Dear Parent, Boys and Girls,

The following extract was taken from the “Inform”. This publication is published by the Catholic Adult Education Centre in Lidcombe. The article paints a very clear picture of our new Pope Francis. I have selected a small part of the piece as a way of background to the man we refer to as “Our Shepard”. If you would like to read more of the article please see the office and we will arrange a copy.

“Tradition attributes to St Francis of Assisi the saying “Preach always when necessary use words.” The fledging pontificate of Pope Francis appears to be taking this to heart as these first three months have produced image after image of Christian love, compassion and outreach. Whether paying his hotel bill in papal whites or kissing the tattooed foot of a prison inmate on Holy Thursday, Pope Francis most certainly practices what he preaches.

Pope Francis has displayed the humility to style himself as a preacher for the Y generation. His homilies are short, often focused around a single word and accompanied with helpful instruction on how to apply charity, prayer or forgiveness into daily life. ‘Encounter’ is the watchword for Pope Francis, who wants to bring as many souls as possible to a transforming engagement with Jesus Christ. He teaches with pictures for a society that has lost a love for words, and like the Gentiles of antiquity, understands only colourful images.

If John Paul II travelled as a missionary to awaken the Catholic world wide and Benedict XVI taught us to balance our faith with reason, now Pope Francis shows us how to take what we have seen and heard and send it out into the world. Those of us who have had the great fortune of living through this age of the papal trifecta have much to be joyful about as we face the challenges to come, side by side with our new Holy Father.”

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

Kevin Mills
Principal

Holy Trinity Prayer

O God my Father in Heaven
I offer you myself and all I do today.
Mary, my Mother, help me to love God.

Amen
Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews will take place next Wednesday 24th July. A note was sent home on Monday for parents to indicate their preferred times. The reply sheet must be returned tomorrow so that teachers can advise you of your interview time. Interviews will start in the afternoon from 2.10pm in the classrooms as Mr Mills and Mrs Tripp will be taking the children to the hall. Parents will collect their child from the hall for their interview.
Dismissal will be at the normal time of 3.10pm and parents are asked to collect their children from the hall on time as they cannot stay at school without supervision.

Athletics Carnival
We will be holding our Athletics Carnival on Friday 26th July at Wyatt Park, Auburn. A note was sent home yesterday giving full details. Please return the permission note by this Friday. We need volunteers to assist at the carnival and if you are able to help please complete the helper assistance section.

Stage 3 Camp
Stage 3 will be attending an Overnight Camp to The Collaroy Centre on Tuesday 6th August to Wednesday 7th August. The children at Holy Trinity have been fundraising to assist with the cost of transport for the camp. Last term Year 3 and 4 held a Market Day, and Year 5 and 6 held a Spider Drink fundraiser which raised a total of $980.

On Wednesday 24th July the children in Stage 3 will be holding an Icecream Cone Fundraiser which will be sold at recess and at lunch for $2.00 each.

Afternoon Tea with Mr Mills
As promised there will be an afternoon tea on Thursday 1st August at 2.30pm with Mr Mills and Mrs Taouk for a general chat and to discuss how we can support you at home with your child’s learning.

Change to Stage 3 Sports Day
During Term 3 children in Year 5 and 6 will need to wear their sports uniform on Wednesdays and Fridays not on Mondays.

Kindergarten 2014 Interviews
Kindergarten interviews continue this week for new families. Interviews for siblings of children already attending Holy Trinity will be held in Week 4 on Monday 5th August. Parents will be contacted this week to arrange a time.

Welcome to Maria Longo
We welcome to Holy Trinity Maria Longo who has been appointed until the ends of the year to work with a number of classes and a variety of student to assist them in numeracy and literacy.

Saint Ignatius’ Day
Holy Trinity has been invited to visit St Ignatius’ Riverview on Wednesday 31st July as part of their celebrations for St Ignatius’ Day. A note will be sent home on Monday 22nd July.

Winter Owl Reading Challenge
On Monday 8th July the HTG Library was open for children to borrow books to enjoy during the holidays and some children took the opportunity to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Below is the list of 30 students from 18 families who participated in the Winter Owl Reading Challenge.

