Bishops Anthony’s Visit to Holy Trinity

by Hamish Buultjens and Julia Ljubicic, Year 5

Last week Bishop Anthony Fisher, the Bishop of Parramatta visited our school and parish which occurs every five to ten years. He hosted three masses in the Parish Church. Many children, teachers and parishioners were very excited about his visit. This is a brief recount of the events during his visit.

On Thursday 30th May, Bishop Anthony came to Holy Trinity for the Sacrament of Confirmation with 13 candidates from the Parish. The candidates, sponsors and their families celebrated this Sacrament under the watchful eye of our Parish Priest Father Clifford.

The community of Holy Trinity, Delany College, parents and parishioners celebrated the Feast of the Visitation with a beautiful Mass on Friday 31st May with Bishop Anthony. The Delany and Holy Trinity choir joined together and the singing was amazing. Mr John Portelli, a parishioner, played the organ which added greatness to the music. It was a wonderful experience for everyone.

A delicious lunch was prepared by a talented group of parents to share with Bishop Anthony, the staff of Holy Trinity and guests from Delany College and the Parish. In the afternoon Bishop Anthony was able to meet with a number of children and parents in the playground.

On Sunday 2nd June at 9.30am Bishop Anthony celebrated Mass with parishioners in the Church. After the Mass everyone was welcomed to a morning tea which Bishop Anthony attended and spoke to many people. There was a lot of food and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Overall it was very exciting to have Bishop Anthony visit our school and parish. The students, parents and teachers enjoyed the experience of meeting with Bishop Anthony and we wish him success with his future endeavours.
From the Religious Education Coordinator (REC)

Holy Trinity Parish Sacramental Program 2013

Dear Parents

In the Diocese of Parramatta, children who are old enough to receive the Sacraments of Initiation are prepared through a parish based, family centred Sacramental Program. This enables parents who have presented their children for Baptism to continue supporting the Faith Development of their child.

During the next few months, parents will have the opportunity to prepare their children for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist. This will involve

2. Attending information sessions
3. Working with your child in several Sacramental workshops.
4. Receiving the Sacraments.

The meeting for parents to register their children for these sacraments will be held in the Parish Hall tomorrow night, Thursday 6th June, at 7:00pm.

Below is the website where you will be able to read the diocesan policy on Sacramental Programs.

http://www.parra.catholic.org.au

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT FR CLIFFORD OR MYSELF IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

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

Mrs Amy Press, Religious Education Coordinator

Children Walking Home

Parents please have the conversation with your children about the importance of not talking to strangers on their way to and from school.

Parking Safely Near School

We have been advised of a number of cars who have been parked illegally or inappropriately. Parking unsafely can put children’s lives at risk. Increased fines and loss of demerit points apply when certain offences are committed in an operating school zone. These offences include parking or stopping on or near a pedestrian crossing, double parking, parking on the footpath or a cross a driveway. Please consider the safety of all our children and our neighbours and park correctly.

Children’s Photographs and Images

Holy Trinity takes photographs of children throughout the year. These photographs and children’s names are used for publication in the school newsletter or update, in media releases, on the school and Catholic Education Office websites.

Parents are asked to notify the school office in writing if they do not want their child’s photo to be published.

Winners of Guess the Score Competition

Delany College held a Guess the Score Competition to raise money for the Cancer Council. Thank you to all the children who supported the fundraiser and congratulations to the following three children; Awar Akol in Kinder, James Tlaijie in Year 1 and Anthony Pham in Year 6, who each won a Family Pass for an SCG Tour.

Child Protection Information Line

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has established a Child Protection Information Line which provides information about how schools are handling child protection matters; responds to individual enquiries; and can assist people who have concerns or help them take allegations to the police. It can also put people in touch with appropriate support services such as counseling.

The Child Protection Information Line is 1300 661 015 (cost of a local call within Australia). The line is available outside of school hours and connects directly to a Catholic Education staff member. A message service is also available on this line.
Students of the Week
Week ending 31.5.13
Kindergarten    Michelle Pham
Year One        Amot Aken
Year Two        Joshua Depares
Year Three       Abraham Tannous
Year Four        Michael Khalil
Year Five        Julia Ljubicic
Year Six         Sioeli Haunga
Picture to be included in next week.

Public Holiday - No School
Please note Monday 10th June
is a public holiday.
Children do not come to school.

