



PROUILLE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PROUILLE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term 2 and a special welcome to 4 new families that have joined us at Prouille this term. The boys have joined in with school life seamlessly. We have a busy term ahead with reports, parent teacher interviews, gala days, carnivals, and deep learning across the curriculum in all classes. Teachers will be continuing with collaborative coaching with a focus on numeracy outcomes for all students. The school has begun to unpack the new 3-6 Syllabus in preparation for next year. It is with great pleasure I can also confirm that planning and preparation is underway for a whole school musical to be performed in Term 3.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honour Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, but the entire month. The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. The ways Mary is honoured in May is as varied as the people who honour her.

It's common for parishes to have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary's month. Additionally, it's a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary's beauty and virtue. It's also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother's virtue in our own lives.

Mary is Mother – your mother, my mother, everyone's mother – and because she cares for all of us day-in-and-day-out without fail, interceding for us in even the tiniest matters, she deserves an entire month in her honour.

God Bless
Genevieve Smith
Principal

AT A GLANCE

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of Easter

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STAFF MEMBERS WELCOME

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE PROUILLE SERVICE TEAM THIS TERM



JACQUELINE THORNTON SCHOOLS SERVICES OFFICER (ADMINISTRATION OFFICER)

Jackie joins us two days a week in the office on Tuesdays and Fridays. You may recognise Jackie as the Parish Secretary from Holy Name Parish. She comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in customer service and administration as well as invaluable knowledge and connections to the parish and community.

Jackie is a St Ives local and is one of eight children, attending Corpus Christi and Brigidine. She has three children who are grown up, two living in Canada and London and luckily one still remains here!

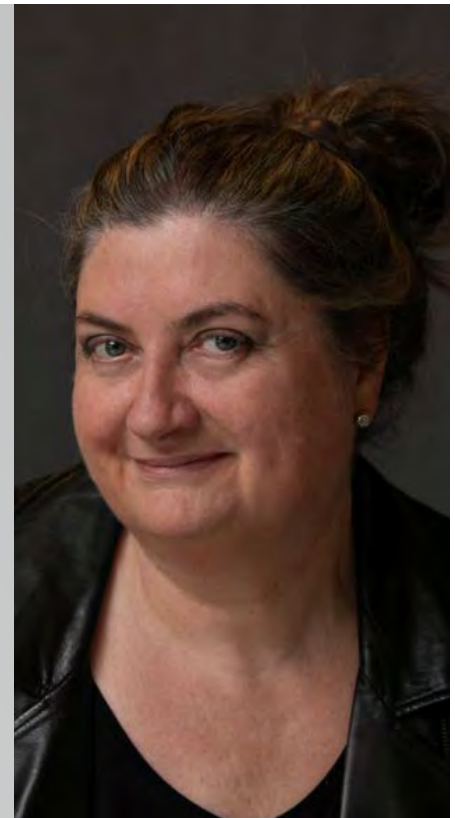
She is a 'people' person who has been fortunate enough to gain a great deal of exposure to a range of age groups in the Parish Office and now here at Prouille.

Welcome Jackie!

JACQUI VAN DE VELDE PARENT ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR (PEC)

The PEC forms part of the Schools Service Team and their role is to provide a link between the school and the parish and ensure that parents are engaged in a variety of aspects of school life. Jacqui has more than 30 years' experience in education, wellbeing, mental health, and community engagement in both a professional and volunteer capacity. She has worked in, and continues to work across, a variety of business, education, and community contexts. Jacqui is a passionate trainer, speaker and advocate for parent and family engagement, positive growth outcomes in education, professional learning networks and continuing education in the workplace, wellbeing, veteran health, and advocacy.

Welcome Jacqui!



PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Praise to you, Risen Christ!

You brought light to the whole world by your Resurrection.

May your Easter light bring peace to our home.

May your Easter light bring peace to the world.

Shine in us.

Light our hearts and minds to know you better, to love you more and more,

and to serve you by shining your light in our family,

for our friends, and to the world around us.

Send your blessing on us and on those most in need of your Light.

