



PROUILLE NEWS MEMO

TERM 2 WEEK 7 2009

9 June 2009

Dear Parents,

Parish Renewal and Prouille School

I am thrilled to inform all Prouille families that Prouille School will be hosting the Parish Renewal Team at Prouille on Friday 19 June ... commencing with an outdoor Mass at 9 am and then for an exciting presentation / discussion in our Hall (9:45 am-10:30 am) re:

- Dominican Spirituality

- Prouille School and its Dominican History

- Our newly established Prayer Garden will be blessed at this Mass.
- Complete Parish Renewal details etc are listed in this newsletter.
- The P+F respectfully ask that Yr 3 and Yr 4 parents assist with Morning Tea after Mass ...
If you can simply bring a "plate of food" and / or assist with serving, this will be a blessing.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all our First Holy Communicants who will receive Jesus for the first time this coming weekend. I particularly thank the facilitators/team leaders who have prepared the students. Thank you to Linette Sardinha, Linda Drummond, Jane Crouch, Fidelma Hunt, Robert De Lorenzo, Jane Bunis, Bridget Vardy, Theresa Meury, David Chahoud, Andrew Marren, Andrew Slattery, Tanya Robson, Mary Antoun, Suzanne Spalding, Haley Edmunds and Chantelle Stratton.

Safety Matter:

Parents are respectfully reminded to "sign their child/ren out" from school (at the school office) if they are collecting them before the end of a school day. I thank you for your anticipated co-operation in this regard.

A-E Student Reporting for Semester 1 2009:

For Prouille's A-E Student Reporting for Semester 1 2009, parents may notice that there is more rigorous expectation for students re achieving A-E grades in the Student Reports. CSO (and Federal Government) expectations re the issuing of A-E grades are clear in that a "C" grade is deemed to be "good" or "average". Essentially, when A-E grades are analysed on a National Scale, there should be the same number of students achieving "B" and "A" grades compared to the number of students achieving "D" and "E" grades. Thus, a "C" grade is "middle" or "average".

Gradings are determined by analysing student work alongside NSW Board of Studies Outcomes.

Only Years 1-6 receive A-E grades for Key Learning Areas (KLAs).

I will include a detailed Principal's Note (outlining how Parents must interpret reports) with all student reports that will go home to Parents at the end of Term 2.

Because A-E gradings can be a relatively contentious issue, a Parent Information Session will be held in our School Hall on Friday 26 June at 9:30 am after our Whole School Assembly. I thank Mrs Vanessa Dillon who will facilitate this important meeting.

Parents unable to attend this meeting are, of course, free to discuss A-E Student Reporting with me or with our teachers.

Finally, there is a CSO expectation that schools run "Formal Parent/Teacher Interviews" once each year. Parents will recall that Prouille held these meetings in Term 1. This was done so teachers could address concerns etc with Parents (and visa versa) early in year for all the obvious reasons. Because of this, no formal interview period will be organised after the reports go home.

If any Parents wish to discuss their child's A-E Report with teachers, they can simply phone the school and arrange a meeting time. I remind parents that this can, of course, be done at any stage in the year.

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:

Parents in different grades now have the opportunity to consider assisting in the Library if they are 'free'. Each grade is assigned a one hour block each term, this means 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!!! ☺ ...

Thank you, sincerely, to the Yr 5 parent helpers last week!

TOMORROW Week 7 Wednesday 10 June is a special day for Yr 4 parents (2-3pm).

Timetable for the rest of Term 2:

Week 7 Wednesday 10 June (2-3pm)

Week 8 Wednesday 17 June (2-3pm)

Week 9 Wednesday 24 June (2-3pm)

Week 10 Wednesday 1 July (2-3pm)

Week 11 Wednesday 8 July (2-3pm)

Yr 4 Parents TOMORROW!!!

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

- The school exclusion policy introduced ten days ago has been working effectively. I can advise that while there is no evidence of community transmission of human swine influenza in NSW, there have been cases of school children in NSW who have tested positive to the virus. Parents of students at these schools have been advised of these situations.
- Regarding the school exclusion policy, there has been an important change to the definition of the areas of concern.
- Any school child returning from an area of high prevalence of human swine influenza will be required to stay away from school for seven days after their return to NSW.
- The Australian Chief Medical Officer will provide a definition for these areas, however, in the interim, greater metropolitan Melbourne is now added to the list of countries previously advised (Mexico, Canada, the United States, Japan and Panama). This is because of the widespread community transmission of the virus being experienced in Victoria, particularly in the Melbourne metropolitan area.
- As before, if the child remains well after seven days they can return to school.
- For more information:
General information about human swine influenza:
* Australian Government human swine influenza hotline: 1802007
* NSW Health human swine influenza website:
<http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/index.asp>

Head Lice

There has been a report of head lice at the school. Please check your child's scalp for head lice tonight and each night for the rest of the week. The lice are difficult to see because of their pale colour, but the nits are easily seen. They are often found at the nape of the neck, under fringes and behind ears.

The lice should be treated immediately because they are contagious. They are transmitted from one person to another by head to head contact. They can also infest bedclothes, towels, etc.

If you find your child has head lice, go to the local pharmacist who has a range of head lice treatments which can be purchased without a prescription. The dead nits can be combed out with a fine-toothed comb, which is also available at your pharmacist.

Da Vinci Decathlon

On Wednesday 3 June, Prouille students from Year 5 took part in Knox Grammar School's "Decathlon with a Difference". Our team participated in this interschool gala day with ten events of an academic nature. This was a very interesting and challenging day.

Our eight representatives – Vanessa Andersen, Michael Crouch, Jonathon Crouch, Kasia Kopec, Olivia Mueller, Adam Hajje, Natalie Oong and Yvette Williams – were really looking forward to the day.

Congratulations to our team. They entered fully into a day full of 'brain stretching' activities. I was extremely proud of the way in which they conducted themselves and represented Prouille.

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

Reminder: UNSW Science Competition – 8.00 am - Wednesday 10 June 2009 - TOMORROW

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.

Year 5 Mums' Italian Dinner – Friday 12 June

Friday 12 June – Starts 7 pm for 8 pm Dinner

Home of Fiona Tillbrook, 56 Koorringal Avenue, Thornleigh

Approx \$15 - \$20/head

RSVP: Latest – Thursday 11 June (email, text or phone)

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P&F News**Grounds & Maintenance**

Pauline Luttrell has decided that it is now time to move on from her position as Grounds & Maintenance Co-ordinator. She will continue to co-ordinate the Prayer Garden project and assist Vanessa Dillon and Bridget Vardy to see this special project through to completion. On behalf of the whole school community we would like to thank Pauline for her many years of dedication to the school.

After the arrival of baby Rebecca, Maree Cass has indicated she is no longer able to continue in her role as Grounds & Maintenance Co-ordinator. We thank Maree for all her efforts on the P&F Committee.

We would like to warmly welcome Martin Bowesman (the father of Natalie, KM) to the position of Grounds & Maintenance Co-ordinator.

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 June at 7:30 pm.

Session timing:

	Holy Name Church	Prouille School
Sunday 21 June	7:30 - 8.30pm (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.

