



# PROUILLE NEWS MEMO

## TERM 3 WEEK 2 2009

4 August 2009

Dear Parents,

### **Meeting with Br Tony Whelan (Director of Broken Bay Diocesan Schools) at Prouille**

All parents and friends are warmly invited to our next P+F General Meeting (Monday 17 August – 7:30 pm).

At this meeting, Br Tony Whelan will speak to the community re the latest news on the proposed “new school” for Prouille.

This is one meeting you don't want to miss!

### **Combined St Dominic's Day Liturgy with St Lucy's – TOMORROW (Wed. 5 August) – 10.30 am**

The Combined St Dominic's Day Liturgy will be held at **10.30 am in the new Creative Arts Centre at St Lucy's School**. This liturgy connects and combines schools' active participation, worship and praise. At the conclusion of the liturgy, Years 4-6 will remain behind to enjoy their morning tea with the St Lucy's children, while K-3 will return to school for their recess. Parents/carers are welcome to the liturgy.

We will begin walking to Knox Grammar's Gillespie Oval at 11.45 am (approx.) to enjoy a “picnic” lunch and to play games, leaving about 1.45 pm to return to school. Parents/carers are welcome to join us on the walk or meet us at the ground.

Children should wear their full Sports Uniform and bring a drink bottle, hat and lunch to enjoy at the oval. Parents/carers coming to the oval are welcome to provide lunch for their child/ren.

### **More families welcomed to Prouille!**

At the beginning of last week, Prouille School welcomed 2 new students/families to Prouille; at the end of this first week of Term 3 we welcomed more students/families to Prouille. Additionally, last week we also welcomed a student (and family) back to Prouille.

(In addition to the students/families listed in last week's newsletter, we now welcome the Cox family and the Jo family)

Mr Nigel & Mrs Nuala Cox and James Cox (6F) & Laura Cox (3AC)

Mrs Sung Park and Ryan Jo (3H)

As per the notes in the previous newsletter, I sincerely thank the families and students charged with the special “buddy responsibilities” for our new members to Prouille.

### **Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day**

Thank you sincerely to all the families who supported this extraordinary event at Prouille. I was overwhelmed by the phenomenal turnout!

Thank you, Mrs Trlin and her Yr 1 charges, who prepared and presented such a wonderful liturgy. Thank you to all staff who assisted with all the preparations too; especially for the “set-up”, morning tea and the open-classroom experiences for our visitors. Thank you to all the parents who rallied to make the morning tea successful too.

Finally, I sincerely thank Sally Butel, Kate McInerney and Mrs Dillon for the energy and expertise that led to establishing a beautiful tradition for Prouille ... ie: the presentation of a Madonna Lily and Rosary Beads for families who have had a grandparent die.

I remind all families that Prouille is a Dominican school and St Dominic had a deep devotion to Our Lady, Mary - (thus the Madonna Lily). Additionally, tradition has it that Our Lady gave The Rosary to St Dominic - (thus the Rosary Beads). I add that our Prouille School Crest has on it a lily and Rosary Beads.

### **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.

### **University of NSW Science Competition**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the recent University of NSW Science Competition. Prouille received some wonderful results.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Credit, Distinction and High Distinction:

#### **Credit**

Alexander Krahalov – Year 3  
 Jack Negline-Smyth – Year 3  
 Stephanie Sardinha – Year 3  
 Luke Antoun – Year 4  
 Anthony Kelly – Year 4  
 Neema Safaie – Year 5  
 Robbie Szafranek – Year 6

#### **Distinction**

Adam Hajje – Year 5

#### **High Distinction**

Yvette Williams – Year 5

### **Prouille Public Speaking Competition**

Parents are invited to attend the Finals of the Annual K-6 Prouille Public Speaking Competition on Monday 17 August at 9.15 am in the School Hall.

### **School Newsletter via email**

Please bear with us as we work through computer problems. We are unsure at this stage whether we will be able to trial emailing the newsletter this week.

### **Prouille School Library Needs YOU**

The Parent-helper Programme in our School Library on Wednesday afternoons (at 2 pm) 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>Kindy 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!)

### **Parish Picnic**

Don't forget the up and coming Holy Name Parish Picnic, combined with our Parish / School Mass (Kindergarten and Yr 6 ... 9:15 am) – Sunday 30 August.

