



PROUILLE NEWS

3 November, 2009

Term 4 Week 3 2009

Dear Parents,

Reflection on the Sacrament of Confirmation received by Prouille students last Saturday:

Bishop David asked the children to try their best to do two things:

1. "Because Jesus is your friend, talk to Him often."
2. "Try your very best to do what Jesus tells you to do."

Bishop David asked the parents to try their best to do two things too:

1. "Try as often as possible in your parenting role to give your children purpose in their lives."
2. "Set a good example for your children."

Congratulations to all children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and thank you to everyone who assisted to prepare the children so beautifully. I make particular mention of our Sacramental Co-ordinators, Bridget Vardy and Jane Baker who should be so proud of what they achieved.

Family Christmas Celebration at Prouille

I can't believe that it's just 'around the corner'.

Prouille School is having a Christmas celebration in just over 2 weeks!

Wednesday 18 November – 3.30 pm onwards

Well known musician and entertainer (in children's liturgical circles), Andrew Chin, will work with all classes during the day on Wednesday 18 November preparing a little Christmas concert that will be presented to the community at 3.30 pm.

Immediately following the concert there will be a picnic for everyone ... so ... please bring a basket of picnic goodies to share after the concert.

Thank you from the School Staff

School Staff sincerely thank parents and friends for spoiling us last Friday on International Teachers' Day.

The Holy Rosary at School in October/ November

Following is a list of the Decades to be prayed in class:

Sorrowful Mysteries

Monday: The Scourging at the Pillar
Tuesday: The Crowning with Thorns
Wednesday: The Carrying of the Cross
Thursday: The Crucifixion

Glorious Mysteries

Friday: The Resurrection

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

PLEASE NOTE THE DATES/TIMES FOR AFTERNOON ASSEMBLIES BELOW:

- 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

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Kindergarten 2010 Orientation – This Friday!

Following is a copy of the note sent to all Kindergarten 2009 families last week. I strenuously urge and warmly invite all parents from all grades to come to the Orientation Morning, Friday 6 November (this week), to share in the “welcome” for our new K2010 families.

Letter to K2009

This is a special request from the P+F and the School for assistance in welcoming the new Kindergarten 2010 families to Prouille. On Friday 6 November (this week) it is the special Kindergarten 2010 Orientation Morning at Prouille!

It has become a Prouille tradition that the present Kindergarten families welcome the new Kindergarten families by doing 2 things:

- 1. Providing Morning Tea*
- 2. Providing a spirit of “welcome”*

If you are unable to attend the morning Orientation for K2010, you can still drop a plate of food off before school starts.

Any parents who are able to stay at school after the whole school morning assembly this Friday are warmly invited to meet in the Hall immediately afterwards. Essentially, it will be terrific if some “established” parents can make the new families welcome. At about 10.15 am, all parents will move to St Thomas’ Playground for morning tea.

Again, it will be appreciated if parents from our present Kindergarten classes can setup, serve and “welcome”.

(The students for K2010 will rejoin their parents at 10.30 am, and this will be the end of the Orientation Morning.)

Wishing you every best blessing.

Philip Ledlin

Class Structures 2010

This is the time of year that teachers begin considering class structures for the following year. As per my discussion with many parents at the beginning of 2009, I place implicit trust in our teachers who have the best understanding of how class groupings should be arranged. At the beginning of 2009 I did not agree to any parent requests re allowing students to be moved from class to class for this very reason. Serious and valid concerns expressed by parents before the end of any year are, or course, considered.

It is common practice in many schools to announce class teachers for the coming year on either the last teaching day of school or the first day back. At this stage, I anticipate that Prouille will announce 2010 class teachers for students on the last teaching day of 2009 (as per procedure in 2008).

Students Withdrawing from Prouille

If students are intending to leave Prouille, it is imperative that parents inform the school in writing **TOMORROW** and complete a Withdrawal Form, which can be picked up from the School Office.

Science Room Clean-out

Thank you to Mrs MaryAnne Haines and her parent helpers – Mary Antoun, Lara Lenehan and Glenda Sella – who spent time last week revamping the school’s Science Resource room.

Thank you

Thank you to the Scarf-Waters Family for the terrific “safety painting” on steps around the school.

Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?

Currently this function is scheduled for next Saturday 7 November. However, the P&F Social Committee will be reviewing numbers this evening to decide whether this event will proceed. The Social Committee will communicate the decision to parents tomorrow.

Reminder: Prouille P&F Annual General Meeting – 7.30 pm Monday 9 November

All parents/carers are welcome to come to the Prouille P&F Annual General Meeting, which will be held in the School Hall at 7.30 pm next Monday evening (9 November). Looking forward to seeing you there.

Staff News re Mrs Lee-Anne Plasto

I sincerely thank Lee-Anne for her terrific contribution to Prouille School for 7 years. Lee-Anne has worked closely with Mrs Jo Neilson in a job-share capacity one day a week; it has indeed been a very successful partnership. Lee-Anne has a few interesting plans up her sleeve for 2010, and on behalf of the Prouille community, I sincerely wish her every best blessing.

