Welcome to the Trinity Community

Dear Parents,

The NSW State election is now just a month away. This is an important opportunity for Catholic education to raise the issue of fair and sustainable State Government funding for Catholic schools. For many years Catholic schools have received a level of Government funding that is well below that of neighbouring Government schools.

The CEC is seeking to provide four key messages to political parties and candidates in the lead up to the election:

**KEY MESSAGES**

1. **A significant public funding gap exists between Canberra-Goulburn’s Catholic systemic schools and government schools in the same area**
2. **Catholic schools save taxpayers billions of dollars each year by educating 251,000 - or one in five - NSW students**
3. **Catholic schools require a more equitable share of capital funding to expand school places to meet growing demand**
4. **Parents of Catholic school students contribute to the NSW education system twice – as taxpayers and through school fees**

You are encouraged to write to your local Member and candidates to emphasise the importance of these messages.

**Catholic Schools Week**

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Penny Lucas for her creative launch of Catholic Schools Week at assembly on Monday. Penny captivated Trinity in a spectacular imovie. Thank you to Brendan McKay on behalf of the Community Council for donating a magnificent Magnolia tree to signify this important week. Catholic Schools Week commenced on Sunday March 8 and concludes on Saturday March 14. During this week, the enrolment period commences for 2016.

**Year 6 camp**

This week I have been at the Year 6 camp and will return tomorrow. Tomorrow afternoon I will be attending the annual CEO Recognition Awards Mass at St Christopher’s Manuka. Congratulations to Ms Kaitlin Pieper who will be inducted as a teacher into the Canberra-Goulburn Diocese at the Mass.

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Rebecca Cooper for all her organisation of the Year 6 camp. Many hours of work went into planning for this. Thank you also to Andrew Kennett, Jacqui Bolger, Paula Alcorn, Scott Collins & Steve Rowan for attending the camp and assisting, and to Andrew Kennett & Mrs Leanne Davis for driving the bus.

**Embrace-The Joy of the Gospel in Marriage and Family Life**

The Archdiocesan Assembly ‘Embrace- The Joy of the Gospel in Marriage and Family Life’ will be held on March 20-21. This is open to all, not just those attending Mass each week. There will be child minding for the very young, and activities for primary and secondary students. Adults will take part in a conference-style event.

**Key note speakers:**

Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be delivering the keynote, addressing what he believes are the key issues affecting marriages and families.

Professor Greg Craven – Vice Chancellor, Australian Catholic University, will address the facts and figures regarding the way Catholics participate in their faith.

Tim and Lara Kirk - The final keynote speakers will focus on how one couple integrate their marriage, family life and faith.

If you are interested in attending all the details, including how to register can be found at embrace2015.org.au or by contacting Sharon Brewer on 0421846276.

**Principal’s Administrative Assistant**

This position will be advertised this week on the CEO website. It is anticipated the position will commence Term 2.

**Community Council Meeting**

Our next meeting is on Monday March 16 commencing at 6pm. As this meeting is earlier-dinner will be provided.

Have a great week everyone

With you in Spirit,

Marylou Gorham
Principal
As it is Catholic Schools Week, I thought this was a good time to share this story. A parent from outside our school asked one of our staff members recently the following, very brave (I won’t mention any other adjectives for fear of offending someone) question, “Does the Religious Education interfere with the other learning?”

Hmmm, let me think!

Does Jesus as a role model conflict with other leaders we could be using as examples to our students when discussing qualities of leadership – our Prime Ministers, past and present, football heroes such as Karmichael Hunt, movie stars the likes of Lindsay Lohan. Now I realise that there are plenty of admirable people who live their lives in the spotlight, however, I just cannot quite see the effectiveness of changing our school theme from, ‘Soaring with the Spirit’ to ‘Soaring with Kim Kardashian’. We would really struggle to create Masses based around the values that underpin Ms Kardashian!

Does sharing in the Eucharist with the school and parish community take up valuable time that could be spent in the classroom? Perhaps we should ask the children who processed with the Gospel in this morning’s mass. Or the Yr 1/2 students who so beautifully led our Entrance Procession to a powerful song. Or the proud mother who watched her Kinder student read out how they are trying to be a better person this Lent. Perhaps this person should stand at the front of the church while 100 students sing in spine tingling volume to Here I Am to Worship. Perhaps this parent should experience a Graduation Mass where, while the choir sings moving songs such as ‘You Raise Me Up’, the parents anoint the forehead of their child, who they have watched place their oversized back pack onto their shoulders as they trotted off for their first day of school and are now blessing them as they make the next step in their school life. Does taking time out a busy life to stop and be thankful for all the blessings we are showered with daily, or to ask God to help out others in need interfere with a child’s learning?

Does learning about organisations who help out the homeless, the oppressed, the aged and the disadvantaged – and, God forbid, raising money for some of these people in need, affect our students? Perhaps we could ask the Mini Vinnies group – a group of students who, completely out of their own willingness, get together to raise money for the poor, coordinate the delivery of shoe boxes, filled with goodies, to the orphans and children of Cambodia at Christmas time. Is that not building students who are globally and socially responsible? Do our units on Creation, where students share ancient stories of the beginning of time and are encouraged to care for all parts of our Earth, to create solutions to some of the current issues affecting our environment and to respect the beautiful gifts that God has given to us, generate student who are less of an asset to society?

Do the simple values that are the foundation of our beliefs and that are intertwined with what we do here at Trinity cause our students to suffer when faced with the ‘real’ world? Hmmm, care, compassion, respect, acceptance, integrity, honesty … I’ll leave that one for you to decide! A school where, every morning, together as one, we recite the words, “Let us SOAR to great heights that we did not know were possible …” is a community I am incredibly proud to be part of.

I know what I would have liked to have replied to this person, albeit with a tinge of sarcasm, but, you know what? My best response would have been to have invited them to one of school masses, to just sit and watch. I think their question would have been addressed better than any words!
Trinity Catholic School Annual Cross Country Carnival

Monday 16th March 2015

at Trinity School Grounds

commencing at 9.30am

presentations to follow at approximately 12pm

Program:

Kinder/Yr1 – 800m

Yr2/8yrs – 1km

(8yrs HAVE THE OPTION OF RUNNING 2KM WITH 9YRS if they would like the opportunity to represent Trinity at the Western Region Carnival)

9/10yrs – 2km

11/12/13yrs – 3km

The top five placegetters from 8and9/10/11/12yrs will progress to the Western Region Cross Country Carnival in GRENFELL on Tuesday 31st March 2015

Tea and coffee and cakes for sale.

If you can assist by making a cake/slice or cooking BBQ please phone Kate Squire Wilson 0418133432.

Normal lunch arrangements.

BBQ available for parents and visitors.

Archdiocesan Winter Trials

Hunter, Angel, Maddison J, Katie Rose and Eliza travelled to Queanbeyan for the Archdiocesan Netball trials on Monday. The girls played skilful netball throughout the day under the watchful eye of the selectors. Eliza and Katie Rose were selected in the possibles and probables team and just missed out on selection into the Archdiocesan team. This experience will certainly assist their efforts next year.

On the same day Patrick and Harrison participated in the Rugby League Trials where they found themselves up against some very strong competition. Congratulations to Harrison who was selected the Canberra-Goulburn Archdiocesan Under 11s Rugby League Team to compete at the MacKillop Carnival in Canberra early next term. Well done to all our students!!

We wish Corey, Jack K, Jack I and Mikey Fenney all the best for their soccer trials later this term.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Madison Simpson

WESTIE AWARDS

Ben Hambrook

CLASS AWARDS

Kindergarten:
Landen Vasquez & Sammy Daken

Year 1/2:
Sophie Barnes & Tilly Bowman

Year 3/4:
Jonathan Barnes & Bella Cooper

Year 4/5:
Coralie Vasquez & Tom Ings

Year 5/6:
Angel Leitner & Claire Houghton
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
BRING YOUR SWIMMERS
BRING YOUR DANCING FEET
JUGIONG PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C INVITES KIDS OF ALL AGES TO OUR
BLACK FRIDAY
POOL DISCO
AT JUGIONG SWIMMING POOL
TIME - 6:30 TO 9:00PM
COST $5 ENTRY
FRIDAY 13TH MARCH 2015
SAUSAGE SIZZLE,
DRINKS AND TREATS
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT LISA  0439699905
THIS IS A FULLY SUPERVISED EVENT WITH GAMES AND LOTS OF
FUN FOR EVERYONE
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

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