This Monday we will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption with a special Mass celebrated by Fr Joshy at 12:30pm and organised by Year 6 and their teachers. We hope to see our parents, grandparents and friends at the Mass. Such a wonderful way to pay gratitude to such a special person who we can all aspire to be like. The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. Fr Joshy is coming over from Cootamundra specially to celebrate the Mass.

We thank Father Joshy and we are so blessed to have him as our Parish Priest.

This year, Christine Wanjura, a Numeracy Consultant from Catholic Education has been at Trinity working closely with the students and the teachers. Christine visited on Tuesday and Wednesday and she spent time in each class observing the teachers and providing them with feedback on the teaching and learning in numeracy. Christine was very impressed with the time the teachers have spent to ensure the numeracy lessons are tailored to the learning of each student, providing each student with open ended Maths Investigations to allow for extended knowledge to be demonstrated by the student.

Have you completed your annual parent survey? I have spoken to many parents lately who are absolutely ecstatic with what we are doing here at Trinity to improve student outcomes and they love what is happening in the classrooms as do the students. We provide many opportunities for our parents to be involved and engage in the wonderful community that we have at Trinity. The survey is a wonderful opportunity for you to recognise this and provide us with feedback. To date we have had 23 parents complete the survey. If you haven’t done your survey-tomorrow is the last day. So please log in and complete it. If you have had issues accessing the email the generic parent link is https://www.research.net/r/trinityParent2016. We value your feedback and every student and family is of high importance to us. If you ever have any issues, please come in and discuss them with your child’s teacher or myself. Educating children is a partnership between school and home and we value your input! Together we grow!
The Walkathon is being held on September 16 and is a hot topic of conversation with the children at the moment, as they are busy networking amongst families and friends to seek sponsorship. Each week we take a weekly tally and the class who has bought in the most money is rewarded with a treat each Friday until the walkathon occurs. The winning class this week is Year ½ with $100. This brings our total raised to $180! Please return the note seeking parent assistance on the day. Parents are needed at check points and to cook the barbeque back at school. We hope you can come along and join in on the fun. This photo was taken on the weekend.

Amelia Loydell, Poppy Lucas, Tilly Bowman and Ruby Lucas decided to set up a stall at the front of the Lucas house to raise money for the Year 1/2 walkathon tally. They raised over $92 - what budding entrepreneurs...love their enthusiasm & initiative! Well done girls!

It was wonderful to see our parents at the street stall this morning. A special thank you to Paula Butt and Sammi Mann-Rea who organised and ran the stall, along with the many staff, parents, grandparents and aunties who provided food and sold raffle tickets which resulted in $1460 being raised which is a fabulous effort. The raffle was donated by the Mann-Rea (Emmi in Kinder) and Butt family (Eliza in Year 6). The winner of the Brumbies jumper was Sharon Griffiths and the groceries-Maureen Watt. A special thank you to Maureen Watts who re-donated the groceries which were then won by Madeline Stewart.

Last week, some of our Year 5 and 6 students travelled across to Hennessy Young to participate in the Aspirations program. The children returned to Trinity raving about the program and can’t wait until the next session next Term. The Aspirations program for this year has a focus on Social Justice - with the theme of Freedom. Through the lense of critical thinking incorporating STEAM- Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics, the students are exploring these disciplines through such activities as drama, creative writing, visual arts utilising innovative technologies. We are so grateful for ACU for funding and organising this wonderful program and for Hennessy assisting.

Yesterday, the teachers of Trinity all travelled across to Sacred Heart Cootamundra to attend twilight professional development on the new Australian Geography Curriculum. The professional development provided the staff with an excellent understanding of the new syllabus and the resources
which are available to support it. The Geography Curriculum will be implemented at Trinity next year. I am extremely grateful to our staff for attending as it commenced at 3:45pm and concluded at 6:45pm which made for a very long day. The teachers have to participate in twilight professional development in their stand down time which will enable Trinity to finish for everyone on December 16, 2016.

The Building refurbishment is well underway. At the moment I am busy exploring options for furnishing the new classrooms. We are very fortunate to have had the expertise of Mr Brendan Parks Western Regions IT technician to advise us on state of the art technology for the classrooms. Each fortnight I meet with the BGA committee along with Sam Lenehan Community Council Chair. We can’t wait to be in the new classrooms in 2017 and neither can the students. Check out the pictures below.

God Bless

Marylou Gorham

Blessed are the merciful...

Opening the Door of Mercy

‘Every day, we walk through hundreds of doors, hardly ever recognising that that is what we are doing. Unless, of course, there is a problem! Not being able to open the door when we have arms filled with groceries, when we have stepped outside for a minute and come back to find the door closed and the key is inside, when the door is warped and just won’t close properly. But in the everyday of life we walk easily through many doors – doors of wood and glass, doors that are brightly coloured, doors that open automatically, doors that are always open, doors that are security bolted.

Doors are the means by which we move in and out of spaces. Sometimes there are doorkeepers. They can reflect the spirit of the place. Is this a place where we are welcome? Are there conditions on our being in this space? Are we made to feel ‘at home’?

In the doors that are part of our lives, what is the spirit of hospitality we offer to those who knock? Are we welcoming and gracious? Is our response to the one who knocks a conditional one? Do we sometimes refuse to open the door? Are we tentative? Does our way of opening our door indicate that the one who knocks is received with welcome and love?

And what about the door to our own hearts? Do we dare to open that door? Can we go inside and sit a while? Are we able to welcome ourselves to this space of grace? Can we be at home with ourselves? Do we come face-to-face with the gratuitous God of mercy who welcomes us unconditionally?

Let us take the opportunity during the week to ponder our own experience of opening doors of mercy.’
Assumption

Next Monday is the feast of the Assumption. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. This feast day honours Mary whose faith ‘enabled her to recognise the work of God in her people’s history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to all. Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God’s plan of salvation.’

https://liturgybrisbane.net.au/liturgylines/the-feast-of-the-assumption/

Mass will be celebrated at St Mary’s Church at 12.30. Thank you to Mrs Cooper, Mr O’Brien and Year 6 for preparing the Readings and Prayers of the Faithful.

“Mercy is as simple as sharing bread,
As wide as loving people into wholeness,
As challenging as working for global justice.”

St Catharine’s Convent of Mercy, Edinburgh, Scotland

Peace and Blessings on your week

Helene Boller

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Sacred Heart Parish & School
BLACK & WHITE Centenary Ball
Saturday 3 September 2016
7pm ~ Midnight
Silent Auction
Continuous Finger Food
Cootamundra Town Hall
Bar Facilities
Seating ~ tables of 10
Tickets $40pp
Available from Jax & Jill
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