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## News from Mrs Hey

Dear Parents,

Yesterday all students reverently celebrated Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. It was a lovely celebration of faith as we gathered as a school family. Thanks and appreciation to the Year 5 teachers and students who co-ordinated the celebration, to Father Peter, our celebrant and to those parents who joined our celebration.

On Wednesday 13th August I was privileged, along with our parent representative Melissa Calleja and our mission leaders Bradley, Li, Daniela, Elizabeth and Sophia to participate in the Education Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral in Parramatta. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Vincent who shared the message of love through the gospel of John. In the Bishop's homily he reminded us that Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice of giving up his life for his friends, which is the greatest way to show them his love. Our students were reverent during the mass and made the most of the Mission Expo by visiting the stalls and learning about how other schools in the Diocese are living out their mission of love and service. We presented a stall showcasing our Mission work at Trinity.

Kind regards,  
Cathy Hey  
Principal

## Classroom Refurbishment

Trinity will be receiving significant refurbishment in the coming months, which is being funded by CEDP (Catholic Education Diocese Parramatta). The work to be done includes new carpet, painting, wet areas, storerooms and pinboards. Some work will also be done in the Kinder space as this was refurbished at the end of last year. Classes will need to move out of the classrooms for a short period of time (approximately 2 weeks) while the work is being conducted in each space and will be relocated to another learning space in the school for this time. We are really looking forward to refreshing the learning spaces so that the wonderful work that happens can continue inside these contemporary spaces.

## Attendance

<b>K</b>	78.4%	<b>4</b>	80.4%
<b>1</b>	83.3%	<b>5</b>	82.3%
<b>2</b>	81.5%	<b>6</b>	66.5%
<b>3</b>	76.7%		

Our school attendance for this week is 77.6%. Let's work hard to get some green dots which indicate that we are above the expected rate of 90%.

## Enrolments

# 2020

Please spread the word to neighbours, colleagues and family members to contact the office to arrange an enrolment pack.

## Family Game Night

With just 2 weeks until the Games Night, the excitement is building. Please send in your RSVP to this fun family event. There is no cost to attend the night but you will need money to play the various games, including BINGO. Thank you to the parents who have been gathering prizes. Please remember that children must be accompanied by an adult – no child is to be dropped off and left unattended.

# How to encourage students to read for pleasure

The big challenge for teachers is not simply getting students to read – it's getting them to enjoy it too. It's one thing for students to read through set texts in a lesson, but will they open another book when they get home at the end of the day?

Leading Literacy Educators have noted that becoming a lifetime reader is based on developing a deep love of reading.

"Research has repeatedly shown that motivation to read decreases with age, especially if pupils' attitudes towards reading become less positive," it said. "If children do not enjoy reading when they are young, then they are unlikely to do so when they get older."

For younger readers in particular, their home environment is critically important.

"Home is a massive influence," says Eleanor Webster, a primary school teacher. "Supportive and understanding parents are key to developing their child's reading."

But if a pupil doesn't see people reading at home, it may be harder to instil the idea of reading for pleasure. So what can parents do to encourage it? Here are some of the best ideas, initiatives and projects that parents have developed to motivate children and help them develop a love for reading:

## Escapism

While reading challenges can give a sense of purpose, escaping the challenges of school is a crucial part of encouraging reading for pleasure.

"Children won't find reading pleasurable if there is too much pressure on them," says Webster, "so a relaxed atmosphere and a positive ethos around reading is really important."

Promoting reading as a form of escapism from the general pressures of school and their social lives encouraged students to see reading as a form of self-indulgent relaxation, instead of another intelligence test.

## Reading to your son or daughter

Encouraging children to read for pleasure is about more than getting them to pick up a book; it's equally important for children to appreciate a good story.

"I think it's important to make sure you read to them as much as they read for themselves or other people, making it a more supportive environment".

"Spend once a week saying, 'Right, I'm going to read to you', I think really encourages them to appreciate it. The older students in particular haven't been read to at home for so long that they absolutely love it."

## Anything goes

"It's crucial to bear in mind what the student wants to read". "Having this control shouldn't be undervalued, and I think they should be allowed to venture from one type of book to another.

