



PROUILLE NEWS MEMO

TERM 3 WEEK 8 2009

15 September 2009

Dear Parents,

I am excited to present for the very first time our new Prouille School Visioning Mission. Naturally, I am keen for all of us to really digest and hopefully start oozing this vision from today!

In the coming weeks, I will be highlighting "snippets" of our Vision in newsletters and at various assemblies; it is my dream to see Prouille sincerely and fervently 'live out' our Vision and always aspire to it in every aspect of Parish and School life. As per the discussion at the Term 3 P+F General Meeting and in recent Staff Meetings, we all need to be able to clearly articulate (and "live out") exactly what our vision implies.

See below for the first aspect of our Vision that we can "unpack" / "digest" - (see bold underlined):

Prouille's Visioning Mission

(Prouille is a Catholic Primary School in the Diocese of Broken Bay)

Inspired by our Dominican heritage, we strive to educate individuals in the search for truth in a changing and challenging world

by nurturing and supporting the development of each student through an authentic and holistic education.

We endeavour to empower our students to responsible and compassionate action that engenders a sense of hope and optimism for the future.

In pursuing our Mission we:

- encourage students and community members to celebrate our Catholic identity.
- embrace the Dominican values.
- develop in each student an appreciation of their gifts and a desire to achieve personal excellence.
- Nurture reverence and respect for God's creation through an awareness of our responsibility as co-creators of our natural environment.
- challenge students to dialogue, question and discern meaning in their search for truth.
- respond to and support the needs and interests of each student through a contemporary and innovative curriculum.
- create an environment in which students feel safe to take risks with their learning.
- model respectful relationships.
- foster a sense of community working together in a spirit of "welcome" and collaboration.

Change to Summer Uniform

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

St Lucy's Museum - Open for Prouille / Holy Name - Monday 28 September

Parents and Friends of Prouille and Holy Name Parish are invited to visit St Lucy's School Museum that is rich in Prouille's and St Lucy's history. Indeed, the Museum is rich in our Dominican history!

Everyone is warmly invited to the usual weekday Parish Mass at Holy Name Church on Monday 28 September at 9.15 am. After this Mass you are warmly invited to visit St Lucy's School Museum at 10.30 am (NB the Museum is in the former Convent building in St Lucy's grounds.)

Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day) - Friday 23 October

As per the Prouille Parent Calendar 2009, parents are reminded that there is a **Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day) in the first week of Term 4 – Friday 23 October**. Staff will be developing ways to best integrate ICLT (Information, Communication + Learning Technology) into Literacy teaching / learning at Prouille.

Uninterrupted Literacy and Numeracy Teaching / Learning Blocks five days a week:

When I took the job as Principal of Prouille Catholic School, I was commissioned to establish a new Strategic Plan 2009-2012 based on the CSO Whole School Review that was completed in early 2008. One of the most important goals arising from the Whole School Review was to investigate ways to establish an uninterrupted Literacy Block (and Numeracy Block) each morning five days a week.

Throughout this year, I have had numerous discussions with school staff and all peripatetic/specialist teachers re "possible" organisational structures that will allow Prouille to continue and "grow" its extraordinary Band/Music Programme, and at the same time create more effective teaching/learning blocks for Literacy/Numeracy (and indeed for other KLAs – Key Learning Areas).

At this stage of the year, I have the support of staff and peripatetic/specialist teachers to trial moving the Friday Morning Assembly to the afternoon at 2.30 pm commencing the second week of Term 4 – Friday 30 October (NB Friday 23 October is a Pupil Free Day).

Whilst I appreciate that there may be some parents who enjoy attending each Friday morning assembly, I sincerely hope that everyone can come to terms with the importance of this "trial" that will undoubtedly serve to improve student learning at Prouille. At the P+F General Meeting in Term 4, I will hopefully be in a position to outline how various timetables might look in 2010. Additionally at this P+F meeting we can discuss the merits (or otherwise) re assemblies on Friday afternoons.

