



PROUILLE NEWS MEMO

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Dear Parents,

Next weekend is Fathers' Day, and this coming Wednesday is National Reading Day ... I hope you enjoy reading the story below and, more importantly, I hope you "take the Son and get it all" ... read on:

A Father's Love (Author Unknown)

Years ago, there was a very wealthy man who, with his devoted young son, shared a passion for art collecting. Together they travelled around the world, adding only the finest art treasures to their collection. Priceless works by Picasso, Van Gogh, Monet and many others adorned the walls of the family estate. The widowed elder man looked on with satisfaction as his only child became an experienced art collector. The son's trained eye and sharp business mind caused his father to beam with pride as they dealt with art collectors around the world.

As winter approached, war engulfed the nation, and the young man left to serve his country. After only a few short weeks, his father received a telegram. His beloved son was missing in action. The art collector anxiously awaited more news, fearing he would never see his son again. Within days, his fears were confirmed; the young man had died while rushing a fellow soldier to a medic. Distraught and lonely, the old man faced the upcoming Christmas holidays with anguish and sadness. The joy of the season, that he and his son had so looked forward to, would visit his house no longer.

On Christmas morning, a knock on the door awakened the depressed old man. As he walked to the door, the masterpieces of art on the walls only reminded him that his son was not coming home. As he opened the door, he was greeted by a soldier with a large package in his hands. He introduced himself to the man by saying, "I was a friend of your son's. I was the one he was rescuing when he died. May I come in for a few moments? I have something to show you." As the two began to talk, the soldier told of how the man's son had told everyone of his, not to mention his father's, love of fine art.

"I am an artist," said the soldier, "and I want to give you this." As the old man unwrapped the package, the paper gave way to reveal a portrait of the man's son. Though the world would never consider it the work of a genius, the painting featured the young man's face in striking detail. Overcome with emotion, the man thanked the soldier, promising to hang the picture above the fireplace. A few hours later, after the soldier had departed, the old man set about his task. True to his word, the painting went above the fireplace, pushing aside thousands of dollars worth of art. His task completed, the old man sat in his chair and spent Christmas gazing at the gift he had been given.

During the days and weeks that followed, the man realized that even though his son was no longer with him, the boy's life would live on because of those he had touched. He would soon learn that his son had rescued dozens of wounded soldiers before a bullet stilled his caring heart. As the stories of his son's gallantry continued to reach him, fatherly pride and satisfaction began to ease his grief. The painting of his son soon became his most prized possession, far eclipsing any interest in the pieces for which museums around the world clamoured. He told his neighbours it was the greatest gift he had ever received.

The following spring, the old man became ill and passed away. The art world was in anticipation, that with the collector's passing, and his only son dead, those paintings would be sold at auction. According to the will of the old man, all of the art works would be auctioned on Christmas Day, the day he had received the greatest gift. The day soon arrived and art collectors from around the world gathered to bid on some of the world's most spectacular paintings. Dreams would be fulfilled this day; greatness would be achieved as many would claim, "I have the greatest collection." The auction began with a painting that was not on any museum's list. It was the painting of the man's son. The auctioneer asked for an opening bid, but the room was silent. "Who will open the bidding with \$100?" he asked. Minutes passed, and no one spoke. From the back of the room came a voice, "Who cares about that painting? It's just a picture of his son." "Let's forget about it and move on to the good stuff," more voices echoed in agreement.

"No, we have to sell this one first," replied the auctioneer. "Now, who will take the son?" Finally, a neighbour of the old man spoke. "Will you take ten dollars for the painting? That's all I have. I knew the boy, so I'd like to have it." "I have ten dollars. Will anyone go higher?" called the auctioneer. After more silence, the auctioneer said, "Going once, going twice, gone." The gavel fell. Cheers filled the room and someone exclaimed, "Now we can get on with it and bid on the real treasures!" The auctioneer looked at the audience and announced that the auction was over. Stunned disbelief quieted the room. Someone spoke up and asked, "What do you mean, it's over? We didn't come here for a picture of some old guy's son. What about all of these paintings? There are millions of dollars worth of art here! I demand that you explain what is going on!" The auctioneer replied, "It's very simple. According to the will of the father, whoever takes the son ... gets it all."

