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Dear Parents and Friends,

Last Friday I had the privilege of being with my colleagues Mrs Conley and Ms Salkeld as they presented to leaders in the diocese the results of teaching and learning in Mathematics at HTG over the last year. The teachers at our school have reached a high standard of mathematics teaching over this year. Not only have these leaders in our school improved the outcomes for our children but they have also included learning for you our parents.

The teachers have prepared the end of year reports for our children and have started to present them to me for signing. I have again been impressed by the high standard of professionalism in the preparation of these reports. At this time of year we do not have interviews, however, you are most welcome at any time to make an appointment through the office to meet with any of our teachers with regard to your child's learning.

Congratulations to our teaching staff for all that they have achieved this year. I couldn't ask for a better team of professionals to work with.

In 2016 Miss Jessica Rapesoska will join our teaching team. We warmly welcome Jessica to Holy Trinity and hope she will be able to find this a peaceful and satisfying place to work.

This Friday is a Staff Development Day. No school for students. Teachers will be planning their History and Geography teaching programs for 2016. These curriculum areas are new for 2016 as the Australian Curriculum has been implemented in stages.

Pope Francis - Laudato Si'

From the recent publication 'The Francis Effect II' the Catholic Educator, Patricia Hindmarsh refers to Pope Francis as a teacher who has enormous global status and influence.

His educational wisdom was clear in his vision for the schools and educational programs he founded as Jesuit provincial and archbishop in native Argentina. Through an ecology of learning the Jesuit scholastics under his care not only engaged in rigorous academic studies, but learned to live communally, developing practical virtues as they tilled the vegetable gardens, cleaned out the pig pens, and prepared simple meals for the local poor, whom they visited. Laudato Si', with its message for all humanity to "care for our common home" (LS), is the work of a scholar, mystic, and practical champion of humanity. The Pope reiterates that humans are made in God's image, and are stewards of God's creation, entrusted with the care for the earth, our home.

"It is our profound conviction that the future of the human family depends also on how we safeguard the gift of creation that our Creator has entrusted to us."



The Pope, like Francis of Assisi, is a lover of the poor. He has chosen to aspire to lead a simple, hard-working and ascetic lifestyle, choosing for himself the way of public transport, unpretentious housing and minimal flying hours, as far as his duties in high office can allow.

Pope Francis is inviting all involved in the formation of the young to introduce to them the joy of contemplating earth's bounty, beauty and fragility and to develop a certain sobriety of life that find happiness, not in the over-accumulation of consumer goods, but in the social love that makes itself felt in every action.

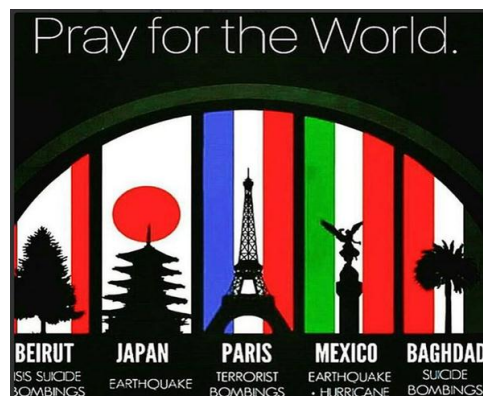
We pray for those who are suffering in any way but especially the following:

Love Serve Hope

Helen Boyer

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Principal



Holy Trinity Parish Golden Jubilee Fair

Sunday 29th November from 11am to 3pm

A great opportunity to bring together the school and parish communities.

We will be selling drinks on the day.

Please bring in your donation of cans or water to the school as soon as possible.

Also bring in items to help with the Chocolate Wheel, Hoopla and Bottle Stall

- new toys, board games and \$2 shop items
- bottles of shampoo, dishwashing liquid, cordial, soft drink

Ride Wrist Bands:

Available from Paulette Zaiter in playground from 3pm

- * Pre-sold Ride Wrist bands - \$20 - special price
- * Ride Wrist Bands on the day - \$25, or \$7 per ride



Year 6 Canberra Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who supported the Snow Cone, Popcorn and Fairy Floss day and the Cake Stall to raise money for the Year Six Canberra excursion. A total of \$610 was raised. Well done.

The School Student Transport Scheme (School Bus Pass)

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) provides eligible school students with free or subsidised travel on public transport between home and school, on trains, buses, ferries and long distance coach services.

Many students will automatically receive a School Opal card for the 2016 school year.

However you will need to complete a form online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students if:

- Applying for an SSTS pass for the first time
- Enrolling in Kindergarten
- Progressing from Year 2 to Year 3
- Progressing from Year 6 to Year 7
- Changing name, school and/or address
- Requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

Applications must be made by a parent or legal guardian of the student if aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete and sign application form themselves.

