



# Holy Trinity School Granville

## NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to term 3 and I trust you have enjoyed the break from the routines of school. This term we will again aim for 100% attendance or if your child is unwell a note must be sent on their first day back at school. Daily attendance at school is most important. By valuing daily attendance at school you are giving your child the best opportunity to achieve and develop good work habits.

41 students were absent on Monday. Unless otherwise stated, school commences on the Monday of each term. Other schools may have pupil free days on this day but we will let you know if that is the case for HTG. If your child was absent last Monday please send a note to the class teacher. Also if your child was absent on the last day of last term, a note must be sent to the class teacher as soon as possible. Teaching and learning at HTG starts day 1 and ends at 3.10 on the last day of term. It is important that all students attend daily. This is a legal requirement and the auditors will be checking the attendance of all students.

This week and next, each family will meet with class teachers to discuss reports from semester 1 and set goals for the next semester. If you need help to book an appointment please contact the office. This is a **compulsory event** so if you are experiencing any problems please let us know.

Have you added the skoolbag app to your phone? This app helps us communicate important events instantly to you.

As you are aware Mrs Press is on long service leave for all of term 3. I congratulate Mrs O'Leary who will take Mrs Press's place as Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator this term and Mrs Fernandes who will be Acting Co-ordinator 2 for term 3.

Over the next few weeks I will be on pilgrimage. All principals in the diocese are invited to attend a pilgrimage. Some have travelled to the Holy Land others to Turkey following in the footsteps of Saint Paul. A pilgrimage is a journey of faith and in faith. I will be on the Australian pilgrimage travelling in the footsteps of our Australian Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop. I will visit the church she was baptised in and the site of her first school. HTG has a special connection with Mary. The sisters of Saint Joseph (Mary's sisters) started our school in Granville. Mary Mackillop visited our humble school many, many years ago. I will also travel to sacred land (Terra Sancta) of Central Australia. It is a great privilege for me to attend this pilgrimage and I will be praying for all of our Holy Trinity community and I ask for your prayers as I travel into the desert for a time of prayer, reflection and renewal.

*"Ask Jesus what he wants from you and be brave."* Pope Francis. On Mary Mackillop's grave at North Sydney is engraved *"remember we are but travellers here"* 1866.

Again I leave our school community in the capable hands of Ms Salkeld, Mrs O'Leary and Mrs Fernandes and our wonderful team of teachers. Significantly I will return on the 7th August for our liturgy to celebrate the feast of Mary Mackillop. Until then take care of each other.

God bless,

*Helen Boyer*

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Principal

## Semester 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews

If you have not already done so, please book in your parent teacher interview for each of your children. Dates and times are becoming limited. Parents will be required to attend with each child.

Bookings close on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

Go to the website [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and enter the school event code: **MBVTY** and press Go. Enter your details, choose the class / teacher and select the times.

The information sheet on how to book interviews is available in the school office. If you have any difficulty understanding the process, please contact the office.

## School Zones Reminder

A reminder to all parents at the beginning of Term 3 that school zones are in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all school days, which are all days the school is open, pupil free days.



## HTG Winter Family Reading Challenge

Thank you to the following 51 families that participated in the HTG Winter Reading Challenge in the first week of the holidays:

**Bani Ayoub, Batistic, Blandon, Bollina, Bou-Francis (Bakhous), Buultjens, Cai, Cersson, Chen, Colomo, Daher, Delany, Depares (Joshua), Derbas, Do, El-Khoury, Fatima, Filo, Fitzpatrick, Ge, Godrey Lopez, Ghribian, Ibrahim, Irima, Joseph, Joshi, Khaira, Kontham, Le (Bradin), Malkoun (George), Miranda, Moses, Moussa, Nair, Nguyen (Anne), Nguyen (Cassandra, Fiona), Nguyen (Elvis), Nguyen (Yasmine), Pelayo (Maylyn), Rajadurai, Sgaralino, Salloum, Sewell, Shamaa, Sultuna, Thorne, Vu, Wen, Yang, Zhao, Zaiter.**

Congratulations to all the 67 children for participating in the challenge. Each child will receive a **Blue Owl Badge** when they return the books with their signed reading log.

