Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

Beginning school is an enormous milestone in any child’s life. It impacts not only on the child, but also on the entire family. Sensitive planning and sound structures can assist in alleviating fears and provide strong foundations for a happy and successful educational journey.

It is with great excitement that the parents of our 2014 Kindergarten students prepare for their child’s orientation to formal schooling. Education isn’t something that only occurs in the classroom. Parents play the most important role in helping their children learn. By working in partnership with teachers, parents can make a real difference to their child’s experience of school. I am reminded of the following prayer that expresses the importance of the partnership between the school and our parents.

*I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there
The clay they used was a young child’s mind
And they fashioned it with care.*

*One was a teacher and the tools that were used
Were books and music and art
One was a parent with a guiding hand
And a gentle loving heart.*

*Day after day the teacher toiled
With a touch that was deft and sure
While the parent labored side by side
And polished and smoothed it o’er.*

*And when at last their task was done
They were proud of what they had wrought
For the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be sold or bought.*

*And each agreed that they would have failed
If they had worked alone
For behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.*

Our partnership will be an important one, as we nurture your child’s self esteem, individuality and human excellence in leading towards a conviction of our ever loving God.

A parent information evening will be held for our 2014 Kinder parents tonight in the school library at 6:30pm and over the next couple of weeks the children will participate in an orientation program. These will be wonderful ‘get to know you’ events and should ensure a smooth start to next year and the educational journey of these children.

Enjoy the weeks ahead and make the most of every opportunity to learn something new.

Sue Tripp,
Assistant Principal

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**Holy Trinity Prayer**

O God my Father in Heaven
I offer you myself and all I do today.
Mary, my Mother, help me to love God.
Amen
The Month of November in the Church Year

Dear Parents,

As a ten year old at school, I can clearly remember reading the stories of the saints in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. I often looked at my grandmother, a woman of faith, and decided that, one day, she too would be a saint in heaven. Nan was the kindest, gentlest person I knew. Along with all her other responsibilities, she cared for her elderly disabled sister and always seemed to be sewing or cooking for someone outside the family home. The Feast of All Saints celebrates the lives of good people just like Nan. A saint is someone who the church believes is in heaven with God. It is not impossible that we too will one day be saints if we always remember to follow the Gospels and live in a way that reflects the love of God.

All Souls Day is about the human bonds that go beyond death. During this month, we pray for all who have died, especially our family and friends, so that they will be united with God and the Saints in Heaven. Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God,

Mrs Amy Press,, Religious Education Coordinator

School Working Bee

Thank you to the parents, children and staff who attended the Working Bee last Saturday. We had a fabulous turn out of families, and as a result we completed all of our listed jobs and many more! Thank you to the parents who offered their apologies, we do understand that families have many commitments. The following people were very generous with their time.

Mrs Allegretti and Isabella
Mrs Sue Bou-Francis
Mr & Mrs Danganan and Vinz, Ysabella, Sophia
Ms Divine and Angelina, Juanita
Bettina and Andrew Francisco
Mrs Lillian Ibrahim and Khalil
Mr Kidane and Samuel
Mrs Mendez and Aweyn
Mr Rubbi and Adriano
Mr Sewell and Alethia,
Mr & Mrs Zaiter, Chloe, Joshua and B

Daniel Berou
Mrs Carniel and Olivia
Mr & Mrs Danganan and Princess
Ms El-Khoury and Marcus
Mr Ge
Mrs Al-Khoury and Antonia, Julia, Michaela
Mrs Faddoul and Jason
Mrs Ge
Mary and Rita Ghribian
Mrs El-Khoury and Sarkis
Mrs Nemer and Sarkis
Mrs Salloum and Taylor, Tamara, Tony
Niroshi Salgadoe and Adarsh Wijesinghe

Our International Food Fair is very close now…only 3 weeks to go! Many parents are working overtime to organize a variety of food for the night and to obtain donations of prizes for the chocolate wheel. We are very grateful for all their hard work. If you know people or businesses who might be willing to donate prizes for the chocolate wheel please let the school office know.
**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’s in the picture, what’s happening, and what they think might happen next.

