



PROUILLE NEWS

26 August, 2008

Term 3 Week 6 2008

Dear Parents,

Curriculum reform nationally is focusing on how best to structure learning experiences for students to better manage themselves and their interpersonal relationships, in order to develop thinking skills to understand how the world works – motivating self to take personal and/or social action.

Reflection and Metacognition are key skills used in this process. This helps to evaluate and regulate students' own thinking.

Reflection involves: looking back, pulling apart ideas, addressing omissions and ambiguities, drawing conclusions, unravelling questions, considering alternate perspectives, making connections, reasoning and making judgements, and setting goals.

Metacognition is an individual awareness, evaluation and regulation of their own individual thinking (Wilson 2001). When reflecting and thinking metacognitively, students make connections between:

- Prior, current and future learning – actions, behaviours and consequences
- Their own ideas, experiences, perspectives, and the feelings/ideas of others
- Thinking strategies, feeling and outcomes/results
- Strategies to assist in undertaking tasks
- What needs to be done and their own abilities

Students need to learn to evaluate unsatisfactory performances and make changes rather than lose confidence and motivation and give up.

NB – Public Speaking

The Annual Prouille/Diocesan Public Speaking Competition is well underway. Many classes at Prouille have already submitted their finalists.

I was honoured to adjudicate the Year 6 students with Mr Ford and Mrs Campbell. The finalists were all outstanding and choosing two proved a challenging task.

PROUILLE K-6 PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION FINAL

Monday 8 September

School Hall - beginning 9.00 am

Parents most welcome!

FATHERS' DAY BREAKFAST & LITURGY

Friday 5 September

Breakfast at 7.30 am

Fathers' Day Liturgy at 8.55 am

PROUILLE P&F TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 13 September

Pennant Hills Golf Club at 7.45 pm

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Sunday 14 September

Holy Name Church at 1.00 pm

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Talking about my generation

If you find yourself increasingly puzzled or frustrated with Generation Y, you may be interested in what Michael McQueen has to say, writes Darragh O’Keeffe.

Fast food is the perfect example of Generation Y’s approach to the world. They want everything to be fast and if it’s not quick or instantaneous, the message that’s been given to them by places like McDonalds is that it’s their right to complain or seek an alternative.

That’s according to Michael McQueen, social researcher, author of *The ‘New’ Rules of Engagement* and Generation Y expert.

“The first area is around truth. This is a generation who have been taught to question why. Often the response they get back is: because it should. The word *should* is one that bounces off Gen Y. I’ll discuss how you respond to that.”

The second area is respect. Generation Y does not give respect based on position or title. They show respect when it’s reciprocal; it must go both ways. It’s based on relationships; they respect because of who you are as a person.

“Communication is another challenge,” he says. “This group is using SMS abbreviation and the rules are changing on how we communicate. We’re starting to say if we know what the student means then that’s a valid form of communication, for example, in exams.”

Generation Y’s approach to patience is different too. It’s no longer good things come to those who wait, rather it’s good things come to those who make it happen. “Patience is not seen as a virtue, it’s something you avoid. This generation has grown up with sound bytes – everything happens quickly.

“The last area is learning. This generation has grown up in an environment that’s media rich, where there’s noise and that’s their natural learning habitat. We’re finding this group can learn with an iPod in their ears.”

McQueen will also outline strategies for educators to bridge the generation gap. “How you equip teachers to engage this group – things like the importance of putting relationships before roles. The power approach to leadership just doesn’t work.”

The importance of showing students the relevance of what they’re learning is another strategy. What teachers teach their students must connect with the real world and also with everything else the students know. Content must all be connected, he says.

How schools discipline students is also up for discussion. Educators need to go for commitment and not compliance. “This is particularly relevant for Gen Y around discipline. I want to challenge principals – do they focus students on complying which is all about saying they should, or do they get them to commit to something and give them a reason why?”

Other strategies will include the importance of facilitating learning by asking the right questions, and the importance of narrative in teaching this generation.

Our sympathy goes to the Chan family (Jonathan KE, Nicholas 2L, Christina 3AC & Julian 5T) on the death of Libby's mother. Please keep them in your prayers.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following recipients of awards: Scandi Callahan (6CO), Lulu Luttrell (6CO), Peyton Bernhardt (6F), Izabella Fay (6F) and Harriet Smith (6F).

