



PROUILLE NEWS

5 May, 2009

Term 2 Week 2 2009

Dear Parents,

I was chatting to my brother, Julian, last week by email and his notes were rather “I” centred (ie all about him) and I laughed when he apologised for “I”jacking the conversation. It reminded me of a Telstra survey I read years ago that somehow researched and discovered the most commonly used word in phone conversations ... No prizes for guessing what that little word was!

In the recent holiday break I was having a little whinge to a parent (Alan) about the dreadful traffic I had just endured (readers will recall the dreadful accident on the F3 in the holidays when a truck went down a cliff and the driver died). I commented that everyone on the F3 will be getting home very late and Alan simply said, “It’s not good, Phil, and one poor fellow isn’t ever going to get home to his family.”

For Catholics, the month of May is traditionally the Month of Mary and I encourage families to simply pray to Mary during this month ... Perhaps simply saying the ‘Hail Mary’ before dinner as a family or committing to praying The Rosary is something we can do in May.

I note that there are no “I”s in the words ‘pray’, ‘May’ or ‘Mary’ ... I am a bit worried that there are two in my Christian name.

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE RE NEXT P+F GENERAL MEETING

The meeting set in the Term 2 Calendar for a P+F Meeting on Monday 11 May (7.30 pm) has now been changed specifically to a P+F EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING.

The P+F GENERAL MEETING (OPEN FOR ALL PARENTS) has moved to Monday 18 May (7.30 pm).

All parents are warmly encouraged and invited to attend the P+F General Meeting (18.5.09).

Major topics for presentation/discussion are:

- Prouille’s Strategic Plan 2009-2012
- What is the purpose of Prouille’s P+F? ... How can our P+F most effectively support the strategic goals of the school? (including feedback from recent P+F meetings with Sue Bull - CSO)
- How can Prouille best utilise the Federal Government (BER/PRIDE) School Maintenance Funding for Prouille?

Federal Government School Maintenance Funding for Prouille (BER/PRIDE)

After a meeting at the Catholic Schools Office last Thursday, Prouille School is now in a better position to decide how the Federal Government Funding (\$125,000) can be utilised. Many parents will be aware that Prouille School is in a unique position re “will we be building a new school at a new site or will we be building a new school at our present site”. Because of restrictions on the use of the Government “Building an Education Revolution – BER” School Maintenance Funding (PRIDE Funding), we must spend the money investing in projects that will be here for the “long term”. Essentially, we can’t refurbish classrooms etc and then proceed to knock them down in one year’s time. Although there are limited avenues for us to inject spending towards, we will soon be in a position to commit our funding towards specific needs.

I welcome enquiries/suggestions from parents re the use of this funding; I stress that you need to make contact with me in the coming weeks, because another requirement is that we must commence work ASAP!

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Open Day – Prouille – Thursday 7 May

Parents are reminded of the request I made for assistance at the up and coming “Prouille School Open Day – Thursday 7 May 9:30 am – 11.00 am. Support from our school parents will be invaluable for prospective parents. If you can assist (even just with your presence) please give your name to the school office. Thank you.

RE school uniform for Open Day ... Prouille School will be “open” for our visitors like a normal day. Therefore, if your child has PE/Sport on a Thursday, he/she needs to be dressed in full Sport Uniform. One exception stands for Band representatives, who need to wear full Winter Uniform and bring sandshoes in their bag if they have sport on Thursdays.

Holy Name Parish Dinner Dance - Saturday 16 May

The Annual Parish Dinner Dance is on Saturday 16 May. Tickets are \$65 a head. Please include your name/s on the sheet at the back of the church. Alternatively, please enquire at the Parish Office.

Congratulations Chloe, Beth, Shannon, Emma and Emily



CONGRATULATIONS TO PROUILLE RELAY TEAM - BRONZE MEDAL WINNERS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS' STATE SWIMMING COMPETITION!

These champions competed in the recent Primary Schools' State Swimming Competition and Prouille is very proud of their remarkable achievements. The four girls secured a Bronze medal when they competed in their relay swim and clocked an amazing 2m.09sec, which was 4 seconds faster than their Polding time 2 weeks ago (I remind everyone that they broke the Diocesan record in Term 1 also). Kincoppal, Rose Bay, came 1st (2.05), and Picnic Point 2nd (2.07).

Special congratulations also go to **Emily Austin**, who also competed in the State Competition in the 10 Yr Girls 50m Freestyle. We are all very proud of you too, **Emily**.

