Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

We are moving forward to integrate the Dioceses of Parramatta classm8 with work starting in Stage 3 this week. The following short passage gives context to this work.

**Schools of the Future**

**Characteristics of Future Schools**
- The key roles of schools will continue to be the socialisation of youth and their preparation for work and social life.
- Teachers will continue to teach. The tools they use will greatly expand as they adopt ICT into their pedagogy. What and how they teach will involve negotiation with students about learning outcomes.
- The school will continue to be a physical place where children spend a significant proportion of their time, reducing as they grow older and learning occurs elsewhere and intermingles with work. School boundaries will blur as teaching and learning occur in various places and times, and through virtual as well as real communities.
- The notion of school will change as it becomes more closely integrated with the community and open throughout the year.

**Leadership**

Leaders of schools in the 21st century will set a pace that pushes staff into change while aiming for realistic targets to encourage learning and assessment of values about teaching and learning. Leadership will transform the school into a place which mirrors the global world environment and which encourages and supports students and teachers to move beyond the physical boundaries of the school.

**Technology**

ICT will add educational value as *generic information handling tools*; by capturing and analysing real-time data; *in simulations*; through educational games; *with multimedia*; as construction environments; *by creating and interacting in virtual communities*; as information access environments; *through computer assisted learning*.

ICT will enhance student attitudes towards learning and achievement, make learning more student-centred, encourage co-operative learning and level the playing field for all students, whatever their backgrounds or abilities.

**classm8**

classm8 is the new virtual learning environment for Catholic schools powered by Google Apps for Education. It allows the teacher and students to create and collaborate online using a range of powerful tools in a shared learning environment … the classroom in the cloud.

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

Kevin Mills, Principal

**School Working Bee**

Holy Trinity will be having a working bee on Saturday 26th October from 8am to 11.30am. We are planning to complete a number of jobs including gardening, weeding, cleaning and clearing up. A note will be home on Friday with details.

**International Food Fair**

The International Food Fair will be held on Friday 22nd November. A note will be going home on Friday listing the Stall Coordinators and asking for volunteers. Please help make this a successful community event.

**NAPLAN Results**

The NAPLAN results for Years 3 and 5 will be sent home this Friday 11th October.

**Uniform Shop**

Please note that the school office no longer has any spare hats. The uniform shop is open on Wednesday mornings from 8.30am to 10am.
Dance Fever Performance
On Wednesday 16th October from 2.10 to 3pm the children will perform the dances they have learnt during Dance Fever in Term 3. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Book Week Committee Reviews
As part of our Book Week celebrations this year, there were 16 children selected from Kindergarten to Year 6 to form the HTG Book Week Committee. Using the QR code, you can scan and read their reviews about the Shortlisted Books. A great effort by Jack, Neha, Princess, Arietta, Joshua, Steven, Rhys, Abhi, Adam, Anne, Toaila, Adriano, Hamish, David, Wendy and Isabella. Thank you for taking this opportunity and sharing your ideas with our community.

Parents Welcome to HTG Library
The HTG Library will be open again from Friday 18th October at 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 Joshi family (Selina Kinder) on the recent birth of a new baby boy, Leon, on Saturday 5th October weighing 3.2kgs.

Literacy Hints
It all starts with reading aloud to your child. You cannot overestimate the importance of this. The more words your child hears from the beginning of their life, the bigger their vocabulary will be - which will pave the way when they learn to read for themselves. Listening comprehension comes before reading comprehension.

Birthday Celebrations
Congratulations to the following students who will be celebrating their birthday in the month of October:

Students of the Week
Week ending 20.9.13
Kindergarten  Dylan Chen
Year One     Elise Latu
Year Two     Lyncoln Cliffe
Year Three   Garang Angui
Year Four    Anthony Tannous
Year Five    Charles Malkoun
Year Six     Anthony Pham

Things to Do Checklist
☐ Note for Working Bee being sent home this Friday.
☐ NAPLAN Results going home to Years 3 & 5.

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.

Fri, 11th October   -  Annie Ghribian, Maram Salloum, Joey Maroun
Tue, 15th October  -  Joanne Batistic, Josleen Taouk
Fri, 18th October  -  Rosette Bou-Francis, Sue Bou-Francis, Joey Maroun
Tue, 22nd October  -  Mable Chen, Camilla Liutai

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

Calendar Dates
Tue, 15th October  -  SPARK Begins
Wed, 16th October -  Dance Fever Performance for parents – 2.10 to 3pm
Fri, 18th October  -  Mass – Year 3
Tue, 22nd October -  Delany Enrichment Day for Year 5
Sat, 26th October -  School Working Bee – 8 to 11.30am