



20<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Dear Parents and friends,

Please accept my apologies for not distributing a formal newsletter this week as we are very short staffed in the office.

We are told that Mrs Bisazza will return to Holy Trinity on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August and we thank Mrs Edwards for filling in for her while she is recovering from heart by pass surgery.

Miss Loulach is safe on World Youth Day Pilgrimage, in the Philippines working with children in a school in Bohol. We welcome Miss Carroll to the stage 2 teaching space in Miss Loulach's absence.

Mrs Fernandes is on long service leave for two weeks and we welcome Miss Sayhoun in Kindergarten for this period of time.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015, the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome was opened to signify the beginning of the Holy Year of Mercy.

Following this, holy doors were designated in dioceses, our main door being at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. This Holy Year of Mercy is a time for the Church to re discover the meaning of her mission and to be a sign and an instrument of the Father's Mercy.

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, how can we show the face of Christ to all?

### **The Corporal Works of Mercy are:**

- ❖ bury the dead,
- ❖ comfort the sick,
- ❖ give drink to the thirsty,
- ❖ give food to the hungry,
- ❖ visit the imprisoned,
- ❖ offer shelter to the homeless,
- ❖ clothe the naked

### **The Spiritual Works of Mercy are:**

- ❖ comfort the sorrowful,
- ❖ counsel the doubtful,
- ❖ instruct the ignorant,
- ❖ pray for the living and the dead,
- ❖ admonish the sinner,
- ❖ bear wrongs patiently,
- ❖ forgive offences willingly.

How can we feed the hungry and offer shelter to the homeless. Who are the hungry and homeless in our lives? How can we forgive others willingly or instruct the ignorant? Maybe it is as simple as loving one another and doing unto others as we have them do unto us.

Let us take some time in our families this week to talk about how we can be the face of Christ to all.

**Way of Mercy:**

In a few weeks on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August we will be celebrating with Delany College and the Parish a Way of Mercy prayer service, 9.00-11.30. This will be a highlight of our celebrations for this Holy Year of Mercy here at Holy Trinity. Please mark this date in your calendar and we would hope that as many parents as possible will join us in prayer.

**Maintenance:** Over the holidays we had builders, painters, tilers and cleaners working to complete maintenance at our school. You may notice the undercroft and canteen areas have been painted along with all the grills that open onto the playground.

**Technology:** We have purchased 30 chrome books for stage 2 and 30 ipads for stage 3. We thank you for your continued generosity when we have fund raising activities to pay for these.

**Opal cards:** Please note parents, that students catching buses will need to produce their opal cards daily. If they do not have them they will be charged for their bus travel.

**Families leaving assembly before prayer:** I have noted many families are leaving our afternoon assemblies before we have prayed. We value prayer and are teaching the children the importance of prayer in their lives. Please support us in our work by respecting our prayer times.

**Attendance:** Thank you the parents who are ensuring their children attend school daily.

- If your child is away for any reason it is a **legal responsibility** that you inform the school in writing as to the reason for this absence.
- Please try to avoid taking children to appointments during school hours.
- On Monday there were 32 children absent, please make a note of when school commences each term. On the last day of term 2 there were even more students absent.
- **A note is required for ALL absences.**

This afternoon we welcome our colleagues from St Oliver's at Harris Park. They will join us as we learn about teaching Multiplicative Thinking to your children in Maths this term.

Wishing all families a very peaceful and successful term 3.

God bless



Helen Boyer  
Principal