



# PROUILLE NEWS

19 May, 2009

Term 2 Week 4 2009

Dear Parents,

For the last two weeks, a vast majority of my time at Prouille has been spent engaging in meetings with prospective new students/families for 2010 (I hasten to add that when Prouille accepts a child, it accepts a family into the community too). Several times in my meetings, I entered into discussion with parents regarding the best way to communicate with children re “getting the best out of them”. I don’t claim to have read every book on parenting, nor do I claim wonderful success as a parent; I add that, over the years, I’ve learnt my best lessons from mistakes, rejection and failure.

Last weekend, a flash of wisdom churned in the murkiness of my mind, and it just might have assisted to unearth the big answer to one of humanity’s biggest questions ... ie: *“How can we get the best out of our children?”*

Here is Philip Ledlin’s answer (assisted by Divine intervention) in 3 concise points:

1. Learn to sincerely say, *“I love you,”* to our children
2. Learn to sincerely say, *“I’m proud of you because ..... ,”* to our children
3. Learn to sincerely say, *“No,”* to our children

(The following is a late addition - just before the newsletter goes to print: I think I’ve found that there is a fourth point: We must also learn to sincerely say, *“Sorry,”* to our children)

### **Something Beautiful for Prouille – A Dominican School**

I thank Sally and Kate for a wonderful initiative that was embraced at the recent P+F General Meeting. In a bid to further develop our Pastoral Care at Prouille, we will now recognise, in a special way, families that experience the death of a grandparent with a set of beautiful Rosary Beads and a Madonna Lily. (Many readers will know that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, gave the Rosary to St Dominic; additionally, our Prouille school crest has the symbol of a lily amongst several other symbols).

On “Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day” each year, the Rosary Beads will be presented to the grandchild/ren and the lily will be presented to the family.

I trust the community will have confidence in the level of sensitivity that will, of course, be exercised.

To ensure that the yearly ceremony runs smoothly, it will be advertised in the newsletter well in advance. Additionally, I respectfully request that families communicate death and loss to the school if they feel comfortable to do so.

I remind parents that, this year, Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day is on Friday 31 July (Yr 1P Co-ordinating).

### **Prouille’s Strategic Plan 2009-2012**

Prouille’s Draft Strategic Plan 2009-2012 was presented to the community yesterday at the P+F General Meeting. The plan gained strong support and several areas were “fine tuned”. Parents are welcome to send comments to the School for consideration by this coming Friday 22 May. I remind families that a copy of the draft plan can be viewed in the School Office if you were unable to attend the P+F 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.

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**Please keep in your prayers**

Our sincere best wishes go to the Harnett Family (Ciara KM & Hannah 2E), whose Granddad, Tommy, in Ireland is in a serious but stable condition in hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.

**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 at 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!

The Parish is keen to investigate the possibility of someone running a Crèche at the church when sessions are on during the “renewal week”.

**National Walk Safely to School Day**

“Walk to School Day” was even more successful than the very successful “Ride to School Day”. Congratulations to all students, parents, grandparents and teachers who supported this terrific initiative. Special thanks to Pauline who was the driving force behind the whole affair.

**Reminder for Yr 1 families**

Sunday 31 May is the Parish / School Mass for Year 1 families at 9.15 am at our Holy Name Church in Billyard Avenue.

**Prouille School Library Needs YOU:**

The following initiative that was supported at the recent P+F Meeting will only serve to make our Library an even better learning centre:

Commencing Week 5 Wednesday 27 May (2.00 pm – 3.00 pm), parents in different grades will have the opportunity to consider assisting in the Library if they are ‘free’. If each grade is assigned a one hour block each term, this will mean that parents are only assisting a maximum of 3 times this year (parents with more than one child at Prouille might like to consider changing grade groups each term).

