Dear Parents

The NSW State Government Election will be held on 28 March 2015. The Catholic Education Commission in partnership with Catholic School Parents Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn has four key messages for political parties and candidates to secure an increase in NSW government funding for Catholic schools in NSW.

The Facts

- The average cost of educating a student in a Canberra-Goulburn Catholic systemic school in NSW is $11,510 per year.
- The average cost of educating a student in a government school within the diocese’s boundaries is $13,695 per year.
- Canberra-Goulburn’s systemic Catholic schools teach the same curriculum as government schools while saving State and Federal taxpayers more than $3,600 per student each year.
- Government would need to fully fund the education of an extra 251,000 students - at an additional cost to taxpayers of more than $3 billion a year.
- NSW Catholic schools need to add 80,000 student places by 2031 – requiring some 20 new schools and the expansion of hundreds more across the state. The Government is relying on Catholic schools to maintain or grow their current share of students; otherwise, it will be forced to take on more of the education burden and fully fund the construction and operation of more government schools than is currently forecast.
- The majority of capital works in Catholic schools are funded by parents or diocesan sources, with some support from the NSW and Australian Governments.

What We Need

- A funding commitment from all political parties and candidates that provides greater equity, certainty and choice into the future.
- An increase in funding that allows our schools to continue to support families by keeping tuition fees at a modest level.
- A commitment to a more equitable share of capital funding to expand school places to meet growing demand.
- The NSW Government must send a message to Catholic school parents that it values their significant contribution and supports their ongoing investment in the state’s schools (government and non-government).

*ACARA MySchool Website, February 2012  Enquiries to: Mr Tim Smith - tim.smith@cg.catholic.edu.au

First Communion

Congratulations to the Year 4 children who will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday at 10am at St Anthony’s. Thank you to Fr Joshy, Penny Lucas, Kaitlin Pieper, Julie Doolan, Maryanne Fitzgerald for preparing the children. Thank you also to Charlene madden for making the First Communion cake and to Ev & Maryanne for setting up Morning Tea. Thanks to Jill Parker for all her assistance & to the parents of the First Communicants for their support. We hope you can join us on Sunday to be part of this very special time for our Year 4 children.

Have a great week everyone
With you in Spirit,

Marylou Gorham
Principal
This weekend, six of our parishioners will be celebrating their First Eucharist, a very exciting time for these excited young Catholics who are about to receive that very special gift that Jesus left for us. This year we have seen a slightly different preparation program, led by Fr Joshy and the Sacramental Team. Families and children have met every Tuesday night for the past four weeks at St Anthony’s Church to join in prayer, storytelling and a sneaky bit of chocolate brownie at the end! It has been a time of growth, deep understanding and a significant time of sharing – sharing between family members and sharing between different families. This sharing is, perhaps, more significant in the celebration of the Eucharist than any other sacrament, replicating the Last Supper where Jesus shared a meal with his friends and created the life-giving memorial that we partake in every Sunday at Mass.

There are so many things in our life that we do with so much automation that we are sometimes completely unaware of what we are actually doing. It is easy to fall into that trap when we attend Mass. Often, it is a time where we can relax and just become part of the flow of the prayers and the gestures we know so well. I know that I can certainly fall into this basket at times, rattling off prayers I have been saying since I received my first Missal, without stopping to take in their full meaning. I remember when the ‘bow’ was added before receiving the body of Christ, just a few years ago – my attention, in those early days was so focused on ‘getting it right’, that I had to remind myself of what I was truly about to receive, rather than on the logistics! This is certainly not the case for me at a First Eucharist Mass, filled to the brim with anticipation and excitement (a few nerves and sometimes a rather strong waft of hairspray!!) of these First Holy Communion Candidates. Their presence on the altar for the Eucharistic Prayer, watching their faces gently following the Body and Blood as it is raised, blessed, broken and given, before receiving the blessed Sacrament for the very first time, truly wakes the rest of the congregation up to remind them of the complete mystery and magnitude of the transformed bread and wine.

So, as these young people in our Parish move away from anxiously concentrating on ‘getting it right’ each time they present to receive the Eucharist, to full appreciation of what is Eucharist, we pray they take on this newfound responsibility and gift with love, reverence and worship. May they feel our support and our thanks for the gentle reminders that, through their naivety and innocence, they impart on those around them.