Everyone is welcome!

### **Students leaving Prouille in Yrs 3, 4, or 5 - at the end of this year**

The Catholic Schools Office needs to know Prouille's student / enrolment numbers for 2010. Any families who are intending to have a child leave Prouille at the end of Yrs 3, 4 or 5 (this year) are respectfully asked to inform the school office in writing **TOMORROW**. Thank you.

### **New activities on our playgrounds**

I thank our maintenance man, Steve, for the new additions to our school playground. We now have more hand-ball courts, two hop-scotch courts and a large chess board painted on the lower playground area.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Ledlin  
Principal

### **LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT SWINE FLU (From Catholic Schools Office)**

I am writing to remind you of the current information regarding the control of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Influenza).

In regard to procedures for responding to the illness, the Australian Government entered into the phase of response known as the PROTECT Phase back in June. This phase was introduced because the virus is currently not as virulent as was anticipated, and is generally only producing a mild disease in most people, severe in some and moderate overall.

The advice from NSW Chief Health Officer, Dr Kerry Chant, about responding to Human Swine Flu in the PROTECT phase is as follows:

*"... people who have no underlying medical conditions and are experiencing only mild flu-like symptoms should stay at home and minimize contact with others, until they are well. People who develop moderate symptoms should see their GP. Those with severe symptoms should go to their nearest Emergency Department."*

**[www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/news/2009/20090617\\_00.html](http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/news/2009/20090617_00.html)**

**Based on this information, advice to schools is as follows:**

- a) Any student or staff member who develops flu-like symptoms should stay home until well again, and see their doctor as necessary.**
- b) All students and staff should maintain a very high level of personal hygiene.**

This advice essentially means that the usual processes for responding to student illness are the same as they would normally be. However, what is also very important is that you **remain vigilant in checking on the ongoing health of your child**. Please watch carefully for signs or symptoms of flu-like illness such as fever, cough, headache, unusual tiredness, muscle-ache, sore throat, chills or shortness of breath. Keep your child away from school at first sign of illness.

The advice from NSW Health is that **pregnant women, as well as people with underlying chronic diseases, are potentially more vulnerable to the more serious effects of all forms of influenza, including the H1N1 strain**. With this in mind, to prevent contact with pregnant staff and parents and members of the school community with pre-existing health problems, I especially seek your assistance in ensuring that **your child does not attend school with flu symptoms**. I ask that you particularly mention this to the medical practitioner who assesses your child so that appropriate caution is exercised.

Further information from NSW Health can be obtained from NSW Department of Health website:

**<http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/index.asp>**

We will continue to communicate with you if there are any changes to this advice. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact the school.

<b>IMPORTANT DATES</b>
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5.8.09	Wednesday	10.30 am - Feast of St Dominic – Combined Liturgy with St Lucy’s School at new Creative Arts Centre, 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	Pie Day Orders & money due today. 2.00 pm – P&F Executive Meeting.
11.8.09	Tuesday	Lunchtime Recital.
12.8.09	Wednesday	Gateway Project at St Leo’s College. Book Club orders due by today. 2.00 pm – Year 1 Parents to assist in Library.
13.8.09	Thursday	Pie & Sausage Roll Day.
15.8.09	Saturday	Feast of the Assumption. Annual Soccer Dinner Dance.
17.8.09	Monday	Prouille Public Speaking Finals. 7.30 pm – P&F General Meeting - Br. Tony Whelan, Director of Schools, CSO, to speak on the proposed “new school” for Prouille.
19.8.09	Wednesday	2.00 pm – Year 2 Parents to assist in Library.
20.8.09	Thursday	Prouille Athletics Carnival at Bannockburn Oval.
25.8.09	Tuesday	<b>BOOK WEEK:</b> 8.00 am – 9.00 am & 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm - Book Fair. Chris Cheng – Author Visit: 9.00 am – 10.00 am – K-2 classes 10.05 am – 11.05 am – Yrs 3-4 11.20 am – 12.20 pm – Yrs 5-6
26.8.09	Wednesday	8.00 am – 9.00 am & 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm - Book Fair. 2.00 pm – Year 3 Parents to assist in Library. Cluster Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen.
27.8.09	Thursday	11.15 am – 12.45 pm – Book Parade. 8.00 am – 9.00 am & <u>12.45 pm – 2.00 pm</u> - Book Fair.

