



PROUILLE NEWS

11 September, 2007

Term 3 Week 9 2007

Dear Parents,

Excitement abounded at the PTA meeting on Monday evening! All invitations have gone out for the Prouille Inaugural Art Exhibition.

The art work of the children, class and auction items are just beautiful.

This is a Diary Date that cannot be missed.

PROUILLE ART EXHIBITION



Date: Saturday 22 September, 2007

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: School Hall

Open Meeting for Parents on Cyber-Bullying

The Parent Teacher Association will hold an **Open Meeting** for all parents on Friday, 19 October, at 9.20 am. The meeting will begin with a talk on **Cyber-Bullying**, followed by general discussion on roles of the PTA Committee positions.

Annual General Meeting of the PTA

The Annual General Meeting of the PTA will be held on Monday, 12 November, 2007 in the School Hall, beginning at 7.30 pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation will be conferred on prepared applicants by Bishop David Walker this Saturday at Holy Name Church. The ceremony will begin at 3.00 pm. Please keep all candidates in your prayers.

Annual Band Camp

The Annual Band Camp will be held this weekend at Challenge Ranch, Somersby. Seven schools from across the Broken Bay Diocese will 'jam' together to make great music and increase their knowledge and repertoire.

Yours sincerely,

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The parameters of bullying

School bullying is a pervasive problem depriving students of a safe learning environment, with degrees of aggression that can be difficult to detect and manage. The challenge is to formulate a workable definition that targets key characteristics of the phenomenon. Various sources have described bullying as ‘a student being exposed, repeatedly over a period of time, to negative actions on the part of one or more students’, or as a ‘wilful, conscious wish to hurt, frighten or threaten someone’, and as a ‘socially-initiated aggression that persists over time’. Both characterize bullying as being repetitive in nature, involving an imbalance of power and being verbal, psychological, social or physical.

Elements and forms of bullying

Behaviour designed to intentionally harm someone or exploit a power differential is defined as malign. This manifests when one wishes to inflict pain on another and has the capacity through strength and persistence and/or encouragement of significant others, including formation of school gangs to capitalise on this. Malign bullies operate without justification and engage in a way that oppresses or frightens, often deriving pleasure from the reaction. Non-malign bullying occurs without malice when the student views behaviour as harmless teasing; this is described as mindless bullying. Both elements trigger a negative outcome for the victim, however understanding the parameters can aid the framing of programs for the bully.

A study by Boulton and Hawker highlights people often acknowledge physical assault as bullying, whilst there is debate over what other behaviours comprise bullying. Awareness of forms bullying can take is needed to fully grasp the manners in which students may be harmed. Stewart and Knott submit five recognised forms of aggression.

Form	Illustration
Physical aggression	Hitting, spitting, throwing stones, use of weapons
Verbal aggression	Non-physical and includes name calling, rumour spreading
Gesture aggression	Non-verbal, such as threatening and obscene gestures
Extortion aggression	Stand over tactics and threats and may involve demands for money or property
Exclusion aggression	Isolating others from the group

The sixth form of bullying – Cyber-bullying

Defining Cyber-bullying

Rapid advances in technology and the move to a knowledge-based economy have contributed to considerable social change with today’s school-aged children relying on the internet and mobile phones as part of youth culture. While adults view technology as a resource, young people integrate it into their daily lives. School-aged children, known as the ‘always-on’ generation, are linked to their peer group online and by mobile phone, becoming contactable instantaneously. Such ‘real time’ operation is facilitated by programs such as Yahoo! Messenger and mean the peer groups is always connected; it becomes the virtual playground where there are no teachers and limited adults to monitor interactions.

Cyber technologies are used by adolescents for information, communication and entertainment; however not all communication is positive, nor all entertainment reasonable. A new form of bullying has emerged which utilises various forms of technology, including email, text, chat rooms, mobile phones (including cameras) and websites. Bill Belsey coined the concept of cyber-bullying to ‘involve the use of information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behaviour by an individual or group, that is intended to harm others’, and notes that cyber-bullying is distinct from other forms of bullying.

