



# Holy Trinity School Granville **UPDATE**



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Dear parents and friends,

*Did you know?*

If students miss as little as *8 days in a school term*, by the end of primary school *they will have missed a full year of education.*

Here at Holy Trinity, we value every child's attendance at school. Why is regular attendance at school so important?

- Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps children to build and maintain friendships with other children.
- If your child doesn't learn the basic skills in the early years of school, they may develop learning problems in later years.

Here are some suggestions, which are based on setting regular routines to help you get your child to attend school:

- Have a set time to go to bed and get out of bed.
- Have your child's uniform and schoolbag ready the night before.
- Make lunches the night before.
- Have a set time for starting / ending breakfast. A routine is important.
- Have a set time for daily homework activities.
- Be firm, children must go to school.
- Provide lots of positive encouragement.

For more information on attendance, please visit <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au>

**As a reward for attendance this term, HTG will be holding a reward lunch in Week 10. All students who have *full attendance* from Monday, Week 2 through to Monday, Week 10 will be invited to celebrate with a sausage sizzle and drink. Any classes with full attendance will also receive a special reward. Let's encourage all students to come to school every day and be the best learners they can be!**

*Students are expected to be at school at 8:45am for a 9:00am start.* This allows them some time with friends before starting their learning day. Monday Morning Assembly starts at 8:50am sharp. Please have your child at school by this time. If your child is late to school, please accompany them to the school office to fill in a late note.

Please remember if your child is away from school, due to illness, an appointment or for any other reason, to fill in a notification of Absence Note. These can be found on the Skoolbag App, the HTG website, or you can write your own. This is a legal requirement of the school.

By ensuring all students attend school, we are supporting our school rules:

- I am a learner.
- I am respectful.
- I am safe.

Thank you for your support,  
God bless

Kathryn Salkeld  
Assistant Principal



# ASH WEDNESDAY

In two weeks time, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. This is the special time when we look to God and do our best to live as God would want us to live, as we ready our hearts for Easter.

It is also a time to think about the poor by supporting Project Compassion. Each class at Holy Trinity will have a collection box in their room and the money collected at the end of the season of Lent will be sent to this very important charity.

Take some time to collect a family box from the parish and make this collection a part of your families' Lenten practice. Project Compassion has a wonderful website that clearly explains all the work they do for others. <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>



We invite you to join us in prayer on Ash Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> February.

## Lenten Prayer

*God who is good and loving, we pray that in this time of Lent we will try to turn our hearts in love and kindness to you, by doing good to those around us, so that we may become more like Jesus, your Son.*

*We make our prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen*

## Sport/Gymnastics and Library Days:

	Sports Uniform	Library Borrowing
<b>Kindergarten:</b>	Tuesday and Thursday	Wednesday
<b>Stage 1(1&amp; 2):</b>	Tuesday and Friday	Thursday
<b>Stage 2(3 &amp; 4):</b>	Tuesday and Friday	Wednesday
<b>Stage 3 (5&amp;6):</b>	Friday	Thursday

## Reminders:

If your child is celebrating their birthday and wishes to celebrate with their class, please remember to send in cupcakes or doughnuts, which are easy items to share. Please **do not** send in large cakes, which need to be cut up, or lolly bags to be handed out.

Thank you for your support.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## Canteen

**Canteen will commence this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February.**

The school canteen is run by volunteers on a roster basis usually on Tuesday and Friday. We **need more** volunteers in order to operate the canteen successfully.

If you are able to help between 10am and 2.15pm on a Tuesday or Friday please contact the school office as soon as possible.

If we do not have enough volunteers to maintain the roster we may have to reduce the opening to only one day per week.

NB: If current / past volunteers have a navy apron with a HTG crest - please return them to the school.