Welcome back to all our existing students and families and a very special welcome to all the Kinder students and their families. I am sure that you will be made feel very welcome and very much part of the Trinity community. This newsletter for this week is just a small one to inform you of some important items and dates.

We welcome our staff back to Trinity this year and a very special welcome to all our new staff:

- Miss Helene Boller - Religious Education Coordinator and Kinder
- Miss Dianne Carey - Kinder each Friday.
- Miss Amy Green - Year 1/2
- Miss Clare Carroll - Year 6

Next Tuesday our Kinder students commence full days at school and there will be morning tea provided for the Kinder parents at 9:15am in the staff room on Tuesday. We would love to see all our Kinder parents there.

**Sacramental program:** This year the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist will be combined. (Year 4). The program will commence next Tuesday from 7pm to 8pm in the Learning Support room next to Year 3/4. Please read the attached flyers for more information.

**Induction and Ash Wednesday Masses:** The induction Mass for the Year 6 leaders and new staff will be on Sunday February 14 at St Anthony’s Church at 10am. This is our family Mass for the month of February and we hope to see our families there. Our first school Mass at St Mary’s this year will be on Ash Wednesday, February 10 at 12:00pm.

**Swimming lessons & Swimming Carnival:** Swimming lessons commence tomorrow from 12pm – 1:30pm. Can you please ensure your child/children have their swimmers, goggles and towel in their bags. Swimming will also be next Monday at 1:45pm and the children will leave from the pool at 3:15pm to go home. The swimming carnival will be held next Thursday for K-6 students. Mrs Rebecca Cooper will be sending notes out seeking assistance in the coming week. If you are able to assist even for a short time, please let Rebecca know. This is also a relaxing and fun community day and a fantastic way to meet parents. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Information night:** The Trinity information night and meet and greet will be held on Wednesday February 10 commencing at 5:30pm with a barbeque. More information will be provided to parents next week. On this night the iPads will be booted for Year 5 and 6 so it I vital that parents attend. It is also a great way to be informed of curriculum, classroom procedures and happenings throughout the year.

**Sustained uninterrupted learning time:** This year at Trinity we are introducing Sustained uninterrupted learning time. This means that no messages will go over the PA until just before break times. Should you wish to collect a child/children for an appointment or Music lessons etc. you will need to come into the front office, sign the child/children out and go around to the classroom. And hand the absence slip to the class teacher before you depart. This will allow optimum learning time for all students without having to stop and listen to announcements.
Afternoon arrangements: Parents as much as possible, can you please ensure that you inform your children about how they are getting home each day. Often Mrs Davis is flat out answering phone calls after Recess with changed arrangements. You would appreciate this can get extremely busy and sometimes the messages just don’t reach the child or the phone can be busy and you can’t get your message though.

Supervision of children: Just a reminder that supervision of children commences at 8:45am in the morning and school concludes at 3:15pm in the afternoon. Can you please ensure that your children are not at school before or after these times as there is no supervision provided for them.

Medical Plan and First Aid: if you have a child who requires daily medication at Trinity, needs a puffer regularly or occasionally, is an asthmatic or diabetic you are required to provide the school with a new action plan and photo for your child each year. If you haven’t already done so-can you please make arrangements to see your GP and get a plan and send it to Leanne at the front office.

Assemblies: This year Open House assemblies will be held every Thursday at 9:30am in even weeks commencing in Week 4. Parliament will be held on a Friday in Weeks 5 and 11 at 2:15pm. Mass will be held each Thursday morning at St Mary’s in odd weeks commencing on Week 5 at 9:30am. We look forward to seeing you all at these events.

Appointments: Should you wish to see your child’s teacher please email or send a note to the teacher and request an interview. They will contact you and arrange a time to meet. Please do not arrive at school especially in the mornings and request a parent teacher meeting unless it is of extreme urgency. Teachers are extremely busy at this time preparing for the school day.

It is wonderful to be back and I look forward to seeing you all at the swimming carnival if not beforehand.

God Bless

MaryLou Gorham
Principal