



Holy Trinity School Granville **NEWSLETTER**



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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the last term of 2015. Is it just me or are you all finding that the years go by at lightning speed. It is time to slow down. What is most important in our lives? Who are the important people in our lives.

Our children grow up very fast. I remember thinking the sleepless nights would never end when my children were babies, then as they grew there was so many sporting activities to go to and I was challenged at the beginning of the netball and soccer season as to how we were going to fit everything in on a weekend plus prepare for my working life as a teacher. Then the teenagers came along with a new set of challenges, mainly ensuring these teenagers were making right decisions and that I knew where they were and attended their activities to the best of my ability. Now they are all grown up, they still share their life's challenges with me but at an adult level and this is another lovely time of my life. Especially the time that I am able to spend with Ben and Ella my beautiful grandchildren. I have learnt to stop and have quality time with them and enjoy their companionship and create many memories for them to cherish when I am not around.

I watch your young families and remember my time as a very busy, tired, working mum and give thanks for those times.

My advice to you is STOP and ENJOY your little children and all the challenges of life, because this time is over far too quickly.

In saying that our Year 6 students are now in their last term at Holy Trinity and will celebrate this great achievement with Graduation Mass on Thursday 10th December this term they will also travel to Canberra to visit our Nation's capital.

Term 4: I want to ensure you that teaching and learning programs commenced yesterday and will continue till the last day of school. I cannot stress how important it is for students to be on time and attend school daily. I will be following up on all habitual non-attenders and late comers. Of course if your child is ill we need them to recover at home and you will need to notify the office of this and send in a written letter to explain.

Thank you to all those parents who value the education for their children and make sure they attend every day.

YESTERDAY 158 out of 192 children were present at school.

That means 34 out of 192 were absent and missed valuable learning time.

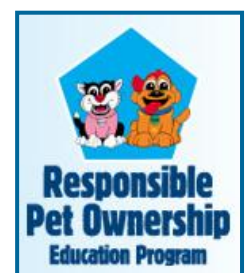


Please support your child to learn that regular attendance is important, as habits formed now will impact on learning in the future.

EXCITING TIMES AT HTG

This Thursday our students in K,1, 2 will be participating in a Responsible Pet Program.

This visit to HTG will celebrate 5000 visits to schools in this program. Therefore the Minister for Local Government Mr Paul Toole will be visiting our school to present a certificate on this momentous occasion. The Minister may be accompanied by TV and Print media crews. Mr Toole will visit the school from 2 till 2.55pm and will be joining the Kindergarten students as part of their presentation time.



Please make sure all Kindergarten children are in full summer uniform.

Due to the generosity of many of our parents we have a small supply of second hand school uniform items for sale. These items will be on display in the canteen area each afternoon from 3pm this week if you would like to browse and purchase. (CASH ONLY)

Have a great week and **stop** and **enjoy** those beautiful children of yours.

Love Serve Hope

Helen Boyer

Helen Boyer, Principal

Term Fees Now Overdue

Please ensure you make payment as soon as possible. If you are experiencing difficulties please contact the school office.

A New Baby Boy

Congratulations to the Sultana family
the birth of a baby boy,
Nathan Joseph Dennis Sultana
on 21st September 2015,
weighing 3930gms,
a brother for Izabella (Year 6) and Lucy (Year 2).



"How do I talk to my teacher about my child's progress?"

On Thursday 15 October the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta will be hosting a Facebook Question and Answer session as part of the initiative #GoodQuestion.

Time: 7pm - 7:45pm

Topic: 'How do I talk to my teacher about my child's progress?'

Tim Hardy, Mary Creenaune and Lisa-Maree-Browning will be available to answer parents' questions.

World Teachers' Day Competition

Win a \$200 iTunes voucher for you and an Apple mini iPad for your teacher!
You can enter the competition at www.parra.catholic.edu.au

COMPETITION CLOSES 29 OCTOBER 2015

Take a selfie with your teacher and tell us in 25 words or less how your teacher inspires you!
Competition closes 29 October.
Follow Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta on Facebook to see if your selfie is featured as a finalist.
Winners will be announced on **World Teachers' Day, 30 October.**

Canteen Roster

If you are able to help in the Canteen on a Tuesday or Friday, please complete the Child Protection Training online at <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training>.

Friday 9th October - Paulette Zaiter, Seini Taliauli

Term 4 Roster will be sent home soon.

Calendar Dates

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| Thursday 8 th October | - Responsible Pet Education Program Visit |
| Friday 9 th October | - Mass – Year 6 |
| Friday 16 th October | - Mass – Year 5 |
| Friday 24 th October | - Mass – Year 4 |
| Tuesday 27 th October | - Kinder 2016 Parent Information Evening – 6.30pm |
| Wednesday 28 th October | - Kinder 2016 Orientation Day No 1 - 9.30-12noon |
| Wednesday 4 th November | - Kinder 2016 Orientation Day No 2 - 9.30-12noon |
| Friday 20 th November | - Staff Development Day – <u>No School for children</u> |