



PROUILLE NEWS

28 October, 2008

Term 4 Week 3 2008

Dear Parents,

Mr Philip Ledlin was given a very warm welcome by the Prouille Community last Friday morning; he was indeed grateful and I was indeed proud of this very unique giving community.

My thanks to all who were able to participate.

Special mention to our students, whose behaviour was exemplary as always – and to those who presented the very moving Liturgy prepared by Ms Tracey Mavromatis.



Next Saturday is All Saints Day. Sunday is Holy Souls day.

November begins the month when we pray for the Holy Souls. If you have special Mass intentions for those departed, please complete an envelope available from the back of the Church.

Our deepest sympathy to the Delmage family (Ryley 3AC & Callum 1VT) - Daniel's sister passed away recently. Please keep them in your prayers.

Prouille Staff enjoyed last Wednesday's Staff Meeting. A representative from the "Mad Science" organisation led the staff through a hands-on session, which was enthusiastically embraced by all present.

Much was experienced and set outcomes achieved – all in line with the Board of Studies' Science & Technology curriculum.

Annual Talent Quest

Auditions are underway for all children from K-6. The Talent Quest will be held on Thursday 27 November.

Parents, you may wish to support your child/ren in final preparation for this much enjoyed event.

Sincere thanks to Bethany and Chalice Pike (Year 6), who are doing a sterling job with the organisation of this special event.

World Teachers' Day – Friday 31 October

The P&F have booked Staff into the Coonanbarra Café for special treats to celebrate this annual event – after school on Friday. We feel very special and valued. Our very sincere thanks to you all.

Julie Price Randall (Principal)

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Head Lice Alert

It is time to be vigilant in checking your child/ren's hair constantly.

Head lice are rampant at present.

Unfortunately, there are no quick fixes and it takes approximately two weeks to complete treatment for head lice infestation.

Research has shown that head lice are becoming increasingly resistant to the common chemicals used in head lice products.

Your consistent attention to his problem would be appreciated.



NSW students shine in national tests

School kids in New South Wales can sure hold their own against their young counterparts from the other states.

NSW students performed exceptionally well in the first national literacy and numeracy tests – proving that the strong NSW curriculum focus on literacy and numeracy is working wonders.

Students in the state performed above the national average in all components of the literacy and numeracy tests across Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NSW has one of the lowest proportions of students who are not reaching the minimum standard for literacy and numeracy.

In all categories of the test, the proportion of NSW students below the minimum standards was less than the national average.

The hard work and dedication of teachers and principals in more than 3000 primary, secondary and central schools across the state, is paying off.

The tests were taken by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students, from all school sectors in every state and territory in May this year.

Nationwide, around a million students sat the test, more than 350,000 coming from NSW schools.

Some of the outstanding achievements include:

- NSW ranked number one for spelling in Years 3, 5 and 7. Year 9 students ranked second.
- NSW students in Year 3 have ranked first for their writing skills, with students in Year 5 ranked number two in the country.
- NSW ranked second for numeracy in Year 5 and Year 9.

(NSW Educational Magazine – Term Four 2008)



Staff from Prouille will attend an Inservice this week on Data Analysis of the Prouille National Testing results.

Standardized Testing K-6 will be held in Week 5 (10 – 14 November).

It would be a great support to Staff if full student attendance could be achieved.

Orientation Morning for Kindergarten children and parents 2009 will be held this year on Wednesday, 19 November, from 9.30 am to 11.00 am.

A reminder to the present Kinder parents that, if possible, could they attend Orientation and provide a plate of goodies for morning tea.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following recipients of these awards: Maddison Bell (1LT), Natasha Williams (1LT), Jacinta McGrath (2P), Isabella Behrens (2P) and Ben Trinder (4H).