To be a part of Sacrament celebrations, from the first meetings with these eager and enthusiastic candidates to the final handing out of certificates is a true honour and we wish Hamish, Amelia, Angelina, Molly, Dylan and Isabelle all the very best this Sunday morning. Please join us for this moving celebration at St Anthony’s Church at 10am.
Trinity Catholic School's Annual Cross Country Carnival was held at the school grounds on Monday. Students from Kinder to Year 6 ran the course exceptionally well and were congratulated on their participation and sportsmanship. Parents, grandparents and families were present in large numbers to cheer on and support the students. The BLUE House finished in first place very closely followed by the RED House and then the GOLD House. Blue Captains, Claire Houghton and Bayley Minson, proudly accepted the winning house trophy, the fifth consecutive win for the Blue House. The top five place-getters in each of the primary age divisions will represent Trinity School at the Western Region Cross Country in Grenfell in two weeks. A big thank you to Kate Squire-Wilson and the many parents who assisted in providing a delicious morning tea and lunch, along with fruit and ice blocks for the students.

The Trinity Catholic School Cross Country Champions for 2015 are:

Kinder Boy  Riley Jackson
Kinder Girl  Arabella Hufton
Year 1 Boy  Chaz Cooper
Year 1 Girl  Pippa Hufton
8 year Boy  Christian Johnson
8 year Girl  Sophie Barnes
8/9 year Boys  Oliver Minehan
8/9 year Girls  Georgia Squire-Wilson
10 year Boys  Hamish Minehan
10 year Girls  Vanessa Stone
11 year Boys  Jack Kennett
11 year Girls  Maddison Davis-Chard
12 year Boys  Joie Whybrow / James Collins
12 year Girls  Claire Houghton

Thank you to Mrs Doolan for all her wonderful organisation and to Kate and her helpers for the catering. It was another wonderful Trinity day on Monday and congratulations to all our students on their participation. Thank you to our parents and family members for coming along and supporting them.

Mary Lou Gorham
I really enjoyed having my birthday at camp with mums great cake that mum made. - ELDEN

I really enjoyed doing raft building because there were three teams my team was the wave riders. - Tarmeka

My favourite thing at Borambola was the initiative course Especially the rope swing. – Jack G

I really liked our supervisors Gus, Olivia and Ollie because they made me laugh. – Bayley

I really enjoyed doing rock climbing and did the hardest one and it was so much fun and seeing my friends climbing it. It was really good when Gus and I took that photo. - Jack I

I really enjoyed doing archery because I was better at it than I thought and I shot the golden arrow. It was spondonicle. - Tess

I totally loved archery because I was better at it than I thought and I shot the golden arrow. It was spondonicle. - Tess

I really liked hanging out with my friends and getting to know them better. Jack

I really liked the rooms and playing spotlight and also we got sweets. I had a spondonicle time. James

I had a spondonicle time when we versed each other in fencing because I beat everyone and we had a fun instructor named Ollie. - Erin

At Borambola I really enjoyed playing water polo in our free time it was really fun. - Joie

I had a spondonicle time when we versed each other in fencing because I beat everyone and we had a fun instructor named Ollie. - Erin

I really enjoyed doing raft building because there were three teams my team was the wave riders. - Tarmeka

I loved the cook out because I like making spaghetti Bol with the yr6 girls. I also got to learn a new word Spondonicle. – Molly

I loved archery because I was better at it than I thought and I shot the golden arrow. It was spondonicle. - Tess

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I absolutely loved the flying fox because it was really scary but it was really really fun. – Claire

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Congratulations to Jack, Jesse, Ned, Hamish, Hugh and Patrick who were members of the Harden Hornets winning grand final team who took out the Cootamundra & Districts Junior Cricket premiership on Saturday. The game was played at Clarke Oval in Cootamundra with the Coota Sixes batting first and scoring 74 runs. Harden passed this total with only four wickets down. Well done boys and congratulations from the Trinity Community.

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
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Stella Daly

WESTIE AWARDS
Emma Collins

CLASS AWARDS
Kindergarten:
Roy Whybrow & Jemima Mergard

Year 1/2:
Poppy Lucas

Year 3:
Isobel Duke & Gus Lenehan

Year 4/5:
Jesse Glover & Isabelle Shea

Year 5/6:
Ben Hambrook & Katie Rose O’Connor
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

Enquires & 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 KENNETT
Harden Country Women’s Association

Harden Murrumburrah Historical Society Inc & Museum
Displays on the 1st Australian Light Horse Brigade, Local Railway History, Blacksmiths and Wheelwrights and a collection of Singer Sewing Machines

Harden District Education Foundation

Fit’n Well
Feeling, Living, Believing
“Forget all the reasons why it won’t work and believe in the one reason why it will.”
Start today!

Harden Bearings & Hardware
20 Station Street HARDEN
Excellence in car service and repairs.

Harden Country Club
6386 2483

Harden View Club
View Clubs of Australia
Voice, Interests and Education of Women

Murrumburrah Chapter
Cootamundra Sub-Branch
The Returned and Services League of Australia

Jimmy & Alex Stewart