



# PROUILLE NEWS

28 July, 2009

Term 3 Week 1 2009

Dear Parents,

During the Kindergarten 2010 enrolment interviews 2 months ago, I was rather impressed with a comment made by an existing family re one important reason why they chose Prouille School for their family 2 and a half years ago: *"We came to have an unannounced look at the school on a Friday afternoon at 4:30 pm and saw a person in the staff parking area who asked if we needed any help ... This person turned out to be a classroom teacher who 'dropped everything' and took us on an exciting walk around the school."*

There have been several times that I have taken new/prospective families out the front of the school at 'pick-up time' and I have always been so pleased to have existing parents (and children) come and introduce themselves.

Surely the mark of a blessed and thriving community is found in its ability to welcome in a spirit of complete inclusiveness. Equally too, a community that spontaneously reaches out to those in need or 'on the fringe' needs to be exalted.

This week, our school has enrolled 2 new students (2 families) to Prouille and I feel confident that they will be embraced and supported. I particularly thank the established families who have been 'buddied up' with our new families. Please join me in welcoming the following students and their families:

Eliza Carolan - KT

Simbarashe Majaji - 6F

## **Prouille Catholic Primary School – Celebrating 60 years in 2010**

In 2010, Prouille will be celebrating 60 years as a school and a lovely idea has recently surfaced that I am hoping the school and parish community will support. The school is proposing to have a statue of St Dominic commissioned and crafted ready for an unveiling at St Dominic's Day celebrations in 2010. Interestingly, this is exactly one year away. (Don't forget our St Dominic's Day Celebrations for 2009 next week – Wednesday 5 August – a combined celebration with St Lucy's).

Parents will recall that a major aspect of our new Strategic Plan 2009-2012 centres on increasing the spirit of St Dominic and the Dominican charisms in all aspects of school life. This, of course, includes increasing Dominican visual presence.

Initial investigations re this whole statue idea have revealed that it will be a very expensive project. I am hoping that we can come up with some very clever fundraising initiatives over the next 12 months.

Any parents/parishioners interested in assisting in the process of procuring a statue of St Dominic for Prouille are invited to contact Vanessa Dillon or Philip Ledlin ASAP ... Thank you.

**REMINDER:**  
**PROUILLE STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY**  
**(PUPIL FREE DAY)**  
**MONDAY 3 AUGUST 2009**

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**Sausage Sizzle**

Thank you to the bevy of parent helpers who assisted to spoil the students on the last day of Term 2 with the end of term Sausage Sizzle!

**Updated Parent Calendar for Term 3 (and beyond)**

The updated Term 3 (and beyond) parent calendar accompanies this newsletter. Parents are reminded that any dates in **bold and underlined** are new or amended dates.

**University of NSW Computer Competition**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the recent University of NSW Computer Competition. Only 20 students competed, but over half achieved either Credit or Distinction. Additionally, for all grades (Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6), our students performed extremely well above the State average. Certificates will be awarded to students during our Friday Assembly.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Credit or Distinction:

**Credit**

Patrick Edmunds – Year 3  
Alexander Krahmalov – Year 3  
Luke Antoun – Year 4  
Jack Hill – Year 4  
Olivia Mueller – Year 5  
Natalie Oong – Year 5  
Neema Safaie – Year 5

**Distinction**

Stephanie Sardinha – Year 3  
Freya Osterberg – Year 4  
Adam Hajje – Year 5  
Yvette Williams – Year 5  
Robbie Szafranek – Year 6

**School Newsletter via Email**

A trial emailing will occur with next Tuesday's newsletter. If you do not receive the newsletter via email, you are encouraged to inform the school office immediately. At this stage, the school will continue to provide the newsletter in paper form.

**Prouille School Library Needs YOU**

The Parent-helper Programme in our School Library on Wednesday afternoons (at 2pm) will continue in Term 3 and all families are strenuously asked to commit only one hour this term please! ... Following are dates for specific grades so groups of parents can come together!

