



PROUILLE NEWS MEMO

TERM 2 WEEK 5 2009

26 May 2009

Dear Parents,

Father Steve

As you may be aware, Father Steve is currently in The San' Hospital suffering from diabetes and related symptoms. Rehabilitation will then be required to lead hopefully to a full recovery.

Father Steve may need to convalesce for 4-6 months and will request that an Administrator be temporarily appointed. Please keep Father Steve in your prayers.

Urgent note re Enrolments for Kindergarten 2010

There has been an extremely healthy bevy of enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2010 already presented to the school. Judging by the applications already received, not all families seeking a place in Kindergarten 2010 will be able to be accepted.

I am very concerned that there may be additional 'Prouille sibling enrolment applications' that I have not yet received.

Places for Kindergarten 2010 will be determined in the next week; ANY OUTSTANDING SIBLING ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT TO THE SCHOOL BY TOMORROW. (I add that there is a family interview for all applications)

University of NSW Computer Skills Competition – 8 am start in the Hall

Parents are reminded that tomorrow's Computer Skills Competition commences at 8 am in the School Hall ... STUDENTS ENTERED IN THIS COMPETITION MUST NOT BE LATE.

The decision to run ALL the UNSW Competitions before school was made to minimise disruption to the morning teaching/learning block.

Newsletter to Parents via email

At the recent P+F General Meeting, it was agreed that Prouille School would investigate ways to email the weekly newsletter to parents. I stress that the newsletter will continue to be sent home in paper form via student bags. Additionally, the newsletter will continue to be uploaded to the school website each Tuesday.

"CLASS PARENT LEADERS" FOR EVERY CLASS HAVE GENERATED EMAIL ADDRESS LISTS FOR NEARLY EVERY FAMILY IN OUR COMMUNITY; I SINCERELY THANK THEM FOR THIS ... IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO BE INCLUDED IN A WEEKLY GROUP EMAILING, PLEASE INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN WRITING ASAP.

Parents can, of course, amend email addresses or add another; a note to the school office is all that's required.

I thank Sally Butel for assisting in the setting up of this process that will hopefully further improve the school's communication. (I will inform the community before we hit the first group email 'send'.)

School Strategic Plan 2009-2012

I thank all the parents who assisted with comments re improvement to the Draft Strategic Plan. I will collate a summary of the main suggestions/amendments and advertise these for the community.

Parish Renewal

Attached to this week's newsletter is a detailed note outlining everything you need to know about the up and coming Parish Renewal.

Volunteers for Parish Renewal Sessions – Monday 22 June & Wednesday 24 June evenings

Volunteers are required to help with catering at Prouille School on the evenings of Monday 22 June & Wednesday 24 June. Please contact the School Office if you can assist.

School Photos – Friday 5 June

School Photos are on Friday 5 June.

Don't be late to school on this day as we are planning a whole school photo at 8.55 am.

Band Photo is even earlier at 8.45 am.

Because of School Photos, there will be NO ASSEMBLY on Friday 5 June.

Reminder re phoning the school if your child is sick

Parents are reminded to phone the school if their child is going to be absent from school. A note explaining the absence is required for the child's teacher's records too.

Unfortunate OH+S Decision

I am disappointed to inform the community that the "play-stepping mushrooms" in the lower playground have to be removed for OH+S reasons (these mushrooms were only paid for and installed last year).

This directive has resulted from a CSO OH+S inspection last Thursday. With parent, Julie Kelly, we attempted to solve the 'danger' re the mushrooms with several suggestions to "lessen the risk". Unfortunately, none of these suggestions (and other ideas too) proved satisfactory, so the decision has been made to remove them immediately.

Aboriginal Reconciliation Liturgy – This Friday 29 May at 9 am

This coming Friday is our Aboriginal Reconciliation Liturgy at 9 am. Year 3 is presenting and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mary Star of the Sea Liturgy – Monday 1 June at 9 am

Next Monday at 9 am a special Liturgy will be held for the Feast of Mary Star of the Sea. Year 3 is presenting and all are welcome.

65 Roses Day – This Friday 29 May at 9 am

The Liturgy Prefects have written a prayer to be said in all classes on this day. There is some remaining merchandise which will be available for purchase in the office this week as well as at our morning assembly on Friday. Thank you for your support.

