PROUILLE NEWS MEMO

TERM 2 WEEK 3 2009

12 May 2009

Dear Parents,

We Welcome a new family to the Prouille community

It was indeed a privilege to welcome the Yong family to Prouille yesterday. We welcome Lucas to Year 1P … and to Lucas' mum and dad, Annie and Anthony, we warmly welcome you too.

St Lucy's Initiative

It is also a pleasure to welcome Sarah, Angus, Andrew and Nicholas from St Lucy's to Prouille; these 4 delightful students have joined Yrs 5 and 6 for Fridays only. This integration initiative is truly "something beautiful for Prouille".

Mr and Mrs Trotter … Baby News

I am thrilled to announce the arrival of a baby girl for Mr and Mrs Trotter … Baby Victoria Anna Trotter has finally arrived weighing in at 3.5kg … and … everyone is well.

Mr Trotter will be taking two weeks Paternity Leave and Mrs Anne McKaysmith will be taking Yr 5T for this period. I add that Yr 5T students are already very familiar with Anne, and I confidently trust the children's needs will be carefully handled over this two week period.

I know all of you are joining me in offering best wishes for Chris and his family.

Prayers Please

I sincerely ask for community prayer for a dear friend and colleague, Neale Newcombe (Principal, OLOR The Entrance). Neale has been told he will die of cancer in two weeks. He will leave behind three young children and his beautiful wife, Julie … Thank you.

School Vision / Mission

Parents will be aware that Prouille Staff participated in a Staff Development Day last week at Santa Sabina, Strathfield. Put simply, it was one of the most enriching and successful Staff Development Days I've ever attended. Staff worked with a facilitator, Mary Leahy, to further develop our new School Vision and Mission. I was particularly touched by the passion and commitment of staff to share and thirst for a new Vision steeped in a Dominican spirit. To ensure that our new Vision is indeed a shared Vision, the school will be providing opportunity for parents to contribute and share their insights and wisdom. I add that there is no secret that staff are keen to "vision towards" an even more vibrant and welcoming community steeped in a Dominican Spirit.

Prouille's Strategic Plan 2009-2012

Prouille's Draft Strategic Plan 2009-2012 will be presented for the community to comment on at next Monday's P+F Meeting (18.5.09 – 7.30 pm) … Additionally, a copy of the draft plan can be viewed in the School Office if you are unable to attend next Monday's meeting. I add that Prouille's Strategic Plan 2009-2012 is primarily founded on the results of the 2008 Whole School CSO Review; parents will recall the comprehensive "parent consultation" / "parent survey" process that is a critical aspect of a Whole School Review.

Friendship Survey

Advertised in a recent newsletter was a note re the "Friendship Survey" conducted throughout all classes Years 1-6. This survey has provided staff with important information re the social dynamics throughout the school both in class and on the playground. From an overall school perspective, I'm overwhelmingly thrilled to see that our students are very happy indeed. I add that my "new to Prouille" observations of student self-discipline, respect, kindness and general behaviour are extremely positive to say the very least. This is indeed something for us to celebrate and ensure that we build and maintain.

Parish Renewal:

As advertised in recent newsletters and in the Term 2 School Calendar, there is a Parish Renewal this term for Holy Name Parish. Several Dominican Priests are going to be in our School / Parish for a week commencing with a Mass on Friday 19 June 9.00 am; this will be followed by a session for parents/parishioners. The Parish Renewal is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to get a special taste of the "Dominican way" as we renew ourselves and our school / parish.

The Renewal will commence with **Mass at Prouille School on Friday 19 June – 9.00 am** … More details to follow!

Australian Early Development Index (AEDI)

The Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) is a population measure of young children's development in different communities. This is a Federal Government initiative to target communities where young children are in most need of early developmental services and resources. The AEDI is conducted by the Centre for Community Child Health (at The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne and a key research centre at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute), in partnership with the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, Perth. It involves a teacher-completed checklist and measures five developmental domains:

- Physical health and wellbeing
- Social competence
- Emotional maturity
- Language and cognitive skills
- Communication and general knowledge

All teachers of Kindergarten children receive training and complete the AEDI checklist. This survey will commence in our Kindy classrooms next Monday 18 May.

