Dear Parents and Care-givers,

The incidence of skin cancer in Australia is a matter of concern for the whole community, including schools. Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world with one in two Australians developing some form of skin cancer during their lifetime.

Our schools take sun safety seriously and run programs designed to make students aware of the damaging effects of the sun.

Each school also has a responsibility to provide a safe environment for students and staff and this includes providing adequate protection from the sun throughout the year.

**Skin damage in childhood**

Much of the sun exposure that causes skin damage occurs during childhood and adolescence. By the age of 15 many children have developed irreversible skin damage from exposure to the sun.

**Stay in the shade**

Students are encouraged to protect their skin by:

- reducing their exposure to the sun, wherever possible.
- **wearing broad-brimmed hats in the playground to protect the face, neck and ears, and playing in shaded areas. HTG has adopted a 'No hat, play in the shade' policy for recess and lunchtimes.**
- wearing clothing (preferably of closely woven fabric) with collars and long sleeves to provide maximum sun protection.
- remaining in the shade whenever possible, particularly during peak UVR times.
- participating in sun protection activities.
- using 30+ broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen as an adjunct to other sun protection measures. Some schools provide sunscreen for use by children. Parents and caregivers should check this with the school principal.

Sunscreens should be applied before going outside and reapplied frequently as directed by the manufacturer.

Sun safety is also important outside of school. Whether in the backyard or on the beach, children should wear a hat and sunscreen. By practising sun safety at home, parents and caregivers can help teachers to enforce sun safety rules in school.

Children will come to appreciate the importance of sun protection not only during their schooling, but also throughout their life. [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/)

God bless,

Kathryn Salkeld, Assistant Principal

**Religious Education**

Dear Parents and Children,

We celebrated the beautiful feast of the Assumption of Our Lady on Saturday. This feast notes the occasion of Mary being taken into heaven both body and soul. We are reminded of the absolute significance that Mary had on the life of Jesus and also of the total respect that Jesus always showed his mother.

Through the celebration of the Feast of the Assumption, we can reflect on the role our Blessed Mother Mary has in the mystery of our salvation.

We firmly believe that Mary was free of all sin. The Archangel Gabriel recognised her as “Full of grace”, “Blessed among women” and “One with the Lord.” Mary had been chosen to be the Mother of our saviour. By the power of the Holy Spirit, she conceived our Lord Jesus Christ, and through her, true God became also man, “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”

We can step back and view Mary’s life as the faithful servant of God who shared closely in the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord. Let us pray that we are guided by the example of Mary in our lives.
Religious Literacy Assessment:
This week the children in Years 4 and 6 will be starting the Religious Literacy Assessment. The children in Year 4 have been working very hard on their projects and the children have been enjoying presenting their work to one another. We look forward to sharing some of the children’s work with you over the next few weeks.

Confirmation Notes:
If your child is in Year Five or is going to make their Confirmation later this year, please return the form that was handed out to the Year Five children to the office as soon as possible. If your child did not bring a note home please see Mrs O’Leary to get another.

Thank you,
Michelle O’Leary
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Students of the Week
Week ending 14.8.15
Kindergarten Winnie Wu
Year One Daniel Esmaeil Ghanemi
Year Two Thomas Elzain
Year Three Yasmine Nguyen
Year Four Juliana Romanos
Year Five Brandon Ghazarian
Year Six Taylor Salloum

School Fees
Term 3 School fees are now overdue.
If you are experiencing any difficulty please contact the school office to arrange an interview.
If you are paying by Direct Debit, please disregard.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
Thank you to the families who have in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers.
Until Tuesday 8th September you get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent.
Send the Earn & Learn Stickers into school or place them on an Earn & Learn Sticker sheet and then we’ll be able to get some great new equipment for our school.

Canteen Roster
21st August - Almaza Faddoul, Sandra El-Khoury
25th August - Lillian Ibrahim, Camilla Liutai
28th August - Sue Bou-Francis, Maram Salloum
1st September - Mabel Chen, Dilky Fernando
4th September - Dianna Asmar, Joanne Batistic
8th September - Annie Ghribian, Joyce Irima
11th September - Sophie Depares, Amanda George
15th September - Saidie Jebrine, Rosette Bou-Francis
18th September - No Canteen – Last day of Term

Calendar Dates
Friday 21st August - Kinder Assembly – MacKillop Hall – 9.00am
Monday 24th August - Sacrament of Eucharist - Lesson 4 - 3.15-4.30pm - MacKillop Hall
Wednesday 26th August - Reconciliation – Year 4
Friday 28th August - Year 5 & Kinder Mass
Monday 31st August - Sacrament of Eucharist - Lesson 5 - 3.15-4.30pm - MacKillop Hall
1st – 2nd September - Bring in donations for Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast
Wednesday 2nd September - Voice of Youth Semi Final
- Reconciliation – Year 3
Thursday 3rd September - Father’s Day Stall
Friday 4th September - Father’s Day BBQ Breakfast
- Stage 3 Assembly – MacKillop Hall – 9.00am
Sunday 5th September - Father’s Day
Tuesday 8th September - Year 4 Captivate Concert
Thursday 10th September - Dance Fever Interschool Challenge - Yr 3-6
Friday 11th September - Year 6 & Year 1 Mass
- Dance-a-Thon Fundraiser