Our Librarians, Jo and Lee-Anne, are so excited that help is on its way (I add that there are numerous P+F purchased ‘take-home-readers’ to be covered!!!) Additionally, this is a terrific opportunity for grade groups of parents to get together ... But wait, there’s more ... Toddlers welcome!!! ☺

Timetable for the rest of Term 2:

***Week 5 Wednesday 27 May (2.00 pm - 3.00 pm)***

***Week 6 Wednesday 3 June (2.00 pm - 3.00 pm)***

***Week 7 Wednesday 10 June (2.00 pm - 3.00 pm)***

***Week 8 Wednesday 17 June (2.00 pm – 3.00 pm)***

***Week 9 Wednesday 24 June (2.00 pm – 3.00 pm)***

***Week 10 Wednesday 1 July (2.00 pm – 3.00 pm)***

***Week 11 Wednesday 8 July (2.00 pm – 3.00 pm)***

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

***Yr 6 Parents***

***Yr 5 Parents***

***Yr 4 Parents***

***Yr 3 Parents***

***Yr 2 Parents***

***Yr 1 Parents***

***Kindergarten Parents***

Yours sincerely,

Philip Ledlin

Principal

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>
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19.05.09	Tuesday	1.00 pm – Lunchtime Recital.
20.05.09	Wednesday	Diocesan Cross Country at Fagan Park. Gateway Project (G&T) – at St Leo’s College. Principals’ Meeting in the afternoon.
21.05.09	Thursday	Gateway Project (G&T) continues at St Leo’s College. 7.30 pm – Band Concert in the Hall.
25.05.09	Monday	North Shore Principals’ Cluster Meeting in the morning. Our Lady Help of Christians Liturgy – St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal begins.
26.05.09	Tuesday	7.45 am – Senior Band Rehearsal for Yamaha Competition in the Hall. Orchestra to be held in Class KT.
27.05.09	Wednesday	8.00 am start – University of NSW Computer Skills Test – in the Hall. <u>2.00 pm – 3.00 pm – Library – Year 6 parents.</u>
29.05.09	Friday	Aboriginal Reconciliation Week Assembly – Yrs 3AC & 3H co-ordinating.
31.05.09	Sunday	Feast Day – Mary Star of the Sea. 9.15 am – Parish School Mass at Holy Name Church – Year 1.
2.06.09	Tuesday	7.45 am – Senior Band Rehearsal for Yamaha Competition in the Hall. Orchestra to be held in Class KT.
3.06.09	Wednesday	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm – Library – Year 5 parents.
10.06.09	Wednesday	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm – Library – Year 4 parents.
17.06.09	Wednesday	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm – Library – Year 3 parents.
24.06.09	Wednesday	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm – Library – Year 2 parents.
1.07.09	Wednesday	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm – Library – Year 1 parents.
8.07.09	Wednesday	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm – Library – Kindy parents.

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

<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS</b>
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Currently, as a staff, we are praying a Novena for Neale Newcombe, his family and friends. Below is the prayer we said together today.

*Most Merciful Jesus,  
whose heart is love itself, receive into the abode  
of your most compassionate heart  
Neale’s wife, Julie, his parents and children.  
In the midst of all afflictions and adversities  
they go forward, confident in Your mercy.  
Your mercy will embrace them as they struggle with  
comprehending the illness of their loved one, Neale.  
Eternal Father, turn Your merciful gaze upon  
Neale’s wife, Julie, his parents and children.  
Show them Your mercy according to the hope  
and trust they have placed in You.  
Let there be accomplished in them, the promise of Jesus,  
who will be with them through all eternity.*

*Amen.*

It is in one’s hour of need that they often ask for the prayers and thoughts of their loved ones. For Neale, this has been his one request during this sudden relapse of critical illness. It is with this in mind, that we have united as a staff – and professional friends – to grant our colleague’s wish. May God bring him peace.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS (Cont.)

### **“65 Roses” Fundraising**

It is on behalf of Matthew Kelly, Hamish Morgan and Emma Andrews, that I thank you for your generosity and support once again this year of “65 Roses”. Currently we have raised over \$350! These funds contribute directly to the Cystic Fibrosis foundation as they continue to find a cure, and new, progressive medication, for this condition.

We will continue to sell the merchandise throughout this week in the lead up to the official 65 Roses day on May 29<sup>th</sup>. I thank our Liturgy Prefects, Holly Gannon and Caroline Moait, for writing a special prayer to be said in all classes on this day.

### **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May, we will officially launch the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal at a short prayer liturgy commemoration for Our Lady Help of Christians. I thank our Liturgy Prefects, Holly G and Caroline M, for helping prepare the liturgy for this occasion, and for promoting awareness for this special and significant cause through a note sent home to all families last week.

I trust that our Mission Prefects, Hamish M and Emma A, will do a fantastic job of collecting all the wonderful donations you bring in over the coming few weeks.

