Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

HTG is a wonderful community!!! A simple but powerful statement reflected in all the hard work that ensured the success of last Friday’s International Food Fair. I am not sure if it was a public goal, but the building of community was certainly part of the discussion at our first planning meeting for our 2013 Food Fair. To say that we reached the goal is underestimating the benefits and success of the evening to our two schools.

Community can be looked at in three different ways;

Place: A location shared where people have something in common, and where this shared element is a place of a geographical setting. Combining with Delany, meeting in both schools, using the high school’s facilities, working in the HTG canteen, painting in the Art room, toiling away in the HTG Library and all the work done in the homes of our parents certainly stress the aspect of place.

Interest: People share a set of common characteristics and are linked together by their vision and want to provide for their community. At HTG, we are drawn together by our faith and commitment to the children in our care. It is in this mission where we find purpose and direction as a community and endeavour to make the world a better place by demonstrating, modelling and living lives based on the person of Jesus.

Communion: In its practical meaning communion means a “profound meeting” or “encounter,” not just with each other but also with our God. In another approach there is a sense of attachment to a place, group or idea. This can be called a ‘spirit of community’. This aspect of community is alive and well in the pupils, parents, staff and families at Holy Trinity.

These three elements were very much part of our evening on Friday. Working together with our neighbour, Delany (Place) in a spirit of cooperation (Interest) to build a spirit of community (Communion).

The money collected on the evening was $10,078 with expenses still to be deducted. On behalf of the students of Holy Trinity I would like to thank each and every person who supported the International Food Fair. The support came in many different forms and from different people, we have tried to list the numerous individuals in this Newsletter. If we have missed your name, please contact the school office.

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

Kevin Mills, Principal

We would like to thank the individual people and groups who coordinated and contributed to different aspects of our International Food Fair. Attached to this Newsletter is a list of all the parent helpers. (If we have missed your name, please contact the school office)

Coordinators
HTG:   Rose Borg, Sue Tripp, Paulette Zaiter, Loraine Carniel, Mabel Chen, Christopher Rajadurai, Cecilia Buultjens, Caroline Dib, Rene Georges
Delany:   Paul Moran , Rick Grech, Jacqui Daniel, Nick Thrum , Peter Fry, Joyce Ison.

Outside School Supporters
City Built Group Constructions          Coles Merrylands          Contours Merrylands
Donut King Merrylands                  Elrith Supermarket        Enchanted Wonderland
Everyday Supplies                      Individual Eye Care Merrylands Granville Lebanese Bread
Kmart Merrylands                       Leesa Fashions             Maureen’s Florist
McDonalds Granville                   Phat KY Bread & Cake Shop  SCU
Silly Willy                            Taronga Zoo                The Nail Salon
Tony Francis Meat                      Tuffy’s Tuffet             TYH Hairdressers
Zaffet Lebnen
From the Religious Education Coordinator

Christmas Hampers for St Vincent de Paul

Dear Parents,

It has been a tradition at Holy Trinity for the past few years to support the St Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers. These hampers are distributed to families in the Parish who are in financial difficulty, before Christmas. This enables them to enjoy a special lunch with their families. Every hamper contains a wide selection of food and other Christmas fare.

At our school a hamper is collected by each class and the staff. Last year, because of your generosity, we were able to collect at least two hampers per class and staff.

Owing to the great response to the Chocolate Wheel for the International Food Fair, we have been able to make this year’s hampers from the left over prizes. This is a great way to show our children that it is essential to think of others at Christmas and not just ourselves.

Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God,
Mrs Amy Press, Religious Education Coordinator

Year 6 Graduation Supper

Traditionally it has been the Year 5 families who supply the food and take care of the set up, serving and clean up after the Year 6 Graduation Mass. We are asking for people who are interested and able to contribute to the organising of this supper to attend a meeting to be held at 9.3am Monday 2nd December.

Donations of Toys for the Philippines

One of our families is organising a collection of new and pre-loved toys for the children who survived Typhoon Haiyan so that they may have a little joy at Christmas. If you would like to help, please bring in the toys by this Friday 29th November.

A Persuasive Article by Year 2

Year 2 have been exploring Persuasive Text and came up with great arguments about not getting homework over the weekend.

“Should Miss Loulach Give Year 2 Homework Over The Weekend?”

