



# PROUILLE NEWS MEMO

## TERM 3 WEEK 10 2009

29 September 2009

Dear Parents,

### **The Holy Rosary at Prouille**

As per the note in the last School Newsletter, all students will be praying a decade of The Rosary each day in the month of October (ie the month of The Rosary) and into November. Students will commence praying The Rosary this coming Thursday.

Parents are invited to keep abreast of the decades we are praying at school and consider praying them at home too.

Thursday 1 October - The Annunciation  
Friday 2 October - The Visitation

### **NAPLAN 2009 (National Assessment for Year 3 and Year 5 in Literacy and Numeracy)**

It is extremely pleasing for me to report to Prouille community about our 2009 NAPLAN results for Year 3 and Year 5. In both Literacy and Numeracy for Year 3 and Year 5, Prouille School performed remarkably well above the National average. More importantly, in both Literacy and Numeracy for Year 3 and Year 5, Prouille School performed well above the Diocese of Broken Bay Catholic Schools' average (I add that the diocesan average is consistently at least one band higher than the National average each year ... In the years of "Basic Skills Testing", the diocesan average was consistently at least one band higher than the State average).

I congratulate all staff members who have influenced the teaching/learning of our present Year 3 and Year 5 children.

In the coming weeks, all Prouille teachers (K-6) will be analysing the comprehensive NAPLAN data to ascertain where further improvements in Literacy and Numeracy can be made.

### **Education Committee Meeting – (Friday 13 November – 2 pm)**

An important addition to our School Strategic Plan 2009-2012, arising from the P+F body, states we will establish a "School Education Committee". I am pleased to report that this will be an "open to all" committee that meets on a termly basis. I hope it is with commonsense that I have set the time/date for the inaugural meeting half an hour before a whole school assembly - Friday 13 November – 2 pm.

Topics for discussion:

- NAPLAN results and how data will inform our future teaching/learning direction
- The education model that is developing at Prouille

### **Assemblies in Term 4 (Please note the times/dates carefully)**

Parents will be aware that we are trialling in Term 4 the merits of having our weekly whole school assemblies on Friday afternoons at 2.30 pm (see below for specific dates/times). The main aim of this is to "reclaim" some important quality teaching/learning time in the morning literacy block.

We are trialling this until Week 4 and will discuss the merits of the change at the P+F Annual General Meeting (Monday 9 November – 7.30 pm) ...

PLEASE NOTE THE DATES/TIMES FOR AFTERNOON ASSEMBLIES BELOW:

- Friday 23 October Week 1 Term 4 NO ASSEMBLY (Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day)
- Friday 30 October Week 2 Term 4 ASSEMBLY AT 2.30 PM
- Friday 6 November Week 3 Term 4 ASSEMBLY AT 9.00 AM (with Kindergarten Orientation)
- Friday 13 November Week 4 Term 4 ASSEMBLY AT 2.30 PM

I sincerely hope parents will continue to attend our whole school assemblies in the afternoon in great numbers.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Carol White on the birth of her beautiful grand-daughter, Lily Pearl, last week. Congratulations also to the Burton Family (Sarah Year 1P) on the recent birth of their baby son, Nicholas.

### Staff Development Days (SDDs) / Pupil Free Days

I am informing parents that all schools in NSW will be closed to students on the last 2 days of Term 4. In the Parents' Calendar issued each term in 2009, I have indicated that the last day of Term 4 (Friday) is a SDD/Pupil Free Day. The Catholic Schools Office (CSO) has now made Principals aware that all NSW schools must be closed to students on the second last day of Term 4 (Thursday) too.

Please note the SDDs/Pupil Free Days remaining in 2009:

- Friday 23 October
- Thursday 17 December
- Friday 18 December

### International Teachers' Day – Friday 30 October 2009

I have only just learnt that International Teachers' Day in 2009 is Friday 30 October!

### Health Reminder

Parents are respectfully reminded to regularly check their children's hair for "Head Lice". Additionally, parents are respectfully advised to be on the lookout for signs that your child may need to be regularly "wormed".

