Welcome back to our students and to everyone in the school community. I am sure you have all had a lovely break and enjoyed spending the time with family and friends. This week we took great delight in welcoming a new staff member-Mr Dan O’Brien. Dan is an experienced teacher having previously taught in various grades as well as being an Assistant Principal and Religious Education Coordinator in various schools throughout the district. Dan will be teaching in Year 6 as well as being the Librarian, Teaching and Learning Facilitator and Sports and ICT Coordinator. Dan has a special interest in music and student wellbeing. So I’m sure you will make yourself known to Dan and make him feel welcome in the Trinity way as you do to all new staff.

Wonderful news at Trinity-after much anticipation the building refurbishment has finally started! The convent side and rear of the school near the play equipment have been fenced off to ensure the children are kept away and the school environment is safe. A little bit of pain for a lot of gain but in saying that have you been in and checked out your child’s new temporary classrooms? You’d think they have been there forever. Years 4-6 are loving being in the hall in their new flexible learning environment. I have the pleasure of working with these children on Tuesday and Wednesday to Friday for Mathematics. They are so engaged in their learning and the teachers are loving the opportunity to work together collaboratively. We are so blessed to have such flexible and innovative teachers. The children will be well and truly ready to embrace their new flexible spaces at the end of the year when the building is finished.

If your child is commencing Kinder in 2017, could you please contact Leanne Davis at the front office and make a time during business hours to meet me as soon as possible to arrange an interview? Interviews have already commenced and this is an opportunity for me to become acquainted with you all. Meanwhile it would be appreciated if you could drop the enrolment form off to Trinity as soon as possible which will enable us to attend to administration for Catholic Education.

This Friday Trinity will celebrate NAIDOC Day with a special liturgy at St Mary’s Church at 9:30am. This liturgy will be conducted by Ms Boller REC and is our special way of celebrating this occasion so we hope to see you there. I will be representing Trinity at the CE NAIDOC Mass and will be away on Friday.
Learning Conversations for students in Years K-6 will take place from Tuesday to Thursday of next week. On Tuesday each student was presented with a note for parents to complete and return to school by today so interview times can be organised. These conversations run for no more than 15 minutes. The purpose of the interview is for the student, teacher and parents to define a goal/s for the students’ learning. The teacher and student will present their work to be shown at the interview and their goal setting booklets. All students in the school have created learning goals with assistance and guidance from their class teacher and these will be utilised to personalise the learning in the classroom. Student learning is a partnership between the parents and the school. The children are proud of their achievements and it is important that this is acknowledged through a formal interview along with goal setting to determine future directions for their learning. We look forward to seeing you at Trinity next week.

Next Thursday, July 28 is Grandparents and Special Friends day. To celebrate this very special occasion there will be a Mass at St Mary’s Church at 10am followed by a shared morning tea/lunch. Due to the limited space available in the school, the morning will be conducted in the staffroom and courtyard. Unfortunately we won’t be able to have open classrooms this year as there is not a lot of room for visitors in the temporary learning spaces but we would love to see all of our grandparents and special friends on the day. Paula Butt is putting together a PowerPoint for Grandparents Day, she currently has photos of Grandparents from last year. If you are in Kindergarten or a new student and would like to be included in this please email your photos to lbu94867@bigpond.net.au by Sunday. Parents we would appreciate your assistance by providing a plate of sandwiches or something sweet to share. Please drop the food into the front office before Mass.

If your child/children have an Instagram account or are considering having one click on this link and read all about how to keep your children internet savvy and aware of the safe guards and dangers of using social media:

The Western Regions Athletics Carnival will be held next Wednesday July 27 at Albert Park at Cootamundra commencing at 9am. Canteen facilities will be available on the day and permission notes will be sent home tomorrow.

A special thank you to Mr Sid Shea, Mr Sam Lenehan and Mrs Anna Glover who assisted Mrs Rebecca Cooper and myself sell raffle tickets at the Country Club on Friday evening to raise much needed funds for our school. To date we have raised over $700 for Trinity which is fantastic. Perhaps next time Trinity is rostered on the raffle you might like to consider helping? It was an enjoyable evening and the added bonus not only did we raise money but we didn’t have to cook dinner! We will be having a Street Stall which will be held on the 11th of August at 8.30am to raise money for Trinity, all details will be sent home next week.

The School Counsellor will be visiting Trinity next Thursday. If you wish to see the Counsellor or you would like your child to see her, please call Leanne at the front office and make an appointment.