Applications are subject to eligibility criteria.

2016 Diocesan School Fees

Dear families

As you may be aware, there is still uncertainty around long term government funding for Catholic schools. Indications are that federal government funding for education post 2017 will be linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which historically has been much lower than the education inflation rate. Funding growth linked to CPI will not meet increases in the real costs of schooling.

To maintain our current service levels we will need to increase diocesan tuition fees by 5%. This increase will mean we can continue to fund important initiatives to improve student learning, including:

- literacy and numeracy programs such as Focus160, Reading Recovery, EMU, EM4 and professional learning for teachers and leaders to support the implementation of these programs
- increasing support for students with disabilities, behavioural and emotional needs
- improving our learning spaces, technology and infrastructure
- building new schools and expanding existing schools to cater for new places

Scholarships and fee arrangements

We are committed to ensuring that **no child will be refused enrolment due to a family's financial situation**. There are a range of scholarship and support programs to assist families including:

- The Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- Fee arrangements and discounts
- The Byallawa co-contribution scheme for Indigenous families

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2016

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at the start of the year or as three equal payments in Terms 1, 2 and 3. Flexible payment plans are also available around weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments. The fee is only charged for the first three children currently enrolled in the diocese. There is no additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child attending a systemic school in the diocese or other participating Catholic schools.

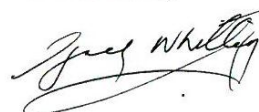
Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2016

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard, and ensure we can expand or build new schools in high growth areas. To ensure this continues we will need to increase the building levy by \$33 per family per year. The levy for 2016 will be \$735 per family, payable in three equal instalments of \$245 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

We continue to make every effort to contain educational costs and we do not take the decision to raise fees lightly. **If a school fee increase will be difficult for your family to manage, please contact your school principal.** We will provide every assistance to families in financial need.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education.

Yours sincerely



Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director of Schools

The 2016 Annual Tuition Fees are as follows:

Annual Fees		1st Child 100%	2nd Child 75%	3rd Child 50%
Tuition Fee Primary	Kindergarten	\$1.098	\$825	\$549
	Years 1 - 6	\$1.419	\$1.065	\$711
Tuition Fee Secondary	Years 7 - 8	\$1.968	\$1.476	\$984
	Years 9 - 10	\$2.184	\$1.638	\$1.092
	Years 11 - 12	\$2.790	\$2.094	\$1.395

Students of the Week

Week ending 13.11.15



Kindergarten	Jordan Yang
Year One	Joel Buultjens
Year Two	Victoria Blandon
Year Three	Sarah El-Hajj
Year Four	Christian Tuara
Year Five	Brandon Ghazarian
Year Six	Gwyneth Climaco



REMINDER

Staff Development Day
Friday 20th November 2015
No school for Students



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Canteen Roster

If you are able to help in the Canteen on a Tuesday or Friday, please complete the Child Protection Training online at <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training>.

Friday 20 th November	-	NO SCHOOL – STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
Tuesday 24 th November	-	Mary Sleiman, Camilla Liutai
Friday 27 th November	-	Sandra El-Khoury, Almaza Faddoul
Tuesday 1 st December	-	Mabel Chen, Janine Estephane
Friday 4 th December	-	Annie Ghribian, Seini Taliauli
Tuesday 8 th December	-	Janine Estephane, Maram Salloum
Friday 11 th December	-	Sue Bou-Francis, Paulette Zaiter
LAST DAY OF CANTEEN		

Calendar Dates

Wednesday 18 th November	-	Year 4 Reconciliation
Thursday 19 th November	-	Mums Self-defence Party – \$25
Friday 20 th November	-	Staff Development Day – <u>No School for children</u>
Sunday 22 nd November	-	Christ the King
Wednesday 25 th November	-	Year 5 Reconciliation
25 th & 26 th November	-	Year 6 Canberra Trip
Friday 27 th November	-	Mass – Year 1 and Year 6
Sunday 29 th November	-	1 st Sunday of Advent Holy Trinity Parish Golden Jubilee Fair 11am – 3pm
Wednesday 2 nd December	-	Year 6 Reconciliation
Thursday 3 rd December	-	Assembly - special Advent Liturgy Kinder and Year 5 in MacKillop Hall
Sunday 6 th December	-	2 nd Sunday of Advent
Thursday 10 th December	-	Year 6 Graduation Mass
Friday 11 th December	-	End of Year Liturgy