



Holy Trinity School Granville **NEWSLETTER**



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Dear Parents and Friends,

Pope Francis recently spoke about the upcoming **Jubilee of Mercy**, which will begin on Tuesday **December 8th**.

He mentioned the Holy Door, which will be opened during an official ceremony. The Pope added that all are welcome to God's mercy, and for that reason the Church must always keep all of its doors open to all, **especially those who seek forgiveness and mercy**.

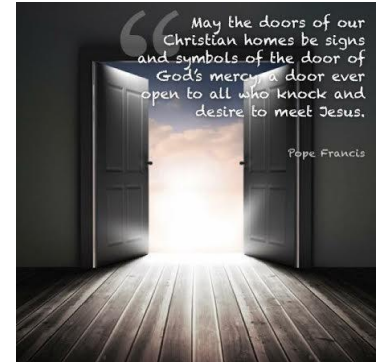
SUMMARY OF THE POPE'S CATECHESIS IN ENGLISH

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As the extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy approaches, today we consider the great open door of God's mercy, symbolized by the Holy Doors which will open in Churches throughout the world. The recent Synod of Bishops on the Family encouraged families in a particular way to enter this door of mercy and to open the doors of their hearts to others.

Jesus tells us that he stands knocking at our door, asking that we open it to him (Rev 3:20). How important it is for us to be good doorkeepers, capable of opening our doors and making our homes places of encounter and welcome, especially to our brothers and sisters in need! Jesus also tells us that he himself is the door (Jn 10:9) which leads to salvation; if we pass through him, we will find lasting security and freedom. As guardians of that door, we in the Church are called to be welcoming to all who seek to enter the fold of the Good Shepherd.

May the doors of our Christian homes be signs and symbols of the door of God's mercy, a door ever open to all who knock and desire to meet Jesus.



This is our final newsletter for 2015.

We commenced this year by rolling out a red carpet to greet the superstars of 2015, our students. All students have made expected progress for this year, our goals have been achieved and new goals set for 2016. We have developed effective teaching and learning strategies in all KLA's, introduced the new Science syllabus and developed programs for the new History and Geography curriculum to be implemented in the New Year.

Last week we ventured to Canberra with our Year 6 leaders. These children were a credit to themselves their families and our school. Congratulations year 6 students. On Thursday evening 10th December, at 6.30pm, Year 6 will graduate after 7 years of Loving, Serving and Hoping. We celebrate this event with Graduation Mass, you are most welcome to attend this Mass and join our community in praying for these students as they move on to high school.

We have welcomed many new students to our school and farewelled others during 2015. I am very proud of all the students that have passed through HTG this year. All students have worked hard to learn about and follow our school rules: *I am respectful, I am a learner and I am safe*. We may have a small group of students but each one make HTG the most amazing place to work each day.

Why are our students so amazing? Because of YOU our parents. I thank each of you for the support you have offered our school community this year.

Mrs Borg and Mrs Bisazza keep our school humming. On behalf of teachers, students and parents I thank them for their continued support.

Enjoying fun times with our community last Sunday was credited to Father Andrew's vision and the support of many loyal hard working parishioners. We give thanks for Father Andrew and the spirit he is bringing to our parish/school communities.

Finally I offer my sincerest thanks to our teaching staff. Our teachers are a most professional hard working, dedicated group. Each one shows great care and commitment to developing our children's learning. Our teachers know their students and are always looking for ways to make sure each student reaches their full potential. I wish them a very peaceful and restful time with family and friends over the break.

Some celebrations and events to end the year

Thursday 3 rd December	Advent Liturgy
Thursday 3 rd December	Year 5 Leaders Day (mufti clothes for Year 5 only)
Friday 4 th December	Year 6 Fun Day (sports uniform)
Monday 7 th December	Whole School Fun Day (students wear sports uniform)
Wednesday 9 th December	Reports Go Home
Wednesday 9 th December	Principal's Morning Tea
Wednesday 9 th December	100% Attendance Treat
Wednesday 9 th December	Christmas Concert
Wednesday 9 th December	Christmas Colours Mufti Day – \$2 coin for WYD
Thursday 10 th December	Year 6 Graduation Mass at 6.30pm - Prize Giving and Supper
Friday 11 th December	End of Year Liturgy and Prize Giving K - 5
Friday 11 th December	Last canteen day
Monday 14 th December	Orientation to 2016 Classes and Teachers 2.10 – 3.10pm

Looking to teach your children about caring for and giving to others at Christmas, why not donate a gift voucher to St Vincent De Paul - iTunes voucher, Woolworths voucher, Myer, movie voucher etc. The vouchers will be distributed to families so that parents can purchase gifts for their children at Christmas. Please send your vouchers in an envelope to the office next week. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Canteen for 2016: At this stage we are negotiating with the Catholic Education Office and Canteen companies to have an independent company operating our canteen 5 days per week in 2016. More information will follow in the New Year.