Who live and reign with God the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen. Alleluia!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Students from Year 4 and above will begin the sacramental program of Eucharist from next week. We wish all these children the very best as they begin their journey into receiving this important Sacrament. The dates for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Eucharist at Holy Name Church will be on Saturday 17th June at 5pm and Sunday 18th June at 9:30am.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate and give our best wishes to the Castro family who welcomed a new member of the family on the 11th May. Baby Charles was born weighing 3.453 kgs. His brother, Thomas (Kindergarten) will make a wonderful big brother.

FAMILY MASS

Years 1 and 5 enjoyed participating in their Family Mass held on Sunday 7th May at Holy Name Parish. Students enjoyed their roles of reading and walking as part of the Offertory and Gospel Procession. It was great to see the amount of families and friends who got to share this special celebration. Students were even able to play percussion instruments!



ANZAC DAY LITURGY

Prouille commenced Term 2 in a sacred and commemorative way with our school community coming together to remember our fallen soldiers during our special ANZAC Day Liturgy.

We had the privilege of having a live rendition of 'The Rouse' and 'The Last Post' played by Joshua Bradley, as well as 'The Lament' played on the bagpipes by Jason McCallum.

We were honoured to have ex-serviceman, Jim Weston (Grandy of Isis Nardi in Year 5) read the Ode of Remembrance and share some of his real-life experiences of war.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*





CLASSROOM NEWS



YEAR 4 KOOKABURRA

Year 4 have been incorporating digital technologies into their maths lessons with the help of Tech Genius Mrs Lees! This week we coded the Spheros to create 2D quadrilaterals and extended our mathematical thinking by changing the code to create rectangles from squares. What a blast!



IMPORTANT UPDATES

WINTER UNIFORM

Thank you to all parents for sending their children back to school in their winter uniform. Just a reminder that the winter uniform includes a tie for boys that is to be worn with a long sleeve shirt. Boys can wear shorts during winter but need to wear knee high socks if wearing shorts.

SAVE THE DATE - YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS

We have confirmed with Fr. Kelvin Lovegrove that the Year 6 Graduation Mass and Awards Ceremony will take place at Holy Name Parish on Tuesday 12th December at 11.30 with all families and friends invited to join us. The Graduation and Awards Ceremony will be followed by a special lunch for the students in the Prouille Hall.

SEMESTER 1 STUDENT LEARNING REPORTS AND FAMILY CONFERENCES

In Term 2, teachers complete a Semester 1 Student Learning Report that is sent home via Compass in Week 9. Parents then attend a “Family Learning Conference” with their child to discuss the report and highlight achievements while also setting goals for Semester 2. Year 3 to 6 reports will be the same format as previous years. Kindergarten to Year 2’s reports will look slightly different to follow the structure and outcomes of the new K-2 English and Mathematics Syllabus.

ICAS

Prouille will once again take part in ICAS Assessments in 2023 for interested parents. The dates start in August and run through to September. The registration cut off time is 1st of July. Parents organise and pay for children themselves and the school runs the assessments under test conditions during the subject sitting windows. At school. This is completely voluntary, and parents need to opt-in and use the information below to register their children.

Access details for parents

Your school access code is: **YJM356**

Your parent page link is: <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

IMPORTANT UPDATES (CONTINUED)

MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS & PROBLEM SOLVING

The mathematics problem solving program is well underway with all students from Years 3 to 6 taking part. There are numerous activities and tests that students are engaged in with a focus on building explicit problem solving strategies, collaborative skills and persistence. Problem solving sessions are based on the following strategies:

- Draw a picture/act it out
- Guess and check
- Make a table, list or chart
- Use logical reasoning
- Look for a pattern
- Work backwards

These sessions serve as preparation for the various competitions students are engaged in. Years 3 and 4 students are competing in the Maths Explorer program where they work in groups of three to four students to find strategies and solutions to some tricky problem solving questions. Years 5 and 6 students take part in Maths Games where they independently work through a complex set of problems that often require many different strategies to find a solution. A selection of Years 5 and 6 students are involved in Maths Olympiad where they learn major problem solving strategies to strengthen mathematical intuition in preparation for high school and beyond.

