Dear Parents and Friends,

In Sunday’s Gospel we were reminded of one the miracles of Jesus. “He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.”

How can we take this teaching into our everyday life? How often do we listen to our children and really hear what they are saying to us. And how often do we give our children the chance to speak. Our children are our future we need to listen to their needs and opinions and at the same time teaching them how to speak their mind in a respectful manner.

Like wise, I am always interested to hear from our parents. If you have anything you would like to discuss with any member of staff or myself, please feel free to make a time for this conversation.

Congratulations to the following students at Holy Trinity, Sanjit Bollina who participated in the finals of the Literacy Planet, Word Mania Competition. Eva Derbas who has progressed to the Finals of Voice of Youth to be held next Monday 14th September. Good luck Eva, we are proud of you. Emma George-Coker, Caitlyn Nakfour, Reese Ramos Ramos, Florence Tarawallie and their mentors, Angelina Batistic, Anne Nguyen and Fiona Nguyen, who were successful in going through to the semi-finals of the Delany Cup Debating competition. Well done team.

Our year 4 students who sang like angels at the Captivate Combined Choir performance last night, and their teachers Kathleen Craft and Mary Georges.

In advance, all students in year 3,4,5 and 6 who will represent our school at the Dance Fever Challenge on Thursday evening at the State Sports Centre. We are so proud of the effort you have put into learning your dances.

Thank you to the students who will participate in our Dance-a-thon on Friday. Parents are welcome to come along and support their children. (See information in this newsletter).

Winter Wonderland Trivia night this Friday night, good luck to all the teams participating. If you haven’t booked a table please do so, it’s never too late. (See information in this newsletter).

I look forward to having morning tea in week 10 with students who have received a Principal’s Award so far this year. Well done to all. There will be a continued opportunity for students to have morning tea with me in term 4, so keep up the great efforts everyone.

Finally, we have a very special celebration of the sacrament of Eucharist this Sunday. Please keep the following students and their families in your prayers:

School closes at 3.10 Friday 18th September and re opens on Tuesday 6th October. Have a safe and happy holiday.

God bless you,

Helen Boyer,
Principal

**Year Four in Captivate Combined Choir**

Year 4 students participating in the Choir at St Dominic’s College Kingswood.

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**Dance Challenge - Years 3 - 6**

The Dance Challenge Competition will be held tomorrow at Homebush. Children and their parents and family members travelling on the buses to Homebush need to be at school by **4.15pm**.

Once the competition is over the buses will return to school by **9.00pm**. Any children travelling on their own must be picked promptly.

**Dance-a-Thon**

This **Friday, 11th September**, is our HTG Dance-a-thon.

Students are allowed to wear mufti clothes if they have sponsors and their sponsor card.

Each Stage will be participating in the Dance-a-thon during their dance class times at school.

- Stage 3  -  12noon
- Stage 2  -  12.45pm
- Kinder & Stage 1  -  2.10pm

Students will be dancing for 30 minutes, so a sponsor may want to give an amount for each minute danced or just give a donation. (Example: 10 cents for each minute would be $3.00).

Money is to be returned to school by Thursday 17th September to go into a draw for various prizes. Students can also wear mufti on Friday of Week 10 if they have returned their Dance-a-thon money. Pizza party for the winning class (participants only) who have returned their card and money.
Reminder
The school term ends on Friday 18th September. All students are expected to attend school on all days, unless they are sick or have made arrangements with the Principal.

Term 3 Fees Now Overdue
Please ensure you make payment as soon as possible. If you are experiencing difficulties please contact the school office.

Collage of the Father's Day BBQ Breakfast
Social Skill Focus
Saying Please, Thank You, Excuse Me
* Teacher models and students role play a variety of scenarios in the school environment.
* Students discuss the feelings evoked when someone is polite to them
* Students discuss the possible outcomes when accidents occur.
* Use a friendly voice to say ‘please, thank you and excuse me’.
* It is okay to interrupt if it is an emergency.
* If it isn't an emergency, wait till the people stop talking and look at you.

Canteen Roster
Fri 11th September - Sophie Depares, Amanda George
Tue 15th September - Saidie Jebrine, Rosette Bou-Francis

PLEASE NOTE:
Fri 18th September - NO CANTEEN
Last day of Term

Holy Trinity Parish and Holy Family Parish
Winter Wonderland Trivia Night and Dance featuring DJ SYKD
Friday 11th September from 6pm in Mackillop Hall
Teams: Maximum of 6 people per group
Students in years 5 and 6 are welcome to attend
Register your team at: office@granvilleparish.org.au

Calendar Dates
Thursday 10th September - Dance Fever Interschool Challenge- Years 3 to 6
Friday 11th September - Dance-a-Thon Fundraiser
Saturday 12th September - Sacrament of Eucharist Rehearsal Day – 11.00am
Sunday 13th September - Sacrament of Eucharist at Holy Trinity Parish – 11.30am
Friday 18th September - End of Term 3
Tuesday 6th October - Start of Term 4

Students of the Week
Week ending 21.8.15
Kindergarten - Donny Cai
Year One - Nicholas Miranda
Year Two - Elly Hur
Year Three - Elvis Nguyen
Year Four - Bradin Le
Year Five - Emma George-Coker
Year Six - Rita Ghribian

Merit Awards
Congratulations to the children who have received their class award for the week ending 21.8.15
Kindergarten - Aroob Fatima, Danny Nguyen
Year One - Sarah Nadeem, Dylan Hur
Year Two - Stella Fitzpatrick, Dominic Vu
Year Three - Fatima Nadeem, Ricky Dang
Year Four - Aiman Nadeem, Bakhous Bou-Francis
Year Five - Andre Berou, Brandon Ghazarian
Year Six - Michelle Dang, Fiona Nguyen