



NEWSLETTER



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A message from Mr Greg Whitby, Executive Director of Education for the Diocese of Parramatta.

Please reassure parents and carers that we are working with the Federal Government to reach a fair and equitable funding agreement for Catholic systemic schools. We have been in contact with a number of our local members to express our concerns. I am well aware of the financial pressures that so many of our families face, and that there is currently no consideration being given to fee rises.

Dear Parents and Friends,

Our school is focussed around **Love** of God, love of self and love of others, **Service** to others and **Hope** for eternal life in the Kingdom of God, hence our motto of **Love, Serve, Hope**. We value, teach and model our Catholic faith and tradition daily in our work. We value the dignity of each individual. We strive to have a welcoming and hospitable atmosphere in our school. We believe that every child has the right to learn and feel safe, secure, valued and respected. We believe that teachers and parents are partners and we celebrate the multicultural nature of our community.

I hope that we don't need to be reminded of these statements that they become second nature to us all. But it is good for us all to take time to reflect and ensure we have not lost focus and that we are carrying out our role at HTG either as student, parent or teacher.

At the minute we are welcoming enrolment for 2018, it is my aim that those presenting their children for enrolment will notice these characteristics from their first encounter with our school.

Thank you parents for the way you are always ready to lend a helping hand. We are always grateful of your support.

On Wednesday, May 31st we will have our first **Celebration of Learning** at HTG. This gives an opportunity for you and your families to celebrate, encourage and value the learning that takes place in our school. Parents will have two opportunities, morning and afternoon, to visit classrooms and I encourage you not to just visit your child's classroom but visit other learning spaces, maybe the stage above your child's current stage and see what they will be learning in the future and how our children progress in their learning as they move through each stage. A separate invitation and program will be distributed soon.

We will also have a very important learning time for parents while the children are at the disco. More information next week. We will be finished by 6pm so that our families that love their footy can get home for State of Origin, go the BLUES.

Our school has recently been audited for educational purposes as well as work health and safety. We have been commended in both areas for our diligence in our teaching and learning programs and our safety for all.

This week we have had members of the Catholic Education Office observing and supporting our teachers and students on Kindergarten and stage 1. At Holy Trinity, we acknowledge that we are all lifelong learners and we are open to others sharing their expertise with us so that we can continue to grow our children and teachers in their learning. Thank you to all who participated in this "on the job" learning. We are so fortunate.

A very happy mother's day to all our mums we hope it is a lovely day with your children.

**As a mother
my job is to take care of the possible
and
trust God with the impossible.
Ruth Bell Graham**

Love Serve Hope

Helen Boyer

Helen Boyer
Principal

97.7%

**Attendance
for week ending
5/5/17**

Mother's Day Thanks

Thanks and appreciation to the following who donated items for the Mother's Day raffle prizes.

Bausse family, Batistic family, Bou-Francis family, Brennan family, Diab family, Chen family, Fitzpatrick family and Miss Loulach

Thanks also to the following parents who generously gave their time to wrap and arrange the prizes for the Mother's Day raffle.

Mrs Bou-Francis, Mrs El-Hajj, Mrs Faddoul and Mrs Salloum

Thank you to all the mothers, grandmothers and significant mother figures in our children's lives who were able to attend the Mother's Day Mass, go into the classrooms and stay for morning tea with the children. We hope you enjoyed your time at HTG.



Your presence is appreciated by the children and staff at HTG.

House Team Names

Thank you to Mrs Conwell for suggesting we have house names for our sport teams. The house team names will be:

CAMPION	-	Yellow
MACKILLOP	-	Red
GILROY	-	Blue
DELANY	-	Green

Father Champion was the Parish priest at Holy Trinity Granville for 32 years and he was a student at Holy Trinity from Kinder to Year 4. He was a person who demonstrated his faith in all he did. He was a humble, caring priest who was well loved by the entire community.

Mary Mackillop was the foundress of the sisters of Saint Joseph. She worked to ensure that the poor were educated, she visited HTG and of course we often refer to her motto of "Never see a need without doing something about it".

