Principal’s Report

On Tuesday we welcomed our Kinders. They arrived with much anticipation and eagerness but with few tears due largely to our excellent orientation program which was held in 2015. The Kinders were welcomed at the front gate by our Year 6 leaders and given a small memento for their first day. Yesterday, they attended the swimming carnival and it was wonderful to see how excited they were as they participated in their events. As you walk around the school you will notice how settled the children are and how focused they are on their learning which is fantastic. Homework will be sent home in Week 4 and will be explained in detail at the information night.

This year is the year of Mercy. The theme for Trinity this year is ‘Be Merciful like the Father’.

Just a reminder the induction of our Year 6, 2016 leaders and of new staff will occur on Sunday February 14 at 10am at St Anthony's. We hope to see as many for our families there as possible to support our leaders and new staff. This is also our family Mass for the month of February and an opportunity for the children to be involved in the liturgy.

Thursday Masses at St Mary’s: Unfortunately Fr Joshy is not available every fortnight this term. As you would understand Fr Joshy is extremely busy running two parishes and cannot always be here each fortnight as planned. Instead there will be a liturgy held if he is absent. We apologise for this and hope to see you at the liturgies.

Yesterday we held our swimming carnival. What a fantastic day we all had. It was great to see our enthusiastic leaders cheering on their houses and such a display of sportsmanship and comradery. The carnival was organised very capably by Mrs Rebecca Cooper and we are extremely grateful to our many parents who assisted on the day in various ways - at the barbecue, putting up and taking down tents, time keeping, feeding helpers and cheering the children in their events. The day would not have been possible without your assistance and support. Well done to our students who will go on to the Western Regions carnival at Temora on Thursday February 18. Mrs Houghton will be accompanying the students and notes will be sent home early next week.

Enrichment: This week enrichment commenced at Trinity for students from Years 1 to 6 who are working above the benchmarks in Literacy and Numeracy. The children participated enthusiastically in the activities and enjoyed the challenging tasks presented to them by Mrs Anna Glover and myself.

Parent representatives: At Trinity we are seeking parent representatives for each class: Kinder, Year 1/2, Year 3/4, Year 4/5 and Year 6. This job is not too demanding but involves the organisation of a social activity/activities for parents and families during each term. This
could be as simple as coffee downtown or a picnic in the park. The role would also involve looking after the pastoral needs of families in the class e.g. organising a roster for meals for a sick parent should the need arise. If you think you would like to be the parent representative for your child's class, please contact Leanne at the front office by Monday February 15.

**Fundraising:** Every year fundraising is a major focus at Trinity but this year with the refurbishment of the classrooms occurring shortly, there is an even greater need. Fundraising will assist with the purchase of resources and furnishings for the new classrooms. If you have some innovative ideas for fundraising or would like to get involved, please contact Mrs Kate Squire-Wilson on 63862093 (home) or 0418133432 (mobile).

**Information night:** The parent information night is on next Wednesday February 10. This is an important night for all families as curriculum, class routines and homework will be discussed. The evening will commencing at 5:30 -6:00pm with Kindergarten and Year 1/2, followed by Years 3-6 at 6:00 – 6:30pm. We will conclude the evening with the BYODD Bootcamp at 6:30pm for Years 5 & 6 were the childrens IPads will be booted. We look forward to seeing you all there.

**Ash Wednesday:** Next Wednesday there will be a liturgy at 12pm and distribution of the Ashes.

**School Counsellor:** I have been notified by Centre Care that the School Counsellor for Trinity this year will be Kirsten Stafford. Her first visit will be Thursday February 11. If you would like to see the counsellor, please contact Leanne Davis to make an appointment. If you would like your child/ children to see the Counsellor and they haven't been before, please also contact Leanne as you are required to complete a form before the Counsellor visits.

**Working With Children Check:** if you are interested in helping out at school in the classroom, at school carnivals or sporting events, driving children to school activities etc. you are required to obtain a Working With Children Check. This is free for volunteers and can be easily obtained by completing an online form then taking it to the RTA. If you require more information it will be discussed at the Parent Information Night.

I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday night if not beforehand at the Ash Wednesday liturgy.