Yours sincerely,

Philip Ledlin  
Principal

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>30.9.09</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Gateway Project (Part of the Prouille Enrichment Programme).</b>
<b>1.10.09</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Bacon Roll Day.</b>
<b>2.10.09</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Last day of Term 3.</b>
		<b>Dominican Conference, Adelaide (2/10/09, 3/10/09 &amp; 4/10/09) – Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Dillon &amp; Mr Ledlin attending.</b>

#### Term 4

<b>19.10.09</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>First day of Term 4 – Summer Uniform to be worn.</b>
<b>23.10.09</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Staff Development Day – Pupil Free day.</b>
<b>26.10.09</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>7.30 pm - Prouille Soccer Club Annual General Meeting in School Hall.</b>
<b>30.10.09</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>International Teachers' Day.</b>
		<b>2.30 pm – Whole School Assembly.</b>
<b>6.11.09</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00 am – 10.45 am - Orientation Morning following Whole School Assembly to be held at 9.00 am.</b>
<b>7.11.09</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7.15 pm for 7.30 pm Start – “Are you smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?”</b>
<b>13.11.09</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00 am – 10.00 am – K2010 Playgroup Session 1.</b>
		<b>2.00 pm – Education Committee meeting - “open to all” committee.</b>
		<b>2.30 pm – Whole School Assembly.</b>
<b>20.11.09</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>9.00 am – 10.00 am – K2010 Playgroup Session 2.</b>
<b>16.12.09</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Whole School End of Year Mass.</b>
		<b>Last day of Term 4 for Prouille students.</b>
<b>17.12.09</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Staff Development Day – Pupil Free day.</b>
<b>18.12.09</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Staff Development Day – Pupil Free day</b>

### CHANGE TO SUMMER UNIFORM

The changeover to Summer Uniform is on the first day of Term 4 – Monday 19 October.



- ❖ *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 8.45 am – 9.30 am & Thursdays 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm*



## Polding Athletics Championships



Last week several Prouille children participated in the Polding Catholic State Trials in Track & Field. Congratulations to the following students:

Vanessa Andersen	Junior Shot Put	1 <sup>ST</sup>
	Junior Discus	8 <sup>TH</sup>
Cedric Danso-Boame	9 Year 100m	4 <sup>TH</sup>
Julian Chan	12 Year 200m	7 <sup>TH</sup>
Shannon Ashton	Senior 800m	10 <sup>TH</sup>

Vanessa will now compete at the PSSA Championships in October.

Louise Tamone (PE/Sports Teacher)

## Are You Smarter Than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?



You have got all of the holidays to swat, get a team together and organize a babysitter for **Are you Smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?** This challenging event has now been rescheduled to **Saturday 7 November 2009**. All other details remain the same. Invitations will be sent home this week. We look forward to seeing you all for a night of academia and fun.

The P&F Social Committee

## Piano Lessons

There will be **no** piano lessons on Friday 23 October due to the Pupil Free day. These lessons will be made up on Monday 26 October at your usual time.

Janet Wise (Piano Teacher)



## Free Trampoline

Old style trampoline in good condition without safety netting. Free to anyone interested. Needs to be dismantled. Approx size: Length 290 cms/ 114 inches; Width 170 cms / 67 inches.

If you are interested, please contact **Marie D'Cruz after 7 pm on 9487 2998**. Thank you.

## Community News

- **Waitara Tennis Coaching School Holiday Camps – Times 9am – 3pm Daily**  
**Waitara Tennis Centre, Park Avenue, Waitara**  
**CAMP 1: Tuesday 6 October – Friday 9 October Cost \$110**  
**CAMP 2: Monday 12 October – Friday 16 October Cost \$140**  
 (Daily rate \$40 / Half day rate \$30)  
 Bookings are limited – Please book early!!  
 Phone Mark Rawlingson on 9489 2713 or 0412 834 336 or Alan Stopford on 9980 8003 or 0411 426 554.

### **SUMMER SWIMMING CLASSES HEATED POOLS**

**Bush School; Lady Davidson Hydro Pool**



**Book now for Holiday & Term Classes**  
**Contact Chris Curran: curran100@gmail.com**