



Holy Trinity School Granville **NEWSLETTER**



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STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY 29th JUNE

Dear Parents and friends,

In about 2007 I attended an ACEL conference in Melbourne I think. The ACEL conferences gave me an insight into leadership. I learned that there are many people out there who dedicate their life to studying and writing about leadership. Wow! So much to learn, always. Anyway one person who stood out for me and who I have heard speak many times now, was Dr Paul Brock. This man was diagnosed with terminal motor neurone disease over 16 years ago and was given 3-5 years to live. He continued his studying and writing over that time and sadly passed away this year. One thing I remember most about Dr Paul Brock was his plea for the teachers of his daughters who were 13 and 9 at the time of his diagnosis, given he didn't know how long he would be able to guide and support them. Please read below his words of wisdom and ask yourself, what do I want for my children from Holy Trinity Granville? This is a question I ask each parent when they enrol their child at our school.

Therefore, not just as a professional educator, but as a Dad, I want all future teachers of my Sophie and Amelia to abide by three fundamental principles that I believe should underpin teaching and learning in every public school.

First, to nurture and challenge my daughters' intellectual and imaginative capacities way out to horizons unsullied by self-fulfilling minimalist expectations.

Don't patronise them with lowest common denominator blancmange masquerading as knowledge and learning; nor crush their love for learning through boring pedagogy. Don't bludgeon them with mindless 'busy work' and limit the exploration of the world of evolving knowledge merely to the tyranny of repetitively churned-out recycled worksheets. Ensure that there is legitimate progression of learning from one day, week, month, term and year to the next.

Second, to care for Sophie and Amelia with humanity and sensitivity, as developing human beings worthy of being taught with genuine respect, enlightened discipline and imaginative flair.

And third, please strive to maximise their potential for later schooling, post-school education, training and employment, and for the quality of life itself so that they can contribute to and enjoy the fruits of living within an Australian society that is fair, just, tolerant, honourable, knowledgeable, prosperous and happy.

When all is said and done, surely this is what every parent and every student should be able to expect of school education: not only as delivered within every public school in NSW, but within every school not only in Australia but throughout the entire world.

(P Brock, A Passion for Life, ABC Books, 2004 pp. 250-251)

Thank you for participating in parent teacher interviews this week. I hope this has been an opportunity to discuss and applaud your child's achievements, identify some challenges for your child and set achievable but challenging goals for semester 2.

Congratulations to the following students who enjoyed morning tea with me today as a reward for receiving a Principal's Award:-
Princess Delany (Yr 4), Neha Nair (Yr 4), Stella Fitzpatrick (Yr 3), Christopher Attie (Kinder), Fizaan Mohammadian (Yr 3), Kaihlen Dawaton (Yr 4), Emilia Shamaa (Yr2), Christabelle Al Katrib (Yr2)

This is the last newsletter for term 2. I thank Mrs Veale for all she has brought to our community over the last 18 months and wish her and her husband all the very best as they await the birth of their child. Mrs Mellissa Brennan will return from her maternity leave to teach year 1 for the remainder of 2016.

I thank our teachers and parent community for the support you are always willing to provide to improve the learning outcomes for our students this semester. I wish you all a wonderful holiday with family and friends, stay safe, take care.

School recommences for term 3 on Monday 18th July. We still aim for 100% attendance.

Helen Boyer

Helen Boyer
Principal

94%
Attendance



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

GREEN WINS



On Friday 17th June Holy Trinity held their Athletics Carnival. Despite the rain we were able to complete our Infants, Junior and Senior sprints, as well as the 800m races for both Stage 2 and Stage 3. As weather conditions worsened we made the decision to return to school where we completed our House Cheer Competition.

Students were well behaved and enjoyed the short time they had at the field. Overall, the day was a success. The shield was presented to the winners at afternoon assembly. We will complete the field events this Friday during sport time.

1st place - Green on 220 points

2nd place - Blue on 210 points

3rd place - Yellow on 205 points

4th place - Red on 200 points

I would like to congratulate the sports captains on their hard work and preparation leading up to the carnival and their assistance on the day. Well done, you are awesome!!

I would also like to thank the parent volunteers for their help on the day. We couldn't run these events without you!!

*Students and Staff would like to thank Miss Claudette Loulach for her **AMAZING** efforts in organising the athletics carnival.*



Student of the Week

Week ending 17 June 2016

Kindergarten – Peter Lichaa

Year 1 – Noel Emmanuel

Year 2 – Nicholas Miranda

Year 3 – Fizaan Mohammadian

Year 4 – Ebony Liutai

Year 5 – Katerina Bui

Year 6 – Kelly Vo



Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to parents for attending parent teacher interviews. I hope you were able to celebrate your child's successes, identify challenges and help your child to make a goal for semester two.

Staff Development Day

Reminder SDD is next Wednesday 29th June, teachers will be learning more about the new Geography syllabus, evaluating and establishing where to next for all KLAS and planning for teaching and learning for term 3.

