



# Holy Trinity Times

Faith, Hope and Love

Term 2, Week 8  
15 June, 2017



## Gather Us In

*For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.* Matt 18:20

*Last weekend we celebrated the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. What is that we can really say about the mystery of God?*

*Let us always remember that God has loved us and keeps loving us as a forgiving, merciful God, as a Father who cares, as the Son who became one of us and as a Spirit of love and unity and strength who keeps guiding and inspiring us.*

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As we approach the end of Term 2 so much is happening in the life of our school, and our parent groups continue to build and grow together.

We are excited to announce that planning for the annual Walkathon is well underway. The special guest for the launch on Friday 23 June (Week 9) is still under wraps (well – no one has told me yet!) – but excitement is building.

This is a great time of the year for the children with lots of excitement and fun as they get ready for the big day. This is also a great opportunity for families to be involved – on the day itself, we need lots of volunteers to make sure that no one goes astray or takes a slightly longer trip than planned!

If you can't help during day times, we have lots of little jobs that can be done after hours. Just contact our fabulous event coordinators – Jen & Cheryl to let them know how you can help.

Next week we are holding a special joint Board and P&F meeting in the hall and the whole school community is welcome. The purpose of this meeting is to throw open the doors and let all the school community participate and see what happens during these meetings. The theme is 'Parent Engagement' – what it means, how we do it and how we can do it better. If you have any ideas or questions on this topic I encourage you to send them to John Owens (Chair of the Board) at [John.Owens@bigpond.com](mailto:John.Owens@bigpond.com) so they can be added to the agenda for the night.

As an added inducement to encourage parents out on these cool evenings, there will be wine and cheese to help conversation along.

Please take the opportunity to come along if you can.

At Holy Trinity we take our responsibility to build a strong parent community to heart and the Class Coordinators have a huge role in this. Our Class Coordinators are the centre of all our organisation and are your first contact point to building lifelong connections and friendships. If you haven't heard from your Class Coordinator, please get in touch – as with everything, everyone's human and busy, so please get in touch with your coordinator – you won't be disappointed.

Wishing you all a terrific week ahead,

Best wishes

Carmel Brennan  
P&F President

### Upcoming Events

- Sun 18 Jun** - Confirmation, 9am and 11am
- Mon 19 Jun** - 2 Red Class Assembly, 2.30 pm
- Tue 20 Jun** - Year 5/6 Thanksgiving Mass, 9.30am
- Wed 21 Jun** - School Community Meeting, 7pm
- Fri 23 Jun** - School Walkathon Launch @ Morning Assembly

## National Collection of Data

### 2017 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Catholic schools along with government and Independent schools across Australia will again be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). Our involvement in this process is crucial as it will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students in our schools. The NCCD will enable National and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help Catholic Schools access the support for all students with additional needs.

The NCCD is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which includes a range of health issues and learning difficulties where schools implement strategies to support students in participating effectively in their learning.

The Data Collection will take place in August. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the NCCD, you are asked to contact your child's Principal to discuss your concerns. If you are still concerned you should request and complete an opt-out form and return to the Principal.

More information about the NCCD is available at: <http://www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au/>

## Reminders

**Open Community Meeting** - We are having an open community meeting on Wednesday, 21 June at 7pm. The meeting will be for all in our community. One of the key things we would like to address at the meeting is the issue of parental (and carers) involvement and engagement in the school. How do you want to be involved in school activities and engaged in your children's learning?

We would welcome your thoughts on these questions, and any agenda items that you would like to address at the meeting, potentially including the implications of the Government's funding decisions. Please email your thoughts and agenda ideas to [john.owens@bigpond.com](mailto:john.owens@bigpond.com). Please include with these agenda topics a short explanation. We plan to have some wine and cheese after the meeting. Please advise the school office by **Friday, 16 June** if you are intending to come for catering purposes by email [office.holytrinity@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office.holytrinity@cg.catholic.edu.au)



In recent weeks the Government has suggested through the media that all schools will receive more funding and that additional funding has been provided to assist Catholic schools in the ACT. Unfortunately, under the plan according to the Government figures some Catholic schools in NSW will have funding reduced compared to current funding levels before future funding growth. The Government's plan will also reduce funding to Catholic schools in Canberra over time. The concern for us all is that the result of changes to the funding model will be that it will be harder for parents to access an affordable and inclusive education in a Catholic school.

