



# Holy Trinity School Granville **Newsletter**



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wishing you all the blessings of this Easter Season.

Christ's Resurrection is the fulfilment of the promises both of the Old Testament and of Jesus himself during his earthly life. The phrase "in accordance with the Scriptures" indicates that Christ's Resurrection fulfilled these promises. Easter is the principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. It is said that Christmas is celebrated in preparation of Easter.

'So it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead' Luke 24:46

The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ.

Welcome to term 2 2017. Congratulations to the parents and students of kindergarten on completing the first term of a 13 year learning journey.

Teachers will send home a document this week that outlines the intended learning for this term in each stage. Please take this information and keep it handy so that you can refer to it often with your child. This information helps you to ask questions of your child about their learning. Instead of asking what did you learn today, your questions can be more specific, eg stage 3 "what does democracy mean?", "how did Federation change our country?", Year 4 you might ask in the second half of the term, "What are the parts of the Mass". If you ask what did you learn today you may not get much information but if the children know you know about their learning and are interested in learning with them, then, they will be more enthusiastic to share.

A few important dates are coming up this term that need to be noted. All school events are created to build community spirit, to support your children.

Community events this term include:

**Celebration of Learning, Wednesday 31 May**, an opportunity for our students your children to showcase their learning and a chance for you to show them how interested you are in what the children are learning. Children need an audience and a purpose to improve their learning.

**Principal parent coffee morning:** Another opportunity to see how learning happens in the classroom. This has been changed to **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May**. All welcome, mums dads, grandparents come and have a chat with other parents and myself and then we will walk through the learning spaces to observe the children learning' you are their audience, their purpose is to have a growth mindset about learning.

**Parent teacher interviews: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June.** An important time to stop and reflect on the goals in learning for your child in the second semester.

**Mother's Day Stall and Raffle.** Mother's day stall will be held on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. We ask for donations for the Mother's Day raffle which will be drawn on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Please send in donations as soon possible and tickets will be sent home this week.

**NAPLAN.** The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>Language Conventions and Writing</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>Reading</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>Numeracy</b>

Peace and love

*Helen Boyer*

Helen Boyer, Principal

## **Kindergarten Reading Information Night**

Kindergarten reading information night Monday 1st May at 6pm.

### **Five Facts About Reading**

- Fact 1: Reading can expand your vocabulary.
- Fact 2: Neighbours will never complain that your book is too loud.
- Fact 3: Reading keeps your imagination active.
- Fact 4: Books have stopped bullets. Reading could save your life.
- Fact 5: Dinosaurs didn't read. Look what happened to them.

## **Holy Trinity Parish Fair**

We're excited to launch our 2017 Parish Fair to be held on **Sunday, 4th June!**

We'll be bringing all the fun with our amazing food stalls, exciting rides and a huge range of games and prizes. Help us get the word out and invite family and friends to our event.

Keep your eye out on our Parish Facebook Page and the Parish Bulletin as we provide more information. We are seeking volunteers who may wish to run a stall, showcase a talent, possibly donate goods or sponsor the event.



*2016 Parish Fair*

Expressions of interest will be taken over the coming weeks. If you can assist in any way, please let us know. Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

## **Attendance**

The best indicator for success is attendance at school. Each Monday morning at assembly and in each school Newsletter/Update the attendance percentage for the previous week will be communicated. Our ultimate goal is 100% attendance but in reality we will strive to maintain our attendance rate above 93%. This is not only a HTG goal but diocese wide.

## **School Supervision**

A teacher is on duty from 8.30am each morning. The gates do not open till then.

Some children are arriving at school from 8am onwards and congregating on the steps of MacKillop Hall. I wish to advise parents that leaving or allowing children to arrive this early is fully your responsibility. Please consider this carefully and contact the school if you have any concerns.

After school the children are to be collected by 3.10pm, but are supervised till 3.30pm when all children should be collected. If you are running late we understand, but please call the office so that we can let your children know.

## **2018 Kindergarten Enrolments**

Our enrolments period is open for Kindergarten 2018.

If you have a child who will turn 5 by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 they must enrol for school for next year.

Please collect an enrolment package from the school office and return the completed form with all the required documentation by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.



**NEW DATE FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS**

**NOW ON THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

## **BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES**

### **FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS**

#### **New procedures reminder for volunteers**

Volunteers make a significant contribution to students and our community. As part of our new 'Building Child Safe Communities' initiatives, we request the following from volunteers:

**Step 1: Complete the 'Building child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form** for each volunteer location

**Step 2: Complete the online training module - required every two years**

These can be accessed by visiting the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta homepage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au> then scrolling down to 'Volunteers and Contractors – click here'.

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

Please contact your school if you require any assistance. We thank all volunteers for their continued support.

### **A Reminder for our school community, complaints and grievances.**

If, at any time, you find that you have a concern with the school, you are encouraged to come to the school and speak with the teacher/s, assistant principal and/or principal, to identify your concern.