Reminder for Yr 1 families

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

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 TOMORROW Week 5 Wednesday 27 May (2-3 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 (2-3 pm)
Week 6 Wednesday 3 June (2-3 pm)
Week 7 Wednesday 10 June (2-3 pm)
Week 8 Wednesday 17 June (2-3 pm)
Week 9 Wednesday 24 June (2-3 pm)
Week 10 Wednesday 1 July (2-3 pm)
Week 11 Wednesday 8 July (2-3 pm)

Yr 6 Parents TOMORROW!!!
Yr 5 Parents
Yr 4 Parents
Yr 3 Parents
Yr 2 Parents
Yr 1 Parents
Kindergarten Parents

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

Yours sincerely,

Philip Ledlin
 Principal

Update on Human Swine Influenza from NSW Health

- It is important to ensure schools are prepared re confirmed cases of human swine influenza amongst children attending schools. NSW Health will communicate with independent and Catholic schools via the Catholic Education Commission of NSW and the Association of Independent Schools of NSW and the school involved to manage these situations.
- A confirmed case of human swine influenza in a student who has attended school while infectious would result in that school being identified as a 'school of interest'. NSW Health will investigate each case identified and a decision would be made based on the level of exposure which may affect other individuals. This may include partial or complete closure of the school.
- The incubation period of human swine influenza is thought to be up to seven days. People can be infectious with influenza for up to 24 hours before they develop any symptoms.
- To limit potential exposure it is advised that schools exclude students who may have been in countries that have had community or school transmission of the virus. Currently, the countries are Mexico, USA, Canada, Japan and Panama. This list will be continually revised.
- The 'exclusion' approach means that students returning, or arriving, from a country affected by human swine influenza would be instructed to remain at home for seven days (the maximum incubation period) following their travel before returning to school. This will allow time for any illness related to that travel to develop, and for prompt assessment and treatment to commence.
- If they remain well after seven days, they can return to school.
- In the case of any student who has recently returned from overseas and is feeling unwell with any flu-like symptoms, parents/carers should be contacted and advised to go to a hospital Emergency Department for assessment. Also your local public health unit should be notified.
- Co-operation with these strategies is important for public health and safety. The primary objective of NSW Health is to delay and limit the spread of human swine influenza within the community. This is a very important strategy in the effective management of the current influenza threat.

Contact details may be found on the NSW Health website at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/infectious/phus.asp>

Further information about human swine influenza can be accessed on the NSW Health website:

http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/swine_flu.asp

Staff and students should be reminded about good hygiene practices and how to minimize the spread of infections.

Simple precautions that prevent the catching and spreading of seasonal influenza include:

- Covering your mouth and nose if you cough or sneeze
- Washing your hands after contact with soiled tissues or any contact with nose or throat discharge
- If students or staff are sick, advise them to stay home and seek medical attention, if appropriate

UNSW Computer Competition – 8.00 am - Wednesday 27 May 2009

The University of New South Wales Computer Skills Competition will be held on Wednesday 27 May 2009. Prouille has 19 students from Years 3-6 competing in this competition. To minimise classroom interruption, the competition will commence at 8.00 am in the School Hall. It would be appreciated if students could be at school by 7.55 am on this day. Lead pencils will be provided, but students will need to bring their own eraser. It will be supervised by Mrs Dillon on the day.

UNSW Science Competition – 8.00 am - Wednesday 10 June 2009

The University of New South Wales Science Competition will be held on Wednesday 10 June 2009. Prouille has 22 students from Years 3-6 competing in this competition. To minimise classroom interruption, the competition will commence at 8.00 am in the School Hall. It would be appreciated if students could be at school by 7.55 am on this day. Lead pencils will be provided, but students will need to bring their own eraser. It will be supervised by Mrs Dillon on the day.

Sports News

Broken Bay Cross Country Trials

Last Wednesday our Cross Country team went to the Broken Bay Trials at Fagan Park, Arcadia. Despite a heavy track and wet conditions all of our runners did very well contributing to our best ever Cross Country results.

The following five runners finished in the top twenty of their event:

Shannon Ashton	12 Year Girls	3 RD
James Freidman	12 Year Boys	7 TH
Angela Slattery	9 Year Girls	8 TH
Emily Doyle	10 Year Girls	18 TH
Julian Chan	12 Year Boys	18 TH

Shannon, James and Angela have now qualified to go to the NSWCCPS Polding Cross Country Trials at Eastern Creek in June.

Thank you to all the parents who transported and enthusiastically supported all the runners.

North Shore Cluster Soccer Gala Day

The North Shore Cluster Soccer Gala Day will be held at Montview Oval on Thursday 4 June.

Prouille will be sending a Senior Boys (Year 6), Senior Girls (Year 6) and Junior Boys (Year 4) team.

Permission notes will be sent home this week to the children participating.

