



# PROUILLE NEWS

30 June, 2009

Term 2 Week 10 2009

Dear Parents,

Holy Name Parish has just completed the Parish Renewal and I am sure many blessings have been bestowed on us. I am keen to share with you several important learnings that came my way in the past week (I will not address the extraordinary Mass celebrated at Prouille over a week ago as I discussed this in the previous newsletter):

- At the first of two meetings at Prouille I will treasure the following two pearls of wisdom:

A: Fr Fitzgerald (former clergyman of Holy Name Parish) was quoted as once saying ... *"I thank God that in my life, my opportunities and temptations never came at the same time."* ... I sense that Fr Fitzgerald prayed for protection each day ("Lead us not into temptation").

B: (A parishioner asked Fr Nick if adversarial people are placed in our lives for a reason.) Fr Nick replied, *"St Benedict once said - if you haven't got a difficult Monk in your community, go out and get one."* I enjoyed Sr Joan's quick query to Fr Nick, *"Who is the adversarial member of our community?"*
- At the second meeting at Prouille (I was unable to attend), the following prayer was shared by Fr Mike (I thank Sally Oong for sharing it with me):

*O God, do not let me be as a butcher of sheep and do not let me as a sheep be killed by the butchers.*

*O God, help me to speak the truth in the face of the strong,  
and help me not to lie to gain the applause of the weak.*

*O God, if you give me money, protect my happiness; and if you give me power,  
strengthen my wits; and if you give me success, increase my humility;  
and if you give me humility, preserve my dignity.*

*O God, help me to see both sides of the picture, and do not let me accuse my opponents  
of treachery just because they have a different point of view.*

*O God, help me to love people as I love myself and to keep a check on myself  
as I keep a check on others.*

*O God, do not let me become boastful if I am successful, and do not let me despair if I fail,  
but remind me always that failure is the experiment that precedes success.*

*O God, let me be gentle with others, teach me that forgiveness is the highest standard  
of power and that revenge is the greatest indication of weakness.*

*O God, if I lose my money, leave me hope; and, if my success diminishes, leave me faith.*

*O God, if I have wronged others, give me the opportunity to apologise;  
and if people have wronged me, give me the power to forgive.*

*O God, if I forget you, do not forget me.*

*Amen*

I hope readers are not shocked to learn that this is a Muslim Prayer - (interestingly, this prayer has been shared by Fr Mike with 250,000 of the "faithful") – Personally, I feel blessed to be amongst those who value the virtues of this prayer.

- At one of the morning sessions at Holy Name Church, Fr Mike summed up the life of a good disciple of Jesus when he said, "Preach always, and only where necessary, use words."

*On behalf of the Prouille community, I sincerely thank Fr Nick, Sr Joan and Fr Mike for sharing their gifts and spreading The Good News in the same way St Dominic taught us.*

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**Thank You**

Thank you to Mr Daniel Delmage, Principal of Marist Brothers Eastwood, who has provided a trailer load of shelving units for our Guided Reading and Literacy Resources. The shelving systems were delivered today and are very much appreciated.

**Computer / Laptop / Notebook hire**

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer advertising an “affordable option” for families to consider re Computer Notebook Hire. I stress that this offer is for families to consider; it is not an option Prouille School is ‘entertaining’ for students.

**Thank you, Rebel Sport**

Many parents will be aware that families are able to apply for a discount card from Rebel Sport. Thank you to all the parents who have applied for a personal discount card from Rebel; because of your patronage to Rebel, Prouille has benefited from \$1,000 worth of equipment. Mrs Tamone (Prouille’s PE teacher) has recently used our “credit” to purchase some much needed resources from Rebel for our PE resources.

**School Newsletter via email**

Following on from a strongly supported suggestion at a recent P+F Meeting, Sally Butel (parent) has investigated and succeeded in setting up a system to email parents the weekly school newsletter. A trial emailing will occur with next Tuesday’s newsletter. If you do not receive the newsletter via email, you are encouraged to inform the school office immediately. At this stage, the school will continue to provide the newsletter in paper form.