Shannon is off to Perth in September for the Australian Championships (Breaststroke). She deserves it after all those 5am starts!!! Shannon will be selling special raffle tickets to help support her trip to Perth, and all Prouille families are encouraged to buy a few.

Finally, I need to recognise the parents of all "serious" swimmers who give so much to their children! I think all the young “serious” swimmers of the world need to give their parents a kiss and a big thank you!

Congratulations to Amy Pejkovic (Jared – Year 6)

Congratulations to Amy Pejkovic (former Prouille student) who is off the International Youth Games in Italy.

What an extraordinary achievement for this talented “High-jumper”!

National Walk to School Day – Friday 15 May

On Friday 15 May it is "National Walk to School Day" ... 71 children supported the recent "Ride/Walk to School Day" last term ... All families are encouraged to support this worthwhile initiative on Friday 15 May.

Following is a link to a photo that made it to the official "Ride to School Day" Website: Scroll to picture # 56

<http://www.bv.com.au/join-in/40169/>

Mothers' Day Assembly and Morning Tea – 9.00 am (KT presenting at Assembly)

All Parents and Friends (especially Mothers / Grandmothers) are warmly invited to a special Mothers' Day Assembly on Friday 8 May – 9.00 am. Because of the Whole School Assembly on the previous day (School 'Open Day'), there will be no merit awards etc at this assembly.

Immediately after this 9 am assembly, we invite all mums and visitors to St Thomas' Playground for some delicious scones and tea/coffee in the autumn sun (NB Year KT is presenting at the assembly and "the school" is preparing morning tea) ... **ANY DADS / GRANDDADS WHO WOULD LIKE TO HELP SET UP AND SERVE THE MUMS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON FRIDAY MORNING AT 8.30 AM TO SET UP ... AND THEN TO ASSIST WITH SERVING AT 9.30 AM ... YOU MIGHT LIKE TO DRESS UP IN 'BLACK AND WHITE' TO IMPRESS THE LADIES!**

Mothers' Pamper Night

I hope all mums know all about the special "Pamper Night" – Friday 7.30 pm (8.5.09) – Venue "The School Hall".

School Working Bee – Yr 1 and Yr 5 (Saturday 9 May 1-5 pm)

All families (particularly Yr 1 and Yr 5 families) are invited to assist at this coming weekend's Working Bee. Prouille only has four working bees a year and parents are asked to attend at least one. If families are unable to attend any working bees, they are asked to make a donation to the school for maintenance needs.

After each Working Bee there is a "little celebration" ... This celebration is as important as the actual working bee!

I thank Pauline and Marie for the co-ordination work they do before, at and after each Working Bee. I also thank our School SRC (Griffin Carroll, Jessica Gleeson, Matt Kelly, Nathan Mandla and Robbie Szafrank) that assists Pauline and Marie in identifying maintenance and OH+S needs before each Working Bee.

Swine Flu Alert

You will be aware that the World Health Organisation (WHO) has raised its worldwide flu alert to Phase 5. Australia is presently in Phase 4. Advice has been received from NSW Health and other relevant State and Commonwealth government agencies that comprehensive strategies are in place to respond to and manage this situation. NSW Health has made it clear that there is no need for school operations to be interrupted.

While it would seem that there is no immediate danger for a pandemic outbreak in Australia, I am writing to assure you that appropriate procedures are being taken at Prouille in keeping with the most current advice available from the relevant health authorities and from the Catholic Schools Office. You will be kept informed of any new development.

In the meanwhile the most important measures that parents can take to keep your children safe is to reinforce the importance of hand washing and drying, especially before meals and after toileting and to encourage the use of disposable tissues when coughing and sneezing.

We ask that all children showing flu like symptoms be kept home until checked and cleared by a doctor. The symptoms of Swine Flu are very similar to other types of influenza but differ in some aspects from the common cold. Please notify any changes to your contact details to the School Office as soon as they occur.

Dates for Lunchtime Recitals: (Hall) 1pm

Lunchtime Recitals will be held at 1.00 pm in the School Hall on the following dates. These dates have been included on the Term 2 Calendar now available on the Prouille School website (www.prouille.com.au) – General Information category.