**Mrs Caroline Taouk**, Teacher Librarian



## Kindergarten 2016 Enrolments Now Closed

Enrolment interviews have taken place and after considering all the applications and supporting documentation, offers of enrolment will be sent out this week.

## School Student Banking

The Commonwealth Bank Student Banking program is run at Holy Trinity. Children who currently have a Dollarmite Account can deposit each **Friday** morning at Holy Trinity.

During Term 3 students who demonstrate good savings behaviour will have the chance to win amazing prizes, including:

- 75 x iPad minis Wi-Fi 16GB
- 125 x Beats by Dr. Dre Solo<sup>2</sup>™ Headphones
- 200 x \$30 Booktopia Gift Certificates

Also schools participating in the School Banking program have the chance to win one of 75 sets of children's books for the school library, valued at \$200.

If you would like more information please contact the school office.

## Term 3 School Fees

Term 3 school fees have been sent out from the Catholic Education Office and are due to be paid by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August**.

Families who have arranged to pay by Direct Debit or BPay please disregard this notice.

## Woolworths Earn & Learn

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it's complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. If you'd like to know more visit [woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.vc](http://woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.vc)



## The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to hear from you

If you or someone close to you has suffered **ANY** abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

### You can contact us on:

Phone: (02) 9933 0233  
Web: [www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding)  
Email: [safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au)  
Mail: PO BOX 3066 North Parramatta, NSW, 1750

For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact **NSW Police on 1800 333 000**

## Birthday Celebrations

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



Noel Emmanuel, Bahram Bahbahani, Elissa Maroun, Rhys Ramos, Jack Fitzpatrick, Stella Fitzpatrick, Alex Daghagheleh, Michael Daghagheleh, George Malkoun, Jasynta Nakfour, Noah Ibrahim, Lyriah Filo, Matina Asmar, Awar Akol, Sarah El-Hajj, Claressa Bechara, Indiana Cortes, Ashiatu Peacock, Marnley Pelayo, Chris Sande, Subhi Shrestha, Eva Derbas, Nyimeda Angui, Nicholas Miranda, Ebony Liutai, Reese Blandon, Daniel Berou.



## Social Skill Focus

### Accepting Consequences

- \* Decide if you were wrong
- \* If you were wrong, say to yourself "I have to accept the consequences"
- \* Say to the person "Yes I did ..... ( describe what you did)"
- \* Say something else, eg.
  - "I will try not to do that again" or "Sorry"

### Canteen Roster

Volunteers must complete Child Protection Training before working with children in schools.

Access this online using: <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training>

Paulette Zaiter, Canteen Co-ordinator

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Annie Ghribian, Maram Salloum
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Paulette Zaiter, Lillian Ibrahim
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Sandra El-Khoury, Almaza Faddoul
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July - Joyce Irima, Camilla Liutai
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Rosette Bou-Francis, Sue Bou-Francis
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August - Dianna Asmar, Joanne Batistic
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August - Sophie Depares, Amanda George
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August - Seini Taliauli, Volunteer Needed
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August - Volunteers Needed

Thank you to all our  
wonderful volunteers  
without whom we  
could not run the

### Calendar Dates

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Parent & Child/Teacher Meetings**

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 4 Mass
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July** - Stage 2 Assembly – MacKillop Hall - 2.30pm
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July** - Year 3 Mass
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August**
  - School Liturgy
  - Stage 1 Assembly – MacKillop Hall - 2.30pm
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August** - St Mary of the Cross
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August**
  - Reconciliation – Year 6 – 9.00am
  - Book Fair Arrives
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August** - Book Character Parade
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August**
  - Prayer at Morning Assembly
  - Year 2 Mass
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August** - Feast of the Assumption
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August**
  - Stage 1 Excursion to Rouse Hill
  - Reconciliation – Year 5 – 9.00am
  - Book Fair Leaves
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August** - Kinder Assembly – MacKillop Hall - 2.30pm