



# Holy Trinity School Granville **NEWSLETTER**



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here is a reflection from yesterday's pilgrimage. Mary Mackillop reminds us to see the joy in our lives. To see the good in all we meet and all we do.

*Enjoy yourselves and be happy above all (1874)*

*I feel that I should serve Him with a big heart. (1874)*

*There's a lovely story told about Mary by the Adelaide Sisters:*

*A young woman... came to the convent to join up. Mother Mary welcomed her and then asked if, before going through all the formalities, she would like to accompany her to a nearby convent, The young lady readily agreed, and the two of them enjoyed a wonderful afternoon together.*

*To know how to **leave room for surprise**, open to whatever life brings us in each moment, is a great gift. It involves being able to **see with the eye of the heart**. Her ability to see things in this way was a golden thread running through Mary's life. She helps us to understand that the bigger our heart is, the more we are able to be a home in it.*

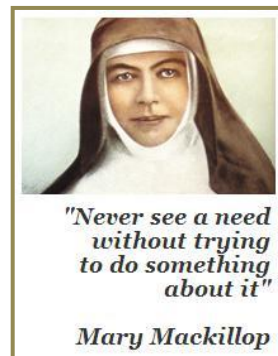
The pilgrimage is going well. I am currently in the desert in Central Australia. I continue to hold you all in my prayers.

May you have a joyful day.

God bless,

*Helen Boyer*

Helen Boyer, Principal



## Religious Education

In last Sunday's gospel, the abundant response of God is the miraculous feeding of more than five thousand people with twelve baskets full of leftovers.

In the gospel, as it became late in the day, the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away to the nearby villages so that they could buy food for themselves. But Jesus is moved with compassion for the people. So it is the compassionate care of others that moves Jesus to act.

The words and actions of Jesus in this miraculous feeding event foreshadow the events of the Last Supper: he **took** the bread and fish, gave **thanks**, **broke** the bread, and gave it to the disciples to distribute. This event is a Eucharistic one just as much as the Last Supper. It was a true act of love by Jesus.

St Mary Mackillop is one person who showed compassion for others in her everyday life. She was able to shape Catholic Schools in Australia by caring for and helping others in need, namely children. Following in the footsteps of Mary Mackillop, our children will have the opportunity in Years 4 to 6 to join a group called, "Junior Joey's". This group will learn about the life of Mary Mackillop and will be challenged to think of things they can do in our school community to serve others. The children will be inducted during a Liturgy held at school next Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August at 9.15am.

## **Religious Literacy Assessment Years 4 & 6**

Over the coming weeks students in Year Four and Six will complete the Religious Literacy Assessment. All students in the Parramatta Diocese schools will complete this assessment during school time.

### **What is Religious Literacy?**

Religious literacy is the knowledge of, and ability to understand, religious language and concepts.

Students will complete a range of questions such as the one below:

**Q: What are the symbols used in Baptism?**

**A: Water, Oil, Candle and White clothing**

Keep your eye out for more questions coming over the next few weeks!

### **Upcoming Dates:**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of August 9am** – Whole School Liturgy – St Mary of the Cross

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of August 9am** – Grandparents Day Celebration & Book Week Parade

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of September** – Father's Day Breakfast and Prayer

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of September** – First Eucharist at Holy Trinity Church

We would love to see you all to join us for these upcoming celebrations.

Michelle O'Leary

Acting Religious Education Coordinator

## **Winter Family Reading Challenge**

Congratulations to all the children who received a **Blue** Owl Badge for participating in the challenge this year.



## **Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Thank you to those families who are continuing to send in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers.

Until Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September you get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

Tell your family and friends that Holy Trinity is collecting the stickers.



Send the Earn & Learn Stickers into school or place the Earn & Learn Stickers onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and put into the Collection Box here at the school. A collection box is also located at the Woolworths store at the corner of Louis & Blaxcell Street Granville.

## BOOK WEEK 2015 - BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD!

The staff and students welcome Grandparents, Parents & Friends to our celebration of Book Week with our Grandparents Liturgy, Book Character Parade, Picnic Morning Tea & Classroom Visits.

**When:** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of August, 2015

**Where:** HTG Playground

Please refer to the flyer attached to last week's Update for further information.

### 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.



#### **MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the children who have received their class award for the **week ending 24.7.15**

Kindergarten	Nyimedda Angui Jiel Akol
Year One	Katherine Gage Janif Godfrey Lopez
Year Two	Lucy Sultana Timmy Nguyen
Year Three	Sarah El-Hajj Saide Tannous
Year Four	Maylyn Pelayo Daniella Taouk
Year Five	Cecilia Do Rhys Ramos
Year Six	Fiona Nguyen Deng Aguok

#### **Students of the Week** **Week ending 24.7.15**



Kindergarten	Salma Bah
Year One	Daniella Ronquillo
Year Two	Magie Bui
Year Three	Saide Tannous
Year Four	Elizabeth El-Khoury
Year Five	Elissa Maroun
Year Six	Angelina Batistic



## 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, Nyimedda Angui, Nicholas Miranda, Ebony Liutai, Reese Blandon, Daniel Berou.



## Social Skill Focus

### Ignoring Distractions

- \* Count to five
- \* Say to yourself "I won't look. I'll keep working"
- \* Continue to work
- \* Say to yourself "Good for me. I did it!"

### 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  
canteen .

### Calendar Dates

- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Year 3 Mass
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August - Sacrament of Eucharist - Lesson 1 - 3.15-4.30pm - MacKillop Hall
- 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
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Sacrament of Eucharist - Lesson 2 - 3.15-4.30pm - MacKillop Hall
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August - Reconciliation – Year 6 – 10.30am
- Book Fair Arrives
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August - Celebration of Book Week
- Grandparents Liturgy – 9am
- Book Character Parade – 9.15-10.15am
- Picnic Morning Tea – Recess 11am
- Classroom Visits – 11.30-12.30pm
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August - Prayer at Morning Assembly for Feast of Assumption – 9am
- World Youth Day Mufti
- Year 2 Mass
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August - Feast of the Assumption
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August - Sacrament of Eucharist - Lesson 3 - 3.15-4.30pm - MacKillop Hall
- 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
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August - Sacrament of Eucharist - Lesson 4 - 3.15-4.30pm - MacKillop Hall