Cardinal Gilroy was the first Australian born Cardinal. He was a veteran of the Gallipoli Campaign in 1915. He was cardinal of Sydney when our school was opened and you can see his name on the plaque at the entrance to the school.

Daniel Delany was the founder of the Patrician Brothers and the Brigidine Sisters. He was born in Ireland in 1747 and grew up in a time where the catholic faith was not allowed to be practiced. Our neighbouring school is called Delany after Bishop Daniel Delany. We are trying to develop closer connections between Delany College and HTG.

This is just a little information about each for you to share with your children. One thing in common is that they all had a part to play in the history of HTG.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2018 - CLOSING SOON

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 as soon as possible.

Only a few places left.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Cross Country and to the students who received a place ribbon:

8-9 Year boys: 1st place Jacob Juana, 2nd place Hans Cersson, 3rd place Benton Setefano

8-9 Year girls: 1st place Nyibol Akot, 2nd place Maxine Garzon, 3rd place Sarah Nadeem

10 year boys: 1st place Jabra Baram, 2nd place Thomas Elzain

10 year girls: 1st place: Stella Fitzpatrick, 2nd place Tamara Salloum

11 year boys: 1st place Joshua Depares, 2nd place Lyncoln Cliffe, 3rd place Payin Akol

11 year girls: 1st place Achan Akot, 2nd place Anger Akot, 3rd place Kaihlen Dawaton

12-13 year boys: 1st place Raynesh Shrestha, 2nd place Joshua Rajadurai, 3rd place Joshuwa Roughley

12-13 year girls: 1st place Reese Blandon

We were proud of the students who represented our school in the Dioceses Cross Country on the 2nd May. A special mention goes to Stella Fitzpatrick who came 72nd in her race.

Thank you to Mrs Veale and Mrs Taouk for accompanying the students.

Mrs Conwell



School Fees

School fees for Term 1 are now overdue. Thank to those who have paid. Please arrange payment as soon as possible or contact the school office if you are experiencing any difficulty.

NEW DATE FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS

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A New Baby Girl

Congratulations to the Cai family
on the birth of a baby girl,

Amy Cai

on 18th March 2017

weighing 3120 gms

a sister for Jiaxin (Year 3) and Donny (Year 2).



Merit Certificates

Week ending 5/05/2017

Kindergarten – Telesia Anae Roberts,
Rashad Brennen

Year 1 – Lopasi Liutai, Christopher

Year 2 - Charlotte Kramer, Mia Sleiman

Year 3 – Christian Le James Wen

Year 4 – Joy Payumo, Charbel Estephane

Year 5 – Noah Batistic, Isaiah, Montecino

Year 6 – Aiman Nadeen, Joshua Rajadurai



Birthday Celebrations



Congratulations to the following
students who celebrate their birthday in **May**:

Johnny Akot, Sarah Nadeem, Ava Pirini,
Katerina Bui, Jabra Baram, Charbel Estephane,
Joel Buultjens, Xavier Klear, Phillip Huynh,
Aiden Bosco, Jwanita Bosco, Samuel Rajadurai,
Riki Liverani, George El Khoureiry,
Fatmata Bah, Kevin Trinh, Saide Tannous, Evelyn
Le, Gabriel Coloma, Zen Shamaa, Yatta Kallon,
Katherine Gage, Emily Sultana



Students of the Week

Week ending 5/5/17



Kindergarten - Precious Delany
Year One - Aaron Kidane
Year Two - William Bausse
Year Three - Will Derbas
Year Four - Ava Elikaie
Year Five - Princess Delany
Year Six - Ava Pirini



Calendar Dates

Sunday 14th May - Mother's Day
Monday 15th May - Winter Uniform – ALL students to be in winter uniform
Monday 15th May - Stage 3 Basketball excursion - wear sport winter uniform
Thursday 18th May - GRIP Leadership – School Leaders
Friday 19th May - Mass – Year 4
Wednesday 31st May - Celebration of Learning