### **Prouille Prayer Garden**

I am sure that many of you at last week’s assembly would have noticed the beginning stage is underway for the establishment of a special prayer garden. I thank Mrs Pauline Luttrell and many parent helpers who initiated its beginning at the last working bee. The outline for the cross, as well as some transplanting of mondo grass, has helped to distinguish this area of our school as a special place.

It is anticipated that the garden will continue to take form over the next couple of months with tree planting, and mural hangings, to yet be contributed to this space. During this time, I ask for your support and co-operation in keeping this area of our school (the area behind the assembly area, where the bird bath is) free from “foot traffic” and children’s play, so as to allow the garden to be properly established.

### **Mothers’ Day Liturgy**

A very special thank you to Miss Toms and KT for their beautiful Mothers’ Day liturgy held on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. The whole tone of this special occasion was reverent and memorable, with some thoughtful song choices and readings. No doubt, this special liturgy touched the heart of many mothers who were present, and was a lovely precedent to the day you would have all enjoyed on Sunday.

We continue to pray for those in our school community in need of our thoughts and support. We especially pray for those children who are currently preparing to receive their First Holy Communion.

Wishing you peace and blessings.

Vanessa Dillon (RE Co-ordinator)

### **PROUILLE BAND CONCERT**

**This Thursday, 21 May**

**7.30 pm in the School Hall**

**All welcome**

Junior Band will be showing off all their new skills  
Senior Band will be debuting the pieces they will play  
for the Yamaha Competition

## BAND NEWS

**Please note: Extra Rehearsals for the Yamaha Competition for Senior Band only:  
Tuesday 7.45 am in the Hall on Tuesday 26 May & Tuesday 2 June.**

Amanda O’Brien (Band Teacher)

## ORCHESTRA NEWS

**Please note: Orchestra will be held in KT Classroom on Tuesday 26 May & Tuesday 2 June.**

## P&F NEWS

Thank you to the many parents from our school community who attended our Term 2 P&F General Meeting last night. Hopefully everyone found it a valuable experience. If you have any comments or suggestions, please send an email to [president@prouillepandf.com.au](mailto:president@prouillepandf.com.au) or drop a note into the "P&F Feedback box" in the School Office. Our next newsletter will contain a summary of the main areas discussed at the meeting.

### **YEAR 5/6 FUNDRAISING**

As previously mentioned, Year 5 & 6 fundraise during the year. Year 5 fundraise for the Year 6 Graduation and Year 6 for their gift to the school at the end of the year. During the past weeks we have had some very successful fundraising events.

#### **Cadbury Easter Eggs**

A big THANK YOU to Prouille families and friends for their support of our Cadbury Easter Egg Drive. We also thank Mrs Carol White for her wonderful help in the office. \$2700 was raised - an amazing effort!

#### **Year 6 Cup Cake Stall**

THANK YOU to the Year 6 families who baked such yummy cup cakes for our stall last Friday. We also sold ice-blocks and drinks which were enjoyed by the children. This event raised \$336.

Thank you to the Prouille School community for their continued support.

#### **Year 5/6 Class Parents**

### **WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

We had a huge turnout to our Walk to School day this year, at final count we had 173 children walking, riding or catching the bus either to or from school. These children were joined by teachers, parents, grandparents and dogs. Special thank you to Amanda O'Brien & Vanessa Dillon who joined the morning walkers and Tanya Armstrong who led the afternoon walkers.

This is a whopping 65.7% of our student population, well over our 50% target.

Thank you for getting behind this initiative. We hope you enjoyed the walk and are encouraged to walk to school more often in future.

### **COVERING NEW READING RESOURCES**

Thank you to the many Mums who have helped cover many of the new reading resources. There are still a significant number of books to be covered so, if you have any spare time this Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, between 2-3 pm, please drop into the library (toddlers welcome!!). Alternatively, you can collect a pack of books (and pre-cut contact) from the library to cover the books at home. The sooner these resources are covered the sooner the children can start enjoying them.

### **Community News**

**MARIA REGINA  
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**50 YEAR GOLDEN JUBILEE  
1959 – 2009**

**Saturday 27 June 2009 at 7 pm**

**Tickets \$80 – Dinner & Drinks inclusive**

**Live Band and Silent & Live Auctions**

**RSVP with payment by 12 June 2009**

Cheques payable to Maria Regina Parents & Friends

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