Dear Parents, Boys and Girls,

Holy Trinity Granville is a member of the schooling system of the Diocese of Parramatta, and as such is supporting a variety of strategies that will impact in a positive way on our children’s learning. The majority of these strategies are based on the research work of Lyn Sharrett (a Canadian from the University of Toronto). The four main approaches we are implementing in 2013-2014:

- Data Walls
- Instructional Walks
- Case Management
- Learning Intention

Our DATA Wall is a visual representation of our students’ progress in the area of reading. This wall encourages our staff to know their class and to track their progress. We always start with the information and firmly believe the students’ learning belongs to all staff. The wall enables us to look for trends and progress.

An Instructional Walk is a strategy that allows a team from the staff to visit and make observations of a learning space. These visit (Walks) always have a focus and feedback is shared after the event. The purpose is to develop capability and capacity while directing our professional learning at Holy Trinity. These Walks also help with consistency of K-6 literacy and numeracy practice across the school.

Case Management is a strategy that supports children in their learning. We have a number of staff across the school who plan, implement and monitor students progress. This allows a targeted approach in identifying and problem solving issues and concerns around the learning agenda. An additional benefit of Case Management is the implementation of new instructional strategies we can put in place at the classroom level.

The last strategy is Learning Intention. The aim of this this approach is to “Name” the learning intention of the lesson or activity delivered. It is supported by The BIG 5 Student Questions:

1. What are you learning?
2. How are you going?
3. How do you know?
4. How can you improve?
5. Where can you go for help?

The ability of students to answer these questions will vary upon age and understanding of the activity. However, they are good starters for teachers and parents to discuss with the child.

I look forward to sharing our progress on these aspects of our Learning Agenda at Holy Trinity.

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

Kevin Mills,
Principal

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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
Sharing our Story Review

Bishop Anthony has decided that after ten years of using the Religious Education program ‘Sharing Our Story’ in our schools, it is time to conduct a thorough review.

An important part of this review is a survey to be completed by a wide range of people—from students to the clergy.

YOUR THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS ARE INVALUABLE!

All parents and ex-students are invited to help with the review by doing a short online survey.

Please use the following links to access Survey Monkey before the end of Term 3.

Parents: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/REEducationSurveyParents

Alumni: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/REEducationSurveyAlumni

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call me.

Mrs Amy Press, Religious Education Coordinator

Second Meeting for the International Food Fair

A second meeting has been organised for this Friday 13th September at 2pm at HTG.

Mr Mills requested at the last meeting that everyone bring a friend.

We need stall holders and supporters for the following stalls:

- Arabic / Middle Eastern
- Asian / Vietnamese / Filipino
- African / Sudanese / others
- Italian / Maltese
- Pacific Islander
- Indian / Sri Lankan

Dessert Stall

Please make the effort to attend as decisions regarding Containers, Costing, Signs, Chocolate Wheel and Entertainment will be discussed.

My Trip to the Blue Mountains by George El-Hajj, Year 3

On Wednesday 22 of August Stage Two went on an excursion to the Blue Mountains National Park. We got on the bus at 9.30am. On the bus we saw houses, shops and much more. We got there around 10am. When we got there we went to a place to eat. After we ate we went to the toilet and played games. Joshua, Andre, Mark, Brandon, Abraham, Garang and I played tips.

After recess we went to a place and three rangers named Paul, Neil and Pamela showed us things the Aboriginal people used to use. Then we got into our groups, I was in Miss Garsia’s group. First we went to a lookout and saw lots of things. We went bushing walking and I saw paper trees, tea trees and some nectar. When I was taking photos I saw some gritty on the rocks. Also on the rocks we took a group photo.

After seeing the rocks we went on a bridge and saw a waterfall. Then we had to walk up lots of stairs till we got to the lookout so we could have lunch. After lunch we went to the toilet and had a drink so we could go back to school.

