Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

**A Little Inspiration**

Many people in the world have gained inspiration from the life of Nelson Mandela. His lifelong struggle against injustice, his endurance throughout his imprisonment, his generous spirit of forgiveness when he finally gained power – all tell the story of a man of uncommon courage, faith and strength.

Nelson Mandela, in his darkest moments, found inspiration from others. Several years ago he quoted this extract in a speech.

*Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that frightens us. We ask ourselves, “Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?”*

*Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. You playing small doesn’t serve the world. There’s nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.*

*It’s not just in some of us; it’s in everyone. And, as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.*

We may not all be Nelson Mandela but his example can inspire us just as he found inspiration from others.

Mahatma Gandhi said, “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”

Jesus was the person to be the change in the world and as a Catholic Community we must see ourselves as a positive influence and change.

May the blessing of the Holy Spirit be on all our community,

Kevin Mills, Principal

**School Working Bee**

The working bee is being held this **Saturday 26th October**. “Many hands make light work.” If you can spare even one hour it will be greatly appreciated. A small welding job is required to be done, please contact the school office if you can help or know someone we can use.

**Bushfire Appeal**

- **HTG & Parramatta Diocese** The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta has launched an emergency appeal to assist people who have been impacted by the New South Wales bushfires. More than 200 homes have been lost or damaged and one person has died. Holy Trinity will support this appeal.

  Donations to the emergency appeal can be made through CatholicCare Social Services Parramatta at

  [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au). Cheques can be made payable to: “CatholicCare Social Services - Bushfire Appeal” and posted to: Bushfire Appeal, PO Box 2023, North Parramatta NSW 1750

- **The Trinitarians Sausage Sizzle** A sausage sizzle will be held on **Sunday 3rd November** at 10.30am at Holy Trinity Parish to raise money for the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal. To make a donation of any kind please contact Rosette on 0424 446 151.

**Parents Welcome to HTG Library**

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

**Lost Property**

The school office has a number of lost property items found in the playground. If you are missing anything you may have lost at school, please contact the school office as soon as possible.
Stalls and Coordinators

- **Middle Eastern**  | Paulette Zaiter
- **Asian**         | Mabel Chen
- **European**      | Loraine Carniel
- **Indian/Sri Lankan**/ Christopher Nepalese | Rajadurai/ Cecilia Buultjens
- **Pacific Islander** | Jacqui Daniel
- **Desserts**      | Rene Georges/ Caroline Dib
- **Chocolate Wheel** | Sue Tripp

**Stages Baskets:** Gift baskets will be Prizes on the Chocolate Wheel at the International Food Fair. We are asking families to contribute items to help make up these baskets.

- **Kinder, Years 1, 2**  | Chocolates / Sweets / Lollies
- **Years 3, 4, 5, 6**   | Toiletries for men and women, eg soap, shampoo, moisturiser, shaving cream

**Birthday Celebrations**
Congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating their birthday in the month of **October:**
Hayley Toman, Tobias Teunon, Daniella Taouk,
Sunday Akot, Jennifer Georges, Tamara Salloum,
Emmanuel Deng, Isaiah Montecino, Anthony Huynh,
Andre Al Sarraf, Jonathan Irima, James Tlaajie, Joshua Rajadurai, J Filo, Monica El-Hajj, Aiden Ton,
Anne Nguyen, Victoria Ajaka, Joshua Zaiter,
Joshua Abad, Florence Tarawallie, Chanel Taouk.

**Students of the Week**
**Week ending 18.10.13**
- **Kindergarten** | Victoria Blandon
- **Year One**     | Isaiah Montecino
- **Year Two**     | Ava Pirini
- **Year Three**   | Cecilia Do
- **Year Four**    | Adam Depares
- **Year Five**    | Masoud Rashvand
- **Year Six**     | Monica El-Hajj

**Things to Do Checklist**
- Working Bee on this Saturday 26th October - 8-11.30am.
- Donations for Gift Baskets to be sent to school.

**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](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/childprotection).

- **Tue, 29th October**  | Arvin Rubbi, Joyce, Irima, Cheryl Sultana
- **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

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

**CALENDAR DATES**
- **Fri, 25th October** | Assembly - KINDER - 9.30am – all welcome to attend
- **Sat, 26th October** | Working Bee - 8 to 11.30am – your help is appreciated.
- **Wed, 30th October** | Nutrimetrics Party - 10am in MacKillop Hall
- **Fri, 1st November** | Kinder 2014 Parent Information Evening - 6.30pm
- **Sat, 2nd November** | All Saints Day - Mass - Year 2 - 9.15am
- **Fri, 8th November** | All Souls Day
- **Fri, 15th November** | Assembly - Year 5 - 9.30am – all welcome to attend
- **Fri, 22nd November** | Mass - Year 1 - 9.15am
- **International Food Fair** - 5 to 9pm