Dear Parents

**Holy Week**
This Sunday is Palm Sunday and is the commencement of Holy Week, the week preceding Easter and the final week of Lent. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. Holy Week includes Holy Thursday and Good Friday, which, together with Holy Saturday, are known as the Triduum.

During Holy Week, Christians commemorate the Passion of Christ, who died on Good Friday in preparation for the sins of mankind, and rose on Easter Sunday to give new life to all who believe. Thus, while Holy Week is solemn and sorrowful, it also anticipates the joy of Easter through the recognition of God’s goodness in sending His Son to die for our salvation.

It would be wonderful if you could make a special effort to attend the Holy Week ceremonies at St Anthony’s.

On Holy Thursday the Year 5 and 6 students will be attending the Passion Play as Sacred Heart Cootamundra accompanied by Mrs Jacqui Bolger, Mrs Penny Lucas and myself. In the afternoon the students will all participate in the Stations of The Cross back at Trinity. Parents we would love to have you join with us in this very solemn and moving occasion.

**Year 3 and 4 Excursion**
On Tuesday the Year 3 and 4 students travelled to Wee Jasper to meet with the Year 3 and 4 students at Billy Grace Park. We are most grateful to Holy Trinity Curtin ACT for organising and paying for the excursion as part of Catholic Schools Week. The children had a fantastic time and enjoyed meeting the students from Holy Trinity while learning all about the history of that area.

**The NSW State Government Election**
Just a reminder that the election will be held this Saturday on 28 March 2015. Over the past few weeks the Catholic Education Commission has provided information to Catholic schools regarding the four key messages for political parties and candidates to secure an increase in NSW government funding for Catholic schools in NSW. I hope you have found the information to be informative.

**Information Technology**
We would like to form a committee of interested parents exploring and investigating options around the possibility of implementing a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program for iPads at Trinity in the future. The committee would like to explore all options, how it works in other schools in our district, what it looks like in action, costs and the pros and cons of implementing this program. If you are interested in being part of this committee please contact Mrs Penny Lucas at Trinity or Mrs Fiona Collins Community Council Secretary.

**First Communion**
I would like to thank Fr Joshy, the sacramental team, their helpers, & the amazing choir lead by Amy Mergard for their involvement of First Communion. Sunday was a very moving Mass and the children were very respectful as they received the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time.

*Have a great week everyone*

*With you in Spirit,*

Marylou Gorham
Principal
As we near the end of the term, an incredibly hectic but rewarding term, it is important to reflect and take some time to slow down. As a mother of three very busy little munchkins, even if I have seen these reflections before, I love when they pass across my desk again, reminding me of how quickly time slips by. I am sure that the proud families of the First Eucharist Candidates felt this when they watched their children reverently standing beside Fr Joshy on the altar on Sunday, receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the very first time. Congratulations again to Hamish, Amelia, Angelina, Molly, Dylan and Isabelle.

I especially draw your attention to the lines, When you worry and hurry through your day, it’s like an unopened gift thrown away. I hope that, as the term draws to a close and the Easter Break begins, you enjoy some restful and refreshing family time.

Slow Dance
Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round, or listened to rain slapping the ground?

Ever followed a butterfly’s erratic flight, or gazed at the sun fading into the night?

You better slow down, don’t dance so fast, time is short, the music won’t last.

Do you run through each day on the fly, when you ask “How are you?”, do you hear the reply?

When the day is done, do you lie in your bed, with the next hundred chores running through your head?

You better slow down, don’t dance so fast, time is short, the music won’t last.

Ever told your child, we’ll do it tomorrow, and in your haste, not see his sorrow?

Ever lost touch, let a friendship die, ’cause you never had time to call and say hi?

You better slow down, don’t dance so fast, time is short, the music won’t last.

When you run so fast to get somewhere, you miss half the fun of getting there.

When you worry and hurry through your day, it’s like an unopened gift thrown away.

Life isn’t a race, so take it slower, hear the music before your song is over.

Please join us for our Stations of the Cross at 2pm next Wednesday. It will be a moving and contemporary look, delivered by our Year 6 students, at how the last events of Jesus’ life and the way he reacted, still have a powerful meaning for us today.
Molly - it brought me closer to God and his Church. I got to have blessed bread and wine for the first time.

Isabelle - I was with God for the day and I came closer to God.

Hamish - I received Jesus’ Body & Blood & we had a party with my cousins.

Angelina - I was loved and I felt good.

Amelia - I liked helping Fr Joshy, I had blessed bread and wine and I loved the rainbow cake with my name on it.

Dylan – I could finally receive Communion like my big brother.
FIRST COMMUNION
Rugby League Gala Day

Congratulations to our Year 3-6 student who participated in the Rugby League Gala Day at Robert’s Park last Friday. Our boys certainly played some skilful league and the girls some very entertaining league tag. The day was aimed at promoting fun and sportsmanship in league and we thank the students for their conduct on the day. Special thanks to the parents who assisted staff with managing our six teams and for your cheering and sportsmanship too! We look forward to participating in the Mortimer Shield (Yr 5/6) in May and Trent Barrett Shield (Year 3/4) in Term Three.

Western Region Cross Country

Best wishes to our thirty-eight talented cross country runners who will travel to Grenfell next Tuesday to compete in the Western Region Cross Country Carnival around the very hilly golf course. Once again we thank our wonderful parents for providing transport and showing tremendous support. Good luck everyone!!

Archdiocesan Soccer Trials

Good luck to Mikey, Jack K, Jack I and Corey who participate in the Soccer Trials tomorrow.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Bayley Minson

WESTIE AWARDS

Tilla Bowman

CLASS AWARDS

Kindergarten:
Angus Oldfield &
Archie Quinn

Year 1/2:
Stella Daly &
Pippa Hufton

Year 3:
Zarlie Quinn &
Hunter Bowman

Year 4/5:
Olivia Trybel &
Hamish Minehan

Year 5/6:
Tully Potts &
Erin Alcorn

Principal’s Award

Hunter Bowman
Do YOU look forward to reading with your child?

Is home reading the BEST 10 minutes of your day?

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Trinity Library

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Harden Netball Registration Days

Preschool to Year 9 (Boys and Girls)

Term 2 Competition due to commence on
Friday 24th April 2015 (Term 2 Week 1)

from 4.00-5.15pm (6 week competition)

$20 to be paid on Registration Day

Please register

Week 9 Tuesday 31st March at MPS Hall from 3.15 - 4.30 or
Week 9 Wednesday 1st April at Trinity Library from 3pm – 3.30pm

Or call Penny Lucas- 0413 603 747
Treen Brooker- 0411 045 630
CLOTHING POOL

Thank you Carmen Scott

Carmen has kindly agreed to take over the Clothing Pool. The hours for purchasing new or second hand uniforms will be as follows:

Tuesdays from 8:30—9:15am

Thursdays from 2:30—3:15pm

A note will be sent home with the uniform list so that if you can't get to the school on those days, that you can order your child's uniform and it will be sent home with your child.

Creative Workshop Young People

Fee $5.00

Limited Classes 15 people

The Court House

Sunday 1 March 2015—Cartooning
Sunday 29 March 2015—Poster Painting

Enquiries & Bookings call
Nina Horton 0413 266300
Michelle 0429 862 066

ART CLASSES 2015

FOR ADVANCED NOTICE: Get on the list!

Send your name and kids names to

MICHELLE KENNERT
Harden Country Women’s Association

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