Dear Parents and Friends,

Last Friday I had the privilege of being with my colleagues Mrs Conley and Ms Salkeld as they presented to leaders in the diocese the results of teaching and learning in Mathematics at HTG over the last year. The teachers at our school have reached a high standard of mathematics teaching over this year. Not only have these leaders in our school improved the outcomes for our children but they have also included learning for you our parents.

The teachers have prepared the end of year reports for our children and have started to present them to me for signing. I have again been impressed by the high standard of professionalism in the preparation of these reports. At this time of year we do not have interviews, however, you are most welcome at any time to make an appointment through the office to meet with any of our teachers with regard to your child’s learning.

Congratulations to our teaching staff for all that they have achieved this year. I couldn’t ask for a better team of professionals to work with.

In 2016 Miss Jessica Rapesoska will join our teaching team. We warmly welcome Jessica to Holy Trinity and hope she will be able to find this a peaceful and satisfying place to work.

This Friday is a Staff Development Day. No school for students. Teachers will be planning their History and Geography teaching programs for 2016. These curriculum areas are new for 2016 as the Australian Curriculum has been implemented in stages.

Pope Francis - Laudato Si’
From the recent publication ‘The Francis Effect II’ the Catholic Educator, Patricia Hindmarsh refers to Pope Francis as a teacher who has enormous global status and influence.

His educational wisdom was clear in his vision for the schools and educational programs he founded as Jesuit provincial and archbishop in native Argentina. Through an ecology of learning the Jesuit scholastics under his care not only engaged in rigorous academic studies, but learned to live communally, developing practical virtues as they tilled the vegetable gardens, cleaned out the pig pens, and prepared simple meals for the local poor, whom they visited. Laudato Si’, with its message for all humanity to “care for our common home” (LS), is the work of a scholar, mystic, and practical champion of humanity. The Pope reiterates that humans are made in God’s image, and are stewards of God’s creation, entrusted with the care for the earth, our home.

The Pope, like Francis of Assisi, is a lover of the poor. He has chosen to aspire to lead a simple, hard-working and ascetic lifestyle, choosing for himself the way of public transport, unpretentious housing and minimal flying hours, as far as his duties in high office can allow.
Pope Francis is inviting all involved in the formation of the young to introduce to them the joy of contemplating earth’s bounty, beauty and fragility and to develop a certain sobriety of life that find happiness, not in the over-accumulation of consumer goods, but in the social love that makes itself felt in every action.

We pray for those who are suffering in any way but especially the following:

Love Serve Hope

Helen Boyer
Principal

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**Holy Trinity Parish Golden Jubilee Fair**

Sunday 29th November from 11am to 3pm

A great opportunity to bring together the school and parish communities.

We will be selling drinks on the day.

Please bring in your donation of cans or water to the school as soon as possible.

Also bring in items to help with the Chocolate Wheel, Hoopla and Bottle Stall

- new toys, board games and $2 shop items
- bottles of shampoo, dishwashing liquid, cordial, soft drink

**Ride Wrist Bands:**

Available from Paulette Zaiter in playground from 3pm

* Pre-sold Ride Wrist bands - $20 - special price
* Ride Wrist Bands on the day - $25, or $7 per ride

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**Year 6 Canberra Fundraising**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Snow Cone, Popcorn and Fairy Floss day and the Cake Stall to raise money for the Year Six Canberra excursion. A total of $610 was raised. Well done.

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**The School Student Transport Scheme (School Bus Pass)**

The School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) provides eligible school students with free or subsidised travel on public transport between home and school, on trains, buses, ferries and long distance coach services.

Many students will automatically receive a School Opal card for the 2016 school year.

However you will need to complete a form online at www.transportnsw.info/school-students if:

- Applying for an SSTS pass for the first time
- Enrolling in Kindergarten
- Progressing from Year 2 to Year 3
- Progressing from Year 6 to Year 7
- Changing name, school and/or address
- Requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

Applications must be made by a parent or legal guardian of the student if aged under 16 years. Students 16 years and over must complete and sign application form themselves.