Puts things into perspective, doesn't it? Just as those art collectors discovered on Christmas Day, the message is still the same: the love of a Father, whose greatest joy came from his Son who went away and gave his life rescuing others. And because of that Father's love, whoever takes the Son gets it all.

Fathers' Day Breakfast at Prouille School

Everyone is warmly invited to our special Fathers' Day Breakfast and Assembly on this coming Friday 4 September:
Breakfast at 7:30 am with Concert following
Special Fathers' Day Assembly at 9:00 am – coordinated by Class KM

Parish Picnic and the Kindergarten / Yr 6 Parish Mass

Thank you, sincerely, to all those who assisted with last weekend's K/6 Parish Mass and Parish Picnic. It was a beautiful Mass and the atmosphere afterwards had a carnival feel to it!

Safety and After School Pick-up Time

I have spoken to all students re the importance of orderly departure from school for all the important safety reasons. The two main areas I addressed with children concern:

- Keeping the driveway area as clear as possible to facilitate smooth and safe passage to the footpath after school at pick-up time.
- All students being picked up by car in the main kiss/drop zone must be seated on the brick wall at all times. Students must also keep a watchful eye out for their 'lift'

In addition to this, I respectfully remind parents/carers who pickup their children in the kiss/drop zone to display their family name clearly to assist teachers on duty and to keep the traffic flowing.

National Reading Day - 2/9/09 – This week

Tomorrow, Wednesday 2/9/09, all classes at Prouille will stop everything after lunch and read for 15 minutes in silence on the playground as a whole school to celebrate National Reading Day. Parents are encouraged to really promote reading at home on this day (and indeed every day).

Don't forget that children need to see their parents (both Mum and Dad) regularly reading for enjoyment at home ... Research conclusively shows that children so commonly emulate their parents' behaviour! ... Good readers = good writers = successful students in the academic domain!

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!

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!)

On behalf of everyone at Prouille, I sincerely thank, Mrs Neilson and Mrs Plasto for all the energy and expertise they injected into Book Week 2009!

Junior Band Solo Night – This Thursday

A reminder that the Junior Band Solo Night will be held at 7 pm in the Hall this Thursday night.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Ledlin
Principal

From all the Staff at Prouille:



IMPORTANT DATES

2.9.09	Wednesday	11.00 am – Cluster Public Speaking Final - Sacred Heart School, Pymble. National Reading Day – Whole school reading for 15 mins after lunch.
3.9.09	Thursday	Director/Principals' Meeting all day. 7.00 pm – Junior Band Solo Night in the School Hall.
4.9.09	Friday	7.30 am – approx 9.30 am – Father's Day Breakfast at Prouille followed by a Concert and a special Father's Day Liturgy. 7.45 am Senior Band playing at Breakfast. No Junior Band before school but lessons as normal.
6.9.09	Sunday	Fathers' Day.
8.9.09	Tuesday	NSWCNA Netball.
11.9.09	Friday	Mufti Day (sensible casual clothes) – Children to bring a gold coin to Support Shannon Ashton in her travel to Perth for the National Swimming Championships.
13.9.09	Sunday	11.00 am – 2 pm - Soccer Presentation/BBQ lunch – Thornleigh Oval.
15.9.09	Tuesday	Broken Bay Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen.
26.10.09	Monday	7.30 pm – Prouille Soccer Club Annual General Meeting in School Hall.

