Principal’s Report

It was wonderful to see the Year 6 leaders receive their badges at Mass last Sunday. The students and parents also undertook an oath of responsibility for their role. The Year 6 leaders have undertaken their roles very seriously and we look forward to seeing you at the first Parliament session next Friday, February 26 at 2:20pm.

It was wonderful to see the Year 4 students attend and participate in the commitment ceremony in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Eucharist. This is an integral part of their preparation of the reception of the Eucharist for the children and for the parents. The children have been busy preparing for their first Eucharist in class and on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm with the Parish School of Religion. We are extremely grateful to our Sacramental team consisting of Kaitlin Pieper, Jodie Houghton, Helene Boller, Julie Doolan and Maryanne Fitzgerald who so willingly give of their time to assist your children with their preparation of the Eucharist. Thank you to the parents of the Year 4 children for their involvement and attending the preparation sessions with their children each week.

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2016 will be held from 6 to 12 March and will involve the communities of all Catholic primary and secondary schools across NSW and the ACT. The theme for 2016 is ‘I Belong. You Belong. We Belong.’ which aligns with the Catholic Church’s strong focus on supporting refugees and asylum seekers and the need for a compassionate global community. The theme also ties in with the Catholic Church’s celebration of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which centres on pardon, strength and love. In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is calling on all Catholic communities to extend mercy to those in need, particularly refugees fleeing hunger and war. First and foremost, Catholic Schools Week is about celebration.

This year at Trinity the students will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week by participating in a range of activities:
The Year 5 and 6 students will be travelling to Sacred Heart Cootamundra to attend a Western Regions Mass on Tuesday March 8 and on Thursday March 10, the Year 3 and 4 students will be travelling to Canberra to visit Years 3 & 4 students at our sister school, Holy Trinity Curtin. There will be a liturgy at St Mary’s Church on Wednesday at 10:00am followed by a shared lunch with parents, grandparents and special friends. We hope to see you all at Trinity for the liturgy.

Parent representatives: Thank you to the following parents who have offered to be the parent representatives for the following classes:
Kinder: Vacancy
Year 1/2: Amy Mergard
Year 3/4: Jen McKay
Year 4/5: Wendy Bowman
Year 6: Paula Butt
We are still seeking a representative for Kinder. 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 kinder and you have a child in that class, please contact Leanne at the front office by Monday February 22.

**Meal Bank:** We urgently require frozen meals for families in need in our school community. Sometimes these meals could also be used for a sick parent or family member. To date the staff of Trinity have been very generous of their time, providing meals behind the scenes but we need your assistance. If you are able to make a meal or bake goodies to support this initiative, can you please name and label the food item/meal with the date you made it and list the ingredients. Food can be dropped off to Leanne at the front office and placed in the canteen freezer for distribution.

**Community Council:** On Monday the Community Council met and several issues were discussed. The building refurbishment will be commencing early in Term 2. The CE has begun the process of calling for tenders. When more information is received regarding the commencement of building, I will inform you. Fundraising was a major item of discussion as the refurbishment of the classrooms will require finance for furnishings and fit out of the 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). Clare Carroll, Year 6 teacher is a Tupperware Consultant and has offered to host parties in your homes. You can support the fundraising in four ways:
- Host a party
- Place an order
- Bring a friend to the event
- Book a qualifying party
10% of monies paid will be donated to the school. Every qualifying party contributes $15 to the school. If you would like a copy of the catalogue and order form to get started on a wish list or would like to host a party, please contact Clare at Trinity.

**Phone Book:** The phone book is in the process of being finalised and will be ready for distribution in the coming weeks. A special thank you to Charlene Madden, Leanne Davis and Fiona Collins for their hard work organising this.

**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.
Uniform Committee: We are currently exploring options for girl’s uniforms. If you would be interested in being involved, can you please contact Leanne Davis or myself at Trinity by Monday February 22 as we are eager to commence this process.

Sick children: At the moment there is a virus going around Harden-Murrumburrah. If your child is unwell or complaining of an upset stomach please keep them at home so the bug is not passed on to other children.

God Bless
Marylou Gorham

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**PENDING EVENTS TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDER**

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**School Community Council**
Chair Person: Sam Lenehan
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
‘In Jesus I have met the one who is able to bring out the best in me.’ This comment was tweeted by the Pope this morning. It encapsulates so much of what we try to impart to our students each day. Our MJR (Making Jesus Real) focus is ‘Making People Welcome’. The simple act of speaking to each other, smiling, inviting others into games and looking out for each other embodies this value. Jesus always made people feel valued especially those on the fringes of society. Already at Trinity I have seen the students looking out for each other – being the hands and face of Jesus.

Last Saturday marked the 8th Anniversary of the National Apology to Indigenous Australians for past injustices. “For the pain, suffering and hurt of these stolen generations, their descendants and for their families left behind, we say sorry.” As we help students prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation we have some sense of the importance of saying ‘sorry’ and being able to commence the journey to healing.

Last week Project Compassion boxes went home. Perhaps this week as a family you could focus on a way to contribute to Project Compassion by making a donation or becoming more aware of social justice issues and praying as your action for the week.

