Books and Grandparents Light Up Our World

The Book Week theme for 2015 is *Books Light Up Our World* which will be celebrated over two weeks at Holy Trinity, commencing on Wednesday 12th of August. Book Week is an excellent opportunity to celebrate a variety of literary experiences and enjoy the mystery, journey and imagination that reading a great book provides.

To begin the reading explosion, the children will enjoy a **Musical Performance - ‘Shine a Light**. The cost of this performance has been kindly paid for by the school. Through this performance the children will be able to experience a variety of stories, including a few of the Shortlisted Books from the Children’s Book Council of Australia.

To combine our love and appreciation for both books and our Grandparents we will have a day of celebration on Thursday 13th of August. Grandparents are warmly invited as guests of honour to celebrate their importance in the lives of their grandchildren. We will commence the day with a special liturgy, followed by a Book Character Parade, visit to the Book Fair, picnic morning tea and classroom visits. Grandparents, parents, family, friends and pre-schoolers are most welcome to join in the dress up and we look forward to seeing you celebrate with your family and friends.

We hope you will also make time to visit the collection of story and information books for sale at our annual **Scholastic Book Fair**. Come along and look at all the exciting books, posters and extra goodies that will be available. You may wish to purchase a book and donate it to the school. Cash and credit cards are welcome and goods must be paid for on the day.

At HTG our students will be reading and reviewing a selection of Shortlisted books from the Children’s Book Council of Australia. Students will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite title from a selection of books. All students will go in the draw to win a copy of their favourite title. Good luck HTG!

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<td>• Parents are invited to the library to view the Book Fair after the Book Character Parade.</td>
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<td>• Book Fair opens 3:15 - 4:15pm</td>
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<td>Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th of August</td>
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Looking forward to seeing you the HTG Book Week Celebrations!
Mrs. Caroline Taouk

**Books & Grandparents Light Up Our World**
This Saturday the 8th of August is the Feast day for St Mary of the Cross, Saint Mary Mackillop. We will come together as a school community to celebrate Mary Mackillop this Friday the 7th of August at 9.15am in the Mackillop Hall. Please come along to join us for this special celebration.

Last week, the first Holy Trinity Junior Joey’s group met to discuss ideas and to begin to learn about Mary Mackillop. It was wonderful to see so many interested children from Years 4, 5 & 6 who have decided to contribute positively to our school community and to think of ideas to further improve learning at Holy Trinity. These children will be officially inducted to the group during the Friday Liturgy.

This prayer was written by one of the Sisters of St Joseph. It will be the prayer said during the Junior Joey’s meetings.

St Mary Mackillop, friend of children
Help us get on well with our brothers and sisters.
Help us listen to our parents
Keep us interested in our work
Help us make new friends
Comfort us when we are sad
Help us be sorry when we are cranky
Keep us trying to be true
Help us to forgive when someone hurts us
Help us to love ourselves
Help us to love God
St Mary Mackillop, pray for us!

(Mary Mackillop Kids Prayers, Sisters of St Joseph North Sydney, 2010)

Michelle O’Leary
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

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**St Mary of the Cross Mackillop**

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**Calendar Dates**

- **Fri 7th Aug** - Celebration of Mary Mackillop - 9.15am
- **Fri 7th Aug** - Stage 1 Assembly - Mackillop Hall - 2.30pm
- **Sat 8th Aug** - Feast of St Mary of the Cross
- **Wed 12th Aug** - Reconciliation – Year 6 – 10.30am
- **Wed 12th Aug** - Book Fair Arrives
- **Thurs 13th Aug** - Celebration of Book Week & Grandparents
- **Fri 14th Aug** - Morning Prayer for Feast of Assumption
- **Fri 14th Aug** - Year 2, Mass
- **Sat 15th Aug** - Feast of the Assumption
- **Wed 19th Aug** - Stage 1 Excursion to Rouse Hill
- **Wed 19th Aug** - Reconciliation – Year 5 – 10.30am
- **Wed 19th Aug** - Book Fair Leaves

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**Students of the Week**

*Week ending 5.8.15*

- **Kindergarten** - Callan young
- **Year One** - Joel Buultjens
- **Year Two** - Charbel Estephane
- **Year Three** - Alexa Garzon
- **Year Four** - Cassandra Nguyen
- **Year Five** - Lyriah Filo
- **Year Six** - Chadi Karam

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**Canteen Roster**

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers.

- **Fri 7th August** - Sophie Depares, Amanda George
- **Tue 11th August** - Volunteers Please!!
- **Fri 14th August** - Simone Kramer, Seini Taliaudi
- **Tue 18th August** - Maria Pelayo, Volunteers Needed
- **Fri 21st August** - Almaza Faddoul, Sandra El-Khoury
- **Tue 25th August** - Lillian Ibrahim, Camilla Liutai
- **Fri 28th August** - Sue Bou-Francis, Maram Salloum
- **Tue 1st September** - Mabel Chen, Dilky Fernando
- **Fri 4th September** - Dianna Asmar, Joanne Batistic
- **Tue 8th September** - Annie Ghribian, Joyce Irima

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**Baby News**

Congratulations to the Motsi family on the recent birth of a new baby boy, Ethan on Thursday 23rd July, weighing 3kg, a brother for Ryan in Year 6.

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**Come celebrate 25 years of Joey Scouts!**

Who: 6-8 year old Boys and Girls

When: every Monday

Where: 1st/2nd Merrylands Scout Hall, Windsor Road Merrylands (next to Merrylands Memorial Park)

Contact Karen on 0417 207 6374 for more information