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For Mother Teresa, mercy was the salt that gave flavour to the work.

We join with so many millions of people in celebrating the life, work and legacy of Mother Teresa who was canonized in recent days. Some of the reflections from the homily of Pope Francis on this occasion capture beautifully the sentiments of us all!

"We might have some difficulty in calling her 'Saint Teresa,' with great spontaneity, I think we'll continue to call her, 'Mother Teresa.'

"May this tireless worker of mercy help us understand that the criteria for action is: 'Love, freely given...freely offered to everyone without race. Mother Teresa loved to say, 'Maybe I don't speak their language, but I can smile.' Let us carry her smile in our hearts.



"Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give that smile to those we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer. In this way, we'll open up so many horizons of joy and hope for our many brothers and sisters who are discouraged and in need of understanding and tenderness."

(From the Homily of Pope Francis on the Canonisation of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, September 4, 2016)

Week 9

- **Tuesday September 13**
Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day
- **Wednesday September 14**
6pm - REMAR Gold Caravel Graduation

Week 10

- **Tuesday September 20**
8.45am - Year 12 farewell Mass
- **Wednesday September 21**
7.30am - Year 12 farewell breakfast
9am - Year 12 concert
6pm - Year 12 Graduation
- **Friday September 16**
Last day of term





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Archbishop's Award for Student Excellence

Established in 1999 by Edward Bede Cardinal Clancy, the Archbishop's awards are an annual recognition of some of the outstanding young men and women in Catholic schools. They have been an important way of highlighting the very positive contribution that young people make to their local communities. Specifically, these awards recognise those young people who give witness to their Christian values and who actively contribute to the faith life of their school. Recipients of the award are practising Catholics who show responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community.

It is our pleasure to announce that the recipient of the 2016 Archbishop's Award for Student Excellence Award is Mitchell Farlow. Candice Fares, Year 12, read the following citation for Mitchell at yesterday's ceremony:

Mitchell is a young man of great faith, generosity and humility. He is an outstanding role model in his academic studies, his devotion to his faith and in living a life of genuine service to others. Mitchell is deeply involved in the life of his parish, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton, serving as Eucharistic minister and Minister of the Word. Mitchell also holds positions of responsibility on the parish council and readers committee, and has been active in organising Christmas and Easter liturgies and the 50th Jubilee celebrations for his parish priest. He is also an active member of the local parish youth club. Mitchell is a most worthy recipient of the Archbishop of Sydney.

We are also thrilled to note that, Makerita Faitua, from Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College and former student of Trinity in Years 7-10 received the Archbishop's Award for her school.

The calibre of students who received these awards attests to the commitment of so many young people and their families to our Catholic tradition. To hear of the faith and work of the recipients across Sydney's Catholic schools is humbling and affirming of the values we hold dear. Congratulations to Mitchell and Makerita - we are proud of you and thank you for the example you are to us!

NAPLAN 2016 - 'Focus on the distance travelled not the destination'

Trinity once again features in the list of Archdiocesan Catholic Schools noted for their success in NAPLAN. There are a number of measures of success in tests such as NAPLAN. Arguably, the most significant is that which measures the growth in learning of students. Trinity is one of the top eight Archdiocesan schools where the school achieved learning gains above the state mean in all four NAPLAN test (there is no learning gain data for Writing). I once again extend my congratulations to all staff, particularly our Regents Park staff, on these results.

Dr. Michael Bezzina, Director of Learning and Teaching for Sydney Catholic Schools, makes the point in the SCS press release on NAPLAN:

"The results we are currently celebrating reflect the fact that our schools continue to attain a high level of performance. This is praiseworthy, however, to focus only on the bands attained by our students ignores the more important question of how far they have travelled to get there. Increasingly we are focusing on learning gain as a measure of success – how much the students have grown between NAPLAN tests.



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Dr. Bezzina makes the point I believe we should keep at the fore of our work as teachers and as parents as we reflect on children's learning. While we celebrate the great successes of individuals and some schools, we pride ourselves on student growth. ***Learning growth is the real educational success of Trinity and at the heart of our daily work!*** Congratulations to each teacher and our many support staff for your work with our students. Well done to the many students who continue develop their skills in literacy and numeracy through hard work and a desire to improve.

Athletics Carnival

Thank you to all families for your support of our annual Athletics Carnival. Our Athletics carnival was previously a voluntary event, and now it is a whole school event. The reason for this was to bring our school together and continue to deepen our Trinity Spirit.

I'd say that spirit was tangible on Tuesday last. Well done to our staff on your organisation of a great day and congratulations to Year 12 in particular for enlivening the day with your enthusiasm.



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Marist Oratory

Marist Oratory has been an annual feature for our Marist Schools for more than a quarter of a century now. This year we congratulate the following student orators:

- Year 7: Nicole Chen
- Year 8: Solo Faitua
- Year 9: Sophie Doherty
- Year 10: Jordan Truong
- Senior: Alycia Vo (place second)
- Impromptu: Joshua Tran (Year 11)

We extend our congratulations to Alicia Vo (Year 12) who was awarded second place in the Senior Division. Alicia has made a significant commitment to debating and public speaking for many years. Congratulations on this award Alicia!

We also congratulate Nicole Chen (Year 7) on her spirit. Nicole required surgery earlier on the day of Marist Oratory. Rather than forgo her commitment, Nicole ensured she was present for this event and participated fully - her commitment was publicly recognised during the event.

Well done to all!

National Child Protection Week

It is our firm belief that every child deserves to be safe and protected. Knowledge is power, and it is the role of all protective adults to become familiar with how to increase child safety and how to appropriately respond to identified risks.

We can all play a part to keep children safe from harm.

Please take a moment to view the clip from Sydney Catholic schools.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTkf1zKYUGQ&feature=youtu.be>

Helpful resources and contact details for child protection services can be found by visiting the Australian Childhood Foundation website.

<http://www.childhood.org.au/learn/the-issue>



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