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 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm*



JUNIOR BAND SOLO NIGHT
7 PM THURSDAY NIGHT
IN THE HALL

**Library Matters**

At last count there were 195 children at Prouille who had completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. This is a wonderful result. We thank the many children and the parents who have embraced the new approach this year by entering their children's reading records online at home. We will also let you know, when final numbers come in, which class won the competition for most number of 2009 PRC's completed. The following children have completed their 2009 Premiers' Reading Challenge:

Kindy: Taylor Attard, Keegan Bell, Emily Bennett, Eric Bong, Natalie Bowesman, Corina Brillembourg Avila, Isabella Bryant, Jolo Dobles, Lucy Fay, Abby Feurtado, Jordan Fowler, Sabrina Haaf, Ciara Hartnett, Charlie Hill, El Hinds, Maddie Huxley, Ella Johnson, Kate Kelly, Riley Knight, Nicholas Krahmalov, Ella Le Patourel, Evie Lee, Aidan Lonsdale, Matthew McKenzie, Hannah Moait, Caitlin Montgomery, Ben Mooney, Ava Nalywajko, Tara O'Loan, Chloe Oong, Zara Oong, Spencer Quirk, Max Reger, Connor Ryan, Joel Salucci, Georgia Scarf-Waters, James Schulz, Joshua Scott, Luca Sella, Kelly Slater, Angus Vardy, Eliza Vardy, Veronica Vella, Jade Wright, Oliver Wright and Jacklyn Zanetic.

Library Matters (Cont.)

- Year 1:** Ben Addison, Amy Andresson, Claudia Asnicar, Laura Bailey, Catherine Baxter, Julia Baxter, Sarah Burton, David Cass, Jonny Chan, Nicholas Christenson, Olivia Donaghy, Ben Doyle, Jasmine El Gabaili, Willem Falzon, Will Gibbs, Thomas Gilbert, Zac Hallinan, Suzie Hunt, Sam Johnson, Ethan Joseph, Thomas Latimer, Christina Marren, Joey McEwen, Sean McGee, Nick McKenzie, Georgia Moait, Finn O'Loan, Young Joon Oh, Henrik Osterberg, Isabelle Rodriguez-Orhan, Jamie Smith, Jason Street, Ian Tay and Priya Uskovic.
- Year 2:** Patrick Baker, Corina Behrens, Maddison Bell, Ga Hee Bong, Madison Bourne, Callum Delmage, Sophia Digges, Patricia Dobles, Jacob Fay, Daniel Freidman, Leyton Gilchrist, Max Griffin, Caitlyn Hajje, Hannah Hartnett, Sarah Hewitt, Harry Hill, Olivia Inwood, Abby Johnson, Maegen Lee, Abbey Lenton, Rebecca Li, Saskia Maccioni, Katia Matkowski, Lauren McGrath, Conor Montgomery, Daniel Mooney, Abbie Mulcaster, Hattie Negline-Smyth, Katie Oong, Joshua Phan, Sienna Quirk, Arvin Rezadoust, Charlotte Ryan, Armin Safaie, Luke Schulz, Louie Sukari, Charlotte Tillbrook, Madeline Vlahakis, Michelle Williams and Natasha Williams.
- Year 3:** Tara Andresson, Jonathon Antoun, Joseph Asnicar, Will Banham, Anthony Baxter, Isabella Behrens, Eloise Betteridge, Patrick Cass, Nicholas Chan, Jasper Choi, Claudia Christenson, Yvette Crouch, Patrick Edmunds, Jacqueline Feurtado, Monique Fowler, Charlotte Gannon, Luke Gilbert, Charles Gleeson, Holly Hunt, Grace Keithly, Lachlan Kelly, Alexander Krahmalov, Ben Lenehan, Hannah Lonsdale, Rachael Marren, Sean McCormack, Jacinta McGrath, Jonathan Moait, Jack Negline-Smyth, Thomas Pike, Chace Pilkington, David Robson, Stephanie Sardinha, Georgia Sella, Jackson Singh, Angela Slattery, Charlotte Smith, Finn Spalding, Hamish Spalding, Lauren Sukari, Zoe Trinder, Sarah Vardy, Olivia Weaver, Jeremy Williams and Matthew Woods.
- Year 4:** Emily Austin, Katie Austin, Ryley Delmage, Jack Hill, Hayley Johnson, Anthony Kelly, Logan Knight, Rebecca Latimer, Meg Le Patourel, Prudence Luttrell, Olivia McEwen, Emily McInerney, Declan Montgomery, Freya Osterberg, Jacqueline Truong and Corey Wright.
- Year 5:** Christian Asnicar, Alana Christenson, William Gilbert, Adam Hajje, Natalie Oong, Jessica Robson, Neema Safaie and Yvette Williams.
- Year 6:** Alessia Antoun, Shannon Ashton, Olivia Johnson, Caroline Moait, Robbie Szafranek and Chloe Vardy.