Jack, Stella and Zoe Fitzpatrick, Mamely and Maylyn Pelayo, Catherine and Dominic Vu,
Mary and Rita Ghribian, Bianca Qiu, Fiona and Cassandra Nguyen, Olivia Ge, Ruby Zrieka,
Monica, George and Sarah El-Hajj, Dylan Chen, Sanjit Bollina, Izabella Allegretti,
Jonathan Irina, Tamara and Taylor Salloum, Jacob and Jason Faddoul, Anne Nguyen,
Bahkous and Elissa Bou-Francis, Cecilia and Catherine Do, Chelsea Finch.

School Photos
School photos from MSP Photography will be sent home with your children on Friday. Please ensure you check your child’s school bag.
**Premier's Reading Challenge**

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an initiative of the N.S.W. State Government. It is available to all NSW students. The challenge aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable children to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read more and to read widely. At Holy Trinity it is compulsory for all children to participate. Each stage has different conditions and rules for participation.

*Parents and caregivers need to be aware of two features of the Premier's Reading Challenge.* All students who successfully complete a validated online reading record qualify for a PRC certificate and will appear on the PRC Honour Roll. Only students' name will appear in the Honour Roll with no other identifying factors. Participating schools appear as a separate list.

I am currently processing the reading logs and if you object to your child’s name being supplied for publication in the 2013 PRC Honour Roll please contact myself or the school office.

Privacy information can be viewed and downloaded from the Premier’s Reading Challenge website: [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/privacy.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/privacy.html)

**Mrs Caroline Taouk, Teacher Librarian**

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**Students of the Week**

**Week ending 28.6.13**

- Kindergarten: Victoria Blandon
- Year One: Danial Tabibzadeh
- Year Two: Arietta Mata
- Year Three: Andre Berou
- Year Four: Indiana Cortes
- Year Five: Andrew Elzain
- Year Six: Anthony Huynh

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**Literacy Hint – From Mrs Tripp**

Reading should be enjoyable for you and your child. If your child becomes distressed or loses interest when reading at home, take a break from reading and try again later.

- All children, regardless of age, like to be read to. Make a special time whenever possible for reading with your child away from interruptions.
- Point out words on street signs, packets and labels.
- Talk about the different purposes for reading – a picture book, a novel, a TV guide, a newspaper, a telephone directory, a recipe book, an encyclopedia.
- Point out the different size and shape of words.

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**New Baby**

Congratulations and best wishes to the Daghagheleh family (Alex and Michael Year 3) on the birth of a new baby boy, Eyad on 24th June 2013 weighing 4.5kg and 54cm long.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Thank you to everyone who supported our school by collecting stickers for this program. All points sheets have now been sent away for verification and we look forward receiving our new resources early next year.
Social Skill Focus

Accepting Consequences

* Decide if you were wrong
* If you were wrong, say to yourself “I have to accept the consequences”
* Say to the person “Yes I did ………. ( describe what you did)“
* Say something else, eg.
  - “I will try not to do that again” or “Sorry”

Things to Do Checklist

☐ Book Parent Teacher Interview time for 24th July.
☐ Advice of interview time received.
☐ Return Athletics Permission Note by 19th July.
☐ Note for St Ignatius’ Riverview will be sent home on Monday 22nd July.
☐ Return Permission Note for St Ignatius’ by 26th July.

Icecream Cones for sale

on

Wednesday 24th July

for

$2.00 ea

Will be sold at Recess and Lunch Time

Funds raised go towards the Stage 3 Overnight Camp

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, 19th July - Annie Ghribian, Maram Salloum
Tue, 23rd July - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Fri, 26th July - Athletics Carnival
Tue, 30th July - Joanne Batistic, Cheryl Sultana
Fri, 2nd August - Almaza Faddoul, Sandra El-Khoury

Term 3 School Fees

Term 3 school fees have been sent home from the Catholic Education Office.

If you are having difficulties paying fees please contact the school office.

Families who have arranged to pay by Direct Debit or BPAY please disregard this notice.

Calendar Dates

Tue, 23rd July - SPARK begins
Wed, 24th July - Parent Teacher Interviews
- Icecream Cone Fundraiser
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
6th & 7th August - Stage 3 Camp
Wed, 7th August - Zone Athletics Carnival
Thu, 8th August - Feast of St Mary MacKillop Liturgy - 11.30am