



PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers

As Term 1 draws to a close it is hard to believe how quickly the time has flown and how welcoming and supportive all Prouille staff and Prouille families have been to the new leadership team. A special shout-out to Carol White and Olivia Abernethy for their patience and good humour when answering the hundreds of questions about how we “do things around here.” Their knowledge and willingness to share has made the transition to a new system a lot easier.

It was wonderful to see all the parents and families at our very hastily thrown together Open Classrooms and Morning Tea. I understand that a great many of you work and one week’s notice was short, however, we wanted to get you back in the school as soon as we knew restrictions had been relaxed and before the end of term. In the future we will try to give as much notice as possible and will ensure that we hold such events at varied times during the day and evening to account for the different hours you are available.

At the end of next week we will be sending out a proposed calendar of events for Term 2. I am sure you can appreciate that these events may change and will be added to as more restrictions are relaxed. The calendar is only an indication of what is planned for the term. Feedback has been conflicting regarding Compass notifications. Some have said we are not posting enough, some have said we are posting too much and in the greatest Goldilock’s Conundrum to date...some have said it is just enough. We will continue to try and find the right balance and make sure the temperature of the porridge is “...juuust right.”

YEAR 2 WOMBAT

Mrs Jasmin Rudolph has resigned from her position of classroom teacher on Year 2 Wombat. We wish Mrs Rudolph every success as she moves to a new school. We are currently recruiting the teacher who will fill the role for the remainder of the year and hope to make the announcement in the next few days.

RECESS AND LUNCH TIMES

The students and teachers have been asked to fill in a survey regarding the change to recess and lunch times. While we will definitely NOT be going back to a 20 minute and 60 minute break times, the times may swap as many children would prefer to have a structured eating time later in the day. You would be extremely proud of the way they have expressed themselves and the respectful way they share their opinions and suggest creative ways to solve problems.

CROSS COUNTRY – Wednesday 21st April

We were planning on running our school cross country in the last week of term but all grounds have been closed due to the extreme weather. We have rebooked to secure a date to hold the Cross Country at Knox Grammar School on Wednesday the 21st April (Week 1 Term 2) This will give us just enough time to get our entrants in the North Shore Cluster Cross Country that will be held the following week on Tuesday 27th April. (Week 2 Term 2) Further information will be sent out soon.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NAPLAN 2021 - Years 3 and 5

This week on Thursday the 25th March, we will take part in a “Coordinated Practice NAPLAN test” at 11.30 am. This is to test the system’s readiness and capacity to run the test in May. Students have been using the online practice test environment to get used to the functions. All parents in Year 3 and Year 5 will receive information regarding NAPLAN this year that will occur from the 11th May to the 21st May 2021. The following outlines the proposed NAPLAN dates at Prouille for 2021.

- 25th March - Year 3 and Year 5 Coordinated Practice Test**
- 11th May - Year 3 Writing Test – (Paper based)**
- 11th May - Year 5 Writing Test – (online)**
- 12th May - Year 3 and Year 5 – Reading Test (online)**
- 12th May - Year 3 and Year 5 – Conventions of Language Test (online)**
- 13th May - Year 3 and Year 5 – Numeracy Test (online)**

AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENSUS – AEDC

The Australian Government carries out a national census that measures early childhood development of children in their first year of full-time school. The AEDC is not a test or a ranking system for schools. Census data is used by early childhood educators and health services, local councils, community groups, schools and governments to help plan and allocate the right type of services, resources and support for communities. This year the Kindergarten teachers will complete the online survey for each child during the week starting the 24th May. Kindergarten parents will receive further information in the coming weeks.



ASSEMBLY – Friday 26th March 2.30 pm

We will be holding our school assembly in the hall this Friday at 2.30. All parents are welcome. The Mission Leadership Team will be presenting important information about Holy Week liturgical celebrations and the importance of the Easter Season.

STRING ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE – Friday 26th March 1.15 – 1.45 pm

The String Ensemble will be performing in the hall this Friday the 26th March at 1.15 to 1.45 pm. Please register your interest in coming to this event with the office as we need to make sure we are set-up for the right number of parents and that we comply with COVID-19 social distancing rules for indoors.

HOLY NAME PARISH BULLETIN



From this week we will be sending out the Holy Name Parish Bulletin each week via Compass for all interested parents. As a Catholic school we are working towards strengthening our relationship with the parish and have enjoyed welcoming Fr Paul, Fr Anselm and Deacon Sam to our events so far this year. We look forward to more in the future.

WINTER UNIFORM

Children will return to school in Term 2 (Monday 19th April) in full winter uniform, this will ensure that all students are wearing the same uniform for our school photos in Week 1 of Term 2.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Whole school photos will be taken on Thursday the 22nd of April. (Week 1 Term 2), please ensure that all students are in their full winter uniform at the beginning of term. Information about the process of ordering school photos will be sent out soon.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL, LITURGY, BREAKFAST AND OPEN CLASSROOMS

The P & F will be coordinating events for Mother's Day this year. Diary dates to take note of are:-

- Wednesday 5th May - Mother's Day Gift Stall for students.
- Friday 7th May - Mother's Day Breakfast, Liturgy and Open Classrooms.

DOROTHEA MACKELLAR POETRY AWARDS



Prouille has entered the 2021 Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards! It is a national competition open to anyone from Kindergarten to Year 12 with awards for different categories. Poems can be on any theme and in any poetry form. The optional theme for 2021 is 'Rich and Rare'. More details can be found on the website: <http://www.dorothea.com.au/>

Each student can submit up to three poems. Please email poems to Janet Walker janetwalker43@hotmail.com along with the student's year group and age. Entries close on 30th June.

Everyone who enters gets a participation certificate and there are also some wonderful prizes up for grabs. Get those creative juices flowing!

PROUILLE P & F

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P & F for all that they have done this term. The ice blocks on Friday, the end of term lunch this Friday, the second hand uniform stores, cake stall for Year 6 Graduation, supporting the Open Day and much more. The work you do for the benefit of our students and our school is much appreciated.

Kind Regards

Genevieve Smith
PRINCIPAL



St Dominic's Holy Name Playgroup

Holy Name runs a casual playgroup Monday mornings for children from birth to school age and their parents/carers. Come along for a casual catch up with other adults while the children play with our ever-changing toy collection in our beautiful gardens at Holy Name.

Everyone is welcome!
There is always an interesting and diverse mix of people and we'd love to see you.

Mondays from 9am to 11am

**We meet in the sunroom at
Holy Name Church.**