm

Hope you can join us at Absolute Thai, Westfield Shopping Centre, Hornsby.

Please RSVP by 19 March to Alison Burton on 0419 246 931

or email burtonal@optusnet.com.au

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**.

WORKING BEE REMINDER

1ST PROUILLE WORKING BEE, KINDERGARTEN & YEAR 6

SATURDAY 6TH MARCH 2010 FROM 1 PM – 5 PM



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. Each working bee ends with a BBQ - parents, grandparents and children are all welcome to attend. Any time you can spare would be appreciated.

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

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.

Martin Bowesman (P&F Grounds & Maintenance)

PIANO THEORY CLASS



Our first Theory class for the year will be held this Thursday 4th March from 8:00 am to 8:50 am. If you wish to attend, please come to Miss Traynor's room with your Theory books, a pencil and an eraser. Any piano student may attend.

Janet Wise (Piano Teacher)

LUNCHTIME RECITAL



Our first recital of the year was held last Tuesday. Thank you to all our performers who had only had a few lessons this year to prepare for their performances. Thank you too to our audience of friends, Mums, Mrs Hutchinson and Mr Ledlin.

Congratulations to Charlotte Smith, Julia Baxter, Monique Fowler, Jack Hill, Rory Ahearne, Joel Salucci and Callum Delmage - all star pianists! Please join us at our next recital on Tuesday 16th March at 1:00 pm in the hall.

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Community News

Art and Craft Festival

Holy Family Catholic School, 2-4 Highfield Road, Lindfield

Sat 13 March - 9.30am to 4.30pm

Sun 14 March - 9.30am to 2.30pm (art & brunch)

Features:

- an **Affordable Art Show**, with seven major Sydney galleries and many independent artists showing 300+ works
- an **outdoor market** with 20 handpicked market designers and crafters offering handmade fashions, homewares, stationery, accessories, jewellery and more
- lots of pre-loved designer fashion, toys and books
- a **huge fun fair for the kids**, with bungee jumping, water dunking, kindy farm, fairy floss, a haunted house, disco, crafts, jumping castle and more.
- Lots of delicious international food, a gourmet stand, cakes, café, Fair Trade chocolates and lots more.



Prouille P and F Association

P&F – 2009 Financial Results

Last week I presented the 2009 Financials at the general P&F meeting. The highlights included:

After many years of building up our reserves, P&F made large donations to the school in 2009, totalling \$102,500. The vast majority was spent as follows.

1. \$82,000 for IT (computers, whiteboards etc).
2. \$10,000 for readers in the infant and primary years.

This level of spend was unprecedented and we don't anticipate another year like it.

The 2010 levy should total about \$18,000. P&F approved these funds to be spent on the "2010 wish list" as presented by Philip Ledlin to the meeting. This includes \$11,100 for computers and printers plus \$6,700 for library resources.

We begin 2010 with \$33,000 in the bank. We anticipate adding \$7,500 to that from this year's general operations. This money will be used to fund P&F social/school functions. The surplus on hand is available for further donations to the school, as and when appropriate.

The Financial Statement is a 15 page document that must comply with Australian Accounting Standard and be audited by a qualified Accountant.

John Kelly (Anthony 5T & Kate 1T) kindly performed the audit for P&F in an honorary capacity. The work would have taken John many hours.

Thank you John! I'm extremely grateful for your help, advice and professionalism.

If you wish to review the full set of 2009 financial accounts, please email treasurer@prouillepandf.com.au

Paula McCormack

Treasurer