Sally has injected an extraordinary effort into generating this valuable addition to our communication channels from school to home; on behalf of the community I sincerely thank her.

**A-E Student Reporting for Semester 1 2009**

A-E Reports will go home to parents tomorrow, Wednesday 1 July.

**Prouille School Library Needs YOU**

Thank you, sincerely, to the Yr 4 parent helpers last week!

*TOMORROW Week 10 Wednesday 1 July is a special day for Yr 1 Parents (2-3pm).*

Timetable for the rest of Term 2:

*Week 10 Wednesday 1 July (2-3pm)*

*Yr 1 Parents*

*Week 11 Wednesday 8 July (2-3pm)*

*Kindergarten Parents*

(NB Keen parents are welcome any/every week!!! ... Toddlers welcome too!)

Yours sincerely,

Philip Ledlin  
Principal

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>
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<b>1.07.09</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Gateway Project (G&amp;T). 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm – Library – Year 1 parents. 6.00 pm – Piano Concert in Hall.</b>
<b>2.07.09</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Pie &amp; Sausage Roll day.</b>
<b>6.07.09</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.00 am (to leave at 7.15 am) – Yrs 5 &amp; 6 Overnight Excursion to Canberra.</b>
<b>7.07.09</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Gateway Project (G&amp;T) – Maths ‘Icebreaker’ day - at St Leo’s College. 5.00 pm (approx.) – Yrs 5 &amp; 6 return from Canberra.</b>
<b>8.07.09</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Netball Gala Day - Pennant Hills Park/Walla Rugby - Pennant Hills Oval. 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm – Library – Kindy parents.</b>
<b>9.07.09</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Greg Florimo 7s Rugby League – New date. 7.30 pm – Band Senior Solo Night.</b>
<b>10.07.09</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sausage Sizzle (co-ordinated by Kindy, Yrs 1 &amp; 2 parents). Last day of Term 2.</b>

<b>PLEASE NOTE: GREG FLORIMO 7s RUGBY LEAGUE - POSTPONED UNTIL THURSDAY 9 JULY</b>
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<b>IMPORTANT DATES (Cont.)</b>
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**Term 3 2009**

27.07.09	Monday	First day of Term 3.
31.07.09	Friday	Grandparents & Special Friends' Day – Liturgy – Yr 1P co-ordinating. NSW PSSA Cross Country at Eastern Creek.
3.8.09	Monday	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free day – Literacy K-6.
5.8.09	Wednesday	Feast of St Dominic – Combined Liturgy with St Lucy's School. Junior Soccer team photos after school in St Thomas' playground.
7.8.09	Friday	Prouille's Mary MacKillop Liturgy (100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death) – Yrs 4 & 5 co-ordinating.
8.8.09	Saturday	Feast of Mary MacKillop (100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death).

<b>REMINDER</b>
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- ❖ *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*

<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS</b>
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*May God the Father bless us.  
 May God the Son heal us.  
 May God the Holy Spirit enlighten us, and give us  
 eyes to see with,  
 ears to hear with,  
 hands to do the work of God with,  
 feet to walk with,  
 a mouth to preach the word of salvation with,  
 and the angel of peace to watch over us  
 and lead us at last, by our Lord's gift,  
 to the Kingdom.  
 Amen.*

Thank you for coming to share in the special celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart last Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. This day was made particularly memorable due to the presence of our visiting Dominican religious – Fr Nick, Fr Mike and Sr Joan; the beautiful musicianship of our school band, school choir, Mrs Wise and Mrs O'Brien; the active participation and reverence of our students; the bringing forth of gifts for the poor; and the special and meaningful blessing and gesture over the plants for our prayer garden and the acknowledgment of the Mandla, Fox and Gannon families. Thank you for enabling the Spirit of our Lord to dwell within and amongst us on this day.

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

Thank you for your generosity in donating so many wonderful food items, warm clothing and blankets to this special appeal. I have yet to hear back from a Parish representative of the St Vincent de Paul Wahroonga conference, however, when I have, it would be wonderful to get some assistance in transporting our items to them. If you would like to offer your time and assistance to do this, please come and see me.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS (Cont.)