Catholic Schools Week is in Week 7 and this is a time to celebrate our schools. There will be a Liturgy on Wednesday 9 March at 10.00 prepared by Miss Pieper’s class. We hope you can join us for this special time of prayer and celebration.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 21 February

‘Today’s collect prayer asks God to ‘nourish us inwardly with your word.’ The transformation of our lives, the times we will ‘see God’ will come if we are open to hearing God’s word in our lives, not just with our ears but also with our hearts.

The disciples had first to climb the mountain with Jesus in order to encounter God’s presence. What mountains are we invited to climb? Our learning and growing towards better relationships, patience with ourselves and with others can become our Lenten observance, and indeed, the gift we offer with bread and wine at Mass. In this way we too will come to ‘see God’ in our daily lives.

Today our community extends beyond those from our local worshipping community. We are urged to reach out to all people and today we remember especially the people of Laos featured in Project Compassion who need us to walk with them to enable all in their country to live with dignity and respect. These too are our sisters and brothers in Christ. It is fitting that our Project Compassion contributions form part of our gifts procession each Sunday.

God’s word can be revealed to us in times of challenge if we open our hearts. God’s word is also revealed to us in those around us. Seeing the face of God on the mountain calls us to see the face of God in our neighbour.’ http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Peace and Blessings on your families

Helene Boller
Trinity Sports Report

Last Friday students in Years 5 & 6 participated in the Archdiocesan Summer Trials. Emma travelled to Young to participate in the Basketball Trials, Hamish, Hugh and Jesse travelled to Gundagai to take part in the cricket trials and Harrison, Tully, Patrick, Angel, Emily and Isabelle participated in the Tennis trials at Young.

The students all enjoyed their time with other students from around our region and all commented on the very strong field of athletes who compete to be selected in the Archdiocesan teams. We would like to congratulate Hugh and Emily for being selected into the cricket and tennis teams respectively. I know they are very excited for the next round of selections in the coming weeks. We wish them all the best and congratulate all participants on their sportsmanship at each event.

WR Swimming Carnival

Yesterday 24 students from Years 2-6 and Mrs Houghton travelled to Temora to take part in the WR Swimming Carnival. Our Trinity Representative team consisted of Tilly, Chaz, Sara, Christian, Hayley, Bella, Georgia, Oscar, Angus, Heidi, Hunter B, Josie, Hamish, Hugh, Isabelle, Eliza, Patrick, Jesse, Harrison, Hunter I, Maddie J, Tykieta, Katie-Rose, Samantha. We have had fantastic comments back from parents about the behaviour, sportsmanship and the way they all got in and encouraged their team members!
From the WR Swimming carnival we have our Senior Girls Relay team consisting of Katie-Rose, Hunter, Samantha and Maddie heading to Queanbeyan along with Patrick (50m Butterfly), Hugh (50m Butterfly), Maddie J (50m Butterfly), Georgia (50m Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle), Christian (50m Freestyle).

Harden Soccer Club Registrations

The 2016 football season is fast approaching and Harden Soccer Club is ready!! Registrations are now open and online through the myfootballclub system, Australia’s biggest online sports registration portal. Players and their parents/carers must visit myfootballclub to register online following the prompts. Harden Soccer Club has not increased its fees, staying at $60.00 per player, the same as 2015! Registrations will close on 10th April, 2016. This is to allow SWSSA time to determine competition age groups for the 2016 season which will start on 7th May, 2016. For all players that have been selected to represent SWSSA this season you must also download a current digital photo of yourself.


For further information or help please call Allison Manwaring, Registrar on 0429 193 453, email hardensoccerclub@gmail.com or ring FFA myfootballclub Support Centre on 8020 4199 between 12 noon and 9.00 pm Monday to Friday or on Saturday from 10.00 am till 2.00 pm. There is also a Self Registration Guide available.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Kinder: Emerson Mann-Rae and Poppy Lucas
Year 1/2: Roy Whybrow and Letitia Tyrrell
Year 3/4: Oscar Phillis and Georgia Squire-Wilson
Year 4/5: Connor Waters and Josephine Davis-Chard
Year 6: Olivia Trybel and Jesse Glover (absent)

HARDEN HISTORIC TRUCK & TRACTOR SHOW

Sunday 20th March 2016 at the
Harden Murrumburrah Show Ground

We welcome, trucks, including working trucks, buses, fire engines, military vehicles, tractors, stationary engines, classic cars. Camping is available on site at cost of $15.00 a night. A free BBQ on Saturday night for exhibitors who are staying overnight. There will be food stalls, market stalls, indoor displays including Model trucks and Quilts etc. **Exhibitors Free Entry. Public Admission By Donation From 9am Sunday**

For further details please contact Kevin Sharp (02) 63865136 or Tim O’Keefe (02) 63862164 STALL BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL Loraine Brown (02) 63862555

Also a childrens competition for the best model of a truck or tractor in Lego or Meccano.

Madison Simpson 5th
Letitia Tyrrell 22nd
Hunter Ings 22nd
Lotte Muldoon 24th
Melanie Beal 26th
Daniel Minehan 27th