Yours sincerely,

Julie Price Randall
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES		
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29.10.08	Wednesday	Talent Quest Auditions- Stage 1. Last day for Book Club Orders.
30.10.08	Thursday	Bishop/Clergy/Principals Meeting.
31.10.08	Friday	World Teachers' Day. 9.30 am – 2.30 pm - St Leo's Orientation Day for Year 7 2009.
1.11.08	Saturday	All Saints Day.
2.11.08	Sunday	All Souls Day.
4.11.08	Tuesday	Talent Quest Auditions – Stage 2.
6.11.08	Thursday	Cluster Meeting for Principals.
7.11.08	Friday	2.00 pm – Band Concert for Students in Hall.
10.11.08	Monday	Standardised Testing Week for K-6. 7.30 pm – P&F Annual General Meeting.
11.11.08	Tuesday	9.00 am – Remembrance Day Liturgy. Milo Cup Cricket Day at Koola Park, Killara.
12.11.08	Wednesday	Talent Quest Auditions – Stage 3.
13.11.08	Thursday	Director/Principals' Meeting.
15.11.08	Saturday	1 pm – 5 pm – Final Working Bee.
16.11.08	Sunday	9.15 am - Kindy Family Mass at Holy Name Church.
17.11.08	Monday	7.45 pm for 8 pm start – Prouille Soccer Annual General Meeting in Hall.
18.11.08	Tuesday	K-2 Sports Tabloid & Picnic at Wahroonga Park. Basketball Gala Day at Brick Pit, Thornleigh.
19.11.08	Wednesday	9.30 am – 11.00 am: Prouille Orientation Morning for New Students 2009.
20.11.08	Thursday	Broken Bay Principals' Association Meeting.
23.11.08	Sunday	Violin/Cello Concert in Prouille Hall.
25.11.08	Tuesday	League Tag Finals at Cliff Oval, Wahroonga. Lunchtime Recital in Hall.
26.11.08	Wednesday	6 pm – 9 pm: Piano Concerts in Prouille Hall.
27.11.08	Thursday	Annual Talent Quest.
2.12.08	Tuesday	7.30 pm – Prouille Band - End of Year Concert.
4.12.08	Thursday	Disco Night for K-6.
12.12.08	Friday	Final School Assembly. String Ensemble to McQuion Park in the afternoon. Student Administration Rollover in Office.
13.12.08	Saturday	7.30 pm - P&F Farewell Celebration for Mrs Julie Price Randall at Pennant Hills Golf Club.
15.12.08	Monday	6.30 pm - Year 6 Graduation Mass.
16.12.08	Tuesday	9 am – 3 pm - Year 6 Fun day at Ryde Aquatic Centre.
19.12.08	Friday	9.15 am – Whole School – Thanksgiving Mass at Holy Name Church. 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 8.50 am – 9.30 am & Thursdays 2.45 pm – 3.30 pm*

PLEASE NOTE: IMPORTANT – NOTIFICATION REQUIRED OF STUDENTS LEAVING PROUILLE

We are currently assessing numbers for Classes for 2009 and this information is vital. We need to be informed as soon as possible about any child who may be leaving Prouille this year.

Please collect, complete and return a Student Withdrawal form as soon as possible to the School Office.

RE NEWS

Last Tuesday, I had the delight of accompanying our Prefects and Captains to the Mission Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara. A feature of the Mass was the Reflection about the meaning of Mission and how we should reach out to others in the school.

I was very proud of the way the Prouille children displayed reverence at the Mass. They were a credit to our school. Thank you to Mrs Pike, Mrs Luttrell, Mrs Turton and Mrs Edmunds for providing transport on the day.

Tracey Mavromatis (Acting RE Coordinator)

SPORTS NEWS

Upcoming Sports Dates

- Tuesday 11 November – Milo Cup Cricket Day at Koola Park, Lindfield
- Tuesday 18 November – Basketball Gala Day at the Brick Pit, Thornleigh
- Tuesday 25 November – League Tag Finals at Cliff Oval, Wahroonga

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

- **Please note: Last day for Book Club Orders – Wednesday 29 October.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE - HAEMOPHILIA ASSOCIATION OF NSW

If you would like to get organised early this year, I have beautiful hand made Christmas cards By Stampin'Up for sale to help support people with Haemophilia.

The cost is \$10.00 for an assorted pack of 4. Samples are available at the office. All proceeds go to the Haemophilia Association of NSW. Payment by cash or cheque made payable to the "Haemophilia Association of NSW". Tax receipt will be provided. If you are interested please place payment in an envelope marked "Christmas Cards" with your Surname, Child's Class and indicate how many packets you would like. Thank you.