### Prayer Garden



I am sure you have been well and truly moved by the beautiful prayer garden that has been established within our school grounds. Thank you to the “working team” who gave of their time last Friday (June 19<sup>th</sup>) afternoon. To Mrs Luttrell, Mrs Vardy, Mr Mandla, Mr Fox, Mrs Gannon, Mr Ford, all the Year 6 children, Charley and Holly (3H) and James and Ryley (4H) and all other people who gave of their precious time... thank you for creating such a special place!

I thank Mr Ford who is creating a mural with the children of Year 6 to be placed within the garden space.

The official opening of the garden will take place on the morning of our St Dominic's day, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August.

### Year 4/5 Mass

Thank you to the teachers, children and families who assisted with the participation in the Parish Mass for Years 4 and 5 last Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. I apologise for any confusion that may have been caused earlier last week, and appreciate all who helped make the preparation for this important Eucharistic celebration a special one for the children. I have had many reports of how beautiful a rendition Natalie and Jason Oong provided of “Ave Maria”.

### Play Buddies

A few weeks ago I met with Ms Jo Karaolis and Mrs Farah Hojjaty to discuss our continuing outreach and involvement with the children of St Lucy's. As you may well be aware, our children in Years 5 and 6 have indeed been a wonderful example for all our students through their involvement once again this year with the Integration Project. Mr Ford and Mr Trotter have been wonderful in supporting this programme and are indeed wonderful examples to their own students!

Our next step this year is to begin participating in the Play Buddies programme. After some discussion, we decided to offer this opportunity to the students in Year 4. Miss Holland's support and enthusiasm, along with the input and discussion provided by Ms Karaolis, saw us receive a number of “expressions of interest” from the Year 4 children.

Due to this overwhelming response, and our limited ability to only train 10 children at a time, we have decided to offer this programme in two groups – one for Term 3 and the other for Term 4.

Our Term 3 group consists of Corey W, Ryley D, Christopher W, Rosie B, Emily D, Chrissie C, Molly S, Hayley J, Prudence L and Katie A.

These children will be giving of their lunch time every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to participate in formal and informal play situations. This is indeed a wonderful opportunity that will offer personal rewards and benefits, and we are so proud to have Prouille so beautifully represented.

No doubt that come Term 4 we will be appointing another wonderful group of Year 4 children to experience this special opportunity.

### Parish Renewal

Thank you for your support this past week with the Parish Renewal programme. For those of you who have attended, I hope that you have become all the richer within your own personal faith journey. After attending Mass last Wednesday morning, I took away with me something quite profound that Fr Mike quoted from St Francis: *“Preach always, and where necessary, use words.”*

May we always live the example of Christ daily. Wishing you peace and blessings.

Vanessa Dillon (R.E. Co-ordinator)

## SPORTS NEWS

### **NSW PSSA Cross Country – Friday 31 July**

Congratulations to James Freidman (6F), who has now been called up to compete at the State Cross Country. He and Shannon Ashton (6F) will run at Eastern Creek on 31 July.

### **Soccer Gala Day – Postponed**

The Soccer Gala Day that was postponed will hopefully be re-scheduled early in Term 3.

### **Netball Gala Day – Wednesday 8 July**

Children who have been selected to go to the Netball Gala Day were given permission notes last week. Please return completed notes and \$5.00 bus money ASAP.

Parents – please indicate if you can assist with managing, coaching or umpiring. Ex-students are encouraged to assist with umpiring, especially those who do not have school in Week 11.

### **Walla Rugby Day – Wednesday 8 July**

Next Wednesday our Year 5 boys (and some Year 6) will participate in a Walla Rugby Gala Day. Permission notes and \$5.00 bus money is also due in ASAP.

### **Greg Florimo 7s Rugby League – Postponed to Thursday 9 July**

Please note that Greg Florimo 7s Rugby League has been postponed until Thursday 9 July.