Kindergarten 2014 Enrolments
Holy Trinity has been accepting enrolment applications for Kindergarten 2014. Please call into
the school office to collect an enrolment pack and return the form as soon as possible as we
would like to start arranging interviews very soon.

Trimming of Bushes
The bushes/trees in the back playground will be trimmed over the next two weeks. Please do not be distressed
over their initial appearance.

Literacy Hint - From Mrs Tripp
Make regular visits to the library. Make the issue of a child’s first library card a big
deal. Let your child see it is a positive and important event to visit the library.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013
Remember to collect the Earn & Learn points stickers when you shop at
Woolworths for every $10 spent. The more we collect the more our school will benefit. The
Woolworths Earn & Learn program ends on Sunday 9th June.

Social Skill Focus
Dealing with Losing

* Say to yourself, “Everybody can’t win, its okay that I didn’t win this time”.
* If you didn’t win think about what you should do now:
  - ask someone to help you do better.
  - do an activity that you like and is fun.
  - relax and have another go.
* Act out your best choice.

Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday
in the month of June:
Swasti Shrestha, William Mata,
Olivia Carniel, Olivia Ge, Ojesh Shrestha,
Antonia Ljubicic, Sarah Wehbe,
Georgina Sutcliffe, Timmy Nguyen,
Joshua Depares, Malia Taliauli, Aken Aken,
Juliana Romanos

Dates for the Sacraments
at Holy Trinity Parish
Reconciliation  26th June 2013
First Eucharist  15th September 2013

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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The College is now enrolling for 2014 and 2015.
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to reserve your place or obtain further information.
**Calendar Dates**

- Thu, 6th June - Reconciliation Parent Information Evening - 7pm
- Fri, 7th June - Feast of Sacred Heart
- 8th & 9th June - Reconciliation Enrolment & Commitment at any weekend masses
- Mon, 10th June - Queen’s Birthday Holiday - no school
- Wed, 12th June - Year 5 Reconciliation
- Fri, 14th June - Kinder Assembly - 9.30am
- Tue, 18th June - SPARK Special Session - 3.15pm
- Wed, 19th June - Year 6 Reconciliation
- Fri, 21st June - “Animals of the Dreaming” visiting HTG / Reports go home
- Wed, 26th June - First Reconciliation - 7pm
- Fri, 28th June - Last day of Term 2

**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, 7th June - Rosette Bou-Francis, Sue Bou-Francis
- Tue, 11th June - Joyce Irima, Camilla Liutai
- Fri, 14th June - Sophie Depares, Saydy Nakfour
- Tue, 18th June - Joanne Batistic, Natalie Nader
- Fri, 21st June - Almaza Faddoul, Sandra El-Khoury
- Tue, 25th June - Janine Estephane, Paulette Zaiter
- Fri, 28th June - Rosette Bou-Francis, Sue Bou-Francis

**What does the NSW School Funding Agreement Mean?**

New South Wales is the first state to sign on to the Australian Government’s Better Schools plan, agreeing to invest $5.6 billion in education over six years from 2016 and commit to a three percent increase in school spending over the period.

**What we know so far**

- Both the state and federal governments will contribute funding to the new model
- For every extra dollar the NSW state government invests in schools, the Australian government will effectively invest two dollars
- Funding to Catholic schools for 2014 and 2015 will remain frozen at 2013 levels
- Catholic schools operate on average at only 90% of the total government expenditure

As at 3 May, no other states or territories have agreed to the Australian Government’s Better Schools plan and it remains to be seen what will come of the agreement. Federal Opposition Leader, Tony Abbott, has stated that the Coalition will only support the plan if all Australian states and territories are on board. The Federal Government has until 30 June to secure the agreements.

**What we still don’t know**

For Catholic schools in New South Wales, there is still uncertainty around the exact details of the school funding model including:

- What the exact amount of the allocation will be to Catholic schools from the Federal government using the new funding formula
- The precise impact the NSW state government funding freeze will have on Catholic schools during 2014 and 2015 until the new agreement commences in 2016
- The impact on the NSW agreement and funding levels if/when other states and territories sign up with differing agreements
- Ensuring that the current 10% resource gap between government schools and Catholic schools does not widen further and that accurate levels of funding for Catholic schools will be provided in the coming years

We urge you to continue to speak with your local state and federal members about the need for ongoing and increased funding to Catholic schools.