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**Birthday Celebrations**

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


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**MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the children who have received their class award for the **week ending 25.10.13**

- **Kindergarten**: Gabriella Batistic, Sanjit Bollina
- **Year One**: Laaveniya Rajadurai, Jayden Taouk
- **Year Two**: Adeng Aken, Zoe Fitzpatrick
- **Year Three**: Lyriah Filo, Elissa Maroun
- **Year Four**: Gwyneth Climaco, Soane Taliauli
- **Year Five**: Catherine Do, Jason Faddoul
- **Year Six**: Taylah Ibrahim, Anthony Huynh

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**Students of the Week**

**Week ending 25.10.13**

- **Kindergarten**: Gabriella Batistic
- **Year One**: Bianca Qiu
- **Year Two**: Jasynta Nakfour
- **Year Three**: Gabriella Abdow
- **Year Four**: Fiona Nguyen
- **Year Five**: Edmon Al Sarraf
- **Year Six**: Denzelle Georges
- **Additional**: Michael Daghagheleh

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**Change to Calendar**

Please note the Year 2 Mass that was scheduled for Friday 1st November has been cancelled and will now be held with Year 1 on **Friday 15th November**.

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**New Baby**

Congratulations and best wishes to the Akol Family (Awar Kinder and Payin Year 1) on the recent birth of a new baby boy, Thiek, on Thursday 24th October weighing 3.22kg.

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**Parents Welcome to HTG Library**

The HTG Library is **open this Friday from 2pm** for parents to come along, have a tea or coffee, chat, look at books and use the computers.

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**Bushfire Appeal**

Join the Trinitarians from Holy Trinity Parish as they sizzle for the St Vinnies Bushfire! Join them at **Holy Trinity Parish on Sunday 3rd November** after the 7am Mass and after the 9:30am Mass. There will be sausage sandwiches, drinks and many fantastic prizes to raffle off! All proceeds will be donated to the St Vinnies Bushfire Appeal.

If you would like more information, contact Rosette on 042 444 6151.
Social Skill Focus
Dealing with Losing

* Say to yourself, "Everybody can't win, its okay that I didn't win this time".
* If you didn't win think about what you should do now:
  - ask someone to help you do better.
  - do an activity that you like and is fun.
  - relax and have another go.
* Act out your best choice.

Things to Do Checklist

☐ Donations from the stages for Chocolate Wheel for the International Fool Fair.
☐ Note for Swimming Carnival to go home on Monday

SCHOOL FEES
Term 3 School Fees are overdue. Please finalise your payments as soon as possible. If you are experiencing any difficulties please contact the school office.

Canteen Roster
If you are able to help on the roster between 10am and 2.15pm on a Tuesday or Friday please contact the school office. Volunteers must complete Child Protection Training which is accessed online at www.parra.catholic.edu.au/childprotection.

If you have any Canteen aprons at home please return them to school as we are missing quite a number.

Paulette Zaiter, Canteen Coordinator

Fri, 1st November - Sandra El-Khoury, Almaza Faddoul, Joey Maroun
Tue, 5th November - Joanne Batistic, Janine Estephane
Fri, 8th November - Annie Ghribian, Paulette Zaiter, Joey Maroun
Tue, 12th November - Lillian Ibrahim, Achol Atem
Fri, 15th November - Sue Bou-Francis, Maram Salloum, Joey Maroun
Tue, 19th November - Joyce Irima, Camilla Liutai
Fri, 22nd November - NO CANTEEN - International Food Fair

Calendar Dates

Wed, 30th October - Kinder 2014 Parent Information Evening - 6.30pm
Fri, 1st November - All Saints Day
Sat, 2nd November - All Souls Day
Fri, 8th November - Assembly - Year 5 - 9.30am
12th & 13th November - Kinder 2014 Orientation 1/2 day
Fri, 15th November - Mass - Year 1 and Year 2
19th & 20th November - Kinder 2014 Orientation 1/2 day
Fri, 22nd November - Assembly - Year 3
Thu, 28th November - International Food Fair - 5 to 9pm

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers without whom we could not run the canteen or the uniform shop.