Miss Loulach should not give Year 2 homework over the weekend because teachers need a break from preparing homework for children and children need to rest their brains. Children prefer to play with their cousins and friends on the weekend rather than doing homework. Obviously children have more fun playing with their cousins and friends. Homework takes too long and is definitely boring.

Secondly, children should not have to do homework on the weekend because they need to rest their brains. If we are doing homework all weekend then we will be extremely tired on Monday and will not be able to concentrate in class. Children need the weekend to rest.

Finally, teachers also need a break from preparing children’s school work and homework. Teachers already have too much marking to do and work to prepare for their class. Teachers need a break from all the work they do.
**Survey on School Communication**

Staff and parents have been asked to complete a survey about communication within the Catholic Education Office Parramatta. The results will help improve communication with parents and their ability to support and represent Catholic schools. There will be a prize draw for individual participants and the school could win a prize of 5 new iPads. Please complete the survey by **Friday 6th December**. The survey and terms and conditions can be located at [http://bit.ly/1FfJjF8](http://bit.ly/1FfJjF8). If you need access to the internet or a computer to complete the survey, please contact the school office.

**Helpers Needed to Cover Books**

Thank you to everyone who has helped cover books. As we recently purchased over $20,000 of new books, we have many more books that need to be covered. If you are able to help for any amount of time on Fridays or Mondays your help would be greatly appreciated.

**Library Borrowing**

Borrowing of library books will stop at the end of this week in order to complete a library stocktake. Please ensure all library books and classroom readers are returned to school by next week.

**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.

**New Baby**

Congratulations and best wishes to the Liutai Family (Toaila Year 5, Noa Year 4, Makalita Year 1) on the birth of a new baby boy, Angakehe Vincent on Tuesday 26th November weighing 3kg and 50cm.

**MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the children who have received their class award for the week ending 22.11.13

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**Students of the Week**

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**Birthday Celebrations**

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


**Literacy Hint**

Use TV as a bridge to reading. Be quick to capitalize on favourite programs by using them to spark off new reading interests. If the children are mad on cartoons, turn first to comics. If they show an interest in a documentary on animals, hunt for books about them in the library.
Social Skill Focus

Ignoring Distractions

* Count to five
* Say to yourself “I won’t look. I’ll keep working”
* Continue to work
* Say to yourself “Good for me. I did it!”

Things to Do Checklist

☐ Swimming Carnival tomorrow for Years 3-6 at Guildford Pool.
☐ Performance of Music and Dance at the Morley Centre on Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} December - Years 4-6 and choir.
☐ Note sent home to Stage 3 for Fun Day on Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} November.
☐ Note sent home for Choir’s visit to Gilroy Village on 10\textsuperscript{th} November.

The Gift of Encouragement

One of the greatest gifts you can receive is encouragement.

SCHOOL FEES

School fees are now overdue. Please finalise your payment by 6th December or speak to Mrs Borg in 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.

Paulette Zaiter, Canteen Coordinator

Fri, 29\textsuperscript{th} November - Rosette Bou-Francis, Annie Ghribian, Joey Maroun
Tue, 3\textsuperscript{rd} December - Paulette Zaiter, Sue Bou-Francis
Fri, 6\textsuperscript{th} December - Sandra El-Khoury, Almaza Faddoul
Tue, 10\textsuperscript{th} December - Annie Ghribian, Lillian Ibrahim - (last day for 2013)
Fri, 13\textsuperscript{th} December - NO CANTEEN - (cleaning & stocktake)

Calendar Dates

Thu, 28\textsuperscript{th} November - Swimming Carnival - Year 3-6
Fri, 29\textsuperscript{th} November - Advent Ceremony - Year 4
Thu, 5\textsuperscript{th} December - Performance of Music and Dance at the Morley Centre
Fri, 6\textsuperscript{th} December - Assembly - Year 6
Mon, 9\textsuperscript{th} December - Stage 3 Fun Day
Tue, 10\textsuperscript{th} December - Choir to visit Gilroy Village Nursing Home
Thu, 12\textsuperscript{th} December - Year 6 Graduation Mass - 6.30pm & Supper
Fri, 13\textsuperscript{th} December - Reports to go home
Mon, 16\textsuperscript{th} December - Thank You Afternoon Tea for Parents
Tue, 17\textsuperscript{th} December - End of Year Thanksgiving Liturgy - 9.15am
Wed, 18\textsuperscript{th} December - Last day for Students
19\textsuperscript{th} & 20\textsuperscript{th} December - Staff Development Days