Whole Site School Evacuation Drill

Please be aware that we are having a whole site school evacuation on Thursday 23RD June. The whole school will be evacuated to Granville Park to allow the children to experience what will happen in the event they need to be evacuated to a safe distance from the school grounds.



There will be a *gold coin mufti day* on the last day of term; proceeds will go towards improving technology devices available to students at HTG.

School Fees

Term 2 school fees are now overdue. Please make payment as soon as possible. If you are experiencing difficulty in paying these fees please contact the office.

Kindergarten enrolments close 1st July

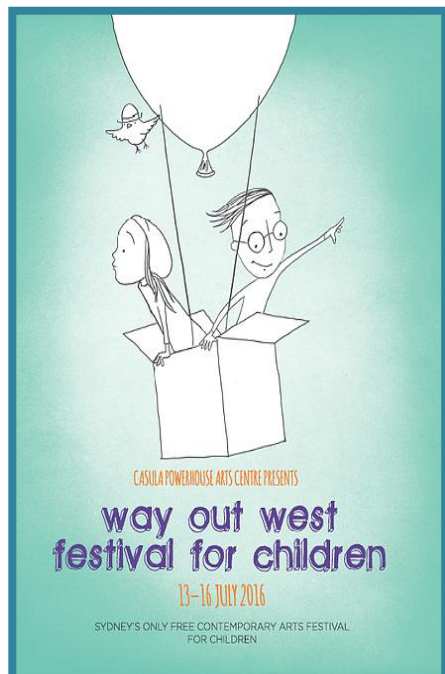


A Special Thank You from Mrs Veale

I would like to thank my lovely class & parents for my beautiful gifts and best wishes for my growing family.

I will miss you all.





HTG Winter Holiday Writing Challenge

WHAT

Holiday Writing Challenge

WHEN

2nd – 10th July 2016
(Winter School Holidays)

WHERE

At Home

WHO

Children in Kindergarten to Year 6

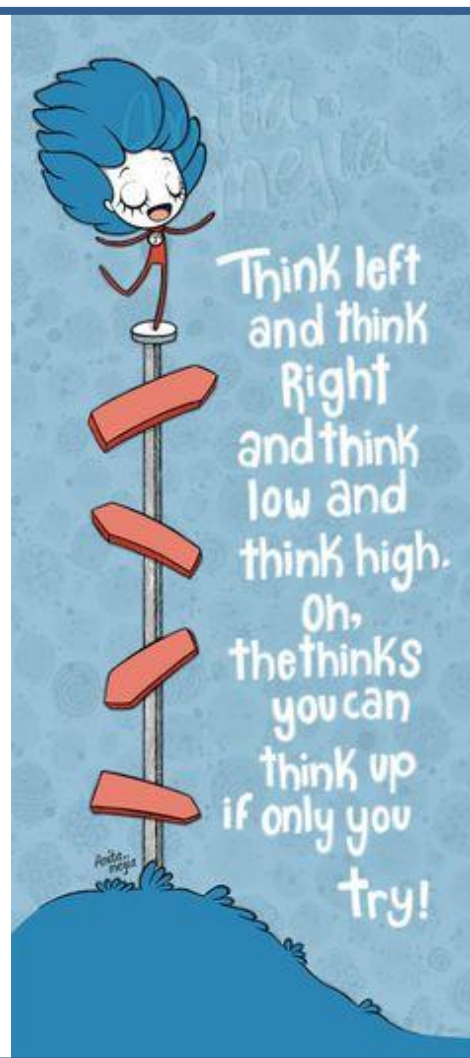
HOW

Write anything you like, It's that simple!!

Every entry goes in the draw to win a PRIZE!

Mrs Taouk will send the note for this challenge home on Friday, so get thinking!

Have fun with writing these holidays!!



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARTNERS IN AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE

On average, Catholic school parents pay **29%** of the cost of their child's schooling

Governments pay the rest

DON'T take government funding for granted
SchoolFundingFacts.com

Source: ACARA My School data 2014. Authenticated by Peter Finn, National Catholic Education Commission, Level 5, 144 (December 10, Sydney)

Before you vote next weekend, make sure you know how your local member will support Catholic Education in Western Sydney

Winter

2016 ACTIVITY GUIDE

Don't forget to check the Parramatta Council winter activity guide for something good to do in the holidays. It was sent home earlier in the week if your child didn't receive one, get on line at http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au/play/whats_on/events_calendar/school_holidays to check it out and make bookings

Birthday Celebrations

Malia Taliuli, Will Depares, Juliana Romanos, Makalita Liutai, Elly Hur, Nathanul Young

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Calendar Dates

Wednesday 29th June

Friday 1st July

Monday 18th July

Staff Development Day

Last day of Term 2

Mufti Day – Gold Coin Donation

First Day of Term 3

