



Holy Trinity School Granville Update



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Bullying is a topic that is associated with schooling. The term is used constantly to describe negative interactions among students. In the following I want to clarify exactly what bullying means.

Bullying must include an imbalance of power (whether it's strength, popularity, or access to information), and is a behaviour that happens repeatedly or could be repeated. This can have a significant impact on children and needs to be addressed immediately and effectively. Therefore children need to let someone know so it can be dealt with (preferably at school so the incident can be investigated as close to the incident as possible).

However, unkindness is not bullying. Sarcasm is not bullying. When we fail to distinguish between bullying and ordinary meanness, we trivialise the very serious cases of bullying.

Also, calling every act of meanness bullying, sends an unhealthy message: It says to kids, 'You're fragile.' You can't handle it if anyone is even slightly unkind to you. Parents unwittingly cultivate fragility by misusing the term bullying. Incidents of meanness may still need to be addressed but quite often children have the strength to be able to deal with incidents of meanness on their own. It is our job to build resilience in the children to deal with minor issues of meanness and support them when there are issues they can not deal with on their own.

Kinder Orientation

Thank you to the 2019 Kindergarten parents who attended the Kindergarten 2019 Parent Information Evening. We are very privileged at HTG to have another group of students starting next year. The 2019 Kinder students had their first orientation day today.

Education Mass

Four of the Year 5 students (Elly, Stella, Jovian and Jack) accompanied Mrs Boyer & Mr Galea to St Patrick's Cathedral for a special mass to mark Mission Week. The children were joined by other students and leaders from schools in our Diocese.



Mission Fundraising

As part of the Year 6 Mission Unit the students are raising money for The Myanmar Mission. This week the students made and sold jelly cups. The students will be making and selling chocolate coconut balls in Week 3 and chocolate brownies in Week 4 (The school community will be notified when the items are on sale in the coming weeks). All items cost \$1.

Week 3 Kinder Assembly reminder

Just a reminder that the Kindergarten assembly will be held on Friday next week. Assembly starts at 2.40pm. Please come and join us.

God bless,

Assistant Principal
Mr Jason Fisher



One Word Prayer: I recently read about the idea of the *One Word Prayer*. That word is: **Jesus**. When we have a difficult decision to make we can centre ourselves by stopping and saying the name of our Lord. We can invoke the gifts of the Holy Spirit by placing ourselves in His presence; Jesus can help us find good judgement, use our wisdom, or to marvel at the wonderful works of our God. We can also use this one word prayer when we are discouraged, upset or challenged to help us find the strength within to keep going. Similarly, if we feel we are on the verge of sinning we can invoke the name of the Lord to steer us back towards His Love. Our prayers don't always need to be long and formal, we can simply make ourselves aware of God's presence. **Jesus**.



Mission Week: God wants to bring peace and joy to the world, but can't do it without us. We are His body here on earth. He gave us the power to notice what needs to be done to help reach out to others in our families and communities. It's often the small things we are required to do which help God achieve His mission. To reach out to someone who is grieving the loss of a loved one, to give to charity to help those who are not as fortunate as ourselves, to speak up when we encounter injustice.

Mass Times: We are all welcome to join the good people of the Holy Trinity Parish at mass each weekend: 6:00pm Saturdays and 10:00am Sundays.

Would you like to discuss your faith? Please contact Mr Galea or Mrs Boyer for assistance.

Mark Galea
Religious Education Coordinator

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 **Birthday Celebrations** 

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their Birthday in **October**:

Mia S, Tamara S, Alvin C, Lukacs B, Isaiah M, Maxine G, William B, Gabriella A, James W, Christabelle A, Charbel A, Jessalin Z, Faith T, Chanel T.



★ Student of the Week ★

Week ending 19/10/18

Kindergarten	-	Princess K
Year One	-	Aeva M
Year Two	-	Christopher A
Year Three	-	Charlotte K
Year Four	-	Simon E
Year Five	-	Gabra B
Year Six	-	Noah B



Calendar Dates



Monday 29th October	-	Stage 3 Basketball
Thursday 1st November	-	All Saints Day
Friday 2nd November	-	All Souls Day
	-	Kindergarten Assembly - 2:40pm
	-	Kinder 2019 Orientation - Day 2
Friday 9th November	-	Remembrance Day Liturgy
End of year important dates:		
Thursday 6th December	-	Year 5 Leadership Day
	-	Year 6 Movie Day
Friday 7th December	-	Mrs Boyer's Farewell
Monday 10th December	-	Voting for School Captains
Tuesday 11th December	-	Year 6 End of Year Assembly
	-	Year 6 Guard of Honour
	-	Graduation - 6.00pm
Thursday 13th December	-	End of Year Liturgy and Prize Giving
Friday 14th December	-	Advent Mass