ICE BLOCKS & CHIPS

Every Friday, wonderful P&F volunteers sell ice block and chips from the lower playground canteen. This is available to all students. The money raised from selling these items goes straight back to the P&F to support the wonderful initiatives they run throughout the year. We thank them for the support of the school.

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

Part of the requirements of having a P&F at Prouille is the auditing of their financial reports. The P&F are asking if there are any parents or friends of the school that could provide this service for free. Please contact the P&F if you are able to help out.

IMPORTANT UPDATES (CONTINUED)

THANK YOU

Last year we had a visit from two wonderful young men that also just happened to be past students of Prouille. Sam Johnson and Corey Wright both work at S J Landscapes and Gardening and brought with them some lovely plants and pots to gift the school. Sharon Johnson accompanied them and we know she would have assisted in the selection of such beautiful healthy plants. They have certainly livened up the area and we are extremely grateful for the generous gift.



SPORTING EVENTS

CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY

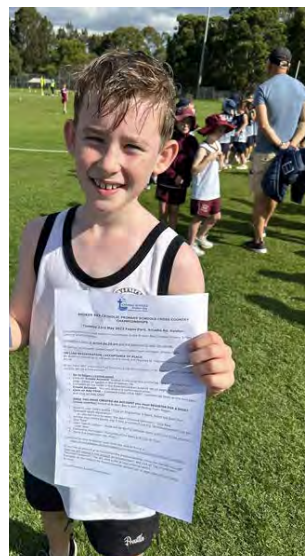
Congratulations to Prouille cross-country team that competed in the North Shore Cluster Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday, 2 May. We saw some amazing performances on the day with every student trying their absolute best and representing the school with great sportsmanship and support.

From their results on the day eight students from Prouille qualified for the CSBB Cross Country Carnival to be held at Galston on Tuesday, 23 May. We would also like to make special mention of Amelia Ogden who placed 2nd in her race.

Year 3 - Amelie Ogden and Skylar Jang

Year 4 - Matilda Quoye, Georgina Quoye and William Fullilove

Year 5 - Luke Ringrose, William Groom and Orlando Cain



SPORTING EVENTS (CONTINUED)

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We are looking forward to the school athletics carnival in Week 8. It is to be held on Friday, 16 June at Bannockburn Oval, Turramurra. Further details will be sent via Compass soon. We will be looking for parent volunteers to assist on the day and the format will mirror last year with all students moving to events together as an age group to encourage maximum participation.

TERM 2 PROUILLE TENNIS

Alan Stopford, a north shore-based tennis coach with over 35 years' professional coaching experience, is offering weekly tennis lessons in Term 2 which will commence on the following dates:

Years 3 to 6 Thursday 25th May

Year K to 2 Friday 26th May

Lessons are from 7:30am to 8:30am. The cost is \$175 per term.

If interested, please contact Alan on 0411 426 554 or email him at stopfordalan@gmail.com

For further information, please see his website: <https://stopfordtennis.com.au>

LIBRARY NEWS

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to these students for completing their Premier's Reading Challenge:

Luke - 1 Lyrebird	Claire - 1 Rosella
Archie - 1 Rosella	Alastair - 1 Rosella
Miguel - 2 Emu	Daisy - 3 Platypus
Alisha - 4 Dingo	Mairead - 4 Kookaburra
Sivani - 6 Wallaby	Adele - 6 Wallaby

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST, LITURGY & OPEN CLASSROOMS

Today we had the pleasure of acknowledging all the wonderful women who play such an important role in our lives, with our Mother's Day Liturgy and Breakfast. It was so lovely to see so many mums, grandmothers, aunts and other special ladies enjoy the breakfast organised by the P&F. Our morning continued with open classrooms and a special liturgy in the hall, presented by Year 2.

We wish all the mums of Prouille a very Happy Mother's Day for this Sunday.



