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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we end Term 3, it is a good time to think about all we have achieved this term. Our students have participated in A3 Choir, Debating, Voice of Youth and Dance Fever this term, as well as a Dance-a-thon and First Holy Communion. It has been such a busy and successful term of learning.

It is important that our students have the chance to participate in these extra-curricular activities, as well as participate in their day-to-day learning and we are so lucky to be able to participate in these events.

It is essential that at this time of year, even though your children may be tired and want to stay at home, that they come to school to learn. Recent studies have shown that student school attendance patterns begin as early as Year 1. The best predictor of student attendance is their attendance rate the year before. This means that if your child has a lot of days off in a school year, this can become a pattern for the rest of their school life.

It is vital to remember that student's attendance is connected to their academic achievement. This effects not only their current year of learning, but subsequent years as well. Unexplained absences produce stronger effects on achievement.

We want all of our students at HTG to be the best learners that they can be. Please support us by ensuring that if your child is well and able, that they come to school every day. Next term we will be having a BBQ for students with 100% attendance for Term 4. We hope that the entire school will be involved.

Thank you for your support, God bless.

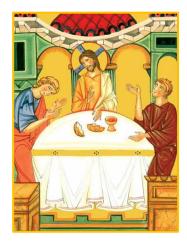
Kathryn Salkeld Assistant Principal

Religious Education

Congratulations to the students who celebrated their Holy Communion last Sunday. The children were congratulated by the school community and presented with their certificates and some rosary beads at Monday assembly by Father Andrew.

Remember

Remember how He broke the loaf made from golden wheat, And said, "This is my body. Take this bread and eat." Remember how the sun-ripe grapes taken from the vine Became a cup of blessing: "Take and drink this wine." Remember how a cross of wood became a symbol of Christ's giving of himself to us-the greatest kind of love. Remember Jesus' love for you as you receive His bread of life, His cup of grace... Remember and believe!



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<u>Junior Joey's Group</u>

The Junior Joey's group, inspired by the work of Saint Mary Mackillop, have decided to hold a games afternoon for the children in Kindergarten, Years One and Two on Thursday at lunchtime. Junior Joey's members are made up of Year Four and Five students and have decided that there is a need to encourage and help others make friends during play times in our school community. So far this term the Junior Joey's group have weeded and cleaned up the gardens in the playground and the games afternoon will be their second job for this term. It will be great to see what ideas the children can come up with for term 4!

Michelle O'Leary, Acting Religious Education Coordinator

<u>Please Note:</u>

On Friday at 10am a requiem mass will be celebrated for Jack Smeal, a long-time member of Holy Trinity Parish. We will support our Parish community by allowing cars to park as per Sunday masses. In keeping our children safe, no child will be permitted to leave the building between 9.30am and 12noon.

POSTPONED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Popcorn, Fairy Floss and Snow Cone day advertised for this week has to be postponed until Term 4.

Dance a Thon

The dance a thon held last Friday was a fun and enjoyable afternoon. Thank you to all the families and friends who generously sponsored the students and came to watch.



Please remember to bring all money in by tomorrow at the latest so that the class with the most money raised from participating students can receive their reward of a Pizza Party.

Students of the Week Week ending 11.9.15

Kindergarten Year One Year Two Year Three Year Four Year Five Year Six Jiel Akol Fatmata Bah Bahram Bahbahani George El Khoueiry Jasynta Nakfour Joshua Carniel Khalil Ibrahim



CANTEEN NEWS

- CANTEEN IS FINISHED FOR TERM 3.
- <u>No Canteen on Friday 18th September</u>
- WILL START AGAIN IN TERM 4.

<u>Woolworths Earn & Learn</u>



Please return any earn and learn stickers to school before Friday so they can be counted and sent in for validation.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us and returned the stickers, and we will then be able to choose some new resources from Modern Teaching Aids for our school.

<u>Calendar Dates</u>

Thursday, 17 th September	- All money to be returned for Dance a Thon
Friday 18th September -	Pizza party for Winning Class of participating students
-	Return all Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers
-	End of Term 3 🔬
	School Holidays
Tuesday, 6 th October -	Start of Term 4 – STUDENTS RETURN IN SUMMER UNIFORM