<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Kindergarten Parents</b>	<b>(Wednesday 5 August – 2 pm)</b>
Week 3	Yr 1 Parents	(Wednesday 12 August – 2 pm)
Week 4	Yr 2 Parents	(Wednesday 19 August – 2 pm)
Week 5	Yr 3 Parents	(Wednesday 26 August – 2 pm)
Week 6	Yr 4 Parents	Wednesday 2 September – 2 pm)
Week 7	Yr 5 Parents	(Wednesday 9 September – 2 pm)
Week 8	Yr 6 Parents	(Wednesday 16 September – 2 pm)

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

Yours sincerely,

Tanya Armstrong  
Assistant Principal

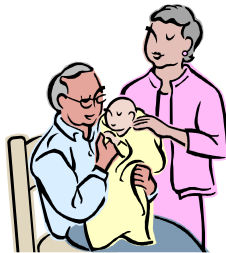
<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>
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27.07.09	Monday	First day of Term 3.
31.07.09	Friday	9.00 am – Grandparents & Special Friends’ Day – Liturgy – Yr 1P co-ordinating. NSW PSSA Cross Country at Eastern Creek.
3.8.09	Monday	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free day – Literacy K-6.
4.8.09	Tuesday	8.00 am START – UNSW English Test – in the Hall.
5.8.09	Wednesday	Feast of St Dominic – Combined Liturgy with St Lucy’s School. 2.00 pm – Kindergarten Parents assist in Library. Junior Soccer team photos after school in St Thomas’ playground.
7.8.09	Friday	9.00 am - Prouille’s Mary MacKillop Liturgy (100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death) – Yrs 4 & 5 co-ordinating. School Census.
8.8.09	Saturday	Feast of Mary MacKillop (100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death). Dinner for Kindy Parents at the Blue Gum Hotel.
10.8.09	Monday	2.00 pm – P&F Executive Meeting.
12.8.09	Wednesday	2.00 pm – Year 1 Parents assist in Library.
17.8.09	Monday	7.30 pm – P&F General Meeting.
20.8.09	Thursday	Prouille Athletics Carnival.
26.08.09	Wednesday	Cluster Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen.

<b>REMINDER</b>
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- ❖ *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*

<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS</b>
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Dear God, please bless my grandparents.  
Thank you for the life they gave my parents  
and for the life they give to me.

For the ways they helped me and made me strong, I give thanks.

For the ways they love me no matter what, I rejoice.

For the ways they have paved the road  
that leads me here, I am grateful.

Let them grow in wisdom and joy in life.

Let them find peace and rest from their work.

Let them be healed of every sickness and pain.

And let them see with their own eyes

the glory of your Son, Jesus,

in the love of their children and grandchildren.

Bless them always until they come to rest in you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This week we celebrate the gift of our Grandparents and Special Friends with a special liturgy and morning tea on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Following is an outline of the morning’s proceedings and we warmly welcome you all to attend!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS (CONT.)

**Grandparents and Special Friends' Day:** As you may well be aware, the Church celebrates the Feast of Jesus' grandparents, St Joachim and St Ann, on the 26<sup>th</sup> July. Consequently, we try to coincide our special day with our grandparents as close to this as possible. Hence, this Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July, we will be holding our whole school Grandparents and Special Friends' morning beginning at 9.00 am. The day will be timetabled as follows:

9.00 am - 9.20 am:	Liturgy led by Mrs Trlin and Year One in assembly area.
9.20 am - 9.45 am:	Whole School Assembly.
9.45 am -10.30 am:	Grandparents move to the hall/St Thomas' for morning tea.
10.30 am -10.55 am:	Grandparents visit classrooms.

Thank you to those who have been contributing to making this day special: Mrs Trlin and her Year One class, Mrs Butel and Mrs McInerney, Mrs White, the staff and children as they prepare to open their rooms and welcome our special visitors. Your generosity and time is much appreciated!

**St Dominic's Day:** We welcome you to attend our special celebration of St Dominic's Day next Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. This day will include a lovely joint liturgy to be celebrated with our friends at St Lucy's in their new Creative Arts Centre. You are all warmly welcome to attend, however the final time for this liturgy is yet to be finalised with St Lucy's. A special note outlining the day's proceedings will be sent home later in the week. We look forward to seeing you there!

