



# PROUILLE NEWS MEMO

## TERM 2 WEEK 9 2009

23 June 2009

Dear Parents,

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Fiona and Sean Wright (Corey 4H, Jade & Oliver KT) on the birth of their son, Archie.

### **Parish Renewal and Prouille School – ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME**

Last night, Prouille School hosted the Parish Renewal Team at school for a discussion group. Tonight is a special Reconciliation Service: 7.00 pm – 8.00 pm (NB end time – 8 pm – Venue: Church)

There will be a second session tomorrow evening at Prouille:

**WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE – 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM (VENUE – SCHOOL HALL)**

*Please refer to the attached note outlining all the details of our Parish Renewal this week.*

### **School Mass / Blessing of Prouille's Memorial Garden / Parish Renewal Team**

I'm sure that everyone present at the outdoor Whole School Mass last Friday was 'touched' by The Holy Spirit, the spirit of St Dominic and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Put simply, the Mass was a powerful celebration.

Welcoming the Parish Renewal Team (Fr Nick, Fr Mike and Sr Joan) from America to Prouille was indeed a treat. Seeing / hearing all three of them 'share' responsibility throughout the Mass was rather unique.

Our School Band and Choir are remarkable. Not only are they masterful musicians, they are a group with an ability to set the Spirit of God blazing. Thank you, students, Margaret, Janet, Nick and Amanda.

Thank you, sincerely, to Paul Mason who came to the rescue with a PA System with little more than one hour to pick-up, deliver and set up! (A decision was made the evening before to hold the Mass in our School Hall due to the predicted bad weather ... I think Julie Madden had something to do with the good weather.)

Our beautiful Prayer Garden plants were blessed at the Mass, and after Mass an extraordinary transformation happened in the Prayer Garden area; many students (mainly Year 6), Mrs Vardy, Mrs Luttrell, Mr Ford, Mrs Gannon, Mr Mandla and Mr Fox performed a "backyard blitz" and created something beautiful for Prouille. When the job was finally completed, Kindergarten came by for an inspection and one child blurted out, "Wow, look everyone, it's in the shape of a cross!"

Thank you to Mrs Dillon, Mrs Vardy and Mrs Luttrell, who were the architects, the masterminds and the ultimate driving force behind the whole Prayer Garden project.

Year 3 and Year 4 parents catered for the morning tea after Mass ... Thank you, sincerely ... I think Angela and Penny were the main driving force behind the parents who co-ordinated morning tea – thank you, one and all!

Thank you, also, to Sharon and Simon Johnson who also assisted with the garden irrigation system in the morning. Also assisting in the morning were most of Prouille's staff members who were frantically readying the Assembly Area, morning tea etc for the Mass.

Mrs Dillon gets the final mention – I sincerely congratulate her for the overall organisation of the day.

### **School Facilities in the July School Holidays:**

Urgent note for anyone using the school facilities in the July School Holidays: There will be several power cuts in the 2 week break to allow for some serious electrical upgrading throughout the school. If I can get specific times dates re when the power cuts will occur, I will advertise these for the community.

Additionally, St Thomas' Playground will be used by St Andrew's Church on the following dates:

- Wednesday 22 July 8.00 am – 12.30 pm
- Thursday 23 July as above
- Friday 24 July as above
- Sunday 26 July 9.00 am – 2.00 pm

**Parish / School Mass – Years 4+5 – Sunday 28 June – 9.15 am**

There is a Parish / School Mass particularly for Year 4 and Year 5 families this coming weekend, Sunday 28 June – 9.15 am.

(After Mass there will be a morning tea for everyone and I understand that there will also be “Fun/Games Events for Dads/Carers/Male Relatives” – 10.30 am – 12.00 pm)

**E-Conference hosted by the Diocese of Broken Bay (DBB):**

Parents are invited to join a group in our Holy Name Parish on **Tuesday 30 June**. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to be part of a National e-Conference initiated by the Diocese of Broken Bay! The theme of the event is centred around St Paul and the relevance of his mission today. (The event coincides with the end of ‘The Year of St Paul’ – Interestingly, last Friday 19 June signaled the beginning of ‘The Year of the Priest’).