"Introduce your children to a wide variety of texts, mediums and genres – they may surprise themselves once they have faced preconceived ideas about what they consider enjoyable and embrace a diversity in what they read. Comics, e-books, short stories, online articles and magazines shouldn't be ignored."

"Children respond well to it because they love exploring details of books and making books come to life.

Encourage your children to read for pleasure, the opportunities books provide are endless!

# Sacred Space


## Catholic Value 4: Search for Truth and Wisdom

All human persons have a natural inclination to seek knowledge and to discover truth, which is ultimately, directed to God. God is truth and the source of all wisdom and only in God can humanity find true happiness.

Every person should be encouraged to use their human intellect in many diverse fields such as; arts, music, science, aesthetics, ethics, spirituality and emotions because the truth inherent in these fields point to God.

Due to human beings' imperfect nature, guidance is needed to live a life, which finds in itself true happiness. God's truth is preserved in the Magisterium of the Catholic Church through the gift of infallibility. God has given this wonderful gift so that everyone can have access to the 'truth', which points to God himself.


- God is the source of all truth and wisdom (CCC 1831, 2465)
- Only in God will humanity find truth and happiness (CCC 27)
- The Magisterium of the Catholic Church preserves God's truth through the gift of infallibility (CCC 890-891)



**SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND WISDOM (CV4)**

the truth sets me free

The search for knowledge and truth, is the search for God.  
I will use my knowledge, gifts and talents to learn more about God and help others.



'I am the way, and the truth, and the life' (Jn 14:6)

## What's happening at Trinity

### Upcoming 2019 Dates

Monday, 19th August	9.15am – Book Week Dress Up Parade
Tuesday, 27th August	Year 3 Jarrara incursion
Wednesday, 28th August	Netball Gala Day
Thursday, 29th August	Voice of Youth Cluster Final – Trinity hosting 2.15pm Fathers' Day Assembly Fathers' Day Stall.
Friday, 30th August	K-6 NRMA Road Safety workshops Games Night

## Premiers' Reading Challenge - 2019

Congratulations to the students who have already successfully completed the challenge. Students should be entering their books online. If there are any students experiencing difficulty doing so, please let Mrs Micallef know.



Next week is Book Week! Please see below for details on the events happening during the week. *If you are available to assist with the Book Fair with selling and supervising, please let the office or Mrs Micallef (from the LARC) know as soon as possible.*

### Monday 19th August

- Staff reading to students before school.
- 9.15am - 9.45am - Book Week Parade in Hall.
- *Parents, grandparents, preschoolers and friends are welcome.*
- *All children dress as any book character. However, students MUST wear closed shoes as a safety requirement.*
- *Children may wear their costume to school if they are comfortable for learning. Otherwise, they can bring their school uniform and change after the parade.*
- *Preschoolers may also dress up and parade with their big sister/brother.*
- *It would be helpful if children hold the book or carry a sign/label with their character's/ book's name.*
- 9.45am - Book Fair Selling to parents/grandparents. Students can accompany an adult to the Book Fair once the parade is finished.

### Tuesday 20th August & Thursday 22nd August

- Book Fair selling before and after school.

### Monday 26th August

- Author Visit for all students - Matt Cosgrove in the hall



# Emmaus Catholic College

There has been a focus on STEM subjects and projects at Emmaus in the past couple of years, STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and the idea is to integrate all four areas to create projects, collaborate and prepare students for jobs in a changing economy. This week, there have been a few developments at Emmaus.

Due to changes in the Digital Technologies syllabus, it is compulsory so students to learning coding and computational thinking. Year 7 have started a new unit of work revolving around Robotics and self driving cars. The students have been building robots out of lego and will be completing different coding challenges that simulate driving in real life. This includes the ability to park, recognise traffic signals and detect light. The robots use sense to help them navigate the environment.

Exciting news for Katie Forster in Year 11 as she has been nominated to be a Student Ambassador for the 'One Giant Leap Australian foundation' winning a scholarship to travel to the United States and visit NASA. She has a passion for STEM education, where she went to the United States last year to compete in Destination Imagination, a competition in Engineering and Creativity and represented Australia.