Traditional v Cyber-bullying

The essence of bullying remains the same regardless of its form, being repetitious and hurtful in nature; however, the forms differ with cyber-bullying generally not posing an immediate physical threat. Of note is the potential audience able to witness cyber-bullying as compared to a schoolyard incident. The audience may also engage in the bullying by forwarding emails or use of on-line chat rooms and websites, meaning the audience is boundless as bullies can communicate messages widely and at considerable speed. Unlike verbal taunts, the exact working of which may soon be forgotten, technology enables written words and images to be read repeatedly, potentially reinforcing the message and making it more emotionally harmful.

IMPORTANT DATES

12.09.07	Wednesday	Pie Day today. 9.00 am – Maths Olympiad. 6.30 pm – Confirmation Program – Compulsory practice + parent to attend also.
13.09.07	Thursday	League Tag Gala Day at Cliff Oval, Wahroonga.
14.09.07	Friday	Life Education Van – Lessons commence. Band Camp – until Sunday.
15.09.07	Saturday	3.00 pm – Sacrament of Confirmation – Holy Name Church.
17.09.07	Monday	Life Education Van – Lessons continue until Wednesday.
22.09.07	Saturday	7.30 pm - Prouille Art Exhibition/Auction in School Hall.
23.09.07	Sunday	Year 1 Family Mass at Holy Name Church. Holy Name Parish Picnic postponed – more details to come.
24.09.07	Monday	Stage 2 Space Day.
26.09.07	Wednesday	Cluster Netball Gala Day at Pennant Hills Park.
28.09.07	Friday	Whole School End of Term Mass at Holy Name Church.
Term 4		
15.10.07	Monday	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – Pupil free day.
16.10.07	Tuesday	First day of Term 4 for Prouille students.
19.10.07	Friday	9.20 am – Open Meeting for Parents on Cyber Bullying.

REMINDER

- ❖ *Prouille Newsletter is now available on our website: www.prouille.com.au*
- ❖ *Uniform Shop opens Tuesdays 8.30 am – 9.30 am & Thursdays 3 pm – 4 pm*

R.E. NEWS



Please pray for all the Prouille children who are making their Confirmation at Holy Name Church this Saturday: Luke Antoun, Emily Austin, Katie Austin, Rosie Butel, Christopher Caprioli, Christina Chan, Cosette De Lorenzo, Christian Donovan, Tom Doyle, Emily Doyle, Megan Doyle, Arielle Erdstein, Faith Felipe, Jack Hill, Ollo Hill, Hayley Johnson, Joel Kelly, Samuel Kelly, Anthony Kelly, Deanna Kwok, Meg Le Patourel, Rebecca Latimer, Prudence Luttrell, James Mandla, Nathan Mandla, Andre Matkowski, Cristopher Matkowski, Olivia McEwen, Declan Montgomery, Kate Nicol, Isabella Schroder, Corey Wright.

***** **Reminder - Compulsory practice for all children making their Confirmation** *****

Tomorrow - Wed. 12 September – 6.30 pm at Holy Name Church – 1 Parent must attend with Candidate

Tracey Mavromatis (Acting R.E.C.)

HOLY NAME PARISH PICNIC

The Prouille and Holy Name Parish Family Picnic originally set for 23 September has been postponed to the second half of October due to clashes with other events that many Parishioners are involved with. We will inform you of the new date as soon as it becomes available. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and look forward to your support for the event.

SPORTS NEWS

Broken Bay Track & Field Carnival



Last week several Prouille children participated in the Broken Bay Track & Field trials at Narrabeen. Congratulations to Kaitlyn PejkoVIC (6CO) and Luke Khoudair (6CO), who have now qualified to go to Newcastle for the Polding trials next week.

Kaitlyn will compete in the Senior Long Jump and Luke will compete in the Senior 800m event.

NSWCNA Netball Championships

Last Thursday two teams represented Prouille in the NSW Catholic Netball Championships at Penrith. Our Senior girls competed in the Minors Division One and our Junior girls in the Championship Division One.

From all reports the girls had an enjoyable and exhausting day. Our Senior team had mixed results and our Junior girls came Equal Third.