Towards the end of the 2009 teaching year, we will find ways to appropriately “celebrate” Lee-Anne’s contribution to Prouille.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Ledlin
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

4.11.09	Wednesday	North Shore Cluster Principals’ Meeting. League Tag Gala Day at Cliff Oval, Wahroonga.
6.11.09	Friday	9.00 am – 10.30 am – Orientation Morning follows 9 am Whole School Assembly.
7.11.09	Saturday	7.15 pm for 7.30 pm Start – “Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?” – in the Prouille Quadrangle – P&F Social Committee will notify parents whether this function will proceed.
8.11.09	Sunday	9.15 am – Parish/School Mass (Year 3).
9.11.09	Monday	7.30 pm – P&F Annual General Meeting in the Hall – All welcome.
10.11.09	Tuesday	North Shore Cluster 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.
12.11.09	Thursday	Bishop/Clergy/Principals’ Meeting.
13.11.09	Friday	9.00 am – 10.00 am – K2010 Playgroup Session 1. 2.00 pm – Education Committee meeting – “open to all” committee. 2.30 pm – Whole School Assembly.
14.11.09	Saturday	1.00 pm – 5.00 pm – School Working Bee – Yr 3 co-ordinating.
17.11.09	Tuesday	Milo Cup – Koola Park, Killara.
18.11.09	Wednesday	3.30 pm – Christmas Celebration Concert – Bring a picnic to share after concert.
20.11.09	Friday	9.00 am – 10.00 am – K2010 Playgroup Session 2.
22.11.09	Sunday	2.00 pm – Prouille String Concert.
25.11.09	Wednesday	6.00 pm – Piano Concert – in the Hall.
8.12.09	Tuesday	6.30 pm – Year 6 Graduation Mass.
16.12.09	Wednesday	Whole School – End of Year Mass at Holy Name Church. Last day of Term 4 for Prouille Students.
17.12.09	Thursday	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free day.
18.12.09	Friday	Staff Development Day – Pupil Free day.

<u>TERM 1 2010 DATES</u>

27.01.10	Wednesday	Staff return for 2010.
28.01.10	Thursday	Years 1-6 students – First day of Term 1 2010.
29.01.10	Friday	Kindergarten students – First day at Prouille – <u>until 12.30pm only.</u> (Please note 12.30 pm for K2010 on 29.1.10 – <u>NOT</u> full day as per error in recent T4 Parent Calendar)
01.02.10	Monday	Kindergarten students – first full day at Prouille.
01.04.10	Thursday	Last day of Term 1 2010.

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*

R.E. NEWS

Mission, Mission, Mission!

*For those who have only one cup of rice a day, we pray for them to get food;
 For those who receive only one dollar a day, we pray for charities to raise a lot of money for those who are poor;
 For those in sadness, we pray for them to be happier;
 For those without proper clothing, we pray for them to get the right clothes;
 For those with leprosy, we pray for them;
 For the three quarters of India who are poor, we pray that they know that we care about them;
 For those who use weapons, we pray that they will learn peace.
 For those who are sick, we pray that they get better.*

By Alexander K (3AC)

Last Thursday the children from K-6 each were involved in a Mission Week Experience within our school hall. The day was designed to complement the RE teaching and learning that has been happening this term, to coincide with October being Mission Month. All classes were most reverent and reflective of how important our call to discipleship is, and how we are the voice for so many in our world in live in unjust situations. The leadership of Emma Andrews, Hamish Morgan, Jessica Gleeson and Robbie Szafranek was truly prayerful and special, and they are to be commended on the beautiful role they played in making this day a memorable one for all. As can be seen from the prayer used above, Alexander and many other children within the school, took with them a thoughtful awareness and found time to reflect in words what this all meant for them.

We thank you for the support we received from the donations made. We will continue receiving donations throughout this week, so as to send it away to Catholic Mission in support of the selfless work they are doing in the communities of Samoa and the Philippines. Please send in your donation with your child in a marked envelope for the office. Thank you.

Confirmation

Congratulations to those children within our school community who celebrated and received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 31st October. The liturgy was truly beautiful and memorable, thanks largely to the wonderful commitment of Mrs Jane Baker and Mrs Bridget Vardy. It was also lovely to see the prayerful support and guidance of parents and extended family members and friends who were present on the day.

Congratulations to the following children: Vanessa A, Patrick B, Corina B, Isabella B, Maddison B, Gahee B, Patricia D, Callum D, Sophia D, Jacob F, Daniel F, Leyton G, Max G, Caitlyn H, Hannah H, Cameron H, Sarah H, Harry H, Olivia I, Abby J, Courtney K, Maegen L, Abbey L, Saskia M, Katia M, Sean Mc, Lauren Mc, Giulia M, Conor M, Daniel M, Abigail M, Harriette N-S, Jack N-S, Ella N, Katie O, Joshua P, Sienna Q, Charlotte R, Matthew S, Charlotte T, Madeline V and Liam Z.

