What is a Mum?

It sounds a simple question like so many questions do
But if it were there’d have to be a simple answer too
The truth, she is many things all rolled up into one
The firm foundation sons and daughters build their dreams upon
She comforts them in sickness and keeps misery at bay
Makes sacrifices for her children each and every day
Her kindness and her wisdom are the gifts a mother brings
From cuddles when they’re needed to the lullabies she sings
Her guidance and example shine like beacons in the night
To show the path ahead revealing what is wrong from right
Her absolute devotion to the ones she loves so much
Is seen in every word and deed and every tender touch...
For all her care and patience she seeks no reward at all
She’s happy knowing she was there to answer every call
So asking, “What’s a Mum?” provides an answer with no end
She’s just the best thing in the world and such a special friend.

Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,
On behalf of the staff I would like to wish all the mothers and grandmothers of our school community a very happy Mothers’ Day this Sunday.
May the blessing of the Holy Spirit be on all our community,

Kevin Mills
Principal

Year 6 Company Work Day

Congratulations to all the children in Year 6 who worked on the Cubby Project in the Friends and Fun Area on Monday. They worked extremely well as a team and were very well behaved. In addition to completing the paving around the sandpit and working with our resident builder Daniel and students from St Ignatius College Riverview, they completed a new garden at the far end of the grassed playground.

Bishop’s Visit

Every few years the Bishop makes parish visits to connect with the local community. Bishop Anthony Fisher will be in our parish on the 30th, 31st May and 2nd June. He will be visiting Holy Trinity and Delany College and we will be celebrating Mass together on Friday 31st May at 9.30am.
MOTHERS' DAY HAPPENINGS AT HTG

STALL
The Mothers' Day Stall will be held tomorrow, Thursday 9th May. Gifts will range from $3.00 to $5.00 each. Children are to bring in their money for the stall tomorrow to buy a gift.

RAFFLE
Tickets for the raffle are 50c each. The raffle will be drawn after lunch tomorrow.

MASS INVITATION
The children of Holy Trinity would like to thank you for all the wonderful things you do for them. You are invited to join them in a Eucharistic celebration to honour all mothers.

DATE: Friday 10th May  
TIME: 9:15 am

MORNING TEA
Please join us for morning tea after mass in the canteen area. Grandmothers are also most welcome to come.

School Uniform
From Monday 13th May, all children should be in the new winter uniform.

The uniform shop is open on Wednesdays from 8.30am to 11.00am.
Parents unable to attend the uniform shop on a Wednesday are able to arrange a purchase using an Order Form which can be sent home, completed with the items required and payment method, and the items will be sent home with your child.

NAPLAN
Students in Years 3 and 5 will be completing the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) tests on Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 May. These will involve testing in areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

School Photographs
School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 29th May. Envelopes were sent home last week. Each child has their name printed on the envelope and this will need to be returned with payment by Monday 27th May.

PENTECOST SUNDAY
The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and is celebrated on a Sunday after seven weeks of seven days. The disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit that led the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

When we were confirmed, we learnt about the gifts of the Holy Spirit… Wisdom, Wonder, Reverence, Courage, Knowledge, Understanding and Right Judgement. How long is it since you thought about these gifts and used them in your life? On Pentecost Sunday, revisit these special gifts and perform a personal checklist on your daily usage.

On the Thursday after Pentecost, fourteen children from the Holy Trinity Catholic Community will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Anthony Fisher of Parramatta. Please keep these children in your prayers as they make their final preparations.

Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God,

Mrs Amy Press, Religious Education Coordinator
Diocesan Cross Country

Yesterday 15 children competed in the Diocesan Cross Country at Eastern Creek. The children ran in the 2km or 3km events. They were well behaved and good sports as they cheered for their peers. We were very proud of their achievements.

Kindergarten 2014 Enrolments

Holy Trinity School is currently accepting enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2014. If your child turns five (5) years of age by 31st July 2014 please call into the school office to collect an enrolment pack. The completed enrolment form should then be returned as soon as possible to the school together with:

* your child’s Baptism certificate
* your child's Birth Certificate
* your child’s Immunisation Certificate
* proof of residential address

Students of the Week

Week ending 3.5.13

Kindergarten  George Malkoun
Year One     Saide Tannous
Year Two     Katerina Bui
Year Three   Cecilia Do
Year Four    Deng Aguok
Year Five    Masoud Rashvand
Year Six     Monica El-Hajj

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday in the month of May:


Dates for the Sacraments at Holy Trinity Parish

Confirmation  30th May 2013
Reconciliation  26th June 2013
First Eucharist  15th September 2013

Literacy Hint – From Mrs Tripp

Do your children like to read the same book over and over? Great! Encourage them. Do they use more expression each time they read? Do they read more smoothly each time they read? Wonderful.

Children need to learn to read fluently. This is difficult the first time they read a book but becomes easier the more times they read the same story. Teachers often say to children, “Read like you’re talking”. One way for a child to do this is by becoming more familiar with a book, which is done by re-reading.

So when your child wants to read the same book again and again, smile and give praise. Your little reader is becoming more fluent.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013

Keep collecting your stickers from Woolworths for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). These stickers can then be placed on a special point sheet and when completed return the sheet to school.

With your wonderful support last year HTG received over $2000 of Mathematical Kits for the children to use.
Discover OLMC Parramatta
You are invited to join an Open Morning Tour at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta on Monday, May 20 to discover contemporary learning, academic excellence in Mercy tradition.

OLMC is now enrolling contact the Registrar. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

Social Skill Focus
Apologising - Saying Sorry

We sometimes do things for which we are later sorry. Apologising is something we can do to let other people know we are sorry. It also often makes us feel better.

* Think about your choice - whether you will
  - Say it out loud to the person or
  - Write the person a note

* Choose a good time and place

* Carry out your best choice in a sincere way.

Parent Links:
Encourage responsible behaviour. Discuss with your child that there are times when we do things intentionally and other times when accidents occur. If we hurt someone or done something we are not feeling good about, either intentionally or accidentally it can help to say sorry and to try to make the problem better. Acknowledge that saying sorry can be hard, especially if you are feeling angry. Fixing things can help the relationship.

Delany College
Currently accepting enrolments for YEAR 7 2014. Enrolment packages can be collected from the College or online at www.delanygranville.catholic.edu.au
Phone: 9637 7788

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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.

Paulette Zaiter, Canteen Coordinator

Fri, 10th May - Sandra El-Khoury, Almaza Faddoul, Rina Rubbi
Tue, 14th May - Lillian Ibrahim, Achol Atem
Fri, 17th May - Paulette Zaiter, Rosette Bou-Francis
Tue, 21st May - Camilla Liutai, Joyce Irima
Fri, 24th May - Maram Salloum, Sue Bou-Francis
Tue, 28th May - Annie Ghribian, Natalie Nader
Fri, 31st May - Saydy Nakfour, Arvin Rubbi
Tue, 4th June - Joanne Batistic, Cheryl Sultana

Thank you to all our helpers without whom we could not run the canteen.

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