The following has been ‘cut/pasted’ from the official DBB website:

*With little over two weeks to go, the Catholic Church in Australia is about to embark on its first ever national eConference, with individuals, groups, parishes, schools, ministries and agencies planning to gather on Tuesday, 30 June to take part in an innovative learning experience on St Paul.*

*More than 120 sites ranging from 20 locations throughout Parramatta Diocese to Alice Springs, Thursday Island, Wellington NZ, Peru and even Malta have now registered to participate in the Year of St Paul National eConference, entitled, “Paul – The Man, the Mission and Message for Today: igniting his purpose and passion”.*

*An initiative of The Broken Bay Institute and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the eConference will be hosted by television identity Mike Bailey and will feature sessions from world renowned Scripture scholars, Brendan Byrne SJ, Michele Connolly RSJ and film, media and communication scholar, Richard Leonard SJ.*

*Sessions will be web-cast live, and will be interspersed with opportunities for discussion times at local gatherings with the guidance of a trained facilitator.*

*Bishop David Walker, a member of the Bishops Commission for Mission and Faith Formation, said the format of the day would be a first for the Church in Australia.*

*“This innovative project, working with technology provider Vividas, will allow the Church across Australia to participate in high quality education in a cost effective way,” Bishop Walker said.*

*“This is a wonderful opportunity for all people, from metropolitan communities to remote Australia and afield, to join in an exciting program of world class speakers.*

*“It is a fitting way to mark the end of the Year of St Paul in the Church and we feel it is an initiative of which St Paul, the great Gospel communicator, would surely have been proud.”*

*The Director of the Broken Bay Institute, Dr Gerard Goldman said it is easy for parishes and groups to get involved.*

*“Essentially, all that is needed for local communities to get involved is a broadband Internet connection, a projector and a screen,” he said.*

*“Whilst being part of a large group will enrich your experience,” Dr Goldman said, “your group may consist of only 2-3 people – this is about getting everyone together for a unique event with the best Pauline educators.”*

**WEBSITE DETAILS BELOW:**

**[www.paul.vividas.com.au](http://www.paul.vividas.com.au)**

I have it on ‘reliable authority’ that there is a particularly good session commencing at 2.30 pm for 30 minutes (featuring Richard Leonard SJ). Year 5 and Year 6 students at Prouille will be participating for this session via the internet/data projection facilities in the hall. Parents are welcome to join these classes in the School Hall.

I add that all sessions can be downloaded in podcast form after the event ... however, I’m sure you’ll agree that there is something special about gathering as a group in a “live” situation.

### **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.

### **Yamaha Concert / Festival**

Prouille community will be aware that our School Band performed remarkably well in the recent Yamaha Concert / Festival 2 weeks ago. Before entering this festival, our Band leader, Mrs O'Brien had absolutely no grand aspirations to "win win win". After Prouille School completed all requirements on the day, Mrs O'Brien's only comments to me were, *"We have the most wonderfully talented, well behaved and appreciative students who are such wonderful ambassadors for Prouille ... I'm so proud of them."*

Later on in the evening of "Festival Day", well after completion, Mrs O'Brien received a phone call from a member of the Yamaha organising body announcing that Prouille had received "Gold Award" for our division - (Division C)". This is Prouille's first year in the festival and Mrs O'Brien and I incorrectly assumed that this was a clear indicator we came first in our division on that day.

Since advertising "success" in the previous School Newsletter, it has been brought to my attention through an anonymous letter that my information was incorrect and misleading.