**Library Matters**

Congratulations to the following children who have complete their 2009 Premier’s Reading Challenge:

Kindy:	Emily Bennett
Year 1:	Finn O’Loan, Jason Street
Year 2:	Lauren McGrath, Michelle Williams, Natasha Williams
Year 3:	Luke Gilbert, Lachlan Kelly, Chace Pilkington, Jasper Choi, Grace Keithly, Jack Negline-Smyth
Year 4:	Katie Austin, Emily Austin
Year 5:	Yvette Williams

We now have over 100 students who have been validated and will receive a 2009 PRC Certificate. We also have a new leader – make sure you check the graph on the Library window - it could be your class!

Although on the website it states the final day for validations is 1 September, **the last day the Library will be receiving reading challenges is Wednesday 26 August.** As you can imagine, processing Premier’s Reading Challenges is an enormous task and as it falls during Book Week (the busiest week of the year for the Library), we need to allow a few days to ensure we have not missed anyone.

If you haven’t already done so, please log on and begin recording the books your child has read, so we can accurately assess the children in Years K-2 who need assistance at school in completing the challenge.

**Library Matters (Cont.)**

We are aware that some children have completed the challenge but have not yet been entered online at home. The website is [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge) and follow the prompts. Your child should have their username and password but, if they don't, please check with their class teacher or at the Library on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday or send their challenge in to us and we will record it.

A separate sheet will be sent home this week regarding Book Week, which is in Week 5 of this term.  
Happy reading.

Lee-Anne Plasto & Jo Neilson (Teacher Librarians)

**Uniform Shop News**

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!

**UNIFORM SHOP 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!

**Book Club**

All Book Club orders are due by **Wednesday 12 August**.

Cheque or Credit card preferable.

Any enquiries, please contact Trudi Sommers (Book Club Co-ordinator) on 9487 1990.

**HOLY NAME PARISH WAHROONGA**

**SACRAMENT INFORMATION**

***Dear Parents / Caregivers of children in Year 2***

In our Diocese of Broken Bay children from Year 2+, who have completed the Sacrament of Baptism, are invited to join our Sacramental Programme. Confirmation, Reconciliation (Confession) and First Holy Communion are offered in this order.

To join the programme, there is a compulsory parent meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Prouille Primary School Hall, Water Street, Wahroonga. Your nominated child does not need to attend.

Important Dates:

Parent Meeting Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2009 at 7.30 pm Prouille Primary School  
**(Please bring with you, a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate for our records)**

Group lessons start ½ hour before Mass. There are four lessons in total.

Please nominate a Saturday evening or Sunday morning class:-

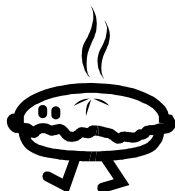
Lesson 1	Saturday or Sunday 4.30 pm or 8.45 am	Sept 5/6 Holy Name Wahroonga
Lesson 2	Saturday or Sunday 4.30 pm or 8.45 am	Sept 12/13 Holy Name Wahroonga
Lesson 3	Saturday or Sunday 4.30 pm or 8.45 am	Sept 19/20 Holy Name Wahroonga
Lesson 4	Saturday or Sunday 4.30 pm or 8.45 am	Sept 26/27 Holy Name Wahroonga
Practice	One parent MUST attend with their child Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm Holy Name	

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION SATURDAY OCTOBER 31, 2009**  
**AT 10 AM AT HOLY NAME CHURCH**

Any queries, please contact either of the Sacramental Co-ordinators:

Bridget Vardy on 9487 4139, Mob: 0409 426 610

or Jane Baker on 9487 7704, Mob: 0415 873 373.



PIE & SAUSAGE ROLL DAY

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August

*(Last Pie Day for 2009)*

Pies and Sausage Rolls will be available for lunch on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August (**pre-order only**)

Please send order form & correct money by Monday, 10 August, mark envelope with PIE & SAUSAGE ROLL DAY with your eldest child's name & class.


