Dear Parents, Boys & Girls,

I have a strong attachment to “TIME”. I am lucky enough to own a small number of watches (given to me on special occasions), and even have several books on “TIME”. These are written by a number of authors from differing backgrounds including, Religious, Historical, Philosophical and Indigenous. The following extract is taken from a website I recently discovered:

Our perception of time is precisely what acclaimed BBC broadcaster and psychology writer Claudia Hammond explores in Time Warped: Unlocking the Mysteries of Time Perception (public library) – a fascinating foray into the idea that our experience of time is actively created by our own minds and how these sensations of what neuroscientists and psychologists call "mind time" are created. As disorienting as the concept might seem – after all, we've been nurtured on the belief that time is one of those few utterly reliable and objective things in life – it is also strangely empowering to think that the very phenomenon depicted as the unforgiving dictator of life is something we might be able to shape and benefit from. Hammond writes:

“We construct the experience of time in our minds, so it follows that we are able to change the elements we find troubling – whether it’s trying to stop the years racing past, or speeding up time when we’re stuck in a queue, trying to live more in the present, or working out how long ago we last saw our old friends. Time can be a friend, but it can also be an enemy. The trick is to harness it, whether at home, at work, or even in social policy, and to work in line with our conception of time. Time perception matters because it is the experience of time that roots us in our mental reality. Time is not only at the heart of the way we organize life, but the way we experience it.”

My question is “How are you experiencing “TIME” at the moment and is your God part of your TIME?

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

Kevin Mills, Principal

Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival will be held this Friday 26th July at Wyatt Park Athletic Field Percy Street Auburn. Parents who have volunteered to help will receive a letter today. We greatly appreciate the gift of your time and energy.

St Ignatius’ College Visit

All students and staff have been invited to visit St Ignatius’ College, Riverview on Wednesday 31st July as part of their school celebrations for the feast of St Ignatius’ of Loyola. A note was sent home on Monday with details. There was a mistake in the permission slip section— it should read ‘to travel by bus to and from St Ignatius’ College, Riverview on Wednesday 31st July’ not 22nd July. Please ensure the permission note is signed and returned to school by this Friday.

Newsletter for Week 3

Due to the fact that the whole school will be visiting St Ignatius’ next week, the Newsletter will not go home on Wednesday but will be sent home on Thursday. Please check your child’s bag.

Kindergarten 2014 Enrolments

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2014 have closed. Interviews have taken place for new families. Interviews for siblings of children already attending Holy Trinity will be held in Week 4 on Monday 5th August.

School Photos

All children who ordered photos should have now received them. If you have any questions regarding the photos please contact MSP Photography directly.

Stage 3 Camp

Stage 3 will be attending on overnight camp to the Collaroy Centre on Tuesday 6th July to Wednesday 7th July. A note detailing what your child is to bring on the camp will be sent home tomorrow.
World Youth Day
Bishop Anthony Fisher OP and 250 young people are on a pilgrimage that will take them to the shantytowns of Lima, the majestic Iguazu Falls and on to Rio where they joined Pope Francis and more than 2 million people for World Youth Day week from 23-28 July. You can follow our pilgrims’ progress through a new website that has updates from Bishop Anthony and pilgrim bloggers. Pilgrims will be posting in real time to the blog and through Twitter, Flickr, Facebook and Instagram. Sign up to have updates delivered to your inbox: www.parrawyd.org

New Baby
Congratulations and best wishes to the Azar family (Joseph Year 3) on the birth of a new baby girl, Mary on Saturday 20th July 2013.

Student Banking Day Changed
Please note we have changed the banking day for children who make deposits into the Commonwealth Bank Youth Saver account. From next week children will need to bring their deposit book into school on Fridays no longer on Wednesdays.

Literacy Hints
Give books as presents. It shows that books and reading are valued. Buy books as rewards and treats. Have plenty of books in the house. Books should be integrated into your family’s life every day. Keep books in the bathroom, on the bedside table, in the backpack. Get your child a library card as soon as he/she is old enough. Then take weekly or bi-weekly trips to the library. However you choose to stock your house with books, doing so sends a strong message to your children that you value reading.

Students of the Week
Week ending 19.7.13
Kindergarten - Alethia Sewell
Year One - George El Khouriery
Year Two - Jacob Faddoul
Year Three - Michelle Thorne
Year Four - Chadi Karam
Year Five - Joshua Dib
Year Six - Joshua Zaiter

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

- Elissa Maroun, Rhys Ramos,
- Andrew Francisco, Adhel Ahoi,
- Stella Fitzpatrick, Jack Fitzpatrick,
- Jasynta Nakfour, Alex Dagaghheleh,
- Michael Dagaghheleh, Noah Ibrahim,
- George Malkoun, Michelle Pham,
- Adarsh Wjesinghe, Lyria Filo, Awar Akol,
- Sarah El-Hajj, Clareissa Bechara, Catherine Do,
- Indiana Cortes, Jason Faddoul, Ashtatu Peacock,
- Marnely Pelayo, Christopher Sande, Eva Derbas,
- Subhi Shrestha, Ahoi Ahoi, Daniel Berou,
- Reese Blandon, Ebony Liutai.

CALENDAR DATES
Fri, 26th July - Athletics Carnival
Wed, 31st July - HTG visit to St Ignatius’ Riverview
Thu, 1st August - Afternoon Tea with Mr Mills - 2.30pm
Fri, 2nd August - Assembly - Year 4 - 9.30am / Census – CEO Process
6th & 7th August - Stage 3 Camp
Wed, 7th August - Zone Athletics Carnival
Thu, 8th August - Feast of St Mary MacKillop Liturgy - 11.30am
Fri, 9th August - Year 2 Assembly

Things to Do Checklist
- Note for all students for St Ignatius’ College sent home on Monday 22nd July.
- Return Permission Note for St Ignatius’ College by 26th July.
- Note for Stage 3 will be sent home 25th July detailing what to bring on camp.