**The following is directly from the Yamaha Festival Organiser, Mr Ross Cole.**

*Over several days of the Yamaha Festival, well over 60 bands performed in C Division; less than half received "Gold Award" (Prouille received "Gold Award"). Additionally, 2 higher awards ("Diamond Award") were awarded in Division C to two other schools.*

*Mr Cole mentioned two additional things to me:*

- 1. Prouille students' behaviour (off stage) was exceptional, and their stage presence was amongst the best of all bands at the festival*
- 2. The Yamaha Music Festival is a festival not a competition.*

## **IMPORTANT BAND NOTICE**

**Please note that the Senior Band Solo night for  
this Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June has been postponed  
New date - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 pm**

**REMINDER – KINDERGARTEN 2010 ENROLMENT ACCEPTANCES**

Enrolment Acceptances for 2010 are due now. Please send immediately to the School Office.

**Prouille School Library Needs YOU:**

Thank you, sincerely, to the Yr 3 parent helpers last week!

TOMORROW Week 9 Wednesday 24 June is a special day for Yr 2 parents (2-3 pm).

Timetable for the rest of Term 2:

**Week 9 Wednesday 24 June (2-3pm)**

**Yr 2 Parents**

**Week 10 Wednesday 1 July (2-3pm)**

**Yr 1 Parents**

**Week 11 Wednesday 8 July (2-3pm)**

**Kindergarten Parents**

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

Yours sincerely,

Philip Ledlin

Principal

**Sports News**

**Polding Cross Country**

Last Friday three of our Prouille children went to the Polding Cross Country Trials at Eastern Creek. Congratulations to Shannon Ashton (6F) who placed 5<sup>th</sup>, and James Freidman (6F) who placed 7<sup>th</sup> and Angela Slattery (3H) who placed 16<sup>th</sup>. Shannon will now run at State PSSA and James will be a first reserve.

Once again these children continue to amaze us all as they progress at this elite level.

**Greg Forimo 7s**

This Thursday our Senior Rugby League team will be going to the North Sydney Rugby League Championships at Mt Colah.

They will compete for the Greg Florimo Cup in the Senior Division.

We wish them all the best of luck!!

**Netball Gala Day and Walla Rugby Day**

This week notes will be given out to all the children selected to attend the gala days on Wednesday 8 July at Pennant Hills Park.

Louise Tamone (PE/Sports Teacher)

**Uniform Shop Stocktake**

Our half-yearly stocktake is on **TUESDAY 30 JUNE 9.30 AM – 11.30 AM**. We need as many VOLUNTEERS as possible to help us count the stock. This is an easy and enjoyable experience, and a scrumptious MORNING TEA is provided! If you can help out (even for an hour), please contact Sally Asnicar on 9989 8808, 0417 224 769 or email [pinnacle@hotmail.net.au](mailto:pinnacle@hotmail.net.au). Many thanks.

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Polar Fleece Scarf for only \$9.90

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Thursdays 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

For emergencies - please contact Aniuska Matkowski on 0408 227 114 or email [Aniuska@webbase.com.au](mailto:Aniuska@webbase.com.au)

**Library Matters**

Congratulations to the following children who have now completed their Premier's Reading Challenge:

**Kindergarten**

Jolo Dobles, Sabrina Haaf, Ava Nalywajko, Eliza Vardy, Max Reger, Spencer Quirk, Hannah Moait, Natalie Bowesman

**Year 1**

Claudia Asnicar, Thomas Gilbert, Christina Marren,

**Year 2**

Maddison Bell, Patricia Dobles, Abbey Lenton

**Year 3**

Claudia Christenson, Monique Fowler, Charlotte Smith

**Year 5**

Christian Asnicar, William Gilbert

Thanks to the generosity of the Baxter Family the Library will soon have many new Premier's Reading Challenge books to offer our very keen readers. We'll let you know when we will need your help in covering them. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Baxter, Anthony, Catherine and Julia.