Chicken Pie Beef Pie Saus.Roll Sauce  
 @ \$3.00 @ \$2.50 @\$2.50 50c

Name	Class	Chicken Pie	Beef Pie	Saus.Roll	Sauce

TOTAL \$..... \$..... \$..... \$ .....

TOTAL Money Enclosed: \$.....

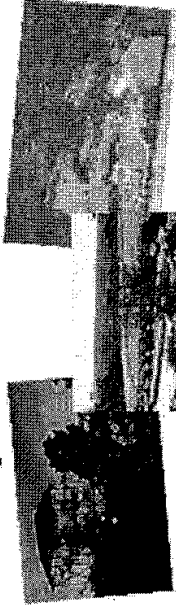
- Gluten Free Beef Meat Pies on request for \$2.50ea, must be pre-ordered. Please mark pie column with **GF**.
- **Please note:** *There may be a small surplus of pies & sausage rolls available for sale on the day, only after pre-orders have been served.*
- *Orders for absent students can be collected by a sibling, otherwise monies paid will be considered as a donation.*

 Your Broken Bay Catholic School  
Parent Council presents ...

## Challenge Ranch Somersby

13th - 15th November, 2009

An action packed weekend camp for families.



The well supervised activities include:

Climbing Tower, Abseiling, Commando Course, High Ropes,  
Rock Climbing, Challenge Activities, Bush Walking,  
Archery, Flying Fox and Swimming.

Other activities include Maze and Canoeing.




Have a weekend off from the kitchen!  
All meals included.

A great weekend to enjoy fun times, make  
memories and laughter with our kids and friends!

Register now. The places fill fast.  
For information and bookings

Contact: Margaret email [parentcouncil@dbb.edu.au](mailto:parentcouncil@dbb.edu.au)

 Parents Working Together in Partnership with School and Parish

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 Broken Bay Catholic School  
Parent Council (DPC)

What can you get for \$300?\*

A full weekend of fun at  
Challenge Ranch Somersby  
Family Camp



Fri 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Sun 2pm 15<sup>th</sup> Nov.

A great weekend to enjoy fun times, make  
memories and laughter with our kids and friends!

All meals & activities included.

For information and bookings

Contact: [Margaret.parentcouncil@dbb.edu.au](mailto:Margaret.parentcouncil@dbb.edu.au)

Mob. 0423 025 623

\* based on 2 adults & 1 child



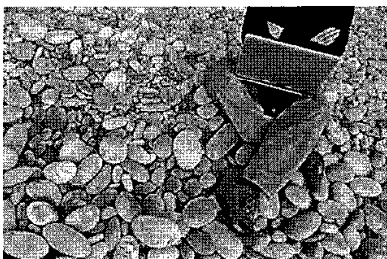
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re-using is our future!



## Could you use a computer at home?



What if you could get access to a second-hand notebook, which

- is very reasonably priced,
- will help minimise land fill,
- will provide a fund-raising benefit to Prouille Catholic Primary School, Wahroonga, and
- you choose how long you want it for.

**Well you can, simply by becoming part of our econotebook community!**

We can provide you with an ex-leased notebook on a very flexible basis.

The current notebooks are:

- IBM R51 Centrino M units including an in-built wireless adaptor for easy internet connectivity, DVD drive and CD burner\* and include windows XP, Open Office (this is a suite of software that allows you to do word processing and spread sheeting etc) and Picasa 3



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*The notebooks all have slight cosmetic imperfections, but this will not impact on their performance.\**

**We have 2 offers available** for the IBM R51 units:

- The **first option is a rental** for a 6 month term at **\$220\***. This equals approximately \$1.20\* per day. You can extend it beyond the first 6 months for just \$110\* for each 3 month block.
- **No long term contracts!**
- The **second option is an outright purchase** of the laptops for **\$440\***.

Also if you are eligible for the **Education Tax Refund**, you may be able to claim this as an eligible item, please see our **FAQ's** on our website for more details.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to take advantage of this offer, then please either call us or go to our website for further details:

**Charles Rossini:** 0418 466 287, or **Carmel Rossini:** 0407 073 221

[www.econotebook.com.au](http://www.econotebook.com.au)

\*Charges quoted include GST. Specifications, models and pricing are current as at 01 June 2009 and may be subject to change without notice.