During the school holidays Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be refurbished. These changes will further enabling 21st century teaching to occur and therefore improve learning outcomes for all. All work is internal and therefore should not be impacted by the weather. All work is expected to be completed before school recommences in January. We sincerely thank the Catholic Education Department Parramatta for funding these improvements.

Please make note:

School commences for students in **Years 1-6** on **Thursday 28th January 2016** and

Kindergarten commence full days on **Monday 1st February 2016**

Again I stress it is most important for all students to commence school on day 1 and be present 100% of the time (except in cases of extreme illness).

I look forward to returning as Principal of Holy Trinity in 2016 and I wish each of our families a very peace filled and holy Christmas.

Love Serve Hope

Helen Boyer

Helen Boyer, Principal



Mufti for World Youth Day

Wednesday 9th December 2016

On Wednesday children are invited to wear mufti clothes
and bring in \$2.



Children who bring in the money will receive a ticket in the World Youth Day Raffle.

Miss Loulach will be attending World Youth Day next year and the money raised will directly go to supporting her attending.

Raffle prizes include:

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| First Prize: | Toyota Yaris |
| Second Prize: | European 2016 Tour for two to the value of \$6000.00 |
| Third Prize: | Apple iPad Mini |
| Fourth Prize: | \$500 Cash |
| Fifth Prize: | Apple Watch |

The raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday 20th March 2016.

Oz Fashions the Uniform Specialists

115-127 Parramatta Rd, Clyde NSW 2142
(02) 9897 3121

For all your Holy Trinity
school uniform needs.

Trading Hours

Monday - Friday: 9am-5:30pm
Saturday: 9am-4pm

Students of the Week Week ending 27.11.15



Kindergarten	Benton Setefano
Year One	Daphne Moses
Year Two	Tamara Salloum
Year Three	Isaiah Montecino
Year Four	Joshua Rajadurai
Year Five	Swasti Shrestha
Year Six	Khalil Ibrahim



School Hats & Library Bags available from the school office.

- Girls wide brim hats - \$18
- Boys bucket hats - \$15
- Library/Excursion Bag - \$10

The School Student Transport Scheme (School Bus Pass)

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) provides eligible school students with free or subsidised travel on public transport between home and school, on trains, buses, ferries and long distance coach services.

Many students will automatically receive a School Opal card for the 2016 school year.

However you will need to apply if:

- Applying for an SSTS pass for the first time
- Enrolling in Kindergarten
- Progressing from Year 2 to Year 3
- Progressing from Year 6 to Year 7
- Changing name, school and/or address
- Requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

Applications must be made by a parent or legal guardian of the student if aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete and sign application form themselves.

Applications are subject to eligibility criteria.

Social Skill Focus

Responding to Teasing

- * Stop and count to five.
- * Think about your choices
 - Ignore the teasing.
 - Say "STOP IT—I don't like it".
 - Give a reason for the person to stop.
 - Act out your best choice.

Canteen Roster

Friday 4 th December	-	Annie Ghribian, Seini Taliauli
Tuesday 8 th December	-	Lillian Ibrahim, Maram Salloum
Friday 11 th December	-	Sue Bou-Francis, Paulette Zaiter
Friday 11th December	-	LAST DAY OF CANTEEN

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have helped throughout the year.
We could not have run the Canteen without your help.

Calendar Dates

Thursday 3 rd December	-	Advent Liturgy – 9am
	-	Year 5 Leaders Day
Friday 4 th December	-	Year 6 Fun Day
Sunday 6 th December	-	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Monday 7 th December	-	Whole School Fun Day
Wednesday 9 th December	-	Reports Go Home to Parents
	-	Principals Morning Tea
	-	100% Attendance Treat
	-	Christmas Concert - 2.10-3.10pm
	-	Christmas Colours Mufti Day for WYD – \$2 gold coin
Thursday 10 th December	-	Year 6 Graduation Mass and Prize Giving – 6.30pm
Friday 11 th December	-	End of Year Liturgy and Prize Giving – 9am
	-	Last Canteen Day for 2015
Sunday 13 th December	-	3 rd Sunday of Advent
Monday 14 th December	-	Orientation to 2016 Classes and Teachers
Wednesday 16 th December	-	Last day of school for students
Friday 18 th December	-	Last day of school for teachers
Sunday 20 th December	-	4 th Sunday of Advent
Friday 25 th December	-	Christmas Day
Thursday 31 st December	-	New Year's Eve
<u>2016</u>		
Monday 18 th January	-	HTG Summer Reading Challenge – 10am-2pm (see flyer enclosed)
Tuesday 26 th January	-	Australia Day Holiday
Wednesday 27 th January	-	Teachers start school
Thursday 28 th January	-	Years 1-6 start school
28 th to 29 th January	-	Kindergarten 2016 Assessments - by appointment
Monday 1 st February	-	Kindergarten start school