Thank you also to the following children who assisted with the singing alongside the piano accompaniment of Mrs Julie Madden – Kate Nicol, Natalie Oong and Andrea Hajje.

The Month of November

November is our month for remembering the faithful departed. This can bring both joyful memories and feelings of sadness, and we can take all of these to the Lord in prayer. At Prouille, we will be purchasing a Book of Remembrance which will be placed each day of November within our prayer garden. If you would like a name to be contributed to the book, please write it on the slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to me so that it can be added.

Wishing you peace and blessings.

Vanessa Dillon (R.E. Co-ordinator)

YEAR 3 PARISH/FAMILY MASS

Just a reminder that the Year 3 Parish/Family Mass is on this Sunday 8 November at 9.15 am at Holy Name Church. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea after Mass.

Tanya Armstrong (Assistant Principal)

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

We are still having difficulties emailing newsletters to some families. I recently sent home notes to those families concerned. Thank you to those who have replied.

I am still awaiting replies from some families and would like to know whether or not you are receiving the newsletter – please email sue.jones@prouillewhrnga.brokenbay.catholic.edu.au (Some of those families who have replied have indicated that they are receiving the newsletter, even though I receive bounce-back messages here concerning their email addresses.)

Would all those families having problems also please check that their email inboxes are not already full and whether they have a filter in place which may restrict incoming email from the school.

If any family who is not receiving the newsletter email has another email address apart from the one they have already supplied, could you please send the new email address to sue.jones@prouillewhrnga.brokenbay.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your patience and kind assistance.

FAMILY REGISTRATION FORMS

These forms have been sent home to each family. Please return them **by Wednesday 4 November**. Thank you.

HEAD LICE

Please check your child/ren's hair for head lice as this problem is currently occurring in many classes.

SPORTS NEWS

NSWPSSA Track & Field

Last week Vanessa Andersen (5T) participated in the NSWPSSA Track & Field Championships at Homebush. Vanessa competed in the Junior Girls Shot Put placing 9th overall with a personal best throw of 8.51 metres.

Congratulations Vanessa!

League Tag Gala Day

On Wednesday 14 teams will represent Prouille in a League Tag Gala Day at Cliff Oval, Wahroonga. All children from Years 3-6 have been invited to participate. To help the day run smoothly, please note the following:

- Bring a healthy lunch and morning tea
- Lots of water and other drinks
- Hats and Sunscreen
- Girls should wear black shorts or bike pants
- There will be limited canteen facilities

We are all looking forward to a great day!!!

Louise Tamone (PE/Sport Teacher)

P&F NEWS

P&F Annual General Meeting

A reminder to all parents and carers that the Prouille P&F AGM will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 9 November in the school hall. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. This is your opportunity to learn about P&F activities and outcomes for 2009 and consider being part of the P&F in 2010. If you'd like to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the committee, please feel free to call **Angela Schulz on 9449 2005** or **Jenny Bell on 9943 2310**.

Orientation Day

This Friday, 6 November 2009 is the Kindy 2010 Orientation Day. All parents are welcome to attend the morning which will commence at 9 am with Assembly and conclude at 10.30 am. We would love to have a group of existing parents to welcome the new families to our community and answer some questions from the nervous first time parents! Existing Kindy parents are particularly asked to attend and to bring a plate for the morning tea.

Jenny Bell & Angela Schulz (P&F Co-Presidents)

PROUILLE SOCCER CLUB

We had a great turnout at our Soccer Club AGM and have pleasure in announcing a new and re-invigorated committee for 2010.

President – Michael Trinder
Vice President & Registrar – Silvio Sella
Treasurer – Andrew Doyle
Secretary – Pauline Luttrell
Coaching Coordinator – Alireza Ehsani, with the help of a coaching sub-committee
Fundraising & Sponsorship – Anthony Scott
Uniforms Coordinator – Caroline Ho & Megan Mooney
Equipment Coordinator – Ann Latimer
Junior Teams Coordinator – Daniel Delmage
Communications – Katrina Scott
Men's Team – Andrew MacCallam
Women's Team – Jackie Coles
Committee Member - Meredith Baume
Pub night Coordinator – voted unanimously in absentia – Alan Montgomery

It is great to have some new members and shared roles, the more people involved the less work everyone has to do. Next year we would like to encourage more parents to contribute to the club, you can help out by – organizing a social activity, running a sausage sizzle, joining a sub committee like the coaching team, getting involved in fundraising – a critical area for 2010, helping recruit new players ... the opportunities to develop our club are endless. Don't wait to be asked, contact a committee member and let us know what you'd like to get involved in. Our next big activity is organizing registration day held in early February, contact **Silvio Sella (9980 1783)** and let him know how you can help.

Pauline Luttrell (Prouille Soccer Club Secretary)

ENTRY FOR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Family Name: _____ Eldest Child: _____ Class: _____

Person/People we would like to be remembered: _____