It was wonderful to see how quickly the children adjusted to the new pick-up and drop-off areas at Trinity. The children are arriving at school and entering and departing Trinity through the front gate. The children who are being picked up of an afternoon wait inside the gate until their parents/carer arrives to collect them. The movement to the new learning spaces went very smoothly. At the conclusion of this week all classes will be moved, with Kindergarten moving on Friday. We are extremely grateful to the CE IT technicians who set up computers and Interactive White boards in the temporary classrooms.

This term we have been focusing on the learning environment at Trinity as positive learning environments empower learning. The environment is described as the ‘third teacher’. Student choice and inquiring lead to interactive learning spaces. What is displayed in the classroom is a statement about what is valued. Wall displays, along with the physical arrangement of classrooms, can be a huge support for learners. This focus will continue here at Trinity, despite the classrooms being moved into a temporary arrangement. It has been wonderful to hear the many positive comments from parents and new and potential enrolments about how vibrant and engaging the classrooms are.

The teachers have been extremely busy assessing the children and writing reports. Reports will be sent home on Friday of Week 10. Please note on your calendars that Learning Conversations will occur early next term. Parents and the students are invited to attend a 15-minute interview during Week 2 of Term 3. Learning Conversations are a valuable means of maintaining the learning partnership between school and home. At Trinity we actively create opportunities to engage parents/carers as partners in student learning. This is an opportunity for you to celebrate your child’s learning and engage in active goal setting with your child for the final school Semester for 2016.

This year the teachers have been using a goal setting booklet for each student at Trinity. Each student sets goals focused on academic, personal and social aspects of their learning in liaison with their class teacher. These goals are reviewed by the students throughout the year. In Years 3-6 at the conclusion of each term in readiness for the following term and in Kinder to Year 2 at the end of each Semester. Each student is an individual and has different areas of focus which they need to develop in order to improve their learning. When you arrive for the Learning Conversations the goals will be shared and discussed together which will enable you to support your child at home.

A few weeks ago school fees were sent home to all families. Parents we urgently need you to finalise school fees and any outstanding accounts from Trinity before the end of this term as we have many bills to pay. Thank you parents in advance for your assistance with this matter and to the parents who have already paid their accounts.
Kagan Cooperative Learning: Each week in the newsletter information is provided about Kagan and a brief description of one of the structures that teachers are using. *This week the structure I am focusing on is called Round Robin.* In teams, students take turns responding orally. E.g. What makes a good listener? List objects that float? What clubs or societies are you a member of? What is one of your favourite movies?

This Friday night Trinity is hosting the raffle fundraiser at the Country Club. If you are able to assist with the selling of tickets from 6pm please contact Leanne Davis by Friday. The movie night has been cancelled as there is a Deb Ball on in the hall.

As of next week I will be taking leave to attend the **National Catholic Education Commission Conference 2016: ‘Faith to Lead Lead to Faith’** which commences on Sunday in Perth and concludes on Wednesday. Afterwards I will be taking leave until the end of the term spending time with my husband and family in Perth and Darwin. I leave the school in the very capable hands of Mrs Rebecca Cooper Assistant Principal and I wish you all the best for the remainder of the term and a happy and safe holiday.

God Bless

Marylou Gorham

‘Blessed are the merciful...’

In the Treasures New and Old Religious Education syllabus all year levels have a unit on God and God’s Creation. Beginning in Kinder we learn about God as Loving Creator, the source of all love. God invites all humanity to respond to each other in love and God is revealed to us in the person of Jesus.

We often hear the cry, particularly in times of disaster, where is God in all this? Why does God let things happen? How can we believe in an invisible being? God is present and his love is active in our world.

‘In the waiting areas at Disney World visitors can hunt for “hidden Mickeys,” places where the shape of Mickey Mouse (his head and ears, or his shoes) are carefully concealed in a mural painted onto a wall or in some subtle detail on a ride. Like the “hidden Mickeys,” we need only to look, to see numerous signs of God present in our world.

Ignatian spirituality emphasises the concept of “finding God in all things.” Jesus, the Christ is found not only in a church and the Sacraments, but also in more hidden places where we might not expect
to find God. The Gospels show us a kind of hiddenness about Jesus at several significant points in his own life story—he is the new baby who has to be sought out and found in a stable by the shepherds and wise men; he is the boy lost on the family trip before being found in his “Father’s house;” the young man just beginning his ministry rejected by those in his hometown; and the resurrected Christ who at first is not recognised even by his friends and followers. Jesus seeks us out, but we also have to respond by actively seeking him in the many phases of our own lives, from new births to moments of loss and growth, and in diverse kinds of relationships with others.

We can seek and find God in a myriad of places, in the beauty of sunlight dancing on the waves of the ocean; in the face of a suffering person whom we are invited to accompany; in the delight of breaking bread with family, or with strangers who may one day become friends. Even moments that might otherwise seem dull can be places where the ‘hidden’ God is present, awaiting our discovery. God is especially present in the faces of other human beings. In the simplicity of our everyday acts of breathing, walking, listening, or eating, God is present. God is constantly available to us, but we have to make the effort to seek him in his hiddenness.’ Adapted from Disney’s Lesson for Finding the Hidden Christ - Marina McCoy in Spirituality (Loyola Press)

It can be easy to think of God in the beauty and joy that surrounds us, but Jesus showed us we can see God in the poor, the unloved, the sick and disfigured. For a number of years I was privileged to take Communion to a woman who was bedridden with MS. She had lost her speech and her whole body was crippled by the disease. There were times when I felt that visiting her was a burden but her response when I arrived spoke volumes - she was for me the very real face of God.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta reminds us that God is the God of love. She is a profound example of how God’s love for all people calls us to respond as Jesus did.

Look sensitively, and realise your influence for God.
Look around, and know what you can achieve with others.
Look with humility, and wonder at what God has done and will do for you.
Look thankfully, and realise what God has given you.
Look practically, and see the work you can do for God and God’s purposes.
Look graciously and know that God loves you beyond all time and imagining.
Amen

Helene Boller

Our next Trinity Family Mass is Sunday 26 June – We would love to see all our families at St Anthony’s church.
Sports News

MacKillop Cross Country

Good luck to Maddie who is competing in the MacKillop Cross Country today at Eastern Creek. We wish you all the best and hope that you have a great day!

Archdiocesan Rugby Union Trials

Jesse, Hamish, Hugh and Patrick are currently at Yass competing for selection into the Archdiocesan Rugby Union Team. This event has been a long coming with a few postponements due to the weather we have had of late. We wish the boys all the best!

PENDING EVENTS TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDER

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