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# Staff Development Day - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April Students Do <u>Not</u> Come To School

Dear Parents and Friends,

Following is a section of Pope Francis' Misericordiae Vultus:

We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it.

Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity.

Mercy: the fundamental last that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life.

Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

- How are you merciful in your life?
- Who have you shown mercy today?
- When have you seen Jesus' mercy through others?

### Catholic Schools Week

Next week is Catholic Schools Week and we have some opportunities for you to visit your child's classroom and enjoy some time at school with them. These opportunities take a lot of planning, so please support our teachers and your children by attending the events planned for next week. Mums, dads and grandparents all welcome.

See information in this newsletter.

### Staff Development Day

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April teachers will analyze student data from Term 1 and plan for Term 2. This is a pupil free day

### **Parent Helpers**

We have many times when we need parent helpers. Sometimes you may see something that needs doing and get in and do it. One example of this is the work that Mrs Teunon is doing at the minute for us. She saw a need and offered to do something about it, just like Mary McKillop.

We thank Mrs Teunon for volunteering to prepare our garden beds for planting and she will continue this work of helping children with the garden, planting, growing and then cooking some of our produce. We are most grateful to Mrs Teunon.

We have a group of parents helping out with reading in Stage 2 also, thank you to Mrs Batistic, Mrs Chen, Mrs El-Hajj, Mrs El-Khoury, Mrs Estephane, Mrs Salloum, Mrs Sewell and Mrs Teunon.

We have also had a few parents covering new books for the school. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Fitzpatrick who have been covering books at home and to Mrs El-Khoury and Mrs Faddoul who have covered books in the library. If you are able to help cover books in contact, please see Mrs Bisazza in the office for more information.

Coming up we need help with the following:

- Making books of raffle tickets Friday morning this week
- Making up baskets of donated Easter eggs. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March
- Cross Country Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

We do not have a formal parent and friends association so we rely on parents being able to offer their assistance when possible. If the dates above don't work for you but you can help on other days please also volunteer and we will work something out.

Thanks in advance for your kindness in supporting our teachers and students.

### DELANY OPEN AFTERNOON

I encourage all of you to attend the Delany Open Afternoon. Delany offers an excellent education program for students in years 7-12. Even if your children are young and a long way off High School it is good to get a feel for education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### <u>School Photo Day</u> – Tomorrow – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Please make sure all children are dressed in **FULL SUMMER UNIFORM** on this day. Your children are always very well presented so I have no doubt the school photos will be beautiful. All envelopes should be returned to school with the correct money enclosed or with the details of the online purchase indicated on the envelope.

Love Serve Hope

Helen Bayer

Helen Boyer Principal

### 2016 School Fees

Attendance Percentage for the week ending 26/2/2016 **95%** 

Fees have been sent to all families from the Catholic Education Office. Term One are payable by  $7^{\text{th}}$  March.

If you are experiencing any difficulties paying fees, please contact the school office to arrange on appointment.

### Changes to Consent Form

If you wish to change your consent for raffle tickets to be sent home or for the use of student's image and/or works, please notify the school in writing or request a new consent form.

If a parent/student changes their consent, it will not be retrospective, e.g. already published photos and works do not need to be taken down/destroyed, although if safety concerns are notified all reasonable efforts should be made to remove any published information.

### Invitation from the Sisters of St Joseph

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March is the Feast of St Joseph. On this day the Sisters of St Joseph celebrate 150 years since their foundation in Penola South Australia in 1866 as a result of the dream of Mary MacKillop and Fr Tenison Woods.

The Sisters invite you to join with them in giving thanks to God for the countless blessings that have come to Australia and beyond as a result of the ministry of the Sisters in small country places and larger cities.

Priests and Religious, Associates, family, friends, ex-students and current students of the Sisters are invited to **celebrate Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, College Street, Sydney at 10.00am.** 

For catering and printing purposes, please send your reply **before 4<sup>th</sup> March** to Sr Julie Simpson.

Phone: 4677 1477 or 0418 674 452 and leave a message.

Email: julie.simpson@sosj.org.au

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Janif Godfrey Lopez and Caitlyn Nakfour who received a Participation Certificate for the 2016 Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge.

The results were 3,582 texts read by 796 students in the diocese.



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March:

8:20am - 8:50am: Maths Mania and Manoush Monday Join us for some fun Maths Mania learning and some delicious manoush for breakfast.

8:50am:

Morning Assembly

9:00am – 11:00am:

**Open Classroom** 

Feel free to spend some time in your child's classroom in our morning block of learning.

11:00am -11:30am:

Morning Tea with parents

Please come and celebrate Catholic Schools Week with

a picnic morning tea with our HTG community.

#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March:

Delany College Open Afternoon from 3:00pm

#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March:

Holy Trinity Leaders hosting Action Plan Meeting with members of the Leadership Teams from Holy Family, East Granville, Sacred Heart, Westmead and St Oliver's, Harris Park

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March:

Cross Country

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### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March:

Stage 3 leading the whole school Mass for Catholic Schools Week Year 6 at Delany College Open Day

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We would like to extend an open invitation for parents

to come in and discuss their cultural heritage during Week 7.

Please contact your child's classroom teacher if you are available.

### Easter Raffle

Holy Trinity will be holding an Easter Egg Raffle with money raised being used for school equipment. Raffle will be drawn at school on Holy Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March.

#### WE NEED YOUR HELP!



- Each child is asked to donate an Easter Egg to the school
- We need parents to help make up the books of raffle tickets on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March

• We need another group of parents to make up the baskets of eggs for the raffle on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW ASAP IF YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO SPARE TO HELP US



#### Students of the Week Week ending 26.2.16

Kindergarten Year One Year Two Year Three Year Four Year Five Year Six Jacob Ghazarian William Bausse Fatmata Bah Jack Fitzpatrick Laaveniya Rajadurai Ava Pirini Marnely Pelayo



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### CERDON COLLEGE MERRYLANDS



Aspire to Great Heights Sherwood Road Merrylands 2160 Telephone: 8724 7300

Enrolments for Year 7 2017 Packages will be available at our Open Day.

OPEN DAY - Tuesday 8 March 2016

Come along anytime between 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

### **Birthday Celebrations**

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday in **March**:



Joseph El Khouiery, Jeremiah Taliauli, Jason Wen, Achan Akot, Anger Akot, Issa Jalloh, Carter Sgaraglino, Vinz Danganan, Grace Batistic, Hannah Joseph, Laaveniya Rajadurai, Sebastian Roughley, Selina Joshi, Mohamed Bah.



## St Patrick's Day Gold and Fold Fundraiser

Help us to raise money to send Miss Loulach to World Youth Day where she will work in a poor community to help families devastated by an earthquake.

All you have to do is wear green clothes to school on St Patrick's Day, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March, and bring a \$1 coin, a\$2 coin or a folded \$5, \$10, \$50 or \$100 note to school. All money raised will go to support the World Youth Day Project.

### Calendar Dates

- School Photo Day students wear full summer school uniform
- Stage 1 Assembly MacKillop Hall 2.30pm
- Catholic Schools Week I Belong. You Belong. We Belong.
- Delany Open Day
- School Cross Country
- St Patrick's Day Gold and Fold Fundraiser
- Kindergarten Assembly MacKillop Hall 2.30pm
- St Joseph's Day
- Holy Thursday Easter Egg Raffle Draw

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 6<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> March Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March