Don't forget to bring in any additional 2009 Premier's Reading Challenges you have completed as we would like to include your name more than once on the Library window. The Premier's Office only recognises one completed Challenge per year, and it is certainly not compulsory, but many children at Prouille like to challenge themselves by completing more than one for the year. If you are one of those children, please make sure you let us know so we can keep track of your efforts. Keep a lookout for the graph which will soon appear on the Library window to see which class is winning the reading challenge.

Got a spare 15 minutes or more before pickup? We would love to see you in the library Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon. There is always something to do, tidying shelves, looking for specific books etc. It's also a great way to see what your child's library has to offer in the way of resources. Why not bring a friend - we even have a toy box for younger siblings!

Lee-Anne Plasto & Jo Neilson (Teacher Librarians)

**Ensemble and String Lessons**

A reminder that next week (Tuesday 30 June/Wednesday 1 July) will be the last Ensemble practice and violin lessons of the term.

Ensemble and Violin lessons will resume on Tuesday 28 July – the first week of Term 3.

Moira Hutchinson (Violin/Viola/Cello Teacher)

**Lunchtime Recital**

Our second recital for the term was held last Tuesday. Thank you to the class friends, parents and Mr Ledlin who came to support all our musicians.

The performances were all very polished and most enjoyable. Thank you to our pianists: Isabelle Behrens, Yvette Crouch, Callum Delmage, Monique Fowler, Sean McCormack, Will Banham and Anthony Baxter; and to our solo violinist: Kymberlee Street. For the first time we had a violin quartet performing. Our thanks to Kymberlee Street, Yvette Williams, Deanna Kwok and Jasper Choi. Another group item was the String Ensemble playing a lively "Crocodile Hornpipe"!

Why not join us for our next recital on Tuesday 11 August?

Moira Hutchinson & Janet Wise

**Piano News**

In the recent AMEB piano exams, we had some wonderful results from Prouille students. A lot of hard work and constant practice was well rewarded. Congratulations to the following students:

Amy Mulcaster	A+	Kate Nicol	A	Kymberlee Street	B+
Will Le Patourel	B+	Faith Felipe	B		

Well done to you all!

Janet Wise (Piano Teacher)

**Reminder – Sunday 28 June – Father/s/Male Relatives & Carers' Fun Event**

After Mass at Holy Name, some fun games will be held on the grass area next to Church. Morning Tea will be provided. Bring your Dads, Grandads, Uncles, etc along and have some fun!

Please note: Years 4 & 5 will be providing morning tea but, judging by the amount of RSVPs, **it would be much appreciated if an extra plate of food could be provided by those attending!!**

Many thanks.

Class Parent Co-ordinators

**P&F News**

***Thank You!***

To the many Year 3 and Year 4 families who so generously hosted the morning tea following the Mass last Friday, we would like to send a huge **thank you!!** Several people who were visiting the school as part of the Parish Renewal commented on your generosity.

***Memorial Prayer Garden***

Next time you are at school please take a few minutes to have a look at our new Memorial Prayer Garden (at the back of the Assembly area). The plants were blessed at the Mass on Friday and then, over the course of the afternoon, the space was transformed into a beautiful, reflective sanctuary.

Thanks must go to Bridget Vardy, Pauline Luttrell and Vanessa Dillon for all their efforts in co-ordinating this project.

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

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### **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.

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### **Session timing:**

	<b>Holy Name Church</b>	<b>Prouille School</b>
<b>Sunday 21 June</b>	<b>7:30 - 8.30pm</b> (after 6:15 Mass)	
<b>Monday 22 June</b>	<b>9.30 - 11.30am</b>	<b>7.30 - 9.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 23 June</b>	<b>9.30 - 11.30am</b>	
	<b>7:00 - 8.00 pm</b> (Reconciliation – please note: new Ending time)	
<b>Wednesday 24 June</b>	<b>9.30 - 11.30am</b>	<b>7.30 - 9.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 25 June</b>	<b>9.30 - 11.30 am</b>	
	<b>7.30 - 9.30 pm</b> (Healing Mass )	

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