God Bless

Marylou Gorham
Blessed are the merciful’

It is with great pleasure that I write my first article for Trinity School’s newsletter. I look forward to meeting and working with Trinity families and being able to put names to faces. At our Staff Prayer last week we reflected on ways we can be merciful as modelled by Jesus: ‘Jesus is the face of the Father’s mercy. Jesus through his words, his actions and his entire person reveals the mercy of God.’ (CTS Year of Mercy Booklet)

Throughout this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy Year, we will be reminded of ways we can be that face of Jesus through simple actions; reaching out to others and providing comfort, a listening ear, a smile or taking a stand against injustice in its many forms.

Miss Caroll and her Year 6 students brainstormed the concept of mercy and came up with an impressive list that included some of these qualities and actions:

encouragement  helpful  supportive  selfless  generous
understanding  caring
considerate  faithful  grateful  forgiving  honest
kind  family  love

Sacramental Preparation

The first of the Sacrament Preparation meetings was held in the Learning Support room on Tuesday evening. The second meeting is next Tuesday February 9 at 7.00pm. If you missed the first session please contact us so that we can support you and your child through the program.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. Mass is at 12 noon. Mrs Houghton’s class will be preparing readings and Prayer of the Faithful.

In this Sunday’s Gospel we listen to the story of the disciples who have been out fishing all night. They are coming in to shore, tired and dispirited that they have caught nothing. Jesus tells them to cast out their nets once more. They do as he asks and their nets are so full with the catch they can barely bring them in. Luke tells us that they left everything and followed Jesus.

Casting out into the deep when it seems life has conspired to throw every obstacle in our path, requires courage and trust. We are called to be like the disciples and follow Jesus, to try again to reach out and ‘Make Jesus Real’ in our family and community.

Masses

Prior to the commencement of term, I met with Fr Joshy to plan Masses for the year as best we could at this early stage. As I am sure you are aware, our priests have an enormous workload and this means they have to spread their availability. Fr Joshy has a number of commitments this year so there will probably be less weekday Masses than may have been
the case in the past. Instead of Mass there may be whole school liturgies in some weeks. It is important that as a family, school and parish community we celebrate and give thanks at Sunday Masses. The first Family Mass is Sunday 14 February.

As we go about our day, O God; 
As we strive to walk with Jesus as people of service, 
Remind us to share your blessing with one another through our words, our thoughts and our actions. 
May your grace, mercy and peace, bless us, keep us and transform us all. Amen

Peace and blessings on your week

Helene Boller
Religious Education Coordinator

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   Deputy: Brendan McKay
   Secretary: Fiona Collins
   Treasurer: Brendan McKay
   Principal: Marylou Gorham
   Parent Representative: Kate Squire-Wilson
   Parish Representative: Ev Shea
   Staff Representative: Helene Boller
   Canteen Manager: Jennifer McKay
   Grounds & Maintenance: Charlie Lucas

Council Email Address: trinityschoolcouncil@hotmail.com
Trinity School Swimming Carnival

Trinity’s Annual Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday in beautiful sunshine, and a little bit of wind, but nothing that we couldn’t handle!!! All students from Kinder to Year 6 participated enthusiastically, cheering and supporting their team members. The support given by parents and community members was overwhelming and contributed to the carnival’s success.

The RED House was declared the overall winners for the ninth consecutive year. Gold finished in second place and Blue a close third. Once again the parent/staff relay attracted much interest with several teams participating. Gold parents and staff were too good on the day and took out first place. This event certainly provided some great entertainment for the students and spectators during the lunch break!

Noah Tyrrell and Maddison Davis-Chard were presented with special encouragement trophies for their outstanding participation and effort on the day. The senior students were also commended on their participation and support of the infants students in their 12m and 25m events. The Sports Captains, Katie-Rose, Hunter, Patrick, Eliza, Emily and Tully did a superb job in leading house chants and encouraging their teams all day.

Trinity’s Swimming Champions and Runners Up for 2016 were:
Junior Boy Champion Oscar Phillis and Runner up Christian Johnson
Junior Girl Champion Georgia Squire-Wilson and Runner up Heidi O’Connor
Intermediate Boy Champion Jesse Glover and Runner up Hugh Squire-Wilson
Intermediate Girl Champion Maddison Johnson and Runner up Isabelle Shea
Senior Boy Champion Patrick Davis and Runner up Harrison Hadley
Senior Girl Champion Katie-Rose O’Connor and Runner up Hunter Ings

Our Trinity Catholic School Swimming Team will compete at the Western Region Carnival in Temora on Thursday 18th February against eleven other schools in the region. Notes for the Western Region carnival will go home early next week.