A very big thank you to all the children who came dressed up for the book parade on Thursday. Of course that thank you must extend to the parents and loved ones who designed, sewed, bought and borrowed pieces to make the costumes and outfits which made the day the fun event it is meant to be. We would like to acknowledge the hard work and many hours of rehearsals the classroom teachers put into each class performance to ensure their children shone on the day – thank you.

This year has been a record year for donations to the library. At time of writing we don't have the exact number of books donated or the total amount of money spent but we will certainly let you know when the final figures come in. Thank you for your continued support of the library - I was listening to a well known author speak during book week and he said the standard of children's literature available to Australian children is second to none in the world. With your very generous donations Prouille Library can continue to offer your children a wide selection of up to date books to choose from. We hope the Author Visits provided some insight into the machinations of an author's mind and maybe sparked an idea or two for the beginning of some great story ideas in our students.

Thank you also to the Library Monitors Alessia Antoun, Madison Ritchie, Stephanie Robson and Cris Matowski also Robbie Szafranek, Caroline Moait, Paddy Adams and Ben Overton - who clearly "ran the show" but also assisted us in the library during the entire week – we couldn't have done it without you and we appreciate all the lunch times you given up to help us in the library. Book week is over - PRC is done – what's next??!

Lee-Anne Plasto & Jo Neilson (Teacher Librarians)

Sports News**Prouille Athletics Carnival Results:**

The following children set new Prouille Track & Field Records at the Carnival on Thursday 20 August:

Harry Hill	7 year	100m	17.20
Nicholas Chan	8 year	100m	16.16
Cedric Danso-Boame	9 year	100m	14.84
Griffin Carroll	11 year	100m	14.47
Julian Chan	12 year	100m	14.21
Chloe Vardy	12 year	100m	14.53
Nicholas Chan	8 year	200m	36.85
Julian Chan	12 year	200m	29.58
Chloe Vardy	12 year	100m	30.77
James Freidman	Senior	800m	2.52.91
Shannon Ashton	Senior	800m	2.49.84
Julian Chan	Invitation	100m	14.07
Griffin Carroll	11 year	Long Jump	4.09m
Jared Pejkoivic	12 year	Long Jump	3.96m
Chloe Vardy	12 year	Long Jump	3.91m
Vanessa Andersen	10 year	Shot Put	7.12m
Nathan Khoudair	12 year	Shot Put	7.40m
GOLD	JUNIOR RELAY		1.08.72
RED	SENIOR RELAY		1.04.33

Cluster Carnival Results – 26 August

The following children * have qualified to go to the Broken Bay Carnival at Narrabeen on Tuesday September 15.

