Dear Parents and Friends,

On Saturday 19th March we celebrate the feast day of St Joseph, the patron saint of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. Mary Mackillop founded this order 150 years ago. You can read the story of Mary of the Cross Mackillop on this link. [http://www.sosj.org.au/who-we-are/index.cfm?loadref=105](http://www.sosj.org.au/who-we-are/index.cfm?loadref=105)

Mary was a woman of vision and determination. She visited our school in 1885 on her way to Penrith. Mary Mackillop said, “Never see a need without doing something about it.”

When have you put those words into action? Talk to your children about these words of Mary Mackillop. How can they put these words into action in your homes, our school or local community? We teach our children to care for themselves, each other and this beautiful country that we are so blessed to live in.

Please support our gold and fold mufti day tomorrow. Miss Loulach will travel to the Philippines later this year to support those in need.

2016 Goals

A reminder of our goals here at Holy Trinity this year:

For all students to have a deeper understanding of the gospel and its application to their Catholic lives.

By the end of 2016 all students will demonstrate growth in reading by using various comprehension strategies to understand texts at the literal and inferential level.

- Students in Years K & 1 to improve two clusters in the DEC Literacy Continuum (Reading texts and Comprehension)
- Students in Years 2 - 6 to improve two clusters in the DEC Literacy Continuum (Comprehension) and show growth in answering literal and inferential questions as evidenced in PAT-R scale scores.

To move one growth point across all domains school-wide (with a focus on vulnerable students and their accelerated growth) with an accelerated growth in Addition and Subtraction.
Last week we met with three other school leadership teams to share our work so far this term. During this time we were able to be affirmed in what we are doing and to gain insights from our neighbouring colleagues. Our students and teachers are to be congratulated on their achievements so far this term.

It was lovely to see so many parents at Delany’s Open Night last week. The learning spaces and the 21st century pedagogy that Delany College offer is amazing. Enrolment forms are now available through the Delany Office.

How wonderful for a Year 7 - 12 child to continue their learning in an environment that shares our motto of Love Serve Hope.

1 or 2 days a week doesn’t seem much but......

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How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won’t affect my child?

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Every Day Counts

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!

Thank you parents for your support in ensuring your child attends school each day.

Love Serve Hope

Helen Boyer
Principal

Attendance Percentage
for the week ending 11/3/2016
97%
Patrick’s Day Gold and Fold

Help us to raise money to send Miss Loulach to World Youth Day where she will work in a poor community to help families devastated by an earthquake. Wear green clothes to school on St Patrick’s Day, Thursday 17th March, and bring a $1 coin, a $2 coin or a folded $5, $10, $20, $50 or $100 note to school. Stage 2 will also run a stall selling green lollies, chocolates, cupcakes and cookies. All money raised will go to support the World Youth Day Project.

Easter Egg Raffle Draw

Thank you to all the children and families who have generously donated Easter eggs to make up baskets for the raffle to be drawn on Holy Thursday, 24th March. Raffle tickets were sent home last week and the money raised will go towards purchasing school equipment for the children. We need a group of parents to make up the baskets of eggs for the raffle on Monday 21st March. PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW ASAP IF YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO SPARE TO HELP US.

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2017

Holy Trinity School is now accepting enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2017. If your child turns five (5) years of age by 31st July 2017, 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 original Birth Certificate
* your child’s Baptism Certificate
* your child’s Immunisation Certificate

Cross Country 2016

Thank you to all our parent helpers and teachers for making the Cross Country a fun day for the children. The 2016 House Colour Winners:

1st Place: Green - 246
2nd Place: Blue - 244
3rd Place - Tied: Red / Yellow - 227

The winners of the races were as follows:

8 and 9 years:
- Will Derbas
- Sebastian Roughley
- Hans Cersson
- Thomas Elzain
- Sarah El-Hajj
- Awar Akol
- Stella Fitzpatrick
- Alethia Sewell

10 years:
- Joshua Depares
- Payin Akol
- Jayden Taouk
- Jeremiah Taliauli
- Achan Akot
- Jacyntha Nakfour
- Anger Anger
- Kaihlen Dawaton

11 years:
- Joshua Rajadurai
- Raynesh Shrestha
- Mahyar Mola Salehi
- George El-Hajj
- Lyria Filo
- Maylyn Pelayo
- Emma George-Coker
- Daniella Taouk

12 and 13 years:
- Mark Bou-Francis
- Joshua Carniel
- Filipo Latu
- Garang Angui
- Florence Tarawallie
- Caitlyn Nakfour
- Marnley Pelayo
- Michaela Ljubicic
**2016 Term One School Fees**

School Fees are now overdue. Please contact the school office if you are experiencing difficulties with payment.

**Second-Hand Uniforms**

A limited number of second-hand uniforms, in limited sizes are available from the school. Mrs Batistic has kindly volunteered to sort these items and is available on Fridays fortnightly from 25th March - **8.30-9am** and **2.30-3pm**.

**School Uniform**

New uniforms are purchased from:

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**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.

**Students of the Week**

**Week ending 11.3.16**

- Kindergarten: Aaron Kidane
- Year One: Aroob Fatima
- Year Two: Will Derbas
- Year Three: Alethia Sewell
- Year Four: Sebastian Roughley
- Year Five: Raynesh Shrestha
- Year Six: Samuel Kidane

**Birthday Celebrations**

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


**Calendar Dates**

- **Thursday 17th March**: St Patrick’s Day - Gold and Fold Fundraiser
- **Friday 18th March**: Kindergarten Assembly - MacKillop Hall - 2.30pm
- **Saturday 19th March**: St Joseph’s Day
- **Sunday 20th March**: Palm Sunday
- **Thursday 24th March**: Holy Thursday - Easter Raffle Drawn
- **Friday 25th March**: Good Friday - no school
- **Sunday 27th March**: Easter
- **Monday 28th March**: Public Holiday - no school
- **Tuesday 29th March**: Students back to school after Easter break
- **Thursday 31st March**: Stage 2 Excursion to La Perouse
- **Friday 1st April**: Stage 3 Assembly - MacKillop Hall - 2.30pm
- **Wednesday 6th April**: Staff Development Day - students do not come to school

**A New Baby Girl**

Congratulations to the Gomes family on the birth of a baby girl, Jaleesa Adrita Gomes on 3rd March 2016 weighing 2660 gms a sister for Jovian (Year 4).