



Holy Trinity School Granville **NEWSLETTER**



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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the 2016 academic school year. Students, teachers, parents and parish community all need to be connected.

On the 21st January, Mrs Press, Mrs O'Leary, Ms Salkeld and myself joined the leaders across our diocese in a day of learning. Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Schools, opened our school year with the theme "Everything is connected".

Greg said "Everything's Connected was taken from Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, *Laudato si'*, which calls for humanity to accept shared responsibility for the care of nature and our human relationships in a changing world."

Our school needs the support of all parents. Each one of you has his or her unique contribution to make; some special quality that can help build a community that really cares for children. Let us pray that all parents will experience a sense of warmth and welcome, and that there will be a rich sense of sharing of ideas, talents and enthusiasm as together we go about our work of helping our children to grow and learn.

Lord Jesus,

Help us to recognize your presence in each other.

May friendships flourish within our community.

Fill us with a sense of peace.

Inspire us to listen to, have patience with each other, to share with courage and generosity, and to welcome the ideas of all, in support of our children.

This year may we strengthen our friendships, build our community and increase our confidence in ourselves and our school as we work together in 2016. Amen.

Our School Goals for 2016 are:

Religious Education

For all students to have a deeper understanding of the gospel and its application to their Catholic lives.

Literacy

By the end of 2016 all students will demonstrate growth in reading by using various comprehension strategies to understand texts at the literal and inferential level.

- Students in Years K & 1 to improve two clusters in the DEC Literacy Continuum (Reading texts and Comprehension)
- Students in Years 2 - 6 to improve two clusters in the DEC Literacy Continuum (Comprehension) and show growth in answering literal and inferential questions as evidenced in PAT-R scale scores.

Numeracy

To move 1 growth point across all domains school-wide (with a focus on vulnerable students and their accelerated growth) with an accelerated growth in Addition and Subtraction.

We welcome **ALL parents** to attend our beginning of the year Mass on Friday 5th February at 9.15am.

"Above all, hold unfailing your love for one another since love covers a multitude of sins. Practise hospitality ungrudgingly to one another." 1Peter 4:8-9

May we all follow our school motto of

LOVE SERVE HOPE.

Helen Boyer

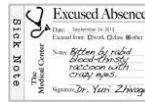
Helen Boyer,
Principal

Attendance

What should I do if my child has to stay away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, it is important to tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may:

- send a note or email to the school
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.



All absences must be explained to the school.

Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance.

The Principal of the school has the right to question parents' or carers' requests for their child to be absent from school. Principals are also responsible for deciding if the reason given for an absence is justified. For this reason, Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation for long or frequent absences explained by parents as being due to illness. If Principals don't consider an explanation to be satisfactory, they will record the absence as unjustified.

Regular attendance at school is the best indicator of success.

Holidays

As part of the implementation of the National Standards, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be **included as absences**. **A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose.**

Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel during school term is necessary the following considerations apply:

- If the Principal accepts the reason for the absence as justified, the absence will be marked as "L"
- If the Principal does not believe the absence is in the student's best interests and does not accept the reason, the absence is unjustified and will be recorded as "A"
- If the period of absence is in excess of 50 days, the student may be eligible to enrol in Distance Education.

Helpers Needed

- We are looking for parents from Years 1-6 to cook the BBQ to welcome Kindergarten children and their family to HTG on Monday 8th February - 4.30-5.30pm.
- Next Tuesday 9th February is Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday. We are looking for parents to cook and serve pancakes for the students - 9-11.00am.

If you can help on any of these days, please contact the school office for further details.

Helpers to Cover Books in Contact

Can you help with covering new reading material for the school?

The school will provide you with everything you need:

the contact and a demonstration on how to cover books in clear contact.

All we need is **your time on Thursdays** in the school library.

If you can help, please see Mrs Bisazza in the office for more information.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

Next week we celebrate Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. We will have a liturgy at school in MacKillop Hall at 9.15am.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

The law of fasting, binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year, the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year.

School Uniform

All uniforms are purchased from:

OZ Fashions

115-127 Parramatta Road Granville

Trading Hours: Monday – Friday 9am – 5.30pm
Saturday 9am – 4pm

Phone: **9897 3121**

Web: **www.ozfashions.com.au**

School hats, Library/Excursion Bags and Hair Accessories can be purchased from the school office.