Louise Tamone (PE/Sport Teacher)

## LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to Ben Mooney and Connor Ryan both in Kindergarten, Ben Doyle in Year 1, Joshua Phan in Year 2, Olivia Weaver in Year 3 and Hayley Johnson in Year 4 - these children have completed their Premier's Reading Challenge.

We now have a graph on the library window to keep track of which class is winning with the most PRC'S completed - can you guess which class is in the lead? We need to know if you complete more than one challenge, e.g. if you complete two challenges and your name is on the library window only once please bring us your second, third, fourth etc. challenges so we can keep adding your name to the list and keep colouring in boxes for your class on the graph. We try to keep track of every child's additional completed challenges but sometimes, for some reason a child's name is left out, please just let us know and we will amend our window and graph at once.

About once a week we validate PRC'S, which means when you enter your child's completed challenge online at home, we validate it at school, it is then locked in to the system so certificates can be prepared by the Premier's Department. So far we have over 80 students who have validated 2009 Premier's Reading Challenges, we are so proud of you!

Happy reading.

Jo Neilson & Lee-Anne Plasto (Teacher Librarians)

## SOCCER NEWS

**Wednesday, August 5 - Junior team photos** will be taken after school in St Thomas' playground - all junior teams will be photographed with their manager and coach/es. Mums and Dads, please give \$15 cash or cheque (payable to 'Good Sports Photo') to your team manager. On the day please pack your child's soccer uniform plus boots or sandshoes. Teams will assemble in St Thomas playground with manager, coach/or parent representative. We need at least one parent per team to supervise, collect outstanding money and provide the children's names. It should only take around 1 hour to have all teams photographed. This should be a lovely memento of your child's soccer season.

### **More Soccer News**

A date for your diary - **Sunday, September 13** - for our end of season **Soccer Presentation Day**. It should be a great day with lots planned including a dads vs dads game, a mums vs kids game, a sausage sizzle lunch and the soccer trophy presentations.

### **Even More Soccer News**

Another date for your diary - the **Annual Soccer Dinner - tentatively Saturday, August 15**. This will be a great night so start planning a team table or two. More details to come.

We'd love some help planning these events so if you can help organise the soccer dinner or presentation day please get in touch with either Pauline Luttrell (9487 5863) or Meredith Baume (9484 6009). Every little bit helps.

**NETBALL NEWS**

Congratulations to the 9A Water Street Netball Team (Angela Slattery, Georgia Sella, Sarah Vardy, Rachael Marren, Jacqueline Feurtado, Yvette Crouch, Hannah Lonsdale, Charlotte Smith and Jessie Drummond) who won the KNA Junior Netball Gala Day held on 21 June 2009. Well done girls, you did Water Street proud!

**Community News**

- Waitara Tennis Coaching – School Holiday Camps – Waitara Tennis Centre, Park Avenue, Waitara**

Camp 1: Monday 13 July – Friday 17 July Cost: \$135  
 Camp 2: Monday 20 July – Friday 24 July Cost: \$135  
 Times: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Daily (Daily Rate: \$35 / Half-day: \$25)  
 Bookings are limited – Please book early!!!  
 Contact: Mark Rawlingson 9489 2713 or 0412 835 336  
 Alan Stopford 9980 8003 or 0411 426 554
- Abbotsleigh Winter Holiday Program – Abbotsleigh Senior School, 1666 Pacific Highway, Wahroonga**

Week 1: 6-10 July Week 2: 13-17 July Week 3: 20-24 July  
 For programs and application forms, visit Abbotsleigh’s website: [www.abbotsleigh.nsw.edu.au](http://www.abbotsleigh.nsw.edu.au)  
 or phone Melissa Brown on 9473 7777.

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**Attention Cricketers!**

Kissing Point Cricket Club is registering junior players for season 2009/10 on Saturdays 25 July and 1 August from 9am-1pm at its Auluba Rd Clubhouse, Sth Turramurra.

*Ages 5-7 (In2cricket) and U9s upward to U14s*

Contact Secretary Peter Aitken 0413006697 or visit [www.kpcc.asn.au](http://www.kpcc.asn.au) (website currently being updated)

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