If any parent has any concerns or does not wish their Kindergarten child to participate, please contact the School Office by this Friday 15 May. For more information please see the website - www.aedi.org.au.

P+F GENERAL MEETING – Next Monday (18.5.09) – 7:30 pm

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

NB- THIS IS A NEW DATE AS PER NOTE LAST NEWSLETTER.

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?

Open Day – Prouille

I sincerely thank all the parents, grandparents, students and staff who assisted to make last Thursday's Open Day a wonderful success. The bevy of prospective parents present on the day assures me that enrolments for K2010 are looking very healthy indeed!

I had many parents comment on the maturity, confidence and manners of our Yr 6 students; two families commented to me similarly on separate occasions, "If my child grows to be like those Yr 6 students, I'll be so pleased."

Holy Name Parish Dinner Dance - Saturday 16 May – This coming Saturday!!!

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.

Friday 15 May 2009 is National Walk Safely to School Day

Don't forget, this Friday is Walk Safely to School Day; let's see if we can get at least 50% of our children walking, riding a bike or catching public transport to school.

To make walking to school more fun we would like families to walk together**.** Coincidentally 15th May is also International Day of Families so what better way to spend time with our children. Simply walk or drive to Wahroonga Park, look for the **"Prouille Walk Safely to School"** sign and families can walk together from there. IT IS STRESSED THAT FAMILIES / PARENTS ARE RESONSIBLE FOR WALKING TOGETHER WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

'Move Ahead with Street Sense' gives the following advice to parents regarding child pedestrian safety in the traffic environment:

- Children up to eight years old should hold an adult's hand on the footpath, in the car park, or when crossing the road; an adult is defined as a parent, caregiver, grandparent, sibling in high school or older, other relative or neighbour, or other adult as advised by the child's parents/carers
- Children up to ten years old should be actively supervised in the traffic environment and should hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.

Friday 15 May 2009 is National Walk Safely to School Day (Cont.)

The suggested route will follow the pedestrian crossings; first crossing at Illoura Pde (near train station), turning left a short distance before taking a right into the pedestrian route along Bubble Gum Alley, cross the laneway and then cross at Cleveland St, turn left and then final right turn into Water St. As it is a short journey we will still be walking if it rains.

A group of morning walkers will leave the park at 8.30 am, but **families** can, of course, walk at any time.

A group of afternoon walkers will leave Prouille at 3.20 pm and be **joined by Ian Cross, Wahroonga's local Councillor**. Let's have lots of people walking to the park, why not stay for a play afterwards.

Pauline Luttrell

School Working Bee

I sincerely thank and congratulate the many parents, grandparents, students and staff who so generously assisted with a mighty "make-over" at School last weekend. I arrived late to the Working Bee and was taken by the wonderful turnout of helpers and the work that was being achieved. I am really excited to see the new Prayer / Memorial Garden develop; I know our REC, Vanessa, is working closely with Pauline and others re "something beautiful for Prouille".

Finally, I particularly thank Pauline for the energy and enthusiasm behind the success of the recent Working Bee.

Mothers' Day Pamper Evening

Congratulations to Gill, Debbie & Michelle for co-ordinating the special "Pamper Evening" for mums last Friday. I've heard a few terrific reports re its success.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Ledlin

Principal

North Shore Cluster Cross Country Championships

Last week our Cross country team participated in the Cluster Championships at St Ives Showground. Prouille had 61 runners who had all trained hard in preparation for their races.

This year we saw a significant improvement in our Cross Country results with 12 children qualifying to go to the Broken Bay trials next week.

Special congratulations must go to Shannon Ashton (Year 6), who came 1ST in the 12 Year Girls event. This is another exceptional performance from Shannon in 2009!