TERM 2:	Tuesday 19 May Tuesday 16 June
TERM 3:	Tuesday 11 August Tuesday 29 September
TERM 4:	Tuesday 10 November Tuesday 1 December

Yours sincerely,

Philip Ledlin
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

05.05.09	Tuesday	7.30 pm - Information Meeting for Parents re First Holy Communion (usually Year 3) in the School Hall.
06.05.09	Wednesday	No Choir today. 8.45 am - North Shore Cluster Cross Country Championships at St Ives Showground.
07.05.09	Thursday	9.30 am – 11.00 am – Prouille Open Day for 2010 prospective students/families. For catering purposes, please notify the School Office if attending. <u>Band Students</u> to wear Full Winter School Uniform. (Only students who have Sport are to wear Sport uniform.) Senior Band – Instruments required today. 10.00 am – Whole School Assembly today (instead of Friday).
08.05.09	Friday	9.00 am - Mothers' Day Assembly (presented by KT) & Morning Tea. 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm – Mothers' Day Night of Indulgence in School Hall. All mothers/carers warmly invited – Champagne, Massage, Raffles.
09.05.09	Saturday	1.00 pm – 5.00 pm – Second Prouille Working Bee – Years 1 & 5.
11.05.09	Monday	7.30 pm – P&F Executive Team Meeting – NB Executive Team Only.
12.05.09	Tuesday	National Assessment Program – Literacy/Numeracy NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5.
13.05.09	Wednesday	National Assessment Program – Literacy/Numeracy NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5. Last day for Book Club Orders.
14.05.09	Thursday	National Assessment Program – Literacy/Numeracy NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5.
15.05.09	Friday	Year 6 Cake Stall – Lunchtime – Cakes 50c, Ice Blocks 50c, Drinks \$1.00. 7 pm Dinner – Parents & Year 6 Students only – Blue Gum Bistro, Waitara.
16.05.09	Saturday	Holy Name Parish Annual Dinner Dance – Enquiries to the Parish Office.
18.05.09	Monday	7.30 pm – P & F General Meeting – All parents/carers welcome. (<u>New Date</u>)

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 8.50 am – 10.00 am & Thursdays 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

IMPORTANT CHOIR NEWS

1. Senior Band Instruments required on THURSDAY for Open Day.
 2. NO Choir on Wednesday.
- Amanda O'Brien (Choir/Music Teacher)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

God of us all,
Bless our eyes that we may see clearly as Dominic did
and reach out to those who need us.
Bless our hands that they may be filled with compassion to help others.
Bless our hearts that we may accept all people and creatures as God's special gifts to us.
Bless our ears that we may listen to the words of those who are like Dominic today
and that we will recognise Veritas – truth.
Bless our mouths that we are never silent when there is injustice.
Bless our feet that we will walk gently with courage and strength as Dominic
and his Dominican sisters have walked.
Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

On Monday we were fortunate to enjoy the warm hospitality of Del Monte and Santa Sabina Colleges, Strathfield, as we explored and deepened our knowledge of the Dominican history and values. Evidently, this journey we walked together as a staff will guide us further as we explore our Mission and vocation as teachers and learners. The prayer above gives grounds through which we will look to achieve this, yet also gives purpose for who we are as Christ's disciples each and every day.

Easter Liturgy

Thank you to the children of Year 2DO who shared with us a special reminder of what the message of Easter is for us as Christians. Each contributed beautifully to the re-telling of this story, and further enhanced our appreciation of the love Jesus has for us.

ANZAC Day Liturgy

Thank you to Miss Vivienne Traynor and Class 1T for their thoughtful, reverent and respectful leadership in our ANZAC Day commemoration last Friday morning. Each person involved conveyed beautifully the history and importance of this day for all Australians. It also reminded us of the purpose this day holds within our culture, and the genuine thanks we express to all men and women who are, or have been, involved in maintaining peace within our world.

Victorian Bushfire "Outreach"

Within the last few weeks of last term, I established contact with a Catholic primary school in Victoria that was affected by the recent bushfires. The Principal, Mrs Jo Brewer, was able to inform us of some practical means by which we could offer some support. Consequently, money we had raised earlier in the term was sent away to assist them. As a staff however, we discussed ways through which we could offer pastoral support, and considered the idea of Easter as being a good avenue to take. As a result, many of the children from Prouille made Easter cards for the children of St Mary's, Alexandra. In connection with this, we also purchased cartons of Easter eggs that would enable every person within the school (students and staff) to receive an Easter egg. These were packaged and posted on Monday of Week 11, with the hope that they would arrive in time.

During the holidays, we received a letter from Mrs Brewer which we have attached to the newsletter for your viewing. Her words, though few, express a genuine appreciation and unexpected delight at having received our Easter gifts. It is through actions such as these that we truly live as disciples of Jesus!