Penny Delmage

SOCCER CLUB AGM – MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER

Prouille Soccer Club AGM Monday 17th November, School Hall – 7.45 pm for 8 pm prompt start.

5 members of the 2008 committee will be standing down - including the President, Treasurer and Secretary – so new faces needed fro 2009!

To register interest / nominate email prouillesoccer@gmail.com – for club details go to www.prouillesoccer.com.au

Chris Goldrick 0418 605 596 (Prouille Soccer Club President)

THEORY CLASS

Our next Theory Class will be held on **Thursday 30 October from 8.00 – 8.45 am in Miss Lawrance’s classroom**. If you wish to attend, you need to bring your theory book(s), a pencil and an eraser. There will be **NO Theory Class on 6 November**, as I will not be at Prouille that day.

Janet Wise (Piano Teacher)

2008 PARENT COUNCIL AGM – TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER

Keynote Speaker: Dannielle Miller, Founder & CEO of Enlighten Education

“Beyond Bratz, Britney and Big Brother”

How do we help our kids decode the mixed messages they are bombarded with by the media every day?

How do we guide them to reach their full potential and ensure they know just how truly special they are?

These questions and more will be the focus of a Free Parent Forum evening this Tuesday November 4, 2008 featuring Dannielle Miller, Founder and CEO of Enlighten Foundation (as seen on 60 Minutes).

Dannielle’s presentation will provide parents with real strategies to keep our children and teenagers happy and confident in the face of:

- Negative stereotyping
- Inappropriate and unrealistic media images, and
- An unhealthy fixation with body image

A well-respected and experienced educator, Dannielle is a dynamic speaker who is committed to empowering young people to be happy and confident and reach their full leadership potential.

Tuesday 4th November

7pm: Diocesan Parent Council AGM & Supper

7.30 pm – 9.00 pm: Dannielle Miller, Keynote Speaker

St Agatha’s Primary School (School Hall), Trebor Road, Pennant Hills

The forum is free to attend and is open to all parents. Parents are welcome to attend both the AGM and the Parent Forum. Dannielle’s presentation will begin at 7.30 pm sharp.

RSVP 3rd November – Admin Coordinator – Cathie – Phone 9847 0340 – Email: parentcouncil@dbb.edu.au

Broken Bay Parent Council

Community News

- **ACTION INDOOR SPORTS THORNLEIGH – 8 YR & 9 YR INDOOR SOCCER TEAMS**
Action Indoor Sports Thornleigh would like more 8 Yr & 9 Yr Indoor Soccer Teams for their Wednesday Competition. Games are 4 pm – 4.30 pm (30 mins). 4-a-side plus subs. If you are interested please call **Colin on 9875 2144** or phone **Sally Asnicar on 0417 224 769 (email: pinnacle@hotmail.net.au)** for enquiries.

Brigidine College St Ives

is currently accepting applications for entry
into **Year 7 of 2011**.

For a Prospectus or to arrange a tour of the College,
please contact the Registrar,

Mrs Belinda Stoneham, on 9988 6281.

P&F Roles and Responsibilities

The Executive Committee of the Prouille P&F is comprised of the following positions:

The President:

- a) Provides leadership and direction for the P&F by working co-operatively and collaboratively with the Principal.
- b) Promotes the aim of the P&F in dealings with its members.
- c) Supports the Executive Committee members.
- d) Presides at all meetings. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Executive Committee will elect a person to preside at the meeting.
- e) Ensures the efficient running of meetings.
- f) Prepares the Agenda in consultation with the Executive Committee.
- g) Ensures that Minutes of the previous meeting are endorsed as being an accurate record of what took place.
- h) Prepares and presents the Annual President's Report of the P&F.

The Vice President:

- a) Assists the President in the roles listed above.
- b) Replaces the President at meetings if the President is unavailable.