The following children will run at Fagan Park on Wednesday 20 May:

Nicky Chan	10th	8 Year Boys
Angela Slattery	2nd	9 Year Girls
Sarah Vardy	3rd	9 Year Girls
Yvette Crouch	15th	9 Year Girls
Jhania Pike	8th	10 Year Girls
Emily Doyle	9th	10 Year Girls
Michael Crouch	7th	11 Year Boys
Courtney Kirby	6th	11 Year Girls
James Freidman	5th	12 Year Boys
Julian Chan	10th	12 Year Boys
Shannon Ashton	1st	12 Year Girls
Chloe Vardy	14th	12 Year Girls

Thank you to Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Nisbett for their support on the day and a special thank you to all the mums who assisted on checkpoints and enthusiastically cheered on all the runners!!

Louise Tamone (PE/Sports Teacher)

Book Club – Orders Due Wednesday 13 May

Could all parents please remember to get your Book Club orders in by Wednesday this week (13 May). Any order, no matter how small, contributes to Bonus points. These points convert to free books for our classrooms and library. Thank you.

Trudi Sommers (Book Club Co-ordinator)

Library News

Congratulations to the following children who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge.

In Kindergarten: Eric Bong, Abby Feurtado, Matthew McKenzie, Jade Wright and Oliver Wright.
In Year 1: Nick McKenzie
In Year 2: Ga Hee Bong, Callum Delmage, Max Griffin, Madeline Vlahakis
In Year 3: Patrick Edmunds, Jacqueline Feurtado, Georgia Sella
In Year 4: Ryley Delmage
In Year 5: Alana Christenson
In Year 6: Olivia Johnson, Robbie Szafranek, Chloe Vardy

Please feel free to drop into the Library if you have some spare time on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 2.00 pm onwards. We really do appreciate any extra help and it's a great way to chat to other parents and find out about any new resources we have. Happy reading.

Lee-Anne Plasto & Jo Neilson (Teacher Librarians)

P&F News

P&F General Meeting

All parents and carers are warmly invited and encouraged to come along to the Term 2 P&F General Meeting, **next MONDAY May 18th at 7:30 pm in the School Hall**. Important issues to be discussed include:

- Prouille's Strategic Plan 2009-2012
- How can the P&F support the School's Strategic Plan?
- Use of Federal Government (BER/PRIDE) School Maintenance Funding

Looking forward to seeing as many people as possible there. If you cannot make it but have an issue you wish to raise please send an email to president@prouillepandf.com.au or drop a note into the **P&F Feedback Box** in the office.

Thank You to Committee Members

Several P&F Committee Members have been busy co-ordinating events at school this week. A big THANK YOU goes to the Social Committee: Gill Austin, Debbie Johnson and Michelle le Patourel for putting together another fantastic Mother's Day Evening. Another THANK YOU also goes to our Grounds & Maintenance Committee, Pauline Luttrell and Maree Cass, for overseeing our Term 2 Working Bee.

Our School would not be the same without the time all of our P&F Committee Members devote to it…..THANK YOU!

From the Social Committee – Thank You

Massages galore, lots of chatter and a little bubbly certainly made for a fun night at the Mothers' Day "Night of Indulgence". How wonderful it was to see old mums and new mums, carers, grandmothers and friends enjoying each other.

We would like to extend a very warm thank you to the people who helped us:

Suzanne Spalding for putting our platters together and collecting the sushi,

Wendy Ryan for making our raffle prizes look gorgeous,

Pauline Luttrell, Paula McCormack, Sharon Johnson, Bridget Vardy, Sally Butel and Jen Bell for helping us with set up.

And finally thank you to **Sally Asnicar, Janine Rheinberger and Fiona Tillbrook** for coming back the next day to finalise the clean up.

Your help was so very much appreciated.

Looking Forward to Term 3

It is a tradition at Prouille in an "off musical" year that a social function is held in Term 3. Trivia nights are held in the year of the Musical.

We would like to hear suggestions in regard to an evening event to be held on a Saturday in Term 3. The date is yet to be decided. Please forward your suggestions via email to socialcommittee@prouillepandf.com.au or a note in an envelope marked to the attention of the Social Committee by Friday 15 May. We would ask that you include your name and contact details. We look forward to your response.