Now is a terrific opportunity for me to respectfully ask parents to really assist us at school with the following:

- Ensure your child is at school on time each day
- Ensure your child has all the correct requirements each day
- Ensure you do not "knock on teachers' doors" or go to the classrooms in Teaching/Learning time (simply leave messages etc at the office)

In addition to all of this, School Staff have committed to avoiding all unnecessary classroom interruptions in the morning Literacy/Numeracy Blocks.

I also note that I have had several conversations with the school Leadership Team and our PE teacher, Mrs Tamone, re ways to more effectively structure PE in 2010 in a bid to further improve and take advantage of optimal Literacy/Numeracy learning times.

I sincerely invite any parents to discuss any of the above matters with me. Thank you!

Smooth movement of students to class after the second morning bell:

Last week in the School Newsletter, I respectfully asked Parents to move immediately towards Water St after the second morning bell each day.

Thank you to all parents for your co-operation re this.

Broken Bay News (BBN) featuring Prouille School!:

I hope all families saw the article on Prouille School and our beautiful Prayer Garden in the September issue of BBN (page 17).

Prouille School Library Needs YOU:

The Parent-helper Programme in our School Library on Wednesday afternoons (at 2 pm) continues 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 8 Yr 6 Parents (Wednesday 16 September – 2 pm)
(NB Keen parents are welcome any/every week!!! ... Toddlers welcome too!)

Yours sincerely,

Philip Ledlin
 Principal

IMPORTANT DATES		
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15.9.09	Tuesday	Broken Bay Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen. Spirituality Day for Broken Bay Diocese Administration Staff.
16.9.09	Wednesday	Maths Olympiad. 2.00 pm – Year 6 parents to assist in the Library.
17.9.09	Thursday	Principals' Conference.
18.9.09	Friday	Principals' Conference.
20.9.09	Sunday	11.00 am – Water St Presentation Day – Wahroonga Park. Sydney Bridge Run – Team Prouille running for Autism Spectrum Aust. (Aspect).
26.9.09	Saturday	7.30 pm – “Are You As Smart As a 5 th Grader?” at Prouille School.
28.9.09	Monday	9.15 am – Parish Mass at Holy Name Church. 10.30 am – Parents/carers invited to visit St Lucy's School Museum.
29.9.09	Tuesday	1.00 pm – Lunchtime Recital in the Hall.
2.10.09	Friday	Last day of Term 3.
19.10.09	Monday	First day of Term 4 – Summer Uniform to be worn.
23.10.09	Friday	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free day.
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*

Lunchtime Recital

Congratulations to Luke Antoun, Corina Behrens, Maddison Bell, Max Griffin, Cameron Hay, Rebecca Latimer, Charlotte Ryan, Jackson Singh, Angela Slattery, Matthew Slattery and Lauren Sukari, who performed at the Lunchtime Recital on 11 August. It was a very rainy day, and the audience was happy to sit indoors and hear exciting performances from talented violin and piano students.



The next Lunchtime Recital will be held on Tuesday 29 September at 1.00 pm in the Hall.

Moira Hutchinson & Janet Wise (Music Teachers)

Book Club

Scholastics Monster Sale is on with some excellent bargains – at least 50% off. All orders are due by **Wednesday 23 September**. Any enquiries contact Trudi Sommers (Book Club Co-Ordinator) – 9487 1990.

Library Matters



Thank you for supporting the Book Fair. Shearers Bookshop has confirmed we sold \$3,500.00 worth of books. A percentage of overall takings will be given back to the Library to purchase more literature for our children to share.

The winners of the Book Safari Book Week 2009 colouring competition are:

Emma Andrews	1st
Ben Lenehan	2nd
Zoe Trinder	3rd
Hamish Morgan	4th

You can see their fantastic interpretations on the library window.

We are excited to announce we have a tie in First Place for the PRC graph. Both 2D and 3AC completed 30 Premier's Reading Challenges each. Next Thursday these classes will be receiving a reward for their hard work.

