Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

A special thank you to our Kindergarten children and teachers who led the Mothers’ Day prayers last Friday. They were so responsible, respectful and showed the great learning that has occurred in just one term. We were very proud of them. Thank you to the dads who organised and manned the Mothers’ day stall. I hope all gifts arrived home safely and thrilled all our mums.

This is enrolment time and I would encourage all families to promote this among friends and neighbours. Although we take enrolments throughout the year for all grades, we use this time to open the school to visitors and directly answer questions about our school, showcasing the great opportunities we offer all our students. Of course, this year our building project is not showing our learning spaces at their best however, our visitors have been able to look beyond and hear our stories. Our Year 6 students act as hosts and conduct tours of the school giving a great model of the end result of 7 years at Holy Trinity. Yesterday I sent a letter to all Year 2 and 3/4 parents to outline the advantages for boys and girls completing their primary education in their local school.

Next Wednesday at 12.00 we will hold our Walkathon. It is one of our major fundraisers and this year all the money is going to the refurbishment of the tuck-shop. The target is $15,000. We walk around our suburb and Peta Kay has organised volunteers and water/rest stations along the route. All children take part in the event with distances matched to age groups. If the target is reached then we will have a ‘Ninja’ day on Friday, 3 June. Each child was given a sponsor sheet and hopefully they are full and ready to be returned. Donations can also be made via Qkr, the link is on the front page of the website.

Finally, there are new photos added to our ‘Behind the Hoarding” display outside the Front Office. The building project is going well and we are a little ahead in some areas and rain affected at the front but the builders are very mindful of our 50th birthday deadline. Any further changes to access will be communicated through Skoolbag and also email. It is very exciting and it will add so much to our learning environment.

With every best wish for a happy and peace-filled week ahead,

Judy Spence
judyspence@cg.catholic.edu.au
Reminders

- Walkathon sponsorship sheets and money need to be collected preferably before the walkathon. Qkr can be used to deposit your donations.
- Our photo day will be on Tuesday, 7 June. Today we are sending home forms for the photos. Please ensure that these forms and payment are returned as soon as possible.
- A reminder that school fee invoices have been emailed out and school fees are due to be paid by Wednesday, 1 June.
- Parents if you have recently renewed your WWVP card, please bring it to the Front Office so that we may copy it to update our records.

TRAFFIC

- **PATIENCE**—to keep everyone safe please be patient while waiting in the drop off or pick up line. It is a congested area before and after school and we all need to look after each other by showing patience, courtesy and consideration.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS - If you wish to place anything in the newsletter please email it to penny.ford@cg.catholic.edu.au by PM the Wednesday before newsletter day.

From the Board

The Holy Trinity Primary School Board met on Tuesday for its first meeting of Term 2. The Board consists of the School Management team and a number of parent representatives, and its role is to support and advise Mrs Spence and her team in the management of Holy Trinity. In addition, the Board also formulates and endorses the school's budget, and act as a forum where major concerns or issues can be addressed.

At our meeting on Tuesday Mrs Spence briefed the Board on the progress of the building project so far. As noted elsewhere in the newsletter, the works are proceeding well, and the Building Contractors are doing their utmost to minimise distraction as the project unfolds. The project will bring great benefit to Holy Trinity, but there will also be changes to the ways things have been done. As a Board we are mindful of these issues and will work with School Management to address them.

The Board also reviewed our financial position, and as at the beginning of Term 2 our finances are in sound shape. We also discussed plans for the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the School later this year, which will be an exciting event for all the Holy Trinity family, both current and former students, staff and parents.

Starting from next week, I will make myself available at the school on Wednesday mornings for anyone who would like to meet me or raise issues with me for Board consideration. In addition, if you would like to raise issues by email please send me your thoughts at john.owens@bigpond.com.

Blessings to all,

John Owens
Chairperson
Holy Trinity School Board

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Happy Birthday

Students celebrating their birthdays this week are - Maya Mc, Mathilde S, Claire O, Coen R, Veronika R
The Nature of God...Art response by Molly W and Wel W  3/4 Red

The Development of Social and Emotional Competencies

A couple of weeks ago I spoke about the development of social and emotional competencies that are so important for us all to effectively live out our lives. One such skill set is being able to develop positive relationships by building relationship skills. These skills include 'the ability to establish and maintain healthy and rewarding relationships with diverse individuals and groups. Also being able to communicate clearly, listen actively, cooperate, resist inappropriate social pressure, negotiate conflict constructively, and seek and offer help when needed’ (Casel).