Applications are subject to eligibility criteria.
2016 Diocesan School Fees

Dear families

As you may be aware, there is still uncertainty around
long term government funding for Catholic schools.
Indications are that federal government funding for
education post 2017 will be linked to the Consumer
Price Index (CPI), which historically has been much
lower than the education inflation rate. Funding growth
linked to CPI will not meet increases in the real costs
of schooling.

To maintain our current service levels we will need to
increase diocesan tuition fees by 5%. This increase
will mean we can continue to fund important initiatives
to improve student learning, including:

- literacy and numeracy programs such as
  Focus160. Reading Recovery, EMU. EM4
  and professional learning for teachers and
  leaders to support the implementation of
  these programs
- increasing support for students with
disabilities. behavioural and emotional needs
- improving our learning spaces. technology
  and infrastructure
- building new schools and expanding existing
  schools to cater for new places

Scholarships and fee arrangements
We are committed to ensuring that no child will be
refused enrolment due to a family’s financial
situation. There are a range of scholarship and
support programs to assist families including:

- The Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- Fee arrangements and discounts
- The Byallawa co-contribution scheme for
  Indigenous families

Annual Diocesan Tuition Fees - 2016
Annual Diocesan Tuition Fee can be paid upfront at
the start of the year or as three equal payments in
Terms 1, 2 and 3. Flexible payment plans are also
available around weekly, fortnightly or monthly
payments. The fee is only charged for the first three
children currently enrolled in the diocese. There is no
additional Diocesan Tuition Fee for the fourth child
attending a systemic school in the diocese or other
participating Catholic schools.

Annual Diocesan Building Levy - 2016
The Diocesan Building Levy enables us to continue to
maintain all schools to a high standard, and ensure
we can expand or build new schools in high growth
areas. To ensure this continues we will need to
increase the building levy by $33 per family per year.
The levy for 2016 will be $735 per family, payable in
three equal instalments of $245 in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

We continue to make every effort to contain
educational costs and we do not take the decision to
raise fees lightly. If a school fee increase will be
difficult for your family to manage, please contact
your school principal. We will provide every
assistance to families in financial need.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic
education.

Yours sincerely

Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director of Schools

The 2016 Annual Tuition Fees are as follows:

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Calendar Dates**

**Wednesday 18th November** - Year 4 Reconciliation  
**Thursday 19th November** - Mums Self-defence Party – $25  
**Friday 20th November** - Staff Development Day – No School for children  
**Sunday 22nd November** - Christ the King  
**Wednesday 25th November** - Year 5 Reconciliation  
**25th & 26th November** - Year 6 Canberra Trip  
**Friday 27th November** - Mass – Year 1 and Year 6  
**Sunday 29th November** - 1st Sunday of Advent  
  Holy Trinity Parish Golden Jubilee Fair 11am – 3pm  
**Wednesday 2nd December** - Year 6 Reconciliation  
**Thursday 3rd December** - Assembly - special Advent Liturgy  
  Kinder and Year 5 in MacKillop Hall  
**Sunday 6th December** - 2nd Sunday of Advent  
**Thursday 10th December** - Year 6 Graduation Mass  
**Friday 11th December** - End of Year Liturgy

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**Students of the Week**

**Week ending 13.11.15**

- **Kindergarten**: Jordan Yang  
- **Year One**: Joel Buultjens  
- **Year Two**: Victoria Blandon  
- **Year Three**: Sarah El-Hajj  
- **Year Four**: Christian Tuara  
- **Year Five**: Brandon Ghazarian  
- **Year Six**: Gwyneth Climaco

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**REMINDER**

**Staff Development Day**  
Friday 20th November 2015  
No school for Students

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**OZ Fashions**

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