**A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM FR JOSHY: ATTENTION READERS:** Thank you to the parishioners who are continuing and joining the ministry of Readers. You time and commitment are greatly appreciated. It is reminder again about the Readers’ Workshop on Sunday, 7 August 2016 at 11.00am -12.30pm (after Mass). The Resources Personnel from the Archdiocese are facilitating this workshop. Please save this important date in your diary. Looking forward to see all the readers there.

This Sunday is Family Mass at 10am at St Anthony’s. We hope you are able to come along and bring your children and help us to celebrate this special Mass with Fr Joshy.

God Bless

Marylou Gorham
‘Blessed are the merciful...’

Welcome back to Term 3.
On Friday we will hold our school celebration to mark NAIDOC Week with a Prayer Service at 9.30 in St Mary’s church.
Thank you to those families who have returned notes indicating that they will be able to attend Mass on Sunday at 10.00 am at St Anthony’s. The children singing in the choir helps to add joy to the celebration of the Eucharist.
Special thanks to Amy Mergard who offered to prepare the PowerPoint.

Friday is the Feast of St Mary Magdalene. Throughout the centuries, Mary Magdalene was wrongly portrayed as a reformed prostitute. Errors such as these arose from different translations of words or wrongly identifying people in the Gospels.
Pope Francis has elevated the celebration of St Mary from a Memorial to a Feast day and in so doing she is given the same liturgical celebration as the Apostles.

Mary was the first witness to Jesus’ resurrection and the first evangelist. “Given that in our time the Church is called to reflect in a more profound way on the dignity of Woman, on the New Evangelisation and on the greatness of the Divine Mercy, it seemed right that the example of Saint Mary Magdalene might also fittingly be proposed to the faithful.” Extract from the Papal Decree

Sunday’s Gospel is from Luke: “Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’”

Often we pray for the things we want with an expectation that our prayer or ‘wish’ will be granted. We struggle to understand why God seems to grant the prayers of some and not hear those of others. This week’s Gospel will help us understand. Jesus says God doesn’t always answer our prayers by giving us what we want. Our prayer may help us to understand and accept the things that challenge us, or we may have the courage to bring about change or reach out to others.

**Pray with the Word**

From our homes you call us to prayer, O God.
We pray for all who make our homes good places to be.
To our faith community you call us in prayer, O God.
We pray for all our friends who worship and serve Jesus.
With our needs and anxieties, you call us to prayer, O God.
We pray you will have a Word for us.
As disciples of Jesus you call us to prayer, O God.
We pray that his faithful prayer life will be ours. Amen.
Peace and blessings on your week

Helene Boller
### NOTE ON YOUR CALENDER

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Marymead is a well-respected, not-for-profit organisation servicing the ACT and southern and western regional areas of NSW, and has been delivering a range of high quality, family support services to children, young people and families within the Catholic Archdiocese to since 1967.

**Marymead’s Kids And Youth Are Kool post Separation (KAYAKS)**

Marymead’s KAYAKS program aims to support children and young people from 4 to 18 years of age, within the context of their family, to manage and enhance their relationships during and after family separation. KAYAKS offers 6 - 8 counselling sessions and helps children and young people manage feelings, emotions and deal with any other issues arising from parental relationship breakdown and the circumstances in which they find themselves. This is done primarily through age appropriate individual counselling with children and young people. Parents are asked to attend an initial interview with the counsellor and are provided with feedback at the end of the intervention.

Locations: KAYAKS is located at Marymead’s Narrabundah (ACT), Goulburn, Cooma and Moruya sites. Clients living in surrounding areas are also able to access this service, including the Queanbeyan district.

Eligibility: children aged 4-18 whose parents/carers are separated and in conflict.

Referrals and enquiries: 02 6162 5800 and request Stephanie Stephens, Unit Manager Counselling and Education, or email: stephanie.stephens@marymead.org.au

Fees: $20 per session.

**Marymead’s New Horizons**

Marymead’s New Horizons provides services for families with children and young people (CYP) 0-18, showing early signs of, or are at risk of developing mental health issues. New Horizons is accessible to CYP and their families within the ACT and Queanbeyan areas, and additionally offers targeted support to humanitarian entrants within the ACT. This service is provided through intensive, long-term, early intervention outreach support for CYP and their families, short-term immediate assistance for families and other community development initiatives to ensure better access to relevant information and services for those at risk and the broader community. New Horizons operates according to the following principles: early intervention, child and young person-centred, family focused, flexible, accessible and responsive.

Locations: home visiting and outreach support in the ACT and Queanbeyan areas

Eligibility: 0-18 year olds showing early signs of, or are at risk of developing mental health issues, and their families

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Fees: New Horizons is a free service