Yours sincerely,

Julie Price Randall
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Term 3

27.08.08	Wednesday	8.00 am - University of NSW Computer Skills Competition - in School Hall. No Piano lessons today – lessons will be held tomorrow (Thurs.).
28.08.08	Thursday	Pie & Sausage Roll day.
1.09.08	Monday	1.45 pm – Yrs 3-6 Prouille Public Speaking Semi Final in Hall.
2.09.08	Tuesday	Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen. 7.30 pm – Band Solo Night in the Hall.
4.09.08	Thursday	9.30 am – Cluster Public Speaking Competition at Sacred Heart School, Pymble. NSW Catholic Netball Championships at Penrith.
5.09.08	Friday	7.30 am - Fathers' Day Breakfast (with Fathers' Day Liturgy at 8.55 am).
8.09.08	Monday	9.00 am – K-6 Prouille Public Speaking Competition in Hall.
10.09.08	Wednesday	Principals' Retreat (3 full days).
11.09.08	Thursday	League Tag Gala Day.
12.09.08	Friday	Year 1 Class Mass.
13.09.08	Saturday	7.45 pm - Prouille P&F Trivia Night – Pennant Hills Golf Club.
14.09.08	Sunday	1.00 pm – Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Name Church.
15.09.08	Monday	Life Education Van at Prouille this week.
17.09.08	Wednesday	11.15 am - Final Maths Olympiad for Stage 3 students. Diocesan Public Speaking Competition –in Evening at St Bernard's School, Berowra Heights. Polding Athletics Trials at Newcastle.
19.09.08	Friday	2.30 pm – Ensemble Recital in Hall.
21.09.08	Sunday	9.15 am – Stage 3 Family Mass at Holy Name Church – followed by Holy Name Parish Family Picnic/BBQ in Church grounds.
23.09.08	Tuesday	Uniform Shop Stocktake.
26.09.08	Friday	Staff Development Day – PUPIL FREE – R.E. Inservice on “The Trinity”.
28.09.08	Sunday	12 pm – Water St Netball Presentation Day, Wahroonga Park under the trees. Starts with Sausage Sizzle – 12.30 pm Presentation. Last day of Term 3.

Term 4 School Dates

13.10.08	Monday	First day of Term 4.
19.12.08	Friday	Last day of Term 4.

Term 1 2009 Start Date

27.01.09	Tuesday	Staff return.
28.01.09	Wednesday	Students return for Term 1.

REMINDER

- ❖ *Prouille Newsletter is now available on our website: www.prouille.com.au*
- ❖ *Prouille Parents & Friends' Newsletter available online at www.prouillepandf.com.au*
- ❖ *Uniform Shop opens Tuesdays 8.45 am – 9.30 am & Thursdays 2.45 pm – 3.30 pm*

BAND SOLO NIGHT – TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER – 7.30 PM IN THE HALL



Please note that the Band Solo Night starts at 7.30 pm in the School Hall on Tuesday 2 September. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Amanda O'Brien (Choir/Music/Band Teacher)

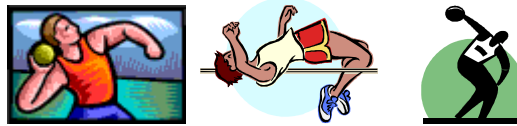
PIANO NEWS

Please note: There will be **NO piano lessons on Wednesday 27 August**. Please come on Thursday 28 August instead at the usual time.

Janet Wise (Piano Teacher)

SPORTS NEWS

North Shore Cluster – Track & Field Carnival



Congratulations to all the children who represented Prouille in the Cluster Track & Field Championships at Narrabeen last Wednesday.

Special mention must go to the following children, who will now trail for Broken Bay team selection:

		Final Place
Harriet Smith	11 Year Girls 100m	4TH
	11 Year Girls High Jump	4TH
Sarah Vardy	8 Year Girls 100m	1ST
Emma Andrews	11 Year Girls Discus	4TH
Brittany Scott	Junior Girls Discus	3RD
	Junior Girls High Jump	4TH
Jared Pejkoivic	11 Year Boys Discus	4TH
Michael Crouch	Junior Boys Shot Put	4TH

Thank you to Mrs Campbell for accompanying the team and Mrs Ashton, who assisted in Recording at the Carnival.

N.B. Parents – Please note that the Polding Athletics Trials at Newcastle will be on **Wednesday 17 September** and **NOT** 24 September as indicated on notes give to the children at Cluster.

Louise Tamone (PE/Sport Teacher)

LIBRARY NEWS

A very big thank you to the children, parents and teachers for all their support during Book Week. The Book Week Assembly and Parade was wonderful. Also thank you to all those people who bought or donated books. We had 100 books donated. Well done!!!

Jo Neilson & Lee-Anne Plasto (Teacher-Librarians)

WONDER SCHOOLS' COMPETITION

- **We really need many, many more** specially marked Wonder Bread bags - just to reach the minimum number of bags required.
- So ask your friends, family, neighbours, anyone to buy and collect wonder bread bags too!!!!
- Put the bags in the special box in the office until Saturday, 30th September.



Sharyn Hill

YEAR 3 PARENTS' DINNER



- Sawasdee Thai Restaurant
- 7.30 pm
- Fox Valley Shopping Centre
- Fox Valley Road, Wahroonga

WATER ST NETBALL

Exciting news for the 10A's - Grand Final this Saturday!