## Merit Certificates

**K GREEN** - Matthew G, Eva S  
**K RED** - Liliana P, Reilly P, Carrie B  
**1 GREEN** - Avalon C, Savannah J, Iggie W  
**1 RED** - Caiden J, Paige S, Jessica W  
**2 GREEN** - Isabelle M, April D  
**2 RED** - Felix H, Lily W  
**2 WHITE** - Joseph M, Louisa K, Angus B

**3/4 BLUE** - Darcy H, Wel W, Chars D, Ava M  
**3/4 GREEN** - Ruby P-S, Felicia C  
**3/4 RED** - Hannah M, Liam P  
**3/4 WHITE** - Walter W, Zephyr Mc  
**5/6 GREEN** - Tessa G, Faolon G, Georgia F  
**5/6 RED** - Alani M, Isabel W, Olivia C

## Birthdays

**Students celebrating their birthdays in the holidays and this week:** Olivia S, Grace F, Gwen O, Matthew G, Emily H, Ethan P

## RE News

### *Gather Us In*

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#### **Confirmation date – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

This weekend we will celebrate with Year 6 and their families in the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an important sacrament and an important choice students have made in their journey as a disciple of God, filled with the gifts that will guide them through their life.

All are invited to attend this celebration.

Thank you to all Year 6 families who provided a plate for the Confirmation retreat day. We were lucky enough to have Bishop Pat Power attend and speak with students. Bishop Pat Power will be confirming students on Sunday and his words provided a deep reflection for all.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30 am** – With the support of 5/6, Confirmation candidates will reflect on the commitment they have made with a Thanksgiving Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Blessings to you all,  
Brigitta van Deas | RE Coordinator

## Art, Craft & Fun Program

Peli&Co

Are you looking for something new and fun for your child to do  
on a Monday afternoon at Holy Trinity?  
Come and join the.....

### "Art, Craft & Fun Program"

**Holy Trinity Primary School - in the Music Room**  
**Every Monday after school until 5:30pm**

For students in Yrs 2-6 (younger years by request)

**Cost will include afternoon tea and all craft supplies!**

There will be...painting, crafting, card making,  
jewellery making, colouring and so much more...all in a warm, small group environment.

**Beginning Monday, Week 1, Term 3 – places are limited.**  
**Contact Lisa Bauer @ Peli&Co to enrol or for more information**  
Email: [info@peliandco.com.au](mailto:info@peliandco.com.au) or 0419 439 732

## Well Being

Dear Parents, Family and Friends,

Last Friday I attended a student wellbeing conference with Miss Shea and Miss Cupitt. There was some very insightful and practical information shared with us. We are going to share some of the valuable parent resources with you at the parent information night in Week 10. I really encourage every parent to attend this evening. Parenting the current generation is extremely challenging and we are hoping to support you with many new strategies at the parent information evening.

One of the resources we will be showing you is the [esafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/online-risks/cyberbullying/talking-with-your-child) website. Here is a useful link <https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/online-risks/cyberbullying/talking-with-your-child>

**Save the date: Mental Health and Student Wellbeing Information Night for parents.**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June** we will be hosting a Mental Health and Student Wellbeing night in the school hall. The aim of the night is to share information and support strategies for children's mental health and wellbeing. The session will be broken into two parts. In the first session, I will be sharing information and tips for parents from the two Mental Health and Student Wellbeing conferences I have attended this term. In the second session, we will be skyping a parent helpline counsellor who will be answering a set of questions and offering support and advice for parents.

The Parent helpline counsellor will be answering these questions below.

Does too much technology time affect mental health in young people?

What are the early warning signs for anxiety and depression?

How to help your child with body image and appearance issues? What are some things I can say to help?

What can I do more at home to help with my child's mental health/wellbeing?

How to help their self-esteem? How to get them to open up and talk?

Shy vs Anxious – How do I know if there is a problem?

What is a positive way to deal with a bedtime meltdown where every issues comes out?

There will also be time for further questions/clarification.

We really hope to see lots of families attend this event. The rise in mental health in society is very concerning and with a better understanding and awareness, parents can feel more capable and confident to support their children.

**Session 1- 6:00pm-6:30pm Children's Mental Health/Wellbeing information and advice for parents**

**Session 2- 6:30pm-7:00pm Skype with Parent Helpline counsellor**

There will be a movie for the children in a classroom. If you are able to attend please email me [brendon.pye@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:brendon.pye@cg.catholic.edu.au)

Kind Regards,

Brendon Pye | Coordinator

## Tuckshop Roster - Week 9

MON 19 JUN

Mel Berg  
Lucy Mossop

THU 22 JUN

Jeanette Miller  
Jill Rasmussen

FRI 23 JUN

Annette Cannell  
Elizabeth Spence  
Rachael Nano

## Vacuuming Roster

TERM 2, WEEK 9 - WED 28 JUN

**Team Leader:** Michael Miller, Andrew Prior, Michael Codd, Peter Conlon, Simon Frawley

## Sport

**ACT Cross Country** - Congratulations to Alby B, Ben S, Charlotte S and Annie H for the great effort they displayed at yesterday's ACT Cross Country Carnival.