The Social Committee

P&F News (Cont.)

Working Bee Thank You

The second working bee of the year achieved many garden tasks with 60 people representing Years 1 & 5 families.

We

- Started preparing the Prayer Garden for planting. We rotary hoed, incorporated fertilizer, laid out a drip irrigation system and moved Teresina Stipo's remembrance rock. We hope to start planting later this term. We also took down the old satellite dish and recycled the metal. Special thank you to Simon Johnson (APM Services 9487 4856) and John Asnicar (Pinnacle Landscapes 9989 8808) for their equipment and expertise.
- Moved one of the rubbish bins to rear playground, thank you to Paul Sharpe
- Cleaned outdoor equipment & signs
- Replaced missing fence plank
- Moved a kitchen cupboard in the hall to house cups etc and create more room for storing gym equipment. Special thank you to Joe Antoun for organising this with the help of Dennis an ex student.
- Weeded, pruned and tidied garden beds.

Thank you to **Kennards Hire** in Waitara (9489 3499) who donated a trailer and rotary hoe. They are always supportive of our working bees and we are very grateful for their contribution.

The families who came along to help were: Janine Rheinberger; Sally, John, Christian, Joseph & Claudia Asnicar; Pat & Sarah Burton; Sam & Zac Hallinan; Simon, Sharon, Hayley & Sam Johnson; Jason, Sally, Natalie, Katie, Chloe & Zara Oong; Donna & Bill Murrell; Jodi Kerim & Jasmine El Gabaili; Michelle, Will, Meg & Ella Le Patourel; Paul, Jo-Anne, Christian & Isabella Sharpe; Doug & Jamie Smith; Paul & Megan Hurstfield; Ray, Tom & Rebecca Latimer; Dona, Thomas & William Gilbert; Fiona, Emily, Harriet, George & Charlotte Tillbrook; Meredith, Anica & Olivia Baume; Julie, Anthony & Kate Kelly; Louise, Olivia & Joey McEwen; Tara, Tony & Laura Bailey and Prudence Luttrell. Donations were received from a few families.

Thanks to the children who manned the sign in desk, they did a great job.

The Grounds & Maintenance Committee

Covering On Reading New Resources

If anyone has some time free this **Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 2-3pm,** please consider dropping into the library to help cover some of the new reading resources for the K-2 classes. No need to RSVP, just drop in…..toddlers welcome! Thanks!

Year 6 Cupcake Stall!

1PM FRIDAY 15 MAY – LUNCHTIME

CUPCAKES 50c

DRINKS $1

ICE BLOCKS 50c

Any queries to Helen Freidman hfreidman@pip.com.au

Thank you

BROKEN BAY PARENT COUNCIL

Just a reminder of the upcoming Parent Forum ...

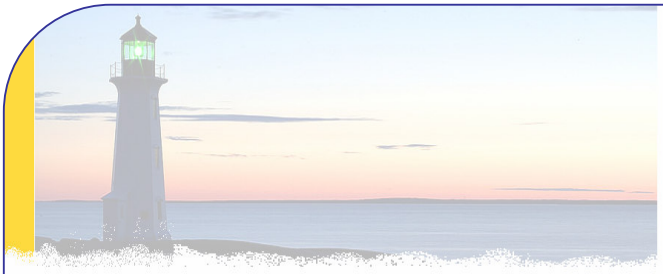
Broken Bay Parent Council presents a special Parent Forum …

"Children and Grief - Understanding grief and loss issues of children"

Wednesday 20th May 7.30 - 9pm

St Patrick's Primary - Melbourne St, East Gosford

RSVP Cathie 9847 0340 *parentcouncil@dbb.edu.au*



Did you know that it is National Families Week?

For information on *Families*, *Parenting*,
Free Parent Forums and *Newsletters*.

Plus what is happening around our Diocese.

Visit www.brokenbayparentcouncil.org