As part of our IB framework we develop experiences and teach specific skills in this area. These include:

Accepting responsibility
Taking on and completing tasks in an appropriate manner; being willing to assume a share of the responsibility.

Respecting others
Listening sensitively to others; making decisions based on fairness and equality; recognising that others' beliefs, viewpoints, religions and ideas may differ from one’s own; stating one's opinion without hurting others.

Cooperating
Working cooperatively in a group; being courteous to others; sharing materials; taking turns.

Resolving conflict
Listening carefully to others; compromising; reacting reasonably to the situation; accepting responsibility appropriately; being fair.

Group decision-making
Listening to others; discussing ideas; asking questions; working towards and obtaining consensus.

Adopting a variety of group roles
Understanding what behaviour is appropriate in a given situation and acting accordingly; being a leader in some circumstances, a follower in others.

Many of the collaborative and play based learning that takes place in our classrooms allow for the development of these skills and the explicit teaching required to further develop these skills when necessary.

SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY 9 JUNE
PARENT EVENING with MICHAEL GROSE
(Venue and time to be advised)

Michael Grose, parenting expert, is coming to Holy Trinity. Parents are invited to attend a session about: CRACKING THE CONFIDENCE CODE.

“Encouraging children to step out of their comfort zones to take learning and social risks is one of the biggest challenges for modern parents.”
Michael Grose

Fear, anxiety and lack of confidence hold more children back from reaching their full potential than any other factors. Yet many adults lack the knowledge and skills to help boost children's confidence levels. In this practical presentation Michael will present his "head-heart-hands" approach to confidence-building where you'll learn to assist children through three modalities - thinking, feeling and doing.

Parenting Ideas... from Michael Grose
This year we will continue to provide support to parents on relevant topics. It would be great to hear from parents who have strategies or experience in particular situations or questions they would like addressed. This week I have included an article from Michael Grose addressing building deep relationship with your children.

Have a great weekend
Bernadette Scott
Assistant Principal (Acting)
Parent Confirmation night – Tonight 6.45pm (LEADERS) 7.00pm (ALL PARENTS) at the parish centre.

Fr Frank Brennan – Speaking about the new Church document by Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia, (The Joy of Love).* The document draws together the work of the last two Synods of Bishops, affirming the Church’s teaching. Session 1: 25th May and Session 2: 1st June, 7pm

Parish/School Mass- Save the Date: SATURDAY 28th MAY

Parish/School Mass this term is on Saturday 30 May. The candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented to the parish at this mass. Please join us in celebrating our faith together as a community.

**Kinder Grade Mass:** Tuesday 24 May, 9.30am

Blessings to you all,
Brigitta van Reesch

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**Walk Safely to School Day** - All students are encouraged to walk or ride to school on Friday, 20 May. For those students who live further away from the school, they are welcome to get dropped off on their way to school to complete a walk. For our younger children, perhaps parents could join them for the walk or Holy Trinity students in the same neighbourhoods could walk together. We will celebrate their arrival at school with music and dancing!

**Walk/Ride to School Maps** - As part of the ‘Walk or Ride to School’ ACT Government initiative all students received a special ‘Holy Trinity Route Map’. These are a fantastic resource and they clearly indicate the safest routes for travel to our school. Students who live in the local area are encouraged to draw their own route from home to school. It would be great to trial these routes prior to our ‘Walk Safely to School Day’.

**Year 3/4 Soccer Clinics** - On Wednesday afternoon, our Year 3/4 students began a soccer program with Curtin Primary. We were invited to share this experience with our neighbours for the next seven weeks! The sessions are taking place at Curtin oval and are being facilitated by Capital Football coaching staff.