### Tennis Student Offers & Events

- Upcoming Season Student Discount + Free Racquet + Free Pre-Season Training.
- Receive \$50 off the upcoming season by signing up to your school's allocated times.
- Play during the pre-season for FREE when signing up for the upcoming season.
- All juniors new to the academy will receive a FREE Racquet.
- Pre-season: June 19th - July 23rd | Main Season: July 24th - October 15th | Offer Valid Until August 6th.
- To view your school's allocated times and bookings, please visit [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/school-partners](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/school-partners) or call 0416 186 121 for more information.
- Free Tennis Hotshots - Tennis Canberra will be hosting FREE Tennis Hotshots sessions starting Tuesday June 13th until Friday June 23rd. To view all the times and venues, please visit [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/school-partners](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/school-partners)
- Holiday Program @ Old Parliament House Gardens Tennis Club- 3-day tennis camp at the Old Parliament House Gardens from July 3rd to July 5th. Tennis Canberra have various options to suit any age, ability or family commitments. For more information or to book, please visit [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/holiday-program](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/holiday-program)
- Year 3 and 4 ANZ Tennis Hotshots Gala Day will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August at St. Edmund's College, Griffith.
- Lunchtime and Before School Tennis is still available for students and parents. Come along and enjoy a hit of tennis with your child / children.

Kristy Everding |Sports Coordinator

## Library News

Three quick things this week...

The Library is open before school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings @ 8.30am. It is also open every lunch time from 11.20am until the bell. Great to know on those cold days. If the dog is out, library is open!

In the library we have a Dewey Decimal Challenge running each week. The rules are displayed near the challenge. The children have to locate a book using the nominated number (in their own time), fill in a raffle ticket and be in the running to win a small prize each week. The competition runs from a Tuesday to a Tuesday.



Finally – keep sending in those completed CMRC forms. Mrs. Schofield has an enormous pile in her desk and has written out three hundred and fifty-six raffle tickets to date. The display outside Year One is also getting filled up with coloured dots. Spare forms are located outside the library door. The Chief Minister can hardly wait to send us our certificates.

Happy Reading,  
Kate Mertz | Librarian

## Community News

**FOUND** - Fidget spinners; 2 key rings; black rimmed reading glasses. Please see front office.

Please note we cannot keep lost property for longer than 2 weeks.

## ELC News

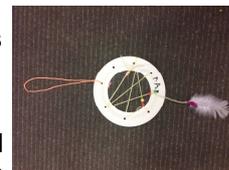
**Ground Parrots** - We have revisited the *Good Shepherd* story and thought about God's love for us. We brainstormed our ideas about what love looks, sounds and feels like and created a poster to share this understanding with others.

We have explored the connection between our emotions and our communication. We have used role play to learn what to say in times of conflict, read books, used mirrors and our interactions with peers to help us to identify and labels different emotions we encounter in our lives. We have also explored how music affects our emotions and learnt about different types of lines of express the way we feel.

**Rock Wallabies** - Took a walk to 'the hill' and loved climbing the trees and finding interesting objects. In talking about emotions some of the children said that they felt scared at night, so they then had the opportunity to create a dream catcher to help filter the scary thoughts and dreams.

**Black Cockatoos** have had a very short week at school, but enjoyed sharing their stories from the long weekend.

**School Holiday Program** - The school holidays are fast approaching and the holiday program is programmed to provide a fun-filled and relaxing space. The multi-themed days will ensure a variety of experiences. Some places are still available, booking forms are online <http://holytrinity.act.edu.au/srcfiles/Family-Note-term-two1.pdf>



Children bring a packed morning tea, lunch and water, the ELC will provide an afternoon tea and loads of fun.

**Stay and Play** every Wednesday morning from 9-10am at the ELC playground. All families from the ELC, Primary School and broader community are very welcome.

**Parent Library** - The ELC has books available for parents to borrow, on a range of topics. They are available in the front foyer of the ELC. Some titles include *No Drama Discipline*, *Raising an Emotionally Intelligent Child*, *5 Languages of Love of Children*. We also have a range of children's books available too which address emotions, separation anxiety, families and managing change.



### Upcoming Events

21 June—Stay and Play, 9am-10am ELC Playground

21 June—ELC Visit to Fred Ward Gardens

## Qkr News

**PUSH NOTIFICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE ON QKR** - This is the huge new feature to Qkr!. This new feature allows us to send push notifications to parents on Qkr when new items are added. Can all families please ensure that they have switched on push notifications for Qkr so that you can receive these notices.

Reminders for special days will still come through on Skoolbag.

**LOST AND FORGOTTEN PASSWORDS** - If you experience a forgotten password and then having password reset issues with Qkr, we have a new FAQ with instruction below.

<https://qkr.mastercard.com/au/faq/>

But in short, due to high security and protections around not letting accounts get hijacked by a third party claiming to have lost their password, it is often much quicker and easier for parents to call 1800 689 562 and ask to have their account deleted (and then immediately re-register on the Qkr app) if they can't easily reset their password using the process wholly within the Qkr app. Given this strong security, best to never forget your password – I use my finger print as my password on Qkr for this very reason.