2016 Staff List

Principal: Mrs Helen Boyer

Assistant Principal: Ms Kathryn Salkeld

Religious Education Co-ordinator: Mrs Amy Press

Co-ordinator 2: Mrs Michelle O’Leary

Co-ordinator 1: Miss Claudette Loulach

Kindergarten: Miss Jessica Rapesoska

Year 1: Mrs Kim Veale

Year 2: Mrs Lyndall Conley

Year 3: Miss Claudette Loulach

Year 4: Mrs Mary Georges

Year 5: Mrs Michelle O’Leary

Year 6: Mr Nicholas Stevens

Teacher Librarian: Mrs Caroline Taouk

Learning Support: Helena Fernandes (Kindergarten), Sister Maria Doan (Kindergarten)
Amy Press (Stage 1), Kathryn Salkeld (Stage 2), Therese Salt (Stage 3)

Reading Recovery Teachers: Amy Press, Helena Fernandes

EMU Specialist Teachers: Therese Salt, Kathryn Salkeld

Release from Face to Face Teaching: Kathleen Craft, Lisa Ibrahim

Co-ordinator 2 Release: Stephanie Finch

Secretaries: Rose Borg, Maria Bisazza

Teacher Aid: Margaret Foley



Sport/Gymnastics and Library Days:

	Sports Uniform	Library Borrowing
Kindergarten:	Thursday	Wednesday
Stage 1(Yr 1 & 2):	Thursday and Friday	Wednesday
Stage 2(Yr 3 & 4):	Wednesday and Friday	Wednesday
Stage 3 (Yr 5&6):	Wednesday	Thursday

Skoolbag App

Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smartphones. It provides access to key school information via one single Communication Centre for both parents and students.

Ideal for:

- School notification alerts
- School newsletters
- School RSS feeds
- School events
- School documents
- School social media

For information on how to install Skoolbag on your smartphone, please contact the school office for more information or find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

Canteen - Mel's Tasty Bites

The canteen now operates at Holy Trinity 5 days per week. A Price List / Menu was sent home for ordering lunches. Please contact the school office if you need another copy.

The School Opal Card

The School Opal card is only for travel to and from school on approved modes of public transport and doesn't cover travel to activities away from school.

Students who had a pass in 2015 and are eligible for travel in 2016 will automatically receive a School Opal card.

Parents will need to complete the online application form at www.transportnsw.info/school-students, print form and bring it to school for verification if:

- * Applying for the first time
- * Progressing from Year 2 to Year 3
- * Requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.
- * Enrolling in Kindergarten
- * Changing name, school and/or address

Applications must be made by a parent or legal guardian of the student if aged under 16 years. Applications are subject to eligibility criteria.

Free travel is a privilege that can be taken away if official Codes of Conduct aren't followed.

Students should remember to:

- * Tap on and off every time.
- * Always travel with a valid ticket.
- * Respect transport staff, transport property and fellow travellers.
- * Offer a seat to paying customers without being asked.
- * Be mindful of safety at every stage of a transport journey.

New Baby Girl

Congratulations and best wishes to the Young family on the recent birth of Amelia Jones, a new sister for Nathanul (Year 3).

Born: 19th December 2015

Weight: 2570gms



Birthday Celebrations

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday in **January & February**:



Gabriella Batistic, Victoria Blandon,
Eriolin Goodridge, Benton Setefano,
Taleeyah Romanos, Christopher Attie,
Dylan Hur, Danton Sewell,
Kiaser Anae Roberts, Cassandra Nguyen,
Lyncoln Cliffe, Alexa Garzon, Philip Juana,
Peter Lichaa, Joseph Nader, Donny Cai,
Joseph Azar, Matthew S Miranda,
Zoe Fitzpatrick, Emilia Shamaa,
Charles Bollozos, Brandon Ghazarian,
Daniel Depares, Elise Latu, Magie Bui.

Reminder:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If your child is celebrating their birthday and wishes to celebrate with their class, please send in cupcakes or doughnuts, which are easy items to share.

Please **do not** send in large cakes, which need to be cut up, or lolly bags.

Thank you for your support.



Calendar Dates

Friday 5 th February	- Beginning School Mass – 9.15am
	- Induction of School Leaders
Monday 8 th February	- Kindergarten Welcome BBQ & Disco – 5.30pm
Tuesday 9 th February	- Kinder parents meet the teacher at 6-7pm
	- World of Maths Incursion
	- Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 10 th February	- Ash Wednesday
	- Liturgy in MacKillop Hall – 9.15am
Friday 12 th February	- Census Day
Tuesday 16 th February	- Years 1-6 parents meet the teacher - 2 sessions - 3.30-4.30pm and 6-7pm

