BOOK WEEK 2013

The Book Week theme for 2013 is Read Across the Universe, which will be celebrated over two weeks at Holy Trinity, commencing on Wednesday 14th 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 - ‘Space Jump’. 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.

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.

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To conclude our Book Week celebrations we will be holding a Book Character Parade. Your children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on Tuesday, 20th of August and will participate in the Book Character Parade at 2pm. The children will be wearing the costume all day so please make sure it is comfortable and practical. Some book characters could be magicians, pirates, elves, fairies or kings. Certificates and prizes will be awarded to the most outstanding costumes in each class.

At HTG we have selected a number of students to be members of a HTG Book Week Committee. These students will be reading and reviewing a selection of Shortlisted Books from the Children’s Book Council of Australia. They will then vote on the winning book in each of the categories – Book of the Year for Young Readers, Early Childhood, Picture Book and Information Book. All students are warmly invited to read these titles and share their ideas.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Book Fair!

Mrs. Caroline Taouk  
Teacher Librarian

Feast of St Mary MacKillop

Please note, the time of the reflection to celebrate the Feast of St Mary MacKillop is now at 10.30am tomorrow, 8th August.
**The Delany Cup**
The Delany Cup Debating Competition begins next Wednesday afternoon. We have two teams of Year 5 children. They are: Adriano Rubi, Hamish Buultjens, Toaila Liutai, Julia Ljubicic, Ruby Zreika, Jennifer Georges, Marcus El Khoury and Hayley Toman. These children will debate each week against other schools in the area. Our first Debate is “That Homework Should Be Optional”.

**Numeracy Hints**
Cooking with your child is a great opportunity to discuss measurement of ingredients and to count items. Using a timer can help your child to understand concepts of time.

**Merit Awards**
Congratulations to the children who have received their class award for the week ending 2.8.13

- **Kindergarten**
  - Dylan Chen
  - Jack Fitzpatrick
  - Stella Fitzpatrick
- **Year One**
  - Amot Aken
  - Neha Nair
- **Year Two**
  - Georgina Sutcliffe
  - Raynesh Shrestha
- **Year Three**
  - Brandon Ghazarian
  - Filipo Latu
- **Year Four**
  - Rita Ghribian
  - Anthony Tannous
- **Year Five**
  - Briana Valencia
  - Marcus El-Khoury
- **Year Six**
  - Monica El-Hajj
  - David Nguyen

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

- Jonathan Daher, Edmon Al Sarraf,
- Marcus El-Khoury, Marcia Echeandia,
- Adut Aken, Lucy Sultana, Noah Batistic,
- Nicholas Bani Ayoub, Bradin Le, Alethia Sewell.

**Students of the Week**
**Week ending 2.8.13**

- **Kindergarten**
  - Timmy Nguyen
- **Year One**
  - Sarah Wehbe
- **Year Two**
  - Maylyn Pelayo
- **Year Three**
  - Swasti Shrestha
- **Year Four**
  - Noa Liutai
- **Year Five**
  - Anthony Cakin
- **Year Six**
  - Joshua Abad

**Things to Do Checklist**
- [ ] Stage 2 excursion note to Blue Mountains sent home on 5th August.
- [ ] Return permission note for Blue Mountains by 9th August.
- [ ] Kindergarten excursion note to Calmsley Hill Farm sent home on 7th August.
- [ ] Return permission note for Calmsley Hill Farm by 19th August.

**CAINTE 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, 9th August**
  - Sophie Depares, Rosette Bou-Francis

- **Tue, 13th August**
  - Natalie Nader, Joanne Batistic

- **Fri, 16th August**
  - Sue Bou-Francis, Paulette Zaiter

- **Tue, 20th August**
  - Joyce Irima, Camilla Liutai

- **Fri, 23rd August**
  - Maram Salloum, Annie Ghribian

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

**Calendar Dates**

- **Thu, 8th August**
  - Feast of St Mary MacKillop Reflection - 10.30am

- **Fri, 9th August**
  - Assembly - Year 2 - 9.30am

- **Mon, 12th August**
  - Voice of Youth at Holy Family - Stage 3

- **Wed, 14th August**
  - Musical Performance - Space Jump

- **Thu, 15th August**
  - Feast of the Assumption - Stage 3 Liturgy - 9.15am

- **15,16 & 20th August**
  - Scholastic Book Fair at HTG

- **Tue, 20th August**
  - Book Character Parade - 2.00pm

- **Thu, 22nd August**
  - Stage 2 Excursion to Blue Mountains

- **Wed, 28th August**
  - Kinder Excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm