Dear Parents,

Yesterday Mrs Moira Najdecki the Director of the Catholic Education Office visited Trinity for her annual visit. Mrs Najdecki was escorted on a tour of the school by our Prime Ministers Lexie and James. Mrs Najdecki was very impressed with the hard working teachers and the warm welcome she received in each of the classrooms that she visited. Mrs Najdecki also commented on the impeccable manners and leadership displayed by our prime Ministers and also the students. Importantly, she noted how settled the children all were and what a beautiful school we have here at Trinity.

Literacy

Over the past week Mrs Therese Nolan from the Catholic Education Office has been visiting Trinity providing professional development for teachers on writing and Literacy Blocks. Mrs Nolan will continue to visit teachers throughout the year to further develop teacher understandings in writing pedagogy to assist with improving student outcomes.

Signing in and Signing out

Parents if you enter into the school to go to a classroom you must sign in at the front office and sign out as you leave the school. If you are coming into school to assist a ‘Volunteer’ name tag will be available for you to wear.

If you pick your child/children up early or they arrive late or are taken to an appointment during the day—please sign them in or out at the front desk. When entering or exiting the school during the day it is imperative that you come via the front office. This way in the event of an evacuation or a lock down occurring everyone can be accounted for. The side gates will be closed after 9:10am and re-opened in time for departure at 3:10pm. Presently there are a number of children who arrive late or leave early and are not being signed in/out. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Principals retreat

Next week I will be away from Tuesday afternoon onwards, attending the Principal’s retreat in Bowral. Trinity will be left in the every capable hand of Mrs Rebecca Cooper Assistant Principal. If you have any concerns in my absence, please contact Rebecca.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week will commence on Sunday March 8 and conclude on Saturday March 14. During this week, the enrolment period commences for 2016. If you have any children commencing in Kindergarten 2016 or you know someone who would like to enrol their child/children, would you please encourage them to contact the front office and collect an enrolment form. Please keep Tuesday evening, 6pm March 10 free. Students from Hennessy will be attending the school to promote enrolments for 2016 and providing a barbecue tea. This will be followed by the annual Theatre Sports night. On Thursday March 12, after Mass, parents and grandparents are invited to visit the classrooms and share in the students learning. At 11:30am you are welcome to stay and have a picnic lunch with your child/children or visit the Library where sandwiches and slice will be provided.

We hope to see you all at Trinity for our Catholic Schools week events.

School Counsellor

Mrs Michelle Hood has been appointed to Trinity this year as our school counsellor. She will be here this Monday March 2 in absence for last Monday. Michelle will be at Trinity on the last Monday of every month. If you wish to make an appointment or have your child/children see Michelle please contact the front office.

Have a great week everyone
With you in Spirit,
Marylou Gorham
Principal

THE COMING WEEK (Wk 6 Term 1)

Monday 2nd March— Swimming 1.45-3.15pm
Tuesday 3rd March — Arch swimming, WR Principals meeting, Exec meeting 3.30-4.15pm
Wednesday 4th March— Staff meeting 3.30-4.30pm & Principal Retreat
Thursday 5th March— New staff meeting 1.30-2pm & Principal Retreat
Friday 6th March— Open house 2.30- Kinder, Principal Retreat
Sometimes it is hard to maintain a relationship with God. Days are busy and time is limited. Often the only chance we get to communicate with God is through the people we love each day and the generosity we pour over our friends and family as a natural part of our bond with them. I know that my own personal time to actually stop and talk to God is too frequently restricted to when I am lying in bed at night and I’m sure that, many times, I only get through half of the conversation before it turns into a jumbled mess of snoring! Maybe God gets lucky that I don’t have the stamina to ramble on as I would normally!

I know that, throughout the day there are many opportunities to work with God and I know that every positive action that happens to me or because of me, happens because God loves me but I also know that this isn’t quite enough. There needs to be time for reflection and prayer – personal prayer as well as the community based prayer that happens regularly at school. Praying as a group is one of the most powerful things I have been part of. I cannot tell you how often I have needed a tissue to spot tears from a staff prayer session – something that was said, music that was played, pictures that were viewed whilst God was present among us have touched and shaped the person that I am today. Being part of a student prayer session, where a candle or a cross is passed around and each child prays their own special intention would open the eyes and touch the hearts of many parents – these are rarely prayers focused around the student, more often they are prayers for parents, grandparents, relatives, pets or friends. And, I cannot count how many times we have prayed for rain as a school community only to find a storm that afternoon.

This Lenten Season, perhaps you could try to fit some more time into your day to talk to God. It doesn’t have to be on your knees, beside your bed. It can be anywhere, anytime – on a quiet walk with the dogs, driving to work, as you sip on a cup of tea after a hard day’s work - and you know what? God will listen, without interruption, judgement or suggestions. God will listen and help you find answers, acknowledge your thanks and praise and support you in your offerings. Perhaps you could think about providing a simple prayer kit for your children to use when they feel like talking to God – all you need is:

- A prayer cloth – (a napkin, a square of fabric, a scarf)
- A prayer book or bible if you have one
- A candle or a light of some sort
- A cross – paddle pops /two sticks tied together – the kids can do this!

