



Holy Trinity School Granville **NEWSLETTER**



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What is Parent Engagement?

Parent engagement is being positively involved and active in your child's learning. Your attitudes, values and behaviours can positively influence your child's education outcomes.

We know that parents, families and carers are some of the most important influences on a child's education. When you are positively engaged in your child's education, they are more likely to attend and perform better at school.

Effective parent and family engagement in education is more than just participation in school meetings and helping with fundraising, it is actively engaging with your child's learning, both at home and at school. When school and families work together, children do better and stay in school longer.

You can support your child to get the most out of their schooling. The earlier you become engaged, the better it is for your children.

<https://www.studentfirst.gov.au/engaging-parents-education>

Dear Parents and friends

This week on May 24th, we celebrate the feast of Mary Help of Christians, the patron saint of Australia. On this feast day we pray to Mary, that through her Son, our country, sometimes referred to as "the lucky country" will remain a faith filled country, a safe and peaceful country for our children to grow and live their faith without fear or discrimination.

We congratulate our Parish family as they launch the new format for sharing news, under the name of "Granville Catholic Church Record". This document allows our entire community to be informed. There are segments from each of the schools in our parish, Holy Family, Holy Trinity and Delany College. Like the Holy Trinity Facebook page to receive updates for the parish.

We are very excited about our first "Celebrating Learning" event for 2016. Why are we doing this? We want you to be involved in your child's learning. As stated above, the earlier you become engaged, the better it is for your children. We will be keeping the school open until 5pm to allow more parents the opportunity to come to their child's classroom and allow your child the privilege of sharing their pride in all they have achieved this year. The children work hard each day to learn and improve. **Please find the time to come with your child and celebrate their learning Wednesday 1st June 2.50-5.00pm. Please note that this is not a time for you to discuss your child's learning with their teachers.** The parent teacher interviews will be later in the term after reports have been distributed.

Please keep Mrs Bisazza in your prayers. Mrs Bisazza is recovering from heart bypass surgery. We thank Mrs Blewitt for her time in the office and wish her all the best as she enjoys her holiday. For the remainder of the term Mrs Edwards will be working in our office.

Tomorrow we engage in our first whole site evacuation. Remember this is a drill and is ensuring the safety of all students and staff. Weather permitting we will evacuate at 9.30, walk via Bennelong Street to Granville Park. When all students and staff are accounted for we will return to our school to continue our teaching and learning activities.

Thank you to all who participated in our feast day celebrations.

May God the father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, guide and protect all.

Helen Boyer

**Helen Boyer
Principal**



Attendance

Week ending 20/5/16

97%

The GRIP Leadership Conference

On the 18th of May, the school captains, Rhys, Joshua, Florence and Lyriah, went with Mrs Boyer to a leadership conference at the State Sport's Centre at Homebush. We were driven and picked-up by Mrs Taouk. There were over 1,000 Children from a variety schools. We met new people and played lots of fun new games that were introduced to us by the GRIP leadership team.

Ronan one of the grip leaders introduced a fun game, the point of the game is to get to 5 and Ronan put a number of fingers behind his back and we had to put a number of fingers up on our hands showing him, so that no one cheated. If your number plus his number equalled to 5 then you're still in, but if it was less or more you're out. Another game was the bully game the bully game was kind of mean, but it did teach us a lesson which is bullying people because of what they wear, or how they talk, or what skin colour they have, can make them feel hurt and not have confidence in themselves. We also played other exciting games like, loud noises, the hummer, the voice and spot it out.

The games were fun but there was a reason why we played them, which is, if we all contribute we will succeed and have fun. We didn't only play games but learned some valuable lessons. These lessons will make our school a safe and happy place to be and also help us, the leaders, with our decision making. We also learned how to grow as a leader, how to stop bullying, how we, as leaders, can have a positive influence on others. One of the most important lessons is that the students, parents and staff help the school grow by working together and combining with others. Also one way to influence someone younger than you or the same age as you, or older than you, is to treat them with respect.

We were grateful for the opportunity to learn from others at this conference and look forward to putting our learning into place here at Holy Trinity Granville, as stated by Rhys, when he was on the stage, "Holy Trinity is one of the best schools around, thank you Mrs Boyer and Mrs Taouk, for taking us to this amazing conference."

Our Sympathies

Our prayers and sympathies go out to Hannah Joseph's (Year 2) family on the passing of Hanna's Grandfather Alphones Silvester on the 22.5.2016 in India.

Whole Site School Evacuation

Please be aware that we are having a whole site school evacuation on Thursday 26th May. The whole school will be evacuated to Granville Park to allow the children to experience what will happen in the event they need to be evacuated to a safe distance from the school grounds.

Celebrating Learning Disco and Sausage Sizzle

We are very excited as our Holy Trinity Disco and Sausage Sizzle approaches!! We desperately need parent volunteers to help with the sausage sizzle. Year 6 parents preferably, as this is a fundraiser for their Canberra trip, but any parent help would be very much appreciated.

Please make sure you return your slip indicating how many people will be attending and how many sausages sizzles you will need. It makes our planning for the event so much easier!!

School Fees

Term 2 school fees have now been issued. Please make payment by the 30th May. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying these fees please contact the office.

Enrolment Forms

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2017. If you have a child who will turn 5 before the 31st July 2016, they are eligible for enrolment at Holy Trinity in 2017. So far we have received many applications please do not delay in returning your form and the appropriate documentation.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK **Week Ending 20th May 2016**

Congratulations to the following students:

Year K	Jason Wen
Year 1	Nyimeda Angui
Year 2	Kaitlyn Bosco
Year 3	Timmy Nguyen
Year 4	George El-Khoueir
Year 5	Cassandra Nguyen
Year 6	Andrea Moussa



Birthday Celebrations

Congratulations to the following Students who celebrate their birthday in **MAY**:

Aiden Bosco, Yatta Kallon, Zen Shamaa, Jwanita Bosco, Samuel Rajadurai, Joel Buultjens, George El Khoury, Gabriel Coloma, Katerina Bui, Katherine Gage, Sarah Nadeem, Samuel Kidane, Abraham Tannous, Victoria El-Khoury, Ava Pirini, Charbel Estephane, Saide Tannous, George E-Hajj, Andrea Moussa, Pieta Pirini, Emmanuella George-Coker, Fatmata Bah, Mrs Georges Yr 4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Reminder: Hair Styles (from our Parent Handbook)

Hair is to be kept neat and tidy, off the collar, of consistent natural colour, of gradual even grade – e.g. extreme colours and cuts not permitted.

Shoulder length hair or longer must be tied back. Hair is to be off the face and out of the eyes.

Ribbons, hair clips, etc. if worn, should be in the school uniform colours. Matching scrunchies and headbands are available from the school office.

First Communion Dresses

A very limited number of First Communion dresses are available from the **school to borrow**.
Please contact the school office to check the size and to reserve your dress.

Calendar Dates

Thursday 26th May	Girls Gala Soccer Day
Thursday 2nd June	Boys Gala Soccer Day
Wednesday 1st June	Celebration of Learning 2.50-5.00pm
Thursday 2nd June	Sacrament of Penance 7pm
Sunday 12th June	First Holy Communion 12pm
Monday 13th June	Public Holiday
Friday 17th June	Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 29th June	Staff Development Day
Friday 1st July	Last day of Term 2

