



PROUILLE NEWS

9 December, 2008

Term 4 Week 9 2008

Dear Parents,

Last Friday evening saw students from K-6 enjoying the annual Disco. The P&F certainly provided a memorable evening for all. Grateful thanks to those parents who organised, supervised, served pizza and drinks and sold glowsticks. My thanks to all for providing a wonderful evening.

Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner will be held next Monday 15 December. Father Steve will lead Mass at Holy Name Church, beginning at 6.30 pm – followed by dinner at Prouille School Hall.

Please keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for High School.

On Tuesday 16 December the graduates will enjoy a Fun Day at the Ryde Aquatic Centre.

This Friday afternoon Mrs Hutchinson will lead her Prouille String Ensemble through a Christmas musical presentation at McQuoin Park. This annual event provides the Ensemble an opportunity to share their musical talents with others.

Welcome

The Staff will welcome Mrs Vanessa Dillon to Prouille this Friday. Vanessa is the newly appointed Religious Education Co-ordinator at Prouille, beginning in 2009.

Parent Literacy/Reading Program

The final session for those parents enrolled in the three-session program will be this Thursday.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following recipients of these awards: Corey Kirby (6CO), Terence Duggan (6CO), Aaron Wilkie (6CO), Jamie Smith (KM) and Catherine Baxter (KE).



THINKING SKILLS WILL BEST PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS THAT AWAIT THEM IN THE FUTURE, SAYS ROB McEWAN

The new millennium brought with it a wave of educational goal statements advocating the importance of higher-order thinking. That means educators, now more than ever, need to provide learning experiences that guide students to construct meaning rather than simply to recall knowledge.

Learning tasks now require students to demonstrate deeper understanding through the application of knowledge to solve problems. The shift towards the development of student thinking skills is based on the premise that the collection of knowledge alone is not sufficient for young people to function in a complex world.

14 Reasoning Processes:

- Comparing
- Classifying
- Abstracting
- Reasoning inductively
- Reasoning deductively
- Constructing support
- Analysing errors
- Analysing perspectives
- Making decisions
- Solving problems
- Invention
- Experimental inquiry
- Investigation, and
- Systems analysis

“Dimensions of Learning: Teaching Students to think”, Curriculum & Assessment, *Teacher Magazine*, Dec 2008



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PROUILLE STUDENT EXECUTIVE FOR 2009

SCHOOL CAPTAINS	James Freidman & Chloe Vardy
SPORTS CAPTAINS: Blue Red Green Gold	Nathan Khoudair & Julia Fox Shannon Ashton & Jared PejkoVIC Spencer Morgan & Alex Mahoney Bethany Green & Ben Overton
MISSION PREFECTS	Emma Andrews & Hamish Morgan
LITURGY PREFECTS	Caroline Moait & Holly Gannon
MUSIC CAPTAINS	Olivia Johnson & Adelaide Falzon
BUS PREFECTS	Julian Chan & Paddy Adams
PARISH/SCHOOL LIAISON PREFECT	Tatiana Krslovic
LIBRARY MONITORS	To be announced

Yours sincerely,

Julie Price Randall
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

11.12.08	Thursday	Student Administration Rollover in office.
12.12.08	Friday	8.00 am – Pancake Breakfast for Band in the Hall. Final School Assembly. Final Sausage Sizzle for 2008 – hosted by Years 3 & 4. String Ensemble to McQuion Park in the afternoon.
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 at Holy Name Church, followed by Dinner at Prouille School Hall.
16.12.08	Tuesday	9 am – 3 pm - Year 6 Fun day at Ryde Aquatic Centre. Christmas Carols – Lunchtime Recital in Hall.
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. 9.00 am – 10.30 am Uniform Shop open - <u>last minute items only</u> (NO Full fit-outs). Full Fit-outs need to be booked early – Phone Anuiska Matkowski 0408 227 114.
28.01.09	Wednesday	Students return for Term 1.
5.02.09	Thursday	Prouille Swimming Carnival to be held at Hornsby Pool.

 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 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm*

R.E. NEWS

Advent

As we celebrated the Second Sunday of Advent last Friday, we reflected on the need to appreciate God's gifts. The children shared ways we can give gifts this Advent, such as friendship, care, compassion, thoughtfulness and prayer.

God lets us know through His words that we are called to share our gifts with people who need them, not just our family and friends something that the Prouille Community always does beautifully.

Thank You

Thank you to my wonderful Mission, Liturgy & Parish Liaison Prefects: Lulu Luttrell, Peyton Bernhardt, Andrea Hajje, Liam Dummer and Terence Duggan. They have done a great job this year and have shown excellent leadership skills. Their enthusiasm and hard work have been much appreciated.