It is our aim to work with all members of our school community to ensure that we do the very best to provide a productive, safe and enjoyable learning experience for our students and professionally fulfilling experience of our staff.

If you would like to raise a concern, the Catholic Education Office has guidelines for ensuring that complaints are handled fairly. Information about how to handle complaints either informally or formally is available from the school office and/or within the Complaint Handling Guidelines. These documents can be accessed on the school website or system website.



### **Students of the Week**

**Week ending 7/4/17**



Kindergarten	- Charbel Azar
Year One	- Daniel Depares
Year Two	- Sarah Nadeem
Year Three	- Jessalin Zhao
Year Four	- Tamara Salloum
Year Five	- George El Khoureiry
Year Six	- Lincoln Cliffe



### **Skoolbag App**

Skoolbag is a mobile app that communicates directly to parent smartphones. It provides access to key school information via one single Communication Centre for both parents and students.

Ideal for:	- School notification alerts	- School events
	- School Newsletters	- School documents
	- School RSS feeds	- School social media

For information on how to install Skoolbag on your smartphone, please contact the school office for more information or find out more at [www.skoolbag.com.au](http://www.skoolbag.com.au)

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## Birthday Celebrations

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



Johnny Akot, Sarah Nadeem, Ava Pirini, Katerina Bui, Jabra Baram,  
Charbel Estephane, Joel Buultjens,  
Xavier Klear, Phillip Huynh, Aiden Bosco, Jwanita Bosco,  
Samuel Rajadurai, Riki Liverani, George El Khoureiry, Fatmata Bah,  
Kevin Trinh, Saide Tannous, Evelyn Le, Gabriel Coloma, Zen Shamaa,  
Yatta Kallon, Katherine Gage, Emily Sultana

## Calendar Dates

<b>Tuesday 9th May</b>	-	<b>NAPLAN Language Conventions and Writing Test - Years 3 &amp; 5</b>
<b>Wednesday 10th May</b>	-	<b>NAPLAN Reading Test - Years 3 &amp; 5</b>
<b>Thursday 11th May</b>	-	<b>NAPLAN Numeracy Test - Years 3 &amp; 5</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>Mother's Day Mass – 9.15am</b>
	-	<b>Mother's Day Stall</b>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>Mother's Day</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>Winter Uniform</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>Stage 3 wear sport winter Basketball excursion</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	-	<b>GRIP Leadership</b>



Health

## **Measles outbreak in western Sydney**

There is currently an outbreak in South Western and Western Sydney, with at least 9 people having acquired the disease in the region during March 2017.

The reported cases include children and infants who attended childcare centres and secondary schools. There is potential for the measles outbreak to spread further as the infected young people have large social networks both with and outside of their schools, and some have travelled on public transport whilst infectious. Measles is highly infectious and anyone who isn't vaccinated is at risk of infection if they have had contact with an infectious case.

Immunisation is effective in preventing measles. It is important for everyone to ensure that they have received at least two doses of measles containing vaccine (MMR). Infants and young children are vaccinated with measles containing vaccine at 12 months and 18 months of age. Older children and adults born during or after 1966 should ensure that they have been vaccinated with two doses of vaccine. Unless people are certain they have two doses of measles vaccine, they should visit their GP as soon as possible for free measles vaccination.

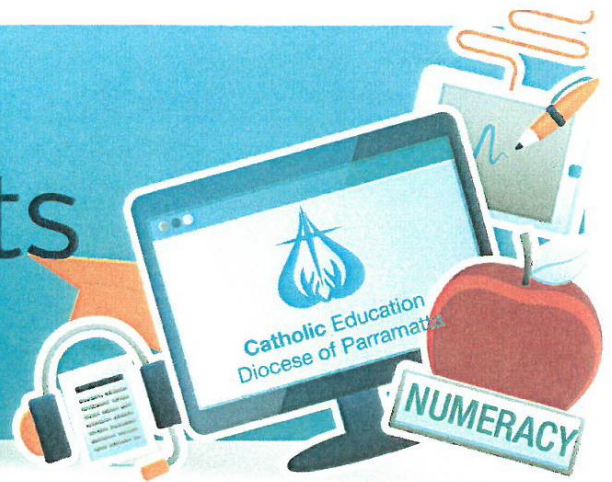
The first sign of measles symptoms should seek medical advice as soon as possible phoning the emergency department or GP beforehand, stay home from work or school, and limit other activities to avoid exposing other vulnerable people, such as infants, to the infection.

Further information about measles can be found on the NSW Ministry of Health website at:  
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/measles.html>



# every day counts

Information courtesy of the Queensland Department of Education and Training



## MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



Ok reasons to stay home from school



sick



natural disaster



It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

## EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even **1 day** can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight

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Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten  
It's where good habits begin



## ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

each  
**1%**  
increase in student attendance

may relate to  
**2-3**  
NAPLAN scale score points\*

\*based on historical data



## WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

Get involved in your child's school

Promote the importance of school

Get to know the teacher

Go to school events

Read the school newsletter

Be organised at home

Supervise homework

Ask about your child's day

Volunteer to help at school