Project Compassion

Thank you for your generosity throughout the Project Compassion appeal during Lent. We have raised a substantial amount (\$895.00), which will no doubt assist many of our brothers and sisters greatly in living life, and living it to the full!

65 Roses Day

I thank Matthew Kelly, Hamish Morgan and Emma Andrews for taking the initiative to participate in this worthy fundraiser once again this year. Not only can we assist in raising money for a foundation that supports those who have cystic fibrosis, but it helps raise awareness of how cystic fibrosis is the most common life threatening genetic condition affecting Australian children. Various paraphernalia will be made available as soon as it arrives. On Friday 29th May, we will include a special prayer at our school assembly.

Mary Mackillop Foundation

As I am sure you are all aware, this year we will be celebrating the centenary of Mary Mackillop's death. In conjunction with this celebration, we have received an invitation for children to participate in an art competition. I have attached the information pamphlet to the newsletter, and if your child would like to enter, please complete and return the slip below and I will give them an entry form. The competition closes on the 31st July, so entries must be submitted prior to this date.

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ART COMPETITION - Mary Mackillop

My child _____ class _____ is interested in participating in the art competition to coincide with Mary Mackillop's Centenary celebrations.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS (Cont.)

Music Resources

Over the holidays I took some time to search through our Religious Education music resources and discovered many of the songs were only on cassette tape. If anyone is able to convert these songs from tape to CD, I would much appreciate your assistance. Please come and see me, or inform Carol of your availability. Many thanks!

We continue to pray for those in our community who are in need. We also pray for the safe and healthy arrival of many bubs that are due soon in many of our families.

Wishing you peace and blessing,

Mrs Vanessa Dillon (RE Co-ordinator)

SPORTS NEWS

NSW PSSA Swimming

At the end of last term several Prouille girls represented Polding in the State Swimming Championships at Homebush. Congratulations to Shannon Ashton and Emily Austin who swam in individual events. Special mention must go to Shannon, who swam in all individual events and reached the Final in the 12 year 50m Freestyle and Butterfly. Shannon won a Bronze Medal – placing 3RD in the Breaststroke.

Shannon also joined with Chloe Vardy, Emma Andrews and Bethany Green to form our amazing Senior Girls Relay team. They also placed 3RD in the Final, winning beautiful Bronze Medals.

This is an achievement we are very proud of at Prouille. To have four exceptional swimmers, all friends, from one class (6F) in our little school to achieve such success at an elite level is truly amazing.

Shannon will now represent NSW at the Nationals in Perth later this year.

North Shore Cross Cluster Cross Country

Tomorrow 61 children will represent Prouille at the Cluster Cross Country Trials at St Ives Showground. The children have been training hard in preparation for this event and we wish them all the best of luck.

All children participating must be at school at 8.45 am as the bus will be leaving at 9.00 am.

Children are reminded to bring HATS, SUNSCREEN, WET WEATHER GEAR, WARM JACKET.

They must also bring Lunch, Morning Tea and a Water Bottle.

Children are also encouraged to bring a towel to sit on, board game or playing cards to help keep them occupied during the day. NO BALLS are allowed.

We are all looking forward to a fine sunny day.

NB If there are any parents who can assist with transporting the shelters, please contact Mrs Tamone.

Louise Tamone (PE/Sports Teacher)

GATEWAY PROJECT – VISUAL ARTS



Congratulations to Emma Andrews, Dominique Bell, Tom Doyle and Adelaide Falzon – our highly talented artists who were selected from a large group of interested Stage 3 students to take part in this project. Unfortunately only four places were available.

This project involves artists from St Bernard's Berowra, St Patrick's Asquith, Our Lady of the Rosary Waitara and Prouille working together at St Leo's College Wahroonga during Term 2.

On Wednesday of Week 1 the students spent the morning together involved in "Getting To Know You" activities. They were also introduced to the Gateway web page. The students have three artists to learn more about before our next workshop.

In May students will spend two days at St Leo's working with the Visual Arts Co-ordinator (Ms J Carson), using a variety of media and a range of subjects. We are fortunate to have the use of St Leo's facilities as well as the expertise of Ms Carson. The product of the sessions will be shared at a celebratory gathering at St Leo's later in the year. This offers a wonderful opportunity for our gifted students to broaden their artistic horizons.

Linda O'Brien (P.E.P. Co-ordinator)

PROUILLE WORKING BEE

2ND Prouille Working Bee – Years 1 & 5
Saturday 9 May 2009 from 1 pm – 5 pm



Our second Working Bee is fast approaching and we will be focusing on the gardens. In particular, we will start preparing a very special garden – the Prouille Prayer Garden – an initiative of Vanessa Dillon (RE Co-ordinator).