Watch them take the responsibility of setting up the prayer space, it will make you just shine! I think the more people our little people have to talk to these days (especially without judgement), the better! If you’d like any help creating a mini prayer kit with your children, come and see me. I have some prayer cloth squares, paddle pop crosses, tea lights and can print out some prayers for you that I’d be very happy to share.

Today, I am sending home the project compassion boxes that would also be a fabulous addition to your prayer space. Almsgiving is particularly highlighted during Lent, but should lead us to recognise the need to share our time and treasure more completely all year long.

Pray for open eyes, ears and hearts this week, and be ready to jump into action when your prayers are answered. I look forward to hearing about your prayer experiences at home. Feel free to send me any photos of the prayer spaces you and your children create so I can use them in the newsletter for inspiration!

**Busy Person’s Prayer**

Lord, as we wake and our minds click (or slowly roll) into gear,
Help us to place you at the centre of our daily planning.
As we rush to shower, dress, have breakfast, make lunches and hurry along family members,
Help us to place you at the centre of our “busyness”.
As we go about our daily work,
Help us to place our family, friends and colleagues before you in prayer.
As we rush to do the shopping, prepare the meals, check the washing, ironing, garbage, homework, pay the bills, read the emails, make the phone calls and then fall into our beds – help us to remember to thank you for the life we have been blessed with. Amen

*(pg 58. Corpus Christi Parish Prayer Book)*

Peace and Blessings, Penny
Western Region Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to our twenty-five swimmers who participated in the Western Region Swimming Carnival at Boorowa last Friday. The carnival ran smoothly and it was a very successful day for our Trinity Team, with our senior girls coming in second place on the first event of the day. All our talented swimmers swam extremely well, taking seconds off from our carnival and recording personal best times. Mrs Bolger praised the students on their outstanding sportsmanship and behaviour and commented that it was wonderful to see them cheering and supporting their friends!

Congratulations to our nine swimmers who earned themselves a place in the Western Region Squad to compete at the Archdiocesan Swimming Carnival in Queanbeyan next Tuesday 3rd March. These super swimmers were placed in the top four positions of their events.

Christian Johnson 8yr Boys Freestyle (4th)
Hunter Ings 11yr Girls Freestyle (3rd)
Snr Girls Relay (2nd)
Jesse Glover 10yr Boys Freestyle (3rd)
Jnr Boys 200 IM (3rd)
Jnr Boys Backstroke (2nd)
Lexie Adam 12 yr Girls Freestyle (2nd)
100m Girls Freestyle (3rd)
Snr Girls Butterfly (3rd)
Joie Whybrow Snr Boys Breastroke (1st)
Patrick Davis Int Boys Breastroke (4th)
Eliza Butt Int Girls Backstroke (4th)
Katie Rose O’Connor Int Girls Butterfly (4th)
Snr Girls Relay (2nd)
Claire Houghton Snr girls Relay (2nd)

Sincere thanks to the many parents who assisted with transport, timekeeping and tents and to Karen Glover and Mrs Bolger for their superb management of our team on the day.

We wish our talented swimmers success at the Archdiocesan Carnival in Queanbeyan next Week.

Rugby League Gala Day

Trinity will participate in the Country Rugby League Gala Day at Robert’s Park in Harden on Friday 20th March. The Gala Day is an opportunity for students to develop their skills and confidence in football in a non-competitive atmosphere before the commencement of the Trent Barrett and Mortimer Shield Competitions. Notes were distributed to all students in Year 3-6 today and are due back to school by Monday 2nd March as we need to nominate teams by next Tuesday.

Trinity Cross Country Carnival

Our Annual Cross Country Carnival will be held in the school grounds on Monday 16th March. Further information is included in a flyer in this week’s newsletter.

Have a healthy and active week, Julie Doolan
CLASS AWARDS

Congratulations to the Class Award recipients for Week 4:

Kindergarten: Willow Stevenson & Lochlan Rushton
Year 1/2: Samantha Beal (absent)
Year 3/4: Hunter Minson & Connor Waters
Year 4/5: Ned Hufton & Tykieta Leitner
Year 5/6: Lexie Adam & Jack Innes

Welcome to the Leitner family who joined us in Week 2.
Tarmeka, Tykieta, Tylerr, Teniel & Ty have settled into Trinity life well.

Welcome to the Trinity Family
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:

Tuesday from 8:30—9:15am

Thursday 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 KENNETT
Harden Soccer Club registrations

are now open and on line. Players and their parens/carers need to go to www.myfootballclub.com.au to register online following the prompts. Club fees are the same as 2014 being $60.00/player. For further information or help please call Allison Manwaring, Registrar on 0429 193 453, email hardensoccerclub@gmail.com or ring FFA myfootballclub Support Centre on 8020 4199 between 12pm and 9pm Mon to Friday or on Sat 10 am to 2 pm.

SCHOOL YEAR BOOK 2015

We are looking for a parent or parent committee to take on the Year Book for 2015.

This would be a great way to get together with friends and become creative.!!

If you or a group of friends are interested in publishing the Year Book, please contact the school for further information.
Harden Country Women’s Association

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