Congratulations to our wonderful team for making it this far.

The girls and our fantastic coach Sharyn Hill need to be congratulated for their hard work, dedication and fair play.

Good luck, enjoy the game and come along and support our girls!

Saturday August 30, 8:15 am game, Canoon Road Courts.

Go Water St!!!!

Water St Netball Presentation Day

Water St Netball is holding its annual **Presentation Day on Sunday, 28th September at Wahroonga Park**, Coonanbarra Road (under the trees). We'll kick off at 12.00 pm with a Sausage Sizzle followed by the actual Presentation at 12.30 sharp.

Water St Netball is run by volunteers and as quite a few are leaving this year please think about taking on a role on the committee.

If you have any queries please contact **Glenda Sella on 0412 590 112.**



YEAR 6 PARENTS FINAL SOCIAL EVENT



- This Friday 29 August at the Painters home - 20 Raymond Ave. Warrawee - from 7.30pm.
- Please bring drink and plate to share with friends.
- RSVP: Julie Kelly 9487 4925

UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPUTER COMPETITION

Reminder : The University of New South Wales Computer Competition will be held on **Wednesday 27 August at 8.00 am** in the School Hall.

Tanya Armstrong (Assistant Principal)



CHESS CLUB AT PROUILLE



Chess - It appeals to children of all ages and backgrounds, and it's a powerful tool for strengthening the mind. Even children as young as four and five are able to grasp the basic rules of the game and enjoy the play. Chess also offers the educational benefits that have been proven in research.

Chess is not just like another school sport, such as soccer, netball or basketball. Although it does provide similar benefits, such as building self confidence, it is all inclusive, non gender specific and, most importantly, a powerful tool for strengthening the mind.

Chess classes began at Prouille three years ago as a lunchtime club for all children K-Year 6. There are huge benefits to learning and playing chess. Above all, it develops the mind and the mental abilities used throughout life. It helps to develop problem solving, abstract reasoning, strategic planning, pattern recognition and creativity.

Chess lessons run by the Sydney Chess Academy are held on Thursdays in the Library from 12.45 pm – 1.45 pm.

If you would like further information about Chess lessons, please contact Tanya Armstrong, Assistant Principal.

SOCCER NEWS



Season 2008 for Prouille Soccer Club is now officially over - Thanks to all players, coaches, managers and parents for your commitment and support during the season.

At Presentation Day on Sunday, the sun shone, and a good crowd turned up to see the kids receive their trophies. Thanks to all who organised and ran the BBQ and the trophy presentation.

The two special awards for 2008: "The Mary Schneider Award" (junior player) went to **Corey Kirby**, and the Adult "Spirit of Prouille Award" went to Club Coach **Ali Reza Ehsani ("Reza")** - Well done!

If you did not return a junior shirt at Presentation Day – please return to the school office ASAP with the player's name clearly identified.

The next event is the **Club Dinner/Dance** – including the Men's/Women's 2008 awards – **Saturday 18th October at Warrawee Bowling Club** – all welcome – for what is always a good night.

More details on this and other soccer matters will be sent via the club email system.

Chris Goldrick(0418 605 596)

Community News

Cherrybrook Senior & Little Athletics Centre

ATHLETICS REGISTRATION DAYS

WHEN Friday 29th August 2008 from 7.00 – 9.00 p.m.
WHERE Cherrybrook Athletics Club Room, Greenway Athletics Oval (bottom oval) Shepherds Drive, Cherrybrook
WHO Little Athletics U/6–U/15 years (*Under 6 athletes must turn 5 by the 30th Sept 2008*)
Seniors 15 years and above, adults welcome
Payment by Cash or Cheque and proof of age required for new registrations

Enquiries and online Registrations **www.cherrybrookathletics.org.au**

Little A's Registrar: Leanne PejkoVIC 9988-0356

Senior Registrar: Alexandra Pearce 9875-2793

Cherrybrook Athletics Competes on Friday Nights

Season commencing 12th Sept at Greenway Oval No. 2

Girls Night Out. . . .A White Hot Season

Thursday 18 September – 5.45 pm to 9.15 pm

*hosted at and by **St Ives Shopping Village Centre** with \$10 from each ticket and proceeds from raffle tickets going directly to St. Edmund's. Bookings are essential.*

Ticket \$20 per person or \$18 when booked with 5 or more friends.

The Ticket includes:

- Summer sounds live entertainment
- 2 fashion showings with intermission
- Extra shopping time with many stores open late
- Girls Night Out \$10 Fashion Voucher
- Girls Night Out supper box and welcome drink
- Girls Night Out fashion program and in store specials
- Girls Night Out gift bag
- Lucky door and raffle prizes

Tickets on sale from Monday 25 August in person from Centre Management Office at St Ives Shopping Village, Upper level 166 Mona Vale Road St Ives Phone 9488 7077(*Cash, cheque or money order only*).