Thank you from Shannon Ashton

I'd like to thank all of the families who bought raffle tickets to help me buy my uniform and plane ticket to Perth. I have successfully sold all of my tickets with the help of Prouille families who bought a whopping 200 raffle tickets raising an amazing amount of \$400. I really appreciate your kindness and generosity.



Shannon



Lost – Family Heirloom

Last Friday Aidan Lonsdale (KT) took an 11th Century coin to school (not understanding its sentimental and actual value). He gave it to another child during assembly in the hall but we have been unable to find it. Miss Toms has been kind enough to search the KT classroom but it is not there.

We believe it was lost somewhere at school or that another child may have accidentally picked it up. It is silver and has the King's head on it and is the size of a 10 cent coin but very thin. It is pierced with a small silver link as it used to be worn around the neck. It would look more like something you wear on a necklace rather than a coin.

There is a reward for anyone who finds it (may have been lost in the hall at assembly or playground). We are obviously devastated and are desperate to find it. Please call Claire Williams on 9489 1216 if you have any information. Thanks so much for your help.

Holy Name Parish and Prouille School Wahroonga welcome you to...

Spirituality for the **NEW** Millennium



June 21-25

a time for spiritual renewal

www.prouille.com.au

www.holynamewahroonga.com.au

Join us for a time of spiritual renewal !

We all lead busy lives, often with little time for ourselves. We may attend Mass most weekends, but how often do we reflect upon what our faith means in our daily lives?

During the week of June 21st – 25th, an internationally-renowned preaching team, “the Dominican preachers”, will lead us with talks and discussion based on contemporary interpretations of Scripture and teachings of the modern Church, addressing real issues of our faith in everyday life.

- * Everyone is welcome!
- * No need to register. Just turn up to as many sessions as you like.
- * No payment required.
- * Refreshments provided after each session.
- * Child minding will be available.
- * No ‘forced’ participation or other pressure.
- * Opportunity to ask questions on issues important to you.
- * Each session is different and complete in itself.
- * Topics will be adapted to meet our needs.
- * Special services of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick will be included.
- * Just come, relax, pray, listen and reflect.

Do come along, even if only for one or two sessions. Be refreshed, renewed and re-energised in your faith.

The Dominican Preachers:

Fr Nicholas Punch O.P. : Joined the Dominicans in 1961 and was ordained in 1966. Formerly elected provincial of the Australasia and Solomon Islands Dominican Province of the Assumption, after which he was appointed parish priest of Holy Name. Also a high school teacher and university chaplain. He transferred to the central U.S.A. Dominican Province in 1995.

Sr. Joan Bukrey O.S.F.: Entered the Sisters of St Francis in 1964. Has taught primary school and been director of parish religious education. Also served as Director of Vocations and Formation.

Fr. Michael Champlin O.P.: Member of the Dominican Order and priest since 1966. He is founding director of the Thomas More Centre for Preaching and Prayer. Has been a seminary professor and been engaged in full-time preaching for the past 27 years.

All the team has a vast experience of listening to the needs and concerns of faithful people in hundreds of parishes across Australia and the U.S.

Special Mass and Invitation to Renewal:

A special School Mass on Friday 19th June at 9 am is to be celebrated by the Renewal Team at Prouille School, followed by a talk and invitation to attend renewal sessions beginning on Sunday 21st July at 7:30pm.

Session timing:

	Holy Name Church	Prouille School
Sunday 21 June	7:30 - 9.30pm (after 6:15 Mass)	
Monday 22 June	9.30 - 11.30am	7.30 - 9.30pm
Tuesday 23 June	9.30 - 11.30am	
	7:00 – 8.30 pm (Reconciliation)	
Wednesday 24 June	9.30 - 11.30am	7.30 - 9.30pm
Thursday 25 June	9.30 - 11.30 am	
	7.30 – 9.30 pm (Healing Mass)	

HOLY NAME PARISH SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Please help our preaching team select the right topics to cover.

This is the perfect forum to learn more about any topics that you are interested in or are questioning, especially relating to the practical application of faith in our lives. Suggested topics cover issues as varied as...

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| Hope | Faith and Doubt |
| The Holy Spirit | The Saints |
| The meaning of Suffering | Devotion to Mary |
| The Lord’s Prayer | Understanding the Sacraments |
| God’s Generosity | Women in Scripture |

What are some of the issues you would like to hear addressed at the sessions?

Please complete, cut off this slip and return to the suggestions box at the back of Church, the white box near the Parish office, the School office, or fax to 9489 7801.

