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Dear Parents and Friends,

# **EXCITING TIMES AT HTG**

This week we invited parents to visit our learning spaces and hear "what" and" how" the teachers are teaching this and the children are learning this year.

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us. If you wish to discuss anything further with your child's teacher please make an appointment through the school office.

In week 7 it is

# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

A time to celebrate all that we are as a Catholic School.

Learning is connected through our diverse community.

Here at Holy Trinity we are blessed to have people of many faiths, cultures and backgrounds.

Let's celebrate our diverse cultural heritage and the learning at Holy Trinity.

#### HOW??????

**Monday 6th March:** 9.15am whole school assembly led by Stage 3. Parade of nations, children and parents are asked to wear their national costume to

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Children without a National Costume could parade with something that is special to their country, like a hat, a flag, a picture of an animal from that country. Maybe even just a sign that states the country of origin.

Children in National costume are asked to bring their uniform to change into after the parade. We don't want those beautiful costumes getting damaged.

After the assembly and parade, parents are invited to sit in class with their children and enjoy learning with them.

At recess time parents may like to stay and enjoy or share some food from the country of their origin.

Now that is going to be a fun Monday for all.

**On Wednesday** that week we will have more fun learning about Maths with "World of Maths" for all grades.

**On Friday** our Stage 3 children will enjoy a concert at the Riverside theatre entitled Music in Sport, presented by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra.

**We will conclude** our Catholic Schools week with a meaningful and prayerful Liturgy of the word at 2.50pm in the afternoon in the hall. All welcome.

# SHROVE TUESDAY

Next Tuesday we celebrate *Shrove Tuesday*. Shrove Tuesday originated during the Middle Ages. As in contemporary times, food items like meats, fats, eggs, milk, and fish were regarded as restricted during Lent. To keep such food from being wasted, many families would have big feasts on Shrove Tuesday in order to consume those items that would inevitably become spoiled during the next forty days. The English tradition of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday came about as a way to use as much milk, fats, and eggs as possible before Ash Wednesday began.

Traditionally at Holy Trinity our parents cook pancakes for all our children.

We thank the parents who have already volunteered their time to cook pancakes and we welcome anyone else who is free from 10am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February for about an hour.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Shrove Tuesday is followed by ASH WEDNESDAY which marks the beginning of the Church season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar.

Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday.



Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy at 9:15am in the hall.

### PARENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Thank you to Mrs Bausse, who has volunteered to be our parent representative on the Parramatta Parent Representative Council. We are still looking for another parent to assist Mrs Bausse. If you are interested in this exciting position please let me know as soon as possible.

### It's GOOD NEWS!!!!!!

Just in.... some very exciting news..... We have invited our Bishop to visit our school and he is available on Friday 17th March at 2pm. More information to follow as to what we will do on that afternoon, but we are very excited that Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen will be with us.

### WELCOME

Welcome to Rev. Father Robert William who will serve as Assistant Priest in our parish.

# HOLY MASS TIMESMonday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday8:15amTuesday7:00pmFriday9:15amSunday7:30am and 9:30am

SHROVE TUESDAY Burning of the Palms 7:00pm

ASH WEDNESDAY 8:15am and 7:00pm

### **GROWTH MINDSET**

Following last Newsletter, some tips on how to foster a growth mindset at home.

The way parents talk about ability and learning can have powerful effects on what children believe about themselves. As parents it is important to develop a growth mindset about yourself. One of the most powerful ways that parents can model growth mindset is by being willing to fail and eager to learn from setbacks. When parents talk positively about the mistakes the children or themselves make, then, children see mistakes as a critical part of the learning process. Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- How often do you notice and praise, effort, strategies and progress?
- What thoughts do you have when your child struggles? How could you frame their struggle in a growth mindset way by helping them understand that this is when their brain is arowing the most?
- What thoughts do you have when your child excels? How could you frame this in a growth mindset way, eg by talking about the process they went through to be successful.
- What kind of fixed and growth mindset comments do your children make?

Our growth mindset focus areas for the next two weeks are:

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>Extra Curricular activities including: Debating, Mock Trial, Social Justice, Concert Band & Choir >A flexible and affordable fee payment structure

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Helen Bover Principal

# St Vincent de Paul Society

The St Vincent de Paul Society holds very dear the involvement we have with Holy Trinity Primary. The assistance offered by the school in allowing us the use of facilities prior to delivering the hampers made our task so much easier.

Thank you so much for the generosity shown by Staff, Students and Parents to our 2016 Christmas Appeal. Through Hampers and Gift cards many families were able to enjoy Christmas that otherwise would have been financially impossible.

Many thanks and blessings, Jim Newell (Granville Conference)

# **Birthday Celebrations**

Congratulations to the following students



who celebrate their Birthday in February:



Гhomas Dang, Peter Lichaa, Rashad Brennan, Joseph Nader, Jeremiah Kamara, Donny Cai, Matthew S Miranda Emilia Shamaa, Zoe Fitzpatrick, Charles Bollozos, Leila Tannous, Daniel Depares, Magie Bui

### CAPTIVATE

After school Ensembles – To join music, dance or drama please register at www.captivate.edu.au

## **Students of the Week** Week ending 17/2/16

Kindergarten -Aeva Mendez

- Kevin Quach \_
- Year One Year Two
- Saharsh Kontham
- Year Three
  - Nicholas SMiranda Jabra Baram
- Year Four

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- Year Five Year Six
- Vinz Danganan -
- Claressa Bechara -



# **Calendar Dates**

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	- Evacuation Drill – (completed)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	- Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	- Ash Wednesday Liturgy – 9:15am
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	- Year 6 at Delany College
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> to	- Catholic Schools Week - enrolments open for 2018
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	"Learning is connected through our diverse community"
Monday: 6 March	<ul> <li>Parade of Nations Assembly at 9:15am</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Open Classrooms – all welcome</li> </ul>
	- Morning Tea
Wednesday: 8 March	<ul> <li>World of Maths (all grades)</li> </ul>
Friday 10 March	- Stage 3 attend Riverside theatre at 10:30am.
	- Liturgy at <b>2:50pm</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	- St Patrick's Day
	<ul> <li>Bishop Vincent Long van Nguyen visiting – 2pm</li> </ul>
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	- Cross Country
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	- Back up Cross Country (if needed)
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	- Palm Sunday Liturgy
	- Last day of Term 1
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	- Good Friday
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	- Easter Sunday
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	- STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - Students do not come to school
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	- ANZAC Day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	- ALL Students Start School for Term 2