A special thank to Mrs Julie Madden for sharing her wonderful musical talents at our Masses this year. This has been a great commitment involving many practices and I really wanted to thank Julie for her warmth and willingness to help the children of Prouille.

Of course, all the Masses would not be as prayerful and meaningful without Father Steve. Thank you for bringing the liturgies to life during your homilies and chats with the children.

Tracey Mavromatis (Acting REC)

SPORTS NEWS

Broken Bay Basketball

Congratulations to Bethany Green (5T) and Tatiana Krslovic (5T), who have been selected in the Broken Bay Girls Basketball Team for 2009.

Louise Tamone (PE/Sports Teacher)

RESULTS LIAM DUMMER - 2008 PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES, CANBERRA



Last week I travelled to Canberra for the Pacific School Games.

These are my results:

Synchronized Diving - 2ND Place - Silver Medal

3 Metre Springboard - 5TH Place

1 Metre Springboard - 6TH Place

Liam Dummer (6CO)

PIANO NEWS

Piano Exams

Once again our students did themselves proud with excellent exam results. Congratulations to Izabella Fay & Jacqueline Truong who both received A+ (High Distinction); John Edmunds, Kymberlee Street & Andrea Hayes who received an A (Honours); and Terence Duggan who received a B (Credit), as he did in Oboe too.

These students deserve these exceptional results as they have all worked very hard.

Piano Concert

Two plastic plates were left behind at the Concert. Please collect them from the Piano room.

Janet Wise (Piano Teacher)

JAPANESE STUDIES – MERIT AWARDS FOR TERM 4

Congratulations to the following students for outstanding achievement in Japanese Studies:

3AC Freya Osterberg Prudence Luttrell Rebecca Latimer Faith Felipe	3/4M Yvette Williams William Bernhardt Natalie Oong Dominique Bennett
4H Liam Gilroy Kasia Kopec Kymberlee Street Sylvia Eugene Dit Rochesson	5T Stephanie Robson Caroline Moait Tatiana Krslovic Jessica Gleeson
6CO Lulu Luttrell Erin Goode Paige Kelly Georgia Vumbaca	6F Jessica Raward Lucy Geier Jordan Forestieri Alice Grieve

LIBRARY NEWS



On Thursday 4 December we travelled with Prouille students to Shearers Bookshop at Leichhardt to listen to the amazing Emily Rodda speak about her books. She was very informative, spending a great deal of time answering children's questions, mainly about the Deltora Series. Her illustrator, Mark McBride, drew one of his famous dragons and our very own Isabella Christenson won it for asking the most interesting question on the day. All students were extremely well behaved and we were very proud of them.

Jo Neilson & Lee-Anne Plasto

LUNCHTIME RECITALS

Thank you very much to our final group of musicians who entertained us so beautifully last Tuesday.

Our Violinists - Cameron Hay, Kymberlee Street, Bethany Green and Sylvia Eugene Dit Rochesson – played wonderfully, as did our Pianists – Luke D’Cruz, Ryan Jo, Tom Williams, Jeremy Williams and Charlotte Ryan. Well done to you all.

Christmas Carols

On Tuesday 16 December we will have a Christmas Carol Recital in the Hall at lunchtime, starting as soon as possible. All those who would like to play the Carols they have learned may perform.

Please bring lunch that is not messy!

Moira Hutchinson & Janet Wise (Piano & Violin Teachers)

BAND NEWS

Congratulations to all Band Performers for the outstanding final Concert.

This Friday is Pancake Breakfast – see you at 8.00 am in the Hall.

Amanda O’Brien (Band/Choir Teacher)

UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that Prouille Uniform Shop will be open on **Tuesday 27 January** from **9.00 -10.30 am** for any **last minute** items you may have forgotten! Please note we will **not** be doing any full fit-outs that day. If you have a child who needs full uniform, please contact **Aniuska Matkowski on 0408 227 114** to arrange an appointment. Thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Cathy Stipo (6F), who recently participated in the National Women's Artistic Gymnastics Competition in Canberra. Cathy achieved the following places: 1ST Place on Vault; 2ND Place on Bars & Beam; and 3RD Place on Floor. Cathy's Gymnastics club achieved 2ND Place overall in the Competition. Well done, Cathy!

Community News

- **Christmas Trees "Garden Fresh" For Sale: Support the Scouts 1st East Wahroonga Scout Group**

These trees are cut and transported overnight on Friday 12th December.

Available to you between 7 am – 2 pm on SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER from the Mobil Service Station, Redleaf Avenue, Wahroonga. Cost: \$30 each.