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mary MacKillop:** On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August, we acknowledge the Feast of Mary MacKillop as a united Australian Catholic Community. Therefore next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, we will celebrate this special day within our Australian Catholic Church history. I thank Mrs Holland, Mr Trotter and the Year 4 and 5 children, who will lead us in this liturgical assembly beginning at 9 am.

**Seasons for Growth:** We will look to begin this special programme for those who have responded within the next couple of weeks. Although the note was sent home last term, please don't hesitate to contact me if you feel that your child/children will benefit from this programme.

Please keep in your prayers Chris Spalding (Molly 4H, Hamish 3AC and Finn 3H), David Finnimore (Mrs Dillon's cousin) and all others in need of our prayerful and loving support through illness, hardships and grievances.

Wishing you peace and blessings.

Vanessa Dillon (R.E. Co-ordinator)

## UNSW ENGLISH COMPETITION

The UNSW English Competition will be held in the **School Hall on Tuesday 4 August promptly at 8 am.**

## SPORTS NEWS

### Netball Gala Day

During Week 11 last term 11 teams represented Prouille at the Cluster Netball Gala Day. All of our teams performed very well and our results are as follows:

#### GIRLS

<b>9A</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>
<b>9B</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup></b>
<b>10A</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>10B</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>11A</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>
<b>11B</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>
<b>12A</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>
<b>12B</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>

#### BOYS

<b>JUNIOR A</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>JUNIOR B</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>
<b>SENIOR A</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with managing teams and special mention to our ex-students Meg Doyle, Georgia Nicol and Grace Adams, who assisted in umpiring and managing.

Thank you also to our student teacher, Miss Fleur Tropea, for assisting in coaching our senior girls.

Thank you also to Mr Ford, Mrs Haines and Mrs Chivers for their enthusiastic support.

## SPORTS NEWS (Cont.)

### Rugby Union Gala Day

At the same time as the Netball Gala Day, our Year 5 boys (and selected Year 6) participated in a Walla Rugby Gala Day.

The boys enjoyed a session of skill development in the morning and then competed in a series of Walla Rugby games.

Thank you to Mr Trotter, who accompanied the boys. His support and encouragement were greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to the mums who visited.

### Greg Florimo 7s Rugby League



At the end of the term our Senior Rugby League Team participated in the North Sydney Rugby League Gala Day. The boys enjoyed the torrid competition and muddy conditions, despite only winning one game and having several narrow losses.

The boys were thrilled that Mr Ledlin got to see them in action in their last game.

Thank you also to the parents who assisted with transport. Without your help the boys would not be able to enjoy these opportunities.

### NSW PSSA Cross Country – Friday 31 July

This Friday, 31 July, Shannon Ashton (6F) and James Freidman (6F) will be participating in the State Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek.

We wish them both the best of luck!!

### Upcoming Sports Dates

- **Prouille Athletics Carnival – Thursday 20 August**
- **Cluster Athletics Carnival – Narrabeen – Wednesday 26 August**

Louise Tamone (PE/Sport Teacher)

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

A big **THANK YOU** to our volunteers who helped with the stocktake on Tuesday.

We have **colourful wristbands** on sale in anticipation of the Athletics Carnival:

**“Friends Forever”, “Veritas”, and House names “O’Brien”, “Crawford”, “Rawlings” and “Jennings” in House Colours.**

**Just \$2 each or 2 for \$3!!!** Available only at Uniform Shop.

Any not sold will be available for purchase at the Athletics Carnival.

**BARGAIN OF THE WEEK:** Size 16 Jumper (1 only), brand new but faded due to length of time in stock. Less than half price - \$20!

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED!** We **really** need an extra person who could help out every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday during term from 2.45 - 3.30 pm. If you are able to spare 45 minutes every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, please could you contact Sally Asnicar on 9989 8808 or text/call 0417 224 769. Thanks!

**P&F NEWS****Thank You**

Thank you to all the parents who helped at the Sausage Sizzle at the end of last term. It was very much appreciated.

**Kindy Parents**

Please note in your diary – **Dinner for Kindy Parents to be held at the Blue Gum Hotel on Saturday 8 August.**