



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Friends,

There will be no newsletter in week 11.

So just to recap on what has happened this term and what is still to come:

We have

- celebrated beginning of the year liturgy and Catholic Schools Week Liturgy
- Installed all our student leaders
- assessed all students in Numeracy and Literacy
- analysed all data
- met regularly in teams with leaders within our school and the Catholic Education Office to plan and implement appropriate teaching and learning for all students
- had weekly conversations between teachers and leaders about your children and their progress
- met with parents to outline the learning for 2017
- celebrated Catholic Schools Week in acknowledging the great cultural diversity that we embrace daily here at HTG
- participated in a Maths activity day
- Stage 3 excursion to Sydney Symphony Orchestra Performance at Riverside
- Stage 2 excursion to Hyde Park Barracks
- commenced our Lenten journey through Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday celebrations and supported Project Compassion
- congratulated our neighbours Delany College on 75 years of Catholic Education
- welcomed our Bishop Vincent to our beautiful school community on Ash Wednesday and St Patrick's Day
- participated in cross country as a whole school event
- celebrated assemblies led by Stage 3 and Stage 2
- continued our teacher and leader professional learning to keep all staff members updated on current trends in teaching and learning
- commenced a journey with the parent rep council
- had coffee with the Principal morning
- celebrated our learning each week with a new growth mindset
- had Monday morning fun with WHO AM I competition to get our minds thinking, ready for the week of learning
- Easter raffle fund raiser
- our Junior Joeys have established a partnership with the Jesuit Refugee Service
- had the NRL visit and teach our Stage 3 students
- participated in an anti-bullying campaign
- delivered quality teaching and learning daily
- participated with families in personalised planning meetings

Are our teachers, students and leaders working hard, yes they are. "Are we there YET?" No but we will "keep on keeping on" to ensure the very best for your children.

Thank you and congratulations to all, this is a wonderful community to belong to.

I wish you all the peace and blessings of Lent and the Easter season.

Love Serve Hope

Helen Boyer

Helen Boyer
Principal

96%
Attendance
for week ending
17/3/17

Bishop Vincent Visits HTG



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

Our enrolments period is now open for Kindergarten 2018. If you have a child who will turn 5 by 31st July 2018 they must enrol for school for next year.

Please collect an enrolment package from the school office and return the completed form with all the required documentation by 30th June 2017.



EASTER RAFFLE



Thank you to everyone who has been donating Easter eggs so that we can make up baskets to be raffled on Wednesday 5th April. **The more donations the more prizes we will have.**

Thank also the families who have already sold tickets and returned the money to school. Please remember to sell tickets to family and friends, at no time are our students required to go door to door selling tickets.

Tickets will also be on sale each morning in the playground from next week.

Correction:
Please note the STAGE 2 ASSEMBLY is tomorrow, Friday 23rd March, not 31st March as indicated last week.

Easter Basket Working Bee

Monday 27th March from 9 to 11.00am. If you are able to come along and help make up baskets, please do so. "Many hands make light work."

Cross Country

Friday 31st March from 9am to 12pm in the Holy Trinity School playground area, all welcome especially parent helpers.

Rubbish Free Friday

Be prepared to take home all rubbish on **Friday 7th April** (last day of school).

Our bins are emptied on Thursday 6th April and we don't like to leave rubbish in our bins over the holidays.

Bullying, NO WAY!

Have you ever been bullied by someone? Scared to come to school because someone is threatening you? Worried, scared, depressed? Well you should never feel like that because school is a place to learn and have fun, not a place for bullying and sad faces.

First of all, what is bullying?

Bullying is when a group of people or one person who has more power than someone else deliberately attacks them repeatedly. The word power in bullying means being more popular, stronger or having others who are popular to defend you. People can bully you physically, isolate you socially and say or do things (for example, spread rumours) to make you stand out. Bullying can happen online or in person.

Bullying is awful and you can't stop it. It is unacceptable and you have the right to feel safe and happy at school.

Bullying has a big affect on people and some of the outcomes of bullying **AREN'T** good. You can ignore bullies in a variety of different ways.

- You could ignore them and walk away.
- Act unimpressed by the bullies words and pretend you don't care.
- If you want to talk back use strong, convincing and assertive statements.
- Talk to an adult about the issue.
- Get your friends to speak up for you, but remember, if they are in the same situation you should help them too!
- If you feel brave enough, try to sort out the problem with the people involved.
- Stay positive! Think about people who love and care for you.
- If the bullying has been happening for a long time, Tell an adult.

How to prevent bullying:

- Hang around with friends you respect you and support you.
- Be nice to everyone and hopefully they will be nice back to you.
- Do not encourage your friends to bully others!
- If you see others bullying someone or your friend being bullied, stand up for them and sort out the problem together to solve it.

Last Friday at HTG the teachers shared their thoughts on bullying. The children and teachers made posters to share their message. Even Bishop Vincent joined in and put his message and photo on a poster. Have a look at all the posters in the canteen and undercroft areas.

At HTG we are committed to make sure everyone feels safe and happy at school and that is what school is for, fun and learning!

By Joshua Rajadurai

QUALITY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SURVEY

Seventy randomly selected parents were given the Quality Catholic Schools Survey to complete.

Thank you to those parents who have already completed their survey online or returned it to school. Please ensure the survey is completed by Friday 31st March.

Your assistance will help us get an all-round picture of what we do well here at Holy Trinity and what areas we need to improve.

Birthday Celebrations

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday in

March:

Joseph El Khoueiry, Jason Wen,
Jeremiah Taliauli, Achan Akot, Anger Akot,
Vinz Danganan, Issa Jalloh,
Carter Weber, Grace Batistic,
Hannah Joseph, Laavenyia Rajadurai,
Ephraim Camara-Macauley,
Sebastian Roughley, Mohamed Bah



Students of the Week **Week ending 17/3/16**



Kindergarten	-	John Tawk
Year One	-	Jacob Ghazarian
Year Two	-	Laasya Gaddi
Year Three	-	Joel Buultjens
Year Four	-	Magie Bui
Year Five	-	Elvis Nguyen
Year Six	-	Raynesh Shrestha



Calendar Dates



Friday 23rd March	-	Stage 2 Assembly – 2.45pm
Monday 27th March	-	Easter Basket Making – 9 to 11am
Friday 31st March	-	Cross Country – 9 to 12pm
Monday 3rd April	-	Back up Cross Country (if needed)
Wednesday 5th April	-	Easter Raffle Draw – after lunch
Friday 7th April	-	Palm Sunday Liturgy – 9am
	-	Rubbish Free Friday
	-	Last day of Term 1
Friday 14th April	-	Good Friday
Sunday 16th April	-	Easter Sunday
Monday 24th April	-	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - Students do not come to school
Tuesday 25th April	-	ANZAC Day
Wednesday 26th April	-	ALL Students Start School for Term 2
	-	ANZAC DAY – “WE REMEMBER”
Thursday 27th April	-	EASTER LITURGY – 9.15am – all welcome
Friday 12th May	-	Mother’s Day Stall
Sunday 14th May	-	Mother’s Day
Monday 15th May	-	Winter Uniform