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MERIT AWARDS - TERM 2

2023 Merit Awards Term 2 Week 2

Class	Names
Kindy Koala	Ashley Gibbs & Frederick Eustace
Kindy Kangaroo	Avery Tang & Daniel Eghlima
Year 1 Lyrebird	Lucas Huang & Liza Usoltseva
Year 1 Rosella	Archie Ronald and Edward Mouawad
Year 2 Emu	Audrey Jones, Millie Jordan & Amelia Kuhn
Year 3 Platypus	Sam Indiana & Daisy Meyyappan
Year 4 Dingo	Joseph Slade & Patrick Mouawad
Year 4 Kookaburra	Flynn Murray & Xavier Gonzalez
Year 5 Echidna	Aurelia Bell & Ayan Kapoor
Year 6 Wallaby	Madeleine Goodwin & Annabelle Haigh

TERM 2 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Quick Reference Guide to Upcoming Events for Term 2

[Link to Website Calendar](#)

2023

Week	Date	Event	Grade
4	16/5	Year 4 Bound for Botany Bay Excursion	Year 4
5	23/5	Broken Bay Cross Country	Invited Reps
	24/5	National Simultaneous Reading Day	K-6
6	1/6 to 2/6	Years 5 and 6 Canberra Camp	5 & 6
7			
8	16/6	Prouille Athletics Carnival	K-6
9	23/6	P & F End of Term Lunch	K-6
	23/6	Term 2 Principal's Awards Assembly	K-6
	23/6	Semester 1 Student Learning Report sent out via Compass	K-6
10	26/6 to 29/6	Family Learning Conferences (Students attend with parents) (Parent Teacher Interviews)	K-6
	29/6	Netball and Tag Gala Day	3-6
	29/6	Last Day of Term 2	K-6
	30/6	All CSBB System Staff Development Day	No students

Thursday 29th June
Student's Last Day of Term 2

Monday 17th July - Student's First Day of Term 3

DON'T MISS THIS FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LITERACY SKILLS

CCSP is excited to invite all families who have children enrolled in Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT to join us in a literacy event.

Acclaimed author and scientist, COREY TUTT will read from his book, **THE FIRST SCIENTISTS** to you and your child.

Parents and carers, you can pick up a few tips to help get the most out of reading with your child at home to improve their literacy skills



Corey will read for us on:

- DATE: Tuesday 30 May
- TIME: 6.30PM



First 100 registrations receive a free copy of *The First Scientists*.

One registration per family to ensure as many families as possible can attend.



REGISTRATIONS OPEN
9.00am MONDAY 8 MAY.

Click [HERE](#) to register now or scan the QR Code below by 29 May to receive one of 100 copies before the event.



Corey Tutt OAM is a proud Kamilaroi man and Young Australian of the Year for NSW 2020.

He is the CEO and founder of the charity DeadlyScience.

In 2022 Corey was awarded an Order of Australia medal in recognition of his service to Indigenous STEM education.





DOM'S PLACE TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

WHEN

Friday 2 June 2023
6.30pm - 9.30pm

WHERE

Magpies Waitara
11-37 Alexandria Parade

COST

\$50.00
per ticket

Dom's Place supports men, women and families experiencing homelessness or social isolation. Let's celebrate the great outcomes Dom's Place has seen to date! Your support will keep our door open and light the path for those needing this essential service.

**OUR SITE IS UNFUNDED & COSTS \$140,000 PER ANNUM TO OPERATE.
WE RELY HEAVILY ON COMMUNITY GRANTS & DONATIONS.**

James Breko will be our Trivia Host for the evening - he is absolutely awesome and we guarantee you will have a ball. 6.30pm arrival for a 7.00pm start. Nibblies will be provided.

Over 18's only.

BUY TICKETS



SAFETY AROUND SCHOOLS

The Facts!

FACT SHEET 4

Walking and Riding Safely to School

We all want our children to arrive at school safely and on time. But this doesn't have to mean driving them right to the school gate. Walking or riding all or some of the way to school reduces congestion and improves road safety around the school as well as promoting physical activity and reducing our carbon footprint.



KEY MESSAGES FOR KIDS TO STAY SAFE WHEN WALKING AND RIDING:

- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! every time you cross a road or driveway.
- Stay alert, look up – don't get distracted by your phone.
- Use pedestrian crossings where possible.
- Always wear a helmet when riding a bike, scooter or skateboard.
- Take extra care around trucks and buses – they can't always see you.