When we got on the bus I sat next to Brandon and Joseph and we all read our books. When we got to school Miss Garsia played games with us and talked to us about our day. Then I sat on the silver seats and when my mum came to pick me up I said this was the best day ever at the Blue Mountains National Park.
Moving Bark into the Garden
On Friday 13th September we are moving bark into the new garden area. Children who wish to participate will need to bring old clothes that are able to get dirty, to school, in a bag. They will also need a pair of closed in shoes good for working in. Gloves and a hat are also essential.

By Sarkis Nemer and Andrew Ibraheem.

First Eucharist
Congratulations to the twenty two children from Holy Trinity who will be receiving the sacrament of First Eucharist this Sunday 15th September at 11.15am.

First HTG Parent Excursion
We still have a few places available on the bus the for our first HTG Parent Excursion to Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney on Tuesday 17th September. Grand parents are most welcome to come. Please contact the school office by this Friday at the latest.

Parents Welcome to HTG Library
The HTG Library is open every Friday from 2pm for parents to come along, have a tea or coffee, chat, look at books and use the computers.

Staff Professional Day
On Friday 20th September all the staff will be attending a combined Professional Day with Delany College off site. There will be no one at school at Holy Trinity or Delany College.

Lost School Uniform
We have some items of school uniform with no names. Please contact the uniform shop or office if your child has misplaced their uniform.

Cybersafety
In a changing world of information, technology plays a large role in our children’s lives. It is important for all parents to be aware of Cyber safety, and the need to ensure all software and apps are age appropriate, for example the new version of Kik Messenger on iTunes states ‘You must be 17 years old to download this application’. Therefore this is not an application for primary age children. You might find the following list of tips useful for parents.

- Find out about the internet.
- Make children aware of risks.
  ◊ Don’t take everything at face value – people aren’t always honest online.
- Teach children cyber safety rules:
  ◊ Always keep passwords secret.
  ◊ Think before posting information – once posted it’s difficult to remove.
  ◊ Never give out identifying information such as home address, school name or telephone number.
  ◊ Set profile to ‘private’.
  ◊ Use privacy settings when posting photos online.
  ◊ Avoid responding to messages from unrecognised email addresses.
  ◊ Never click on links in emails from strangers.
  ◊ Don’t accept offers that seem too good to be true.
  ◊ If a threatening message is received they should ‘STOP, BLOCK, TELL’.
- Encourage and support children in their internet use.
- Reassure your children that they can tell you anything without fear of losing internet access.

Useful Websites:
  Cyber smart is a national cyber safety and cyber security education program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)
  This is the Department of Education & Communities’ website for practical help for parents.
- [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au)
  Think UK Know Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police and Microsoft.
**Calendar Dates**

- **Wed, 11th September** - Dance Fever Challenge at Homebush – Years 3-6
- **Thu, 12th September** - Stage 1 Excursion to Art Gallery
- **Sun, 15th September** - First Eucharist - 11.15am
- **Tue, 17th September** - NO CANTEEN (due to First HTG Parent Excursion)
- **Thu, 19th September** - Last Day of Term 3 for children
- **Fri, 20th September** - Staff Professional Day – No children at school
- **Mon, 7th October** - Public Holiday
- **Tue, 8th October** - Term 4 Starts
- **Sat, 26th October** - School Working Bee

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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](http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/childprotection).

Paulette Zaiter, Canteen Coordinator

- **Fri, 13th September** - Almaza Faddoul, Sandra El-Khoury
- **(13th SEPTEMBER LAST CANTEEN DAY FOR TERM 3)**
- **Tue, 17th September** - No Canteen due to HTG Parent Excursion
- **Fri, 20th September** - STAFF PROFESSIONAL DAY – No children at school

A New Roster for Term 4 will be sent home next week.

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**Social Skill Focus**

**Welcoming people to the classroom**

* Stop what you do are doing  
* Make eye contact  
* Greet the visitor

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**Numeracy Hint**
Look for and discuss patterns in the environment...tiles in a bathroom, stripes on clothing, pegs on the clothesline. Discuss what would come next if the pattern continued.

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**Birthday Celebrations**
Congratulations to the following students who celebrate their birthday in September:


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**Students of the Week**

**Week ending 6.9.13**

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**Term 3 School Fees**

Term 3 school fees are now overdue.

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.

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