This weekend it is family Mass at 10:00 am at St Anthony’s. We hope you can come along and bring the children to Mass. These Masses are always enjoyable and we love to see the children taking an active role in the liturgy and singing in the choir. A special thank you to Ms Boller for her hard work preparing the Mass.

This week is Children’s Book Week. This year's theme is Story Country. As a way of celebrating Book Week, we are inviting students and teachers to come to school in costumes of a character or theme connected with a favourite story. A parade will be conducted under the shelter at 1:00 pm. Book Week is an exciting time to celebrate the wonderful world of story - it is also a great time to share/read stories together. During family time this week try to have ‘book chats’ and invite your children to share some insight into the books they are reading.

Some questions you could ask are:
Tell me about a character in your story.
What advice would you give to a character?
How do you think the story will end up?
What is the setting of the story?
What kind of book is it? (Narrative, information text etc.) What would you say to the author?
Why did you choose this book?

On Tuesday, the inaugural Archdiocesan Public Speaking Finals were held at McCauley Catholic Central School Tumut. Emily Lenehan presented her speech on the topic ‘Did you know my ancestral history includes...’ The quality of speakers was extremely high and we congratulate Emily for qualifying to compete in the championships to represent our school.
The Walkathon is fast approaching. To date the students have raised well over $1200, thank you to the support from our parents and the community.

Last Friday the children had pajama day as their first incentive as they had reached the first target of $500.

Tomorrow they will participate in a games afternoon as they have reached their second incentive of $1000.

It is wonderful to see the children continuing to go to exceptional lengths to raise funds.

Congratulations to Kurtis in Year 3/4 who raised well over $500 for his sausage roll drive and to Samantha in Year 3/4 and Melanie in Kinder who have raised well over $220 for their lamington drive.

If you are interested in buying some lamingtons, the orders don’t close until Friday September 3 for delivery on Saturday September 5 and Sunday September 6.

Thank you parents for the work that you are doing behind the scenes to get behind this fundraiser. Notes have been sent home for permission to participate in the walkathon and seeking assistance. Mr. O’Brien has had many offers of help which is wonderful.

God Bless

Marylou Gorham
CLASSROOM NEWS:

Each week we will endeavor to share with you snippets from the classrooms. Face Book is another great way you can see what is happening in the classrooms as it is regularly updated.

It is wonderful to see the many ways which Kagan is being embraced across the school. Today the children in Year 3/4 were participating in Literacy activities. They were all doing ‘Inside, Outside, Circe and Literacy Circles.’

This is a strategy used to encourage students to develop confidence in oral language and to build positive collaborative relationships. Each student shared something important about them and their partner and then repeated it aloud to the class. Such engaged students who are thriving in their classroom.

If you go to the Trinity Face Book page you will see all the different ways children are embracing Kagan as well as the learning which is happening in the various Curriculum areas across the school. The children are engaged and are enjoying their learning experiences.
"E.Lesse ewe tvie ercLful..."

"My soul magnifies the Lord..."

With the Feast of the Annunciation last Monday ‘we were drawn to the person of Mary, Mother of Jesus. Have you ever thought about her words: ‘My soul magnifies the Lord? They seem strange words from a young woman who knew the abundance of God's mercy in her life. Yet they are her first response at the Annunciation. I wonder what it means to 'magnify the Lord'. We use a magnifying glass to make what is small appear larger. If we place a magnifying glass on a page of small writing, the words leap out at us. What was insignificant becomes bold.

When we think of magnifying God, we are suddenly at odds. God is not small. God's love is not contained. We know God's mercy as gratuitous - given freely, with the expectation of nothing in return. Perhaps the magnifying glass needs to be placed on our own lives. What is our perspective? Have we made God small? Do our lives reflect the magnanimity of a tender compassionate God?

In the quiet of contemplative prayer, we can place the magnifier on God's presence with us and in quiet and stillness be grateful that our God of mercy and compassion never regards us as 'small' - ‘You are precious in my eyes and I love you.”

Our response must be one of mercy in action. Do you remember learning that a magnifying glass can be used to set things on fire? If we truly magnify God in the daily living of ordinary lives, we will be people who are warm and compassionate; we will challenge the cold-hearted responses of governments to the poor; we will reach out to the down-hearted assuring them that they, too, are precious in God's eyes.

Anne Ferguson, Mission Animation, Parramatta
Elizabeth by Corby Eisbacher

Image: Jump for Joy - Mary and

Reflection for the Week

Catherine McAuley foundress of the Mercy Order ‘understood that Jesus was present in all people, especially in the poor, the sick, the dying, the abandoned, and the unprotected.’ She was known to frequently quote Jesus’ words: ‘Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do unto me’ Matthew 25:40

Peace and Blessings on your week

Helene Boller

Don't forget Family Mass is on Sunday St Anthony's. We hope you can come along and celebrate the Mass with us as the Trinity Community
Class Awards Week 5

Maddie, Charlie, Dan, Poppy, Hunter, Maddie, Hunter & Brody

Silver Award: Emma Year 6

Bronze Award: Michael & Ryan Kinder, Hunter, Hamish, Tilly, Amelia, Angel & Josie
AT THE SPORTS DESK:

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Archdiocesan trials in Canberra last week.

The following children attended on the day: Katie-Rose O’Connor, Hugh Skye-Wilson, Heidi O’Connor, Georgia Squire-Wilson, Maddison Johnston, Christian Johnston.

Eliza Butt and Harrison Hadley were sick and unable to attend.

All the students participated with excellent sportsmanship and gave their best on the day.
A special congratulation to the following students who came first in their events:
Georgia Squire Wilson-10 years 100 metres,
They are now are going to participate in the Combined Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival at Homebush on September 16.

Heidi & Georgia
Absent: Katie-Rose

May God’s blessings be with you

Dan O’Brien (Sports Coordinator & Librarian)
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Our lady of Mercy Parish Harden

150 Club

please show your support by purchasing a ticket

$50-00 per ticket

(can't afford the $50 then why not join a $25 Syndicate)

PRIZES

1st = $1600
2"d = $900
3rd = $500
4th = $150
5th = $100

then 5 draws of $50 ea
{ so a great chance of a win-return)

Drawn – 16 October 2016
at our Parish Celebration Day

for tickets or enquiries please phone:
Maryanne Fitzgerald 63862200 (wk)
or
Evelyn Shea 63862550 (home)
Sacred Heart Parish & School

BLACK & WHITE Centenary Ball

Saturday 3 September 2016
7pm ~ Midnight
Silent Auction
Continuous Finger Food
Cootamundra Town Hall
Bar Facilities
Seating tables of 10
Tickets $40 pp
Available from Jok & Jill
Contact 6942 2612
for more information

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