



# PROUILLE NEWS

20 October, 2009

Term 4 Week 1 2009

Dear Parents,

In the holidays that just passed, Mrs Tanya Armstrong, Mrs Vanessa Dillon and I were privileged to attend the 2009 Dominican Conference in Adelaide (this conference is held every two years and all Australian / NZ schools and institutions with a Dominican tradition are invited to attend). I went to the conference with a keen agenda to find out more about Dominican tradition and hopefully acquire knowledge and ideas to further develop important traditions at Prouille.

Dominic was known to say that we need a compass not a map as we travel life's journey to Jesus. I sense Dominic is encouraging us to more fully allow the will of God to guide us through life. A map is very prescriptive, whereas a compass allows for much more openness on a journey. I fondly remember my mother saying to me one day when I was laying out some pretty detailed long term plans for the future ... She stopped me in my tracks and said, "Philip, my dear, if you want to give God a good laugh, tell him your plans for the day."

I think Mum is travelling with a compass!

## **Prouille's Prayer and Memorial Garden**

The development of Prouille's Prayer and Memorial Garden (behind the main assembly area) has been such a beautiful addition to our school this year. I encourage everyone to walk by (or in) the garden to see the spectacular show of 'new plant growth' that has just occurred. Thank you, again, to all those responsible for 'giving' this gift to Prouille. I add that Mr Ford (Yr 6 teacher) has been commissioned to design and complete a mighty three panel mural that is shaping up to be something rather remarkable; I caught a glimpse of Michael's work in progress recently and was flabbergasted at the beauty of the art and the powerful symbolism.

## **The Holy Rosary at Prouille**

As per the note in the last School Newsletter, all students will be praying a decade of The Rosary each day in the month of October (ie the month of The Rosary) and into November. Parents are invited to keep abreast of the decades we are praying at school and consider praying them at home too.

### **Joyful Mysteries (Cont.)**

- Monday 19 October - The Nativity**
- Tuesday 20 October - The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple**
- Wednesday 21 October - The Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple**

### **Luminous Mysteries**

- Thursday 22 October - The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan**
- (Friday 23 October - Staff Development – Pupil Free day)**

*(I note that the Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Broken Bay, is encouraging schools to pray The Rosary each day in October. Additionally, there are two detailed units of work in the K-6 Religious Education Curriculum on "The Rosary". When each class prays The Rosary each day, it simply involves one x "The Our Father" or "The Lord's Prayer", ten x "The Hail Mary" or "Our Lady's Prayer" and one "Glory Be" prayer. All classes at Prouille have daily prayer; in October and part of November, this will be substituted by The Rosary.)*

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### Assemblies in Term 4 (Please note the times/dates carefully)

Parents will be aware that we are trialling in Term 4 the merits of having our weekly whole school assemblies on Friday afternoons at 2.30 pm (see below for specific dates/times). The main aim of this is to “reclaim” some important quality teaching/learning time in the morning literacy block. We are trialling this until Week 4 and will discuss the merits of the change at the P+F Annual General Meeting (Monday 9 November – 7.30 pm) ... PLEASE NOTE THE DATES/TIMES FOR AFTERNOON ASSEMBLIES BELOW:

- Friday 23 October - Week 1 Term 4 NO ASSEMBLY (Staff Development Day/Pupil Free Day)
- Friday 30 October - Week 2 Term 4 ASSEMBLY AT 2.30 PM
- Friday 6 November - Week 3 Term 4 ASSEMBLY AT 9.00 AM (with Kindergarten Orientation)
- Friday 13 November - Week 4 Term 4 ASSEMBLY AT 2.30 PM

### Staff Development Days (SDDs) / Pupil Free Days – Term 4 2009

Please note the SDDs/Pupil Free Days remaining in 2009:

- **Friday 23 October THIS COMING FRIDAY**
- Thursday 17 December
- Friday 18 December

### Reminder – “Are You Smarter Than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?”

This event will be held in the Prouille Quadrangle on **Saturday 7 November 2009 – 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm Start**. Please bring your own drinks and a plate to share. Cost is \$10 per head. Replies are due by this Thursday 22 October.

### Term 4 Calendar

The Term 4 Calendar will be sent home today. It will also be available on our website: [www.prouille.com.au](http://www.prouille.com.au) – under the category “General Information”.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Ledlin  
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES		
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22.10.09	Thursday	10.30 am - Diocesan Mission Mass. “Are You Smarter Than a 5 <sup>th</sup> Grader?” – Replies due today.
23.10.09	Friday	Staff Development Day – ICLT in Literacy - Pupil Free day.
26.10.09	Monday	Interrelate Day (Yr 6 Personal Development). 7.30 pm - Prouille Soccer Club Annual General Meeting in School Hall.
28.10.09	Wednesday	6.30 pm – Holy Name Church – Confirmation Practice – One parent must attend with child.
29.10.09	Thursday	Director and Principals’ Meeting – all day.
30.10.09	Friday	International Teachers’ Day. 2.30 pm – Friday Assembly (first Friday afternoon Assembly).
31.10.09	Saturday	10.00 am – Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Name Church.
4.11.09	Wednesday	North Shore Cluster Principals’ Meeting. League Tag Gala Day.
6.11.09	Friday	9.00 am – 10.45 am - Orientation Morning following Whole School Assembly.
7.11.09	Saturday	7.15 pm for 7.30 pm Start - “Are You Smarter Than a 5 <sup>th</sup> Grader?” – in the Prouille Quadrangle.
8.11.09	Sunday	9.15 am – Parish/School Mass (Year 3).
10.11.09	Tuesday	Basketball Gala Day - The Brick Pit, Thornleigh. 1.00 pm - Lunchtime Recital in the hall.
11.11.09	Wednesday	10.45 am – Remembrance Day Assembly – Yrs 4 & 5 co-ordinating.
13.11.09	Friday	9.00 am – 10.00 am – K2010 Playgroup Session 1.
17.11.09	Tuesday	Milo Cup – Koola Park, Killara.
20.11.09	Friday	9.00 am – 10.00 am – K2010 Playgroup Session 2.

## REMINDER

- ❖ *Prouille Newsletter is now available on our website: [www.prouille.com.au](http://www.prouille.com.au)*
- ❖ *Prouille Parents & Friends' Newsletter available online at [www.prouillepandf.com.au](http://www.prouillepandf.com.au)*
- ❖ *Uniform Shop opens Tuesdays 8.45 am – 9.30 am & Thursdays 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm*

### NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Please note: We are still currently having difficulties emailing newsletters to certain website destinations and are investigating ways to overcome this.

### SPORTS NEWS

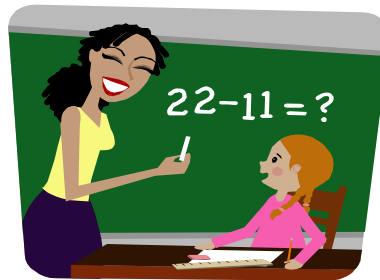
#### Upcoming Dates:

- 4/11/09 - League Tag Day
- 10/11/09 - Basketball Gala Day – The Brick Pit, Thornleigh
- 17/11/09 - Milo Cricket Day - Koola Park, Killara

Louise Tamone (PE/Sport Teacher)

### P&F NEWS

## ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADER?



#### OLD FACTS:

- Only three more weeks till the big night – yes that's November 7!
- Teams of 10 advisable
- All KLA's will be covered
- RSVP date: 22 October 2009 – yes that's **this Thursday** (Staff Development Day on Friday)!!

#### NEW FACTS

- Best dressed table will be awarded on the night – so get out those uniforms!
- Notes with RSVP slip available in office

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 7<sup>th</sup> for a night of fun and academia!!

The Social Committee

### LUNCHTIME RECITAL



Our last Recital for Term 3 was held on 29 September. It had been such a busy day at school that only a small audience of a parent and class friends were able to attend. However, the audience was most appreciative of the fine solos by Deanna Kwok and Kymberlee Street, and the String Ensemble's lively performance of various works.



Congratulations to all those who performed so well and made our lunchtime so enjoyable.

There are only two more Recitals this year! Don't miss them on Tuesday, 10 November and Tuesday, 1 December. Hope to see you there.

Moira Hutchinson & Janet Wise (Music Teachers)

## BOOK CLUB NEWS



Book Club is a great way for our school to attain books and other resources. Every order contributes bonus points for our classrooms and library.

This is the last Book Club for the year. If you were considering books for Christmas, now would be a good time to place your orders. All orders need to be received by November 4<sup>th</sup>.

I wish to thank everyone for their support this year.

Any enquiries please contact Trudi Sommers (Book Club co-Ordinator) on 9487 1990.



## PROUILLE SOCCER CLUB – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Everyone is invited to the Prouille Soccer Club Annual General Meeting. Come along and hear:

- \* how the club's funds have been spent
- \* the announcement of our new President
- \* whether we have enough support to keep the club running in 2010.

So, if you or your children play soccer for Prouille, come to this meeting to have a say on the future of the club.

**When: Monday 26 October 2009**

**Time: 7.30 pm**

**Where: Prouille School Hall**

**Invitation to men who are over 35** - our men's teams have a friendly kick around each week during the warmer months to keep fit. If you have been thinking about joining a team this is a great way to start. Friendly games are played on Tuesday evenings from 6.30 pm until it gets dark - just turn up at the Glade, Wahroonga with shin pads.



## My Holidays By Jasper Choi Year 3AC

I smelt the salt seawater at the beach.

I saw the seagulls gliding and pecking at the sandwich scraps.

I tasted the spicy chicken burgers for lunch.

I heard the screaming and yelling of mobs of people at the beach.

I felt the hot smooth sand run through my feet at the beach.



## Community News

- **Institute of Counselling – Information Evening – Wednesday 28 October 2009 from 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm**  
The Edward Clancy Building, Level 2, 163 – 167 Albert Road, Strathfield – Lecture Room: C2.62  
A 39 year history of specialising in counselling education. Learn from experts in the field!  
Please call 9746 8800 to register your interest.
  - **Northern Sydney Central Coast NSW Health – Term 4 Parenting Programs**  
**Please phone 9887 5830 for a brochure or information.**
    - **Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) – 7 wks/2.5 hours – Cremorne (26/10) Chatswood (21/10)**  
Behaviour management program suitable parents of children (3-8 yrs). Clear strategies on how to encourage desirable behaviour and manage persistent misbehaviour.
    - **Communicating with Kids (based on PET) – 6 wks/2.5 hours – Chatswood (29/10)**  
Course provides communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children and other important people in your life. (Age group 4-12 yrs)
    - **Communicating with Teens – 5 wks/2.5 hours – Chatswood (3/11)**  
Aims to increase your understanding of your adolescent's needs & behaviour with skills to relate to them.
- Workshops for Parents – 2.5 hours:**
- Teens Workshops “DEALING WITH TEEN’S BACK CHAT” at Chatswood (27/10)
  - Understanding Your Toddler and Discipline at Cremorne (26/10)
  - Bully Busting Workshop, at a school near you
  - Transition to School, at a school near you
  - Transition to High School, at a school near you
  - NEW Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series (1-12 years) and (Teens)
- Term 4 2009 Courses/Workshops beginning from 21 October.  
**For further information/brochure, please phone 9887 5830.**