Book Week 2013
Wow! What an amazing week we have had at HTG? We launched our Book Week celebrations with the Musical Performance - Space Jump. The children were delighted and entertained, as they experienced the wonder of a musical performance that included some of the Shortlisted Books. The children and staff looked fantastic at the Book Character Parade.

Thank you again to all families and staff for their effort and enthusiasm in preparing for the parade. Congratulations to the children that won a certificate and prize for their costume. Well done!

Thank you to all the families who came along to our Book Fair this year. It was pleasing to see so many children and parents purchasing books to share at home. Our Book Fair was very successful this year as we made $3054 in sales, which means we have a book commission of $916. This year we have decided to donate the book commission to St Francis High School in Nuku, Papua New Guinea. St Francis has just reopened and needs books urgently. Br Charles (Patrician Brother at Delany College) will be collecting the books on their behalf and has already expressed his gratitude.

A big thank you to Mrs Vrontas, Mrs Johnson, the Estephane Family (Charbel - Kindy), the Tabibzadeh Family (Danial – Year 1), the Ghribian Family (Rita Year 4 and Mary Year 6) and the Sewell Family (Alethia Kindy) for purchasing and donating a book to our school library.

Thank you all again for a fabulous Book Week! Mrs Caroline Taouk, Teacher Librarian

Fathers’ Day Stall
A Fathers’ Day stall will be held next Thursday, 29th August. There will be variety of gifts ranging from $3 to $5. Students need to bring in their money next Thursday. A few parents will be needed to help serve on the day. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

We will also hold a Fathers’ Day Raffle to be drawn on Friday 30th August. Tickets will be 50 cents each. If you are able to donate a gift please contact the school office by Monday 26thAugust.

Fathers’ Day BBQ Breakfast
We will be holding our Fathers’ Day Breakfast on Friday, 30th August. Bacon & Egg Rolls, juice and tea/coffee will be served from 8am to 9am. We hope to see you there! To help us with catering arrangements please return the slip at the bottom of the yellow sheet sent home last week by this Friday 23rd August.

Thank you to the parents that have already returned the note indicating any items to be donated for the BBQ. We are still in need of some bacon and eggs. Please send these in on Wednesday 28th August.

First HTG Parent Excursion
Twenty seven parents and preschoolers have indicated they will be joining us for the first HTG Parent Excursion to Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney on Tuesday 17th September. We have hired a larger bus and have approximately 20 places available so we will now open it up for any grandparents who would like to attend. The cost is $10 per adult. We are sorry but we are unable to take babies and toddlers due to OHS and Road Safety Rules. Please contact the school office to indicate your attendance by Friday 23rd August.

Parents Welcome to HTG Library
Starting from this Friday 23rd August the HTG Library will be open every Friday from 2.00 - 3.10pm for tea and coffee, chats, reading and computer use. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

The Delany Cup
Our Year 5 Debaters are very much enjoying the experience of meeting children from other schools each week. Last week, one of our teams won and the other lost by a narrow margin. Today, the topic is "That Zoos Should Be Abolished". Both teams have been working very hard at Recess and Lunch to come up with strong cases. We wish them all the best.
**Numeracy Hints**

Ask your children questions like ‘What would be one more than...?’ ‘What would be one less than...?’ ‘How many more do I need to make...?’ As well as addition and subtraction facts like 7+5= ?

**Merit Awards**

Congratulations to the children who have received their class award for the week ending 16.8.13

- Kindergarten: Alethia Sewell, Subhi Shrestha
- Year One: Olivia Ge, Elvis Nguyen
- Year Two: Cassandra Nguyen, Jonathan Irima
- Year Three: Florence Tarawallie, Steven Dann
- Year Four: Anne Nguyen, Charbel Jebrine
- Year Five: Joshua Dib, Aewyn Mendez
- Year Six: Isabella Allegretti, Joshua Abad

**Students of the Week**

Week ending 16.8.13

- Kindergarten: Casandra Romanos
- Year One: Ebony Liutai
- Year Two: Daniella Taouk
- Year Three: George El-Hajj
- Year Four: Christopher Sande
- Year Five: Mansour Romanos
- Year Six: Andrew Francisco

**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.

**Things to Do Checklist**

- Permission note for Kinder excursion to Calmsley Hill Farm should be returned.
- Return permission and money for Dance Fever Challenge for Years 3-6 by 26th August.
- Return permission and money for Stage 2 Touch Football by Monday 26th August.
- Yellow note sent home for First HTG Parent Excursion to Mary MacKillop Place and Fathers’ Day BBQ Breakfast.

**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.

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

**Calendar Dates**

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