The Secretary:

- a) Manages the day-to-day communications and records of the P&F.
- b) Organises meetings, records accurate draft minutes and gets them formalised at the subsequent meeting.
- c) Receives and deals with correspondence in a manner agreed upon by the Executive Committee.
- d) Maintains copies of Minutes and such correspondence as is appropriate.
- e) Receives Agenda items.
- f) Passes on records, in good order, to the incoming Secretary.

The Treasurer:

- a) Is responsible for ensuring that all the financial dealings of the P&F are carried out in accordance with Clauses 6.3 and 13.
- b) Receives all monies and keeps appropriate financial records.
- c) Presents, at each General Meeting, a Statement of Accounts showing current receipts and expenditure and a Bank Reconciliation since the last meeting, together with the outstanding balance, and shall present a Bank Statement for notation by the President and Secretary.
- d) Organises the annual Audit of Accounts in accordance with 13.4 and presents the Annual Financial Report of the P&F.
- e) Passes on records, in good order, to the incoming Treasurer.
- f) The Treasurer shall:
 - i. receive all monies and keep accurate records of all such monies received;
 - ii. issue a receipt for all monies received;
 - iii. obtain and keep receipts for all monies paid from the P&F; and
 - iv. without delay bank all monies received intact. No money shall be withdrawn from the said account unless authorised by the P&F.
- g) Prepares each cheque, signs it, attaches relevant invoice or other documentation and presents it to a co-signatory for endorsement.
- h) All books, receipts, vouchers and monthly statements of account shall be made available to the Auditors prior to the Annual General Meeting.

P&F Roles and Responsibilities

The Diocesan Parent Council Representative:

- a) Keeps parents informed about Diocesan Parent Council issues.
- b) Provides written and oral reports to the parents at parent meetings, and arranges for the distribution of newsletters and other communications to parents.
- c) Informs the Diocesan Parent Council about parent concerns and issues.
- d) Keeps in contact with the School Principal and Parish Priest.
- e) Attends Diocesan Parent Council meetings.

The Class Parent Coordinators for each Stage group:

- a) Work with Class Parents to arrange social and other events.
- b) Update the committee on current and future social and other events.
- c) Report on any pastoral care needs requiring action.
- d) Provide feedback from parents.

The Social Events Coordinator

- a) Leads the Social Committee that arranges school wide social activities including the Annual Cocktail Party, Trivia Night, Fathers' and Mothers' Day events etc.
- b) Reports to the committee on the outcomes (including financial) of social events.

The Fund Raising Coordinator (a new role for 2009)

- a) Leads the Fundraising Committee that coordinates the selection and timing of fundraising events.
- b) Liaises with the Class Parent Coordinators and Social Committee in arranging events.
- c) Reports to the committee on the Annual Fundraising Plan and the outcomes of each event.

The Grounds & Maintenance Coordinator

- a) Organises Working Bees including prioritising tasks to be performed.
- b) Reports to the committee on grounds and building maintenance issues needing attention.
- c) Keeps in contact with the School Principal.

The Parish Liaison Coordinator

- a) Keeps parents informed about Parish Council issues.
- b) Provides written and oral reports to the parents at parent meetings, and arranges for the distribution of newsletters and other communications to parents.
- c) Informs the Parish Council about parent concerns and issues.
- d) Keeps in contact with the School Principal and Parish Priest.

The Uniform Shop Coordinator

- a) Manages the day to day running of the Uniform Shop.
- b) Arranges for an annual stocktake of Uniform Shop inventory.
- c) Reports to the committee on the financial performance of the Uniform Shop.



Prouille School Parents and Friends Association

2009 P&F Executive Nomination Form

Please return to Clare O'Connor (via Ben Doyle – KM)

I hereby nominate

for the position* of

on the 2009 P&F Executive Committee.

(Name) _____

(Signature) _____

I second the nomination

(Name) _____

(Signature) _____

I accept the nomination

(Name) _____

(Signature) _____

Forms can be submitted any time up to immediately before the AGM on 10 November.

**Positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Diocesan Parent Council Representative, Class Parent Coordinator (Stage K-2, 3-4 or 5-6), Social Events Coordinator, Fundraising Coordinator, Grounds & Maintenance Coordinator, Parish Liaison Coordinator and Uniform Shop Coordinator*