Dear Parents and Friends,

Catholic Schools Week.

We celebrate and showcase how we do “teaching and learning” at HTG. How we build the future through our children. It was affirming to see so many parents visiting our school learning spaces. Thank you for your support.

AT HTG we have many children of different faiths. However it is made clear at enrolment that we are a Catholic school that embraces our faith, through everything we say and do and through our motto of Love, Serve, Hope.

Next Sunday all are welcome to celebrate Mass together we invite and welcome people of all faiths to join us. We are many faiths building one community. Family, school and parish all creating a peace filled community of respectful, safe learners. Mass commences at 9.30 and will conclude by 10.30, all students must be accompanied by an adult.

On the next page please find a copy of our implementation plan goals for this year. These goals determine how we analyse data, identify need, develop professional learning and involve our community.

Over the next two weeks we enter a period of Quality Catholic School Survey. Sixty families randomly selected by the Catholic Education Office, all year 5 and year 6 students and all staff complete this survey. The results of this survey are analysed by the leadership team and staff led by member of the Insight company. From the results we develop a plan to improve in our identified areas of need and celebrate our areas of growth.

Last year’s results indicated a need to engage students in their learning, develop a safe environment and involve the parent community. In response to this we have developed our whole school rules and flow chart to manage behaviours, developed programs of work that involve students in engaging tasks for the maximum amount of learning for the maximum amount of time and we have held many for parents and invited parents to visit learning spaces.

We look forward to finding our future directions from this year’s survey. If you receive one of the surveys please complete it either online or on the form provided and return it to school. If you require any assistance please contact the school.

Happy Catholic Schools Week, I have enjoyed having many of you at the school this week.

Helen Bayer
Principal
Kindergarten Enrolments for 2016

Holy Trinity School is accepting enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2016 from Monday 16th March.

If your child turns five (5) years of age by 31st July 2016, please call into the school office to collect an enrolment pack.

The completed enrolment form should then be returned to the school with:-

* your child’s Baptism Certificate
* your child’s Birth Certificate
* your child’s Immunisation Certificate
* proof of residential address

Easter Raffle

This year Holy Trinity is having an Easter Raffle. Last Monday each family was sent a yellow note requesting donations of Easter Eggs to make up some terrific Easter prizes.

The raffle will be drawn on Monday 30th March and the funds raised will be used to purchase new resources for the children.

Today each family will receive a book of tickets. Please return any tickets sold together with the money to school by Friday 27th March.

Please note, if you have not returned your Consent to Sell Raffle Tickets form, or have indicated you do not want to sell raffle tickets, we will not send home a book of tickets.

Notes to be Returned

Thank you to all the families who have returned the permission / notes for:

- Consent to use Child’s Image, Video, Audio and Works
- 2015 ICT Policy
- Consent to Sell Raffle Tickets
- Student Information for 2015 form.
**Literacy Hint**

Help your child understand a story by talking about each picture before you read. Pictures can help a child figure out a new word and they help the child retain the meaning and overall understanding of the story. Be sure not to cover up any of the pictures as your child reads. Instead, talk to your child about who is in the picture, what is happening, and what they think might happen next.

**Numeracy Hint**

Look for opportunities to talk about numbers. For example, read speed signs as you are driving along the road, talk about patterns in house numbers, look at and read phone numbers and number plates on cars.

**School Uniform**

All uniforms are now to be purchased from:

OZ Fashions
115-127 Parramatta Road Granville
Phone: 9897 3121
Web: www.ozfashions.com.au

Trading Hours:
Monday – Friday 9am – 5.30pm
Saturday 9am – 4pm

School Hats, Library/Excursion Bags and Hair Accessories can be purchased from the school office.

A very limited number of some second-hand uniforms are available at school. Enquire through the school office.

**Year 7, 2017 Enrolment Information Evening**

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta invites prospective families to the Year 7, 2017 Enrolment Information Evening at 4.45pm on March 31. Tour the College, collect an Enrolment pack, attend an information session, meet the College staff and enjoy a BBQ with the OLMC P&F.

For enquiries, please contact the Registrar on 8838 1222 or email registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au. Limited places available for Year 7 2016.

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**Students of the Week**

**Week ending 6.3.15**

- Kindergarten: Aroob Fatima
- Year One: Jessalin Zhao
- Year Two: Timmy Nguyen
- Year Three: Vinz Danganan
- Year Four: Raynesh Shrestha
- Year Five: Florence Tarawallie
- Year Six: Soane Taliauli

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**Birthday Celebrations**

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday in March:

Social Skill Focus

Good Listening

* Look at the person
* Sit still
* Say ‘Yes’ or nod your head
* Think about what is being said
* Ask a question to find out more

Parent Links:
When giving instructions, have your child look at you and give only one or two short instructions at a time. If they forget, ask “Is there something else to do? What’s next?”
You may ask your child to recount an experience, while you model good listening to their story. Play some listening games, sing songs together, read stories to them, get them to relay messages from one family member to another or retell what they watched on TV that night.

Canteen Roster

Volunteers must complete Child Protection Training before working with children in schools. Access this online using the following link: http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/training
Paulette Zaiter, Canteen Co-ordinator

Fri, 13th March - Sandra El Khoury, Almaza Faddoul
Tue, 17th March - Paulette Zaiter, Rosette Bou-Francis, Parameswary Rajadurai
Fri, 20th March - Sophie Depares, Amanda Georges
Tue, 24th March - Mabel Chen, Lillian Ibrahim
Fri, 27th March - Maram Salloum, Sue Bou-Francis
Tue, 31st March - Annie Ghribian, Seini Taliauli

If you are unable to make your rostered day please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Calendar Dates

Thursday 12th March - 9.15am - walk through learning spaces with the Principal
Sunday, 15th March - 9.30am - Mass at Holy Trinity Church
Tuesday 17th March - School Cross Country
Wednesday 25th March - Annunciation of the Lord
Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday
Tuesday, 31st March - BBQ for students with 100% attendance for term
Thursday, 2nd April - Holy Thursday – Last day of Term 1
Friday, 3rd April - Good Friday – Passion of the Lord
Sunday, 5th April - Easter Sunday
Monday, 20th April - School Starts for Term 2