**Bike Program** - Year 3 – 6 received their permission notes last Friday. Please return the signed notes to classroom teachers by Monday, 16 May. For further information or a note, please contact me via simon.bugden@cg.catholic.edu.au

Simon Bugden
Sports Coordinator

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**Tuckshop - Week 4**

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**Vacuuming Roster**

**TERM 2, WEEK 4 - WED 18 MAY**

**Team Leader:** Mark Bauer, Susie Johnston, Andrew Craig, Georgia/Mark Williams, Rian Foley
Enrolment Period - The ELC is now enrolling for 2017. Enrolment packs are available from the ELC Office. There are current positions in both Before School Care (BSC) and After School Care (ASC). BSC and ASC caters for children up to 7 years of age.

Preschool families are reminded to enrol for kindergarten in this period to ensure a place in a Catholic School.

Assessment and Rating - The ELC received the final report from the assessment and rating (A&R) process. The A&R process is completed every 2-3 years to ensure compliance to national regulations and rate the service to help parents assess the quality of education and care available. Centre received an ‘Exceeding National Quality Standard’ rating in three of the seven Quality Areas with an overall rating of “Meeting National Quality Standard”. This was an improvement on the last assessment in 2012 and gives us focus for the future.

Walkathon - The ELC will be joining the school for the Walkathon on Wednesday, 18 May at 12pm. The children who attend part time at the beginning of the week are welcome to join in, and all families are welcome to walk with the children and picnic at the North Curtin oval.

School Photos - Tuesday, 7 June. Children who attend part-time preschool at the end of the week are asked to come in on Tuesday morning for their whole class photo. Their individual photo will be taken on Thursday, 9 June.

Stay and Play every Wednesday morning from 9-10am at the ELC. All families are welcome.

Rock Wallabies have been enjoying numerous visits into the ELC office to help, so they created their own office space, playing with an old electric typewriter making letters and numbers. The Ground Parrots have been tinkering with an old stereo, engaging with water play and experimenting with floating and sinking and creating with paint. Children in After School Care have been enjoying a dance program that involves them singing and dancing. There is some excellent talent in the group.
6 sleeps until Walkathon!
Please get those sponsorship forms filled.
QKR payments available - click on “Events” and choose your value.
Join us on the day to walk with the kids (Wednesday at 12 noon).
If we reach our target – teachers have to come to school dressed as NINJAS!

School Banking Token Audit
Don’t forget that Wednesday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit and hand it in to their class teacher first thing in the morning.

We will be conducting a token audit for everyone over the next few weeks and it would be helpful if you could please put all your tokens inside your wallet.

Please note that tokens cannot be pooled with siblings or other students, from time to time we do forget to put a token into your wallet but please note each token is electronically recorded in the School Banking system – so we always know exactly how many you should have.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.
Parenting ideas

INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Building deep relationships with kids

Building a strong relationship with their children is every parent’s dream. Here are some time-honoured ways of doing this … if you can stick to them.

Every parent I know wants a great relationship with their children.

An effective way of promoting such relationships is through rituals and traditions. Rituals and traditions build close families.

For example, most strong families I know are underpinned by a strong food culture. In these families, every kid, no matter what their age, is expected to come to the meal table. Kids in these families are generally also expected to participate in other rituals and traditions.

This can require some parenting spine, but these rituals build wide relationships – that is, they gather the tribe together creating a wide relationship circle.

Individual parent-child relationships need to go deep. Deep relationships provide leverage. They also survive the potential storms of adolescence, during which relationships can become stormy and intense.

Certainly some ages are more amenable to positive relationship building than others. Developmentally, it’s easiest to build deep relationships in the opportunity years of latency: five through to ten years of age.

The easiest way to build a deep relationship between yourself and each of your kids is to spend regular one-on-one time together.

- Go somewhere for a whole day with a child.
- Go away for a weekend with just one child. Do things you enjoy.
- If possible, go camping.

These shared experiences can have a magic impact on relationships. They can sometimes lead to vast improvements in children’s behaviour.

Another way to build deep relationships is to share an interest with a child. Having something in common, whether it’s a shared love of sport, books or a hobby, creates an individual bond that goes deep. A shared interest also creates ‘natural’ opportunities for one-on-one time.

Make it happen

- One-on-one time needs to be organised.
- It generally won’t happen by accident.
- It takes time. It takes energy. It takes a support mechanism to make it happen. Most of all it takes permission.
- But one-on-one time is so worth the effort.
- One-on-one time is the coat hook upon which each of your children will hang their memories of you.
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