Certificates for the Premier's Reading Challenge usually arrive late in Term 4 and we don't expect it will be any different this year. If we hear additional information, we will pass this on to you.

Jo Neilson & Lee-Anne Plasto (Teacher Librarians)

Sports News

North Shore Cluster Track & Field Carnival Results – 26 August



We are thrilled to announce that **Prouille placed 2ND** in the Overall Point score at the Cluster Athletics Carnival.

This is an amazing improvement on previous years due to many outstanding individual performances.

The Large School Point score was as follows:

OLOR Waitara	147
Prouille	92
St Patrick's Asquith	58
St Gerard's Carlingford	47
Holy Family Lindfield	38
St Thomas' Willoughby	36
Sacred Heart Pymble	28
St Agatha's Pennant Hills	19
OLOD Chatswood	8

Broken Bay Track & Field Trials at Narrabeen – Tuesday 15 September

Good luck to all the children who are going to Narrabeen on Tuesday for the Broken Bay Track & Field Trials.

NSWCNA Netball Championships

Last Tuesday five netball teams represented Prouille at the NSW Catholic Schools Netball Championships at Penrith. Teams traveled from all over NSW to compete in this competition.



All of our teams did well in the divisional pools:

12 Year Girls	2 ND
12 Year Boys	Equal 2 ND
11 Year Girls	5 TH
9 Year Girls	5 TH
8 Year Girls	3 RD

Thank you to all the parents who assisted in transporting, managing and coaching our teams. Also a special thank you to the umpires who came along and umpired for our teams.

Louise Tamone (PE/Sports Teacher)

Prouille Soccer Club - News



Prouille Soccer Club had a great turnout on the weekend for the annual Presentation Day and picnic. We made two special announcements - the winner of the Mary Schneider Award - this year went to Ally Mahoney from the U12's. We also celebrated outstanding contributions to the club with the awarding of the Spirit of Prouille to Phil Gilroy.

Thank you to all our helpers for making the day such a success, special mention to Silvio & Glenda Sella for the trophies, Anthony Scott for BBQ organising, Meredith Baume for her tireless behind the scenes work.

If you still have soccer shirts please return them to your manager or Caroline Ho, they can be passed to her via the school office, just ensure you write who the shirt is from and what team your child played in. Any kit bags should also be given to Ann Latimer for storage during the off season.

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

Water St Presentation Day – Wahroonga Park - 20th September

Reminder regarding the Water St Netball Presentation Day to be held on Sunday, 20th September at 11.00am at Wahroonga Park. Enquiries please contact Sally Oong Water St Netball (0433 817 114)

Theory Classes

There was a misprint on the Theory Class notice.

The class on Friday 18 September is from 8.20 am – 8.50 am.

The last class for this term is on Friday 25 September, also from 8.20 am – 8.50 am.

Janet Wise (Piano Teacher)

Sydney Running Festival



Prouille Staff have laced up their joggers again and are preparing to take to the road on Sunday 20 September for the 9km Bridge Run. This year we hope to help Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) by raising awareness and funds for this worthy cause. We have set our target at \$1000 and need your help to get there.

If you would like to show your support and make a donation to “Team Prouille”, simply go to:

www.gofundraise.com.au/prouille

To learn more about Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect), please go to www.autismspectrum.org.au

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 Rawlison on 9489 2713 or 0412 834 336 or Alan Stopford on 9980 8003 or 0411 426 554.
- **Do you require boxes for moving?** If so, please ring Esther Gibbs on 0407 782 020.
- **San Run for Life Fun Run – Sunday 25 October, starting at 8 am at the Hospital.**
 School teams, families and friends are invited to participate in either the 5 km walk or 5 km run, or the 10 km run. A free bbq, water, entertainment, music, giveaways/show bags, and lucky entrant prizes are available. Entry fees \$10/\$15/\$20. Fun Run participants are invited to wear hats with an international flavour like sombreros, berets, and Indian headdresses to celebrate the fundraising theme. Registrations open September at www.sah.org.au. Ring 9487 9405 for more information.