Subsequent dates for Working Bees are:

- 22 August – Years 2 & 4 – Keep Australia Beautiful & National Science Week
- 14 November – Year 3 – National Recycling Week

Please make an effort to come to this working bee if you can. 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.

Any time you can spare would be appreciated.

Pauline Luttrell & Maree Cass (P&F Environment Team)

BOOKCLUB 2009



** Welcome to another Book Club. We have 4 Book Clubs per year – one each term. Every purchase made by the students gives the school Reading Reward points, which are used to purchase resources for the school Library AND the classrooms.

** Spare order forms will be available in the office.

** The due date for Book Club orders will appear in the **Important Dates Calendar** of the newsletter. You should receive your ordered books approx. 3 weeks AFTER this date.

** Please PRINT your **NAME** and **CLASS** clearly on the **ORDER FORM** and the **ENVELOPE**. Enclose the correct money and seal the envelope securely.

The preferred method of payment is

- 1) Credit card (follow directions on order form – Freecall 1800 557 908) OR
- 2) Cheque made payable to “Scholastic Australia”

If you cannot do the above you may pay by cash, but I would prefer option 1 or 2, as some loose money always goes missing.

** If you have children in more than one class, you may wish to add their orders together and write **one** cheque or fill in **one** credit card slip – just put them together in one envelope.

If you have any further questions regarding Book Club, please phone **Trudi Sommers on 9487-1990**.

******* Due date for Book Club orders – Wednesday 13th May *******

P&F NEWS

Welcome to back to Term Two! Just a quick reminder that if you have any concerns, comments or suggestions that you would like to draw to our attention please feel free to send an email to president@prouillepandf.com.au or drop a note into the “P&F Feedback” box in the office.

Prouille Open Day

Our School Open Day is **this Thursday morning**, if you are able to help out at the Open Day please drop a note into the office ASAP. Thank you to the many families who have already sent in offers of help.

Mother's Day Celebrations

This Friday morning there will be a Mother's Day Liturgy followed by a Morning Tea up on St Thomas' playground.

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The "Mother's Day Night of Indulgence" is all set for the Friday evening. Invitations were sent out last week, please RSVP to the Social Committee via email (socialcommittee@prouillepandf.com.au) ASAP.

Looking forward to seeing as many Mum's & carers as possible at these celebrations.

Term Two P&F General Meeting

The P&F General Meeting this term will now be held on Monday 18th May, 7.30 pm in the School Hall. At this meeting, Philip Ledlin will present the School's Strategic Plan to 2012, and the Annual Goals for this year; what has already been achieved and what is still to come. All parents and carers are warmly invited to come along.

Year 6 Fundraiser – Friday 15 May

On Friday 15 May Year 6 will be running a fundraiser for their gift to the school. They will be selling cupcakes, ice blocks and drinks at lunch time on Friday - Cupcakes 50c, Iceblocks 50c, Drinks \$1. Thanks for your support.

Year 6 Social Event

Year 6 Parents and Students (no siblings please) – Dinner at Blue Gum Bistro – Friday May 15 at 7.00 pm

Please RSVP to Julia Andrews (Emma 6F) – presentahouse@optusnet.com.au

Bully Busting Workshop

See attached flyer for information about a Bully Busting Workshop.

Community News

- **Prouille Tennis Coaching – Term 2**
Classes are held on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday morning from 8 am – 8.45 am.
Wet weather programme held in School Hall. Cost \$100 per term.
Alan Stopford & Mark Rawlingson - NSWPTA qualified coaches, former circuit players.
Free 1 week trial lesson available for new players.
Make-up lesson for Monday 4 May – Pupil Free day – call Alan Stopford 0411 426 554
For further enquiries please ring Alan Stopford on 9980 8003 or 0411 426 554.
- **Monday Ladies Tennis - New Comp starts 18th May - Beginners to Advanced**
When: Mondays 9.30am – 1.15pm (no play during school holidays)
Where: Mills Park Tennis Centre, Asquith
Format: 3 players per team (composed by comp secretary)
Teams varied each comp
All players graded personally (Mon 11th May)
2 sets doubles, 1 set singles
\$100 per comp + Registration/Insurance \$40 for 12 months
Children welcome
Call: Susan 9457 9284 (for more information / grading)
Irene (Prouille Mum) 9487 5503 (*several Prouille Mums play at this comp*)