Thank you to all the parents who assisted in the organisation, transport and umpiring. Special thanks to Mrs Dean-Jones, Mr Migdoll, Mr Smart and Mrs Beaini for their support with the Senior girls and Mr Green, Mrs Ashton, Mrs Mahoney and Mrs Vardy for helping with the Juniors.



League – Tag Gala Day



This Thursday Prouille has 11 teams participating in the North Sydney Junior Rugby League Tag Gala Day. All permission notes and bus money should have been returned to the office by now.

Please remember to bring **HATS, SUNSCREEN & WET WEATHER GEAR** just in case.

If your child is travelling by bus, they need to be at school by 8.50 am. If your child is being driven to Cliff Oval, they should not be dropped there before 9.15 am.

Thank you to all the parents who have offered to help. We look forward to an enjoyable day!!!

Louise Tamone (PE/Sports Teacher)

PLATTERS FROM FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

After the Fathers Day Breakfast, 4 rectangular white melamine platters and a white melamine dip bowl were dropped off to Sally Asnicar's house in error. They appear to have "Three Blind Mice" written on the back. Could the rightful owner please contact Sally so they can be returned - thank you! Tel: 9989 8808, or 0417 224 769, or email pinnacle@hotkey.net.au.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008



World Youth Day is an International Catholic Youth gathering, held every couple years, and is aimed at young people 16-36. More than 500,000 participants, including over 125,000 international visitors are expected to gather in the host city of Sydney from 15-20 July 2008 for WYD08.

This momentous occasion will also mark the first visit to Australia by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI, who will preside over the Final Mass.

Each parish in the diocese is doing what they can to billet overseas visitors.



If you are able to host visitors from overseas during this time, please visit www.wyd2008.org or phone **Dona Gilbert** on **0412158860** for more information.

KNOX GARDEN DAY – ROAD CLOSURES THIS FRIDAY
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This Friday, 14 September, Knox Grammar School Senior Social Committee will be holding its annual Knox Garden Day. Nine residents of Cleveland Street will open their gardens for visitors to enjoy and an array of market stalls will be arranged in Cleveland Street.

The Roads & Traffic Authority and Ku-ring-gai Council have given approval for the closure of Cleveland Street between the hours of 10.00 am and 2.00 pm.

Further, traffic in Cleveland Street, between Billyard and Millewa Avenues, will be subject to one-way southbound only between the hours of 6.00 am to 10.00 am and 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm as per the table shown below:



TRAFFIC CHANGES ON FRIDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

STREET	SECTION BETWEEN	TIME
Cleveland Street	Burns Road and Billyard Avenue	10.00 am to 2.00 pm Full closure
Cleveland Street	Billyard Avenue and Millewa Avenue	6.00 am to 10.00 am Southbound movement only
Cleveland Street	Billyard Avenue and Millewa Avenue	10.00 am to 2.00 pm Full closure
Cleveland Street	Billyard Avenue and Millewa Avenue	2.00 pm to 5.00 pm Southbound movement only
Stuart Street	Illoura Avenue and Cleveland Street	10.00 am to 2.00 pm Full closure
Illoura Avenue	North of Stuart Street	10.00 am to 2.00 pm Full closure
Billyard Avenue	Cleveland Street and Sutherland Avenue	10.00 am to 2.00 pm Full closure

Community News

- **Waitara Tennis Coaching – School Holiday Camps – Bookings are limited – Please book early!!!**

Where: Waitara Tennis Centre, Park Avenue, Waitara

Times: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm Daily

Camp 1: Tuesday 2 October – Friday 6 October **Cost \$105**

Camp 2: Monday 8 October – Friday 12 October **Cost \$125**

(Daily rate \$35 / Half Day \$25)

Latest tennis coaching techniques utilised – Ball machine, video analysis, correct grip/ready position, coaching of forehand/backhand/serves/volleys, footwork & movement training, fun games, challenges and tournaments. Free BBQ on Friday.

Enquiries/Bookings: **Mark Rawlingson 9489 2713 or 0412 834 336**

Alan Stopford 9980 8003 or 0411 426 554

**SWIMMING LESSONS
TERM & SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**



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