Final Place

*Chloe Vardy	100m	1 st
	200m	2 nd
	Long Jump	1 st
*Shannon Ashton	800 m	1 st
	200m	7 th
*James Freidman	800m	1 st
*Sarah Vardy	100m	2 nd
*Cedric Danso-Boame	100m	2 nd
	200m	8 th
*Julian Chan	100m	2 nd
	200m	2 nd
*Vanessa Andersen	Shot Put	1 st
	200m	7 th
	Discus	4 th
*Emma Andrews	Discus	1 st
*Jhanika Pike	Long Jump	4 th

Sports News (Cont.)**Cluster Carnival Results – 26 August (Cont.)**

*Griffin Carroll	100m	2 nd
	200m	Equal 1 st
	Long Jump	1 st
	High Jump	2 nd
*Michael Crouch	Shot Put	4 th
*Jared Pejkoivic	Long Jump	3 rd
	Discus	4 th
Senior Boys Relay		2 nd

Other Results:

Senior Girls Relay		3 rd
Junior Girls Relay		4 th
Junior Boys Relay		4 th
Jonathon Crouch	Shot Put	7 th
	Discus	5 th
James Cox	800m	10 th
	High Jump	5 th

Dates for Diary

Term 3	NSWCNA Netball Broken Bay Athletics	Tuesday September 8 Tuesday September 15
Term 4	League Tag Gala Day Milo Cricket Day	Wednesday November 4 Tuesday November 17

Band Reminders

- **Junior Band Solo Night – 7 pm this Thursday**
- **Fathers' Day Breakfast this Friday.**
 - No Junior Band before school.
 - Lessons as normal.
 - Senior Band playing at Breakfast – see you at 7.45 am.

Great work to all the musicians who played at the Parish/School Mass and the Parish Picnic on Sunday. We were amazing!!!

Amanda O'Brien (Choir/Music Teacher)

Thank You – Fathers' Day Breakfast Donation

Thank You

Thank you to Andrew Walker from "Feggies" who kindly supplied and donated the fruit for the fruit platters at the Father's Day Breakfast. "Feggies" delivers fresh fruit and vegetables to your door straight from the market every Thursday. Great quality and great prices. Visit Feggies.com.au for more info.

URGENT REMINDER FOR DADS - Father's Day Breakfast

If you have not yet RSVPed to Fathers' Day Breakfast this Friday 4th September, we would ask that confirm your attendance (including children) by sending an email to the Social Committee at:

socialcommittee@prouillepandf.com.au

Thank you.



The Social Committee

Prouille Soccer Club - News

Annual KDSA Soccer Gala Day



All teams played extremely well on Gala Day and it was a great way to end the season. Special mention goes to the following teams:

- U12 - Winners - they have won a trophy for the school U10B - Runners up
- U8 Hurricanes - Runners up
- U7 Black - Runners up
- U6 Gold - Winners

Presentation Day - Sunday 13th September

Venue - Thornleigh Oval

Start Time - 11 am - 2.00 pm

What to bring: your clean soccer shirts, or give it to your Manager before the day; money for a sausage/drink or a picnic lunch; sporting clothes and shoes so you can join in the kids vs parents games.

How to help: offer to cook some sausages or run the games on the day.

Every team will need to contribute on the day, so please let your manager know how you can help out.

A key role has become **vacant – Equipment Officer**. Phil Gilroy has decided to step down after many years of dedication as his sons are no longer at Prouille. This role involves sorting and storing training equipment during the off season and then organising kit bags for the beginning of the season. This may involve purchasing new equipment (eg balls) as needed and if the club finances permit.

We need someone with spare space to store the club kit from Sunday 13th Sept, so if you know anyone who has a large garage/shed or attic we would like to hear from them.

I would like to thank our managers, coaches and committee members for your support making our club such a success this year. Without your help we would not be able to give our players all the support and encouragement they deserve. It's great to see how the players have progressed and how much enjoyment they get from playing the world game.

Many thanks.

Pauline Luttrell (Sec., Prouille Soccer Club – 9487 5883)

Water St Netball Club

Fanatastic Results!

Congratulations to our three senior teams who have all progressed to the Grand Final round.

The Intermediate, 12Bs and 11Bs teams will all play this Saturday at Canon Rd. courts.