HOLDING HANDS

Until your child is at least 8 years old, hold their hand:

- On the footpath.
- In the car park.
- When crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.



IT'S TOO FAR TO WALK!

If you find walking all the way to school too difficult or too far, drive some of the way and park at least a block or two away and walk with your child the rest of the way.



SAFETY DOOR

If you do need to drive, always ensure your children get out of the car through the 'Safety Door', away from passing traffic. This is the rear footpath side door of the car.





School Student Travel

May 2023



School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to [apply](#) or [update](#) their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

New Student Opal cards (including new Term Bus Passes) will be sent to the student's nominated postal address within two weeks of their application being approved.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes.

Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Opal terms of use](#).

All students are required to comply with the [Student code of conduct](#). The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.

Further information can be found at transportnsw.info/school-travel
Enquiries can be submitted at transportnsw.info/passes-concessions-feedback

What others have said...

"An **enjoyable** and very **grounded** experience of spirituality for men."

"A **great weekend** of talking, eating, laughing and prayer."

"Offers a **clear vision** for being Catholic and Christian in the contemporary world."

"The format and talks helped me to **confront issues** in my life - really helped me to go outside myself - found the weekend format terrific."

"Offers something **practical** and **down-to-earth** that most Catholic guys can relate to."

"I was very impressed with the **enthusiasm** and **friendliness** of the team and all the participants in general. I gained a lot from the weekend."

"Thank you for a great weekend. You have **inspired** my faith."

"The weekend was a great opportunity for men to come to be together and be **set on fire**. The vision of menALIVE was well presented and the format enables practical ways this could be accomplished."

"This is something **the Church desperately needs**."



men ALIVE men's weekend

when was the last time you felt
FULLY ALIVE?

Saturday May 27th &
Sunday May 28th 2023
Finishing 1:30pm
PLEASE RESERVE THE DATES

Harrington Hall Our Lady of Dolours,
94 Archer Street, Chatswood

menALIVE is a National Catholic Ministry to Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church.

The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

Through a variety of events and programs, men are invited to explore what God would want for their lives and how they might come to experience the fullness of life that God wants for us all.

www.menalive.org.au

God is glorified when men are fully alive
St Irenaeus

menALIVE Men's Weekend

27th MAY / 28th MAY 2023
Harrington Hall, Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood
94 Archer Street CHATSWOOD NSW 2067

PROGRAM

SATURDAY

Registration 8am - 8:45am
Day 1 ends at 8pm
Lunch, BBQ Dinner & Refreshments Provided

SUNDAY

Start 8:30am
Mass 12:30pm
Finish 1:30pm

INVESTMENT

\$50 per person (concessions available)
Includes: Workshops, morning and afternoon tea and BBQ dinner on Saturday.

RSVP: 19th May 2023

ENQUIRIES:

Name: Peter Woo
Phone: 0403 030 016

OR

Name: Steve Lia
Phone: 0412 667 657

Email:

steve.lia@menalive.org.au
pwoo2010@gmail.com

Other Important information:
Please advise if you have any
SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS?

Buy tickets / register online:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CHDBW>



Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Parish: _____

Payment Details

I am paying by:

- Cheque
 Direct Deposit
 Credit Card

Cardholder: _____

Card Number: _____

Expiry: _____ - 2 0 _____ CVV: _____

If paying by cheque, make payable to:
Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood

If paying by Direct Deposit:
Account Name: Chatswood Parish Working A/C
BSB: 062-784 Account Number: 100001609
Use menALIVE as the reference

Return this form to:
Our Lady of Dolours Chatswood
P.O. BOX 1446
CHATSWOOD NSW 2057

Rediscover God's presence and purpose for your life



The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for men to explore what makes them feel fully alive.

During the weekend, the menALIVE team will share about their lives, the challenges they face and the hope they have discovered in seeking to walk this journey with God.

Perhaps the most important thing the weekend offers is space for men to reflect and opportunities to share with one another about themselves and their lives.

The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission.

The weekend is organised by men in your local community and conducted by an experienced team of menALIVE leaders. It is suitable for all men from 18 years of age.