Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you for the lovely welcome back from my pilgrimage. Each day I was on pilgrimage I was reminded that I missed this community but at the same time was able to embrace a deepening spiritual experience. Each place of visit was a highlight but listening to the voices of the indigenous ladies at Santa Theresa mission sing during mass was just so special.

Mary Mackillop, was a true “trooper”. She was a strong independent woman who travelled many, many miles through Australia to help others. At Holy Trinity we try to develop a spirit that believes that all children are potential saints. Our “saint project” encourages students to use kind words, demonstrate caring actions and always have positive thoughts. We need your support to develop this culture with our beautiful young children.

We have much to celebrate here at Holy Trinity. Yesterday 4 of our year 6 students represented their school in the Voice of Youth cluster final. Congratulations to all students in year 6 for preparing and presenting speeches as part of their learning this term.

Special congratulations must go to our first and second place winners: Angelina Batistic (2nd) and Eva Derbas (1st). A special mention to Anne Nguyen and Fiona Nguyen for being part of this team of public speakers.

This Thursday please join us for grandparents’ liturgy and book week celebrations. There is no need to be extravagant in preparing costumes for the children. A prop or a sign often is enough. I know I will be using a simple prop to be my character. I have also invited the Father Andrew, Golden Rose preschool children and the ladies and gentlemen of the HTG Friendship Group to join us. Let’s make this a great day of celebration of all things that “light up our world”. Thank you to all the teachers and especially Mrs Taouk for their leadership in organizing this day.

A thought for this week from Pope Francis, “The Joy of the Gospel” number 27:

“I dream of a “missionary option”, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structure can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for herself preservation.”

As an evangelizing school we need to put the proclamation of the Gospel at the centre of everything. We need to work together to make Jesus Christ known and loved by all, students, staff and parents. How can we do this together in the 21st century?

See you all on Thursday.

God bless,

Helen Boyer,
Principal
BOOK WEEK 2015 - BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD!
The staff and students welcome Grandparents, Parents & Friends to our celebration of Book Week with our Grandparents Liturgy, Book Character Parade, Picnic Morning Tea and Classroom Visits.

When: Thursday 13th August, 2015
Where: HTG Playground

Scholastic Book Fair
Come along and view the collection of story and information books for sale at our annual Scholastic Book Fair in the Holy Trinity Library.

Book Fair Times:

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Term 3 School Fees
Term 3 school fees are due to be paid by Monday 17th August.

Families who have arranged to pay by Direct Debit or BPay please disregard this notice.

Father's Day BBQ Breakfast
An invitation was sent home last week to join us on Friday 4th September for breakfast to celebrate the fathers and grandfathers of our school community.

Thank to those families who have returned their reply slip so that we can organise catering. Please return your slip as soon as possible. We have received enough donations of juice, but we would welcome some more eggs and bacon donations.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
Thank you to those families who have sent in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. Until Tuesday 8th September you get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

Tell your family and friends that Holy Trinity is collecting the stickers.

Send the Earn & Learn Stickers into school or place the Earn & Learn Stickers onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and put it into the Collection Box here at the school.

Captivate Choir
Year 4 students are participating in the Captivate A3 Choir. A note was sent home this week with the performance details and permission slip. Please ensure the slip is returned to school as soon as possible.

Dance Fever Interschool Challenge
Students this term have been learning new dance and social skills. The program will culminate in a special Interschool Challenge at Homebush for students in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

A note was sent home last week with all the information and a reply envelope. Please return the tear-off slip with payment for entry as soon as possible.

Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning
Thursday 3rd September and Tuesday 3rd November 2015 - 9.15 – 11am
Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2017.

Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on either of our two upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2017 applicants but open to any year group.

Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend.

Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor’s car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.
Birthday Celebrations

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday in **August**: Jonathan Daher, Mahyar Mola Salehi, Harmony Teunon, Marcia Echeandia, Matilda Baldwin, Lucy Sultana, Laasya Gaddi, Noah Batistic, Charlotte Bou-Francis, Lamea Pirini, Bradin Le, Alethia Sewell.

MUFTI DAY FRIDAY

14th OF AUGUST

This Friday children are invited to wear mufti clothes and to bring in $2. Children who bring in the money will receive a ticket in the World Youth Day Raffle. We are hoping our own Miss Loulach will be attending World Youth Day next year and this money raised will directly go to supporting her attending.

Raffle prizes include:
- First Prize: Toyota Yaris
- Second Prize: European Tour for tour to the value of $6,000.00
- Third Prize: Apple Ipad mini
- Fourth Prize: Cash of $500
- Fifth Prize: Apple watch

The raffle will be drawn on Palm Sunday, 20th March 2016.
### Social Skill Focus

**Greetings**

* Look at the person  
* Smile at the person  
* Say “hello”

**Parent Links:**

Teach your child that people and things have value and should be treated as such. Teach your child to address adults with titles and last names (Mr Jones) unless the adults have given your child permission to use their first name.

When you have visitors or guests come to you house encourage your child to look at the adult, to say hello to them and respond when the adults speak to them.

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### Canteen Roster


Paulette Zaiter, Canteen Co-ordinator

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A very special thank you to the volunteers who have been able to help in the canteen with only very short notice.

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### Calendar Dates

**Thursday 13th August** - Celebration of Book Week  
- Grandparents Liturgy – 9am  
- Book Character Parade – 9.15-10.15am  
- Picnic Morning Tea – Recess 11am  
- Classroom Visits – 11.30-12.30pm

**Friday 14th August** - Prayer at Morning Assembly for Feast of Assumption – 9am  
- World Youth Day Mufti  
- Year 2 Mass

**Saturday 15th August** - Feast of the Assumption

**Monday 17th August** - Sacrament of Eucharist - Lesson 3 - 3.15-4.30pm - MacKillop Hall

**Wednesday 19th August** - Stage 1 Excursion to Rouse Hill  
- Reconciliation – Year 5  
- Book Fair Leaves

**Friday 21st August** - Kinder Assembly – MacKillop Hall

**Monday 24th August** - Sacrament of Eucharist - Lesson 4 - 3.15-4.30pm - MacKillop Hall

**Wednesday 26th August** - Reconciliation – Year 4

**Monday 31st August** - Sacrament of Eucharist - Lesson 5 - 3.15-4.30pm - MacKillop Hall

**1st – 2nd September** - Bring in donations for Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast

**Wednesday 2nd September** - Reconciliation – Year 3

**Thursday 3rd September** - Father’s Day Stall

**Friday 4th September** - Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast

**Sunday 5th September** - Father’s Day