Please come and support our girls at 9.15 am.

We wish you the best of luck.



Sally Oong – Water St Netball Club

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Silkworms and "about-to-hatch" eggs currently available to anyone who has access to a mulberry tree for the next few weeks. Excellent "life cycle" pet as kids can experience many stages: eggs, caterpillar, chrysalis, moth, eggs. They hatch around this time, then last for a couple of months, only requiring mulberry leaves. Please call or email Sally Oong - 0433 817 114 or oongs@optusnet.com.au

Community News

- **Peter Rabbit Community Pre-school** has vacancies in 2010 in their 3 year old class, on Mondays and Tuesdays. Peter Rabbit is located at Pearce's Corner, Wahroonga and has a long tradition of quality early childhood education – and a friendly community for preschoolers and their families. If you would like to enquire about a place in 2010, please call the preschool on 9489 3699.
- **Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Basketball Association – Spiders – Season 2010 Player Trials Schedule: Sundays 20th & 27th September and Sundays 8 & 15th November:**

Girls – The Brickpit, 1A Darford Road Thornleigh

Boys – Knox Grammar, Pacific Highway, Wahroonga – Entry to the gym is via backdoor on the lower level

All players are welcome to attend. The Association is also conducting Pre Trials Skills Clinics for aspiring players who would like to brush up their skills in preparation for the upcoming trials.

Visit www.hornsbyspiders.com.au for more information.

- **WANTED - SECOND HAND BOOKS!!!**

Do you have any second hand books, magazines or old cook books that you would like to clear from your home? We are hosting a second hand book stall at the Loreto Spring Fair (Sunday September 20) and are currently seeking donations of any unwanted books or magazines to sell at the fair.

If you have any old books or lifestyle magazines that you no longer want please contact **Meredith Baume (0416 735636)** and I will arrange to have them picked up.

SUMMER SWIMMING CLASSES

HEATED POOLS

Bush School; Lady Davidson Hydro Pool



Book now for Holiday & Term Classes

Contact Chris Curran: curran100@gmail.com

Diocesan Parent Council – FREE PARENT FORUMS

All are welcome – parents don't have to have children in a Catholic School to attend.

To assist with numbers please RSVP if you can, however we appreciate the unpredictable nature of family life especially with commuting, so please feel free to come along on the night even if you have been unable to RSVP in advance.

**“Children and Grief –
Understanding the grief & loss issues of children.”
Thursday September 10th 7.30 pm – 9 pm
Presenter - Cay Camden**

(Cay has worked as a Counsellor in paediatrics for much of the past 25 years.
Her area of expertise is Children and Bereavement)

**Holy Family Catholic Primary
2 – 4 Highfield St, Lindfield
FREE – ALL WELCOME**

**RSVP Cathie 9847 0340 or parentcouncil@dbb.edu.au
For further info. www.brokenbayparentcouncil.org**

**FREE Parent Forum
“Teenagers, Alcohol & Drugs
- what every kid really wants and needs to know!”
Calling all Primary and Secondary Parents
It is never too young to start vital conversations.
What every parent needs to know!**

**Monday September 14th 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Presenter – Paul Dillon**

**Mater Maria Catholic College
Forest Rd, Warriewood
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FRIDAY 13- SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2009
An action packed weekend camp for families.**

Meals provided:

Friday 7.00 pm - A very light supper on arrival (tea/coffee and biscuits)

Saturday Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea & Dinner

Sunday Breakfast, Morning Tea & Lunch before 2 pm departure

Cost: 1 parent & 1 child \$200; 1 parent & 2 chn \$275.00; 1 parent & 3 chn \$340.00

2 parents & 1 child \$310.00; 2 parents & 2 chn \$385.00; 2 parents & 3 chn \$450.00

Register now as places fill fast:

For information and bookings

Phone: Margaret Channing Ph. 43 44 1509 Mob. 0423 025 623