Principal’s Report

We are so fortunate to have air conditioning in the school which is assisting the teachers and students to remain focused during class time. Currently we are keeping the children in at Recess as it is too hot to have them outside but once it cools down and the heat wave has passed the children will be back outside as usual. As always, the wellbeing of the students and staff always comes first.

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.’ 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. The children will have their lunch outside and the adult visitors and toddlers will be invited into the Library for a light lunch. A note will be sent home next week to assist with catering for this event. We hope to see you all at Trinity for the liturgy and to join with parents and special visitors for a light lunch.

Numeracy: This week at Trinity the teachers have all been working hard spending an extra 3 hours after school participating in twilight professional development focusing on Numeracy assessment. This professional development has been provided by the Catholic Education Office Numeracy facilitator, Mrs Christine Wanjura. Christine will be visiting Trinity regularly this year as she will be working closely with teachers to facilitate inquiry learning in Numeracy. We are very fortunate to have the Catholic Education Office provide this opportunity for teachers to enhance their teaching, which will assist with improving student outcomes at Trinity in Numeracy.

KidsMatter: Mrs Babos and Mrs Cooper have been working hard to ensure this wellbeing framework is implemented as Trinity. The students have been working hard from Kinder to Year 4 completing their wellbeing surveys. At next Tuesday’s staff meeting the teachers will commence the training for this and complete their surveys. Thank you to the many parents who have completed their surveys and returned them to Trinity. The surveys will be analysed and assist us to focus on the areas of greatest concern with student, parent and staff wellbeing.

Parent Concerns: Parents if you have any concerns about your children please make an appointment to see your child’s class teacher or you are more than welcome to come and see me. We have an open door policy at Trinity and we encourage our parents to come and see us. We also like to hear from you when you have good news or feedback to share.

Parent representatives: Thank you to the following parents who have offered to be the parent representatives. The class representatives are:
Kinder: Wendy Medway (Ryan Sumich’s mother)
Year 1/2: Amy Mergard (Jemima’s mother)
Year 3/4: Jen McKay (Amber & Tahlia’s mother)
Year 4/5: Wendy Bowman (Hunter & Tilly’s mother)
Year 6: Paula Butt (Eliza’s mother)
Each class representative will be in touch with you shortly to organise a social outing for the class. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet parents or to reacquaint yourself and renew past friendships.

School Counsellor - The School Counsellor, Kirsten Stafford will be visiting Trinity on Thursday March 10. 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.

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. Thank you to the parents who have already offered to do this and dropped meals into school.

Principals’ Retreat: Next Tuesday, I will be travelling to Bowral to participate in the annual Principals’ Retreat and will not return to Trinity until Monday March 7. The school will be in the very capable hands of Mrs Rebecca Cooper (Assistant Principal). Should you have any concerns please contact Rebecca and she will be more than willing to assist you.

God Bless
Marylou Gorham

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BE MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER

Lent is a time to reflect on how we live our faith authentically. Traditionally we are called to pray, fast and to give to the poor. Giving or ‘almsgiving’ is an opportunity to deeply reflect on our commitment to be Christ like – rather than just put some money into the charity box try to put yourself in the shoes of someone living without even the most basic needs and then respond.

Give

‘Every day we witness situations of injustice, violence, and hatred. Television and the Internet bring these into our living rooms, but we also observe and live them in our own cities and homes. The Church calls us during Lent to be especially conscious of the needs of others and to act accordingly. Giving materially to another is an act of Christian charity known as “almsgiving.” During Lent, the Church also calls us to first convert ourselves and then to transform the world for justice, so that we might serve the Kingdom which Jesus lived and preached.’


In Sunday’s Gospel this week we read the parable of the fig tree. In this parable, we are presented with an image of God's patience and hopefulness. The landowner instructs the gardener to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing any fruit. The gardener asks for time to tend the tree with greater care and give it another opportunity to produce. Like the gardener, God offers us time to ‘produce’ - to change our lives and produce ‘fruit’ in our words and actions. God is merciful and we in turn ‘can be merciful like the Father.’

Let us be renewed by God’s mercy, let us be loved by Jesus
let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; Pope Francis

Blessings on your week

Helene Boller
Trinity Sports Report

Coming Dates:

Tues. 1/3 Archdiocesan Swimming Carnival- Good luck Katie-Rose, Hunter, Samantha, Maddie, Christian, Hugh, Georgia and Patrick.

Mon. 7/3 Archdiocesan Winter Trials (Yr 5 & 6)- Rugby League for U11’s and Seniors, Boys and Girls Soccer and Netball. Notes are going home today and will need to be returned no later than Tuesday 1st March.

Wed. 9/3 Rugby Leage Gala Day @ Robert’s Park for Years 3-6. Draw will be sent home in week 6.

(This is the event postponed from Thurs. 25/2 due to the extreme weather conditions)

Mon. 14/3 School X Country held here at school beginning at 9:30am.

Mon 21/3 Brumby Jack Rugby Union Day (K-6) Each class will get to participate in activities with Seth from the Brumbies.

Yr 6 Camp update:

Families please make sure that you have completed the online medical form and that permission notes have been returned to school (ASAP). Notes will be going home in the next week re: what is needed, timetable for our male parents who are volunteering and other important information. Thank you to Paddy Davis, Robert Scott and Sam Lenehan for volunteering to attend the camp as our male supervisors.

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: Thomas Edwards and Grace Metcalfe
Year 1/2: Madison Simpson and Archie Quinn
Year 3/4: Boston Kerrison and Hayley Hambrook
Year 4/5: Jonathon Barnes and Angelina Mayhew-Lang
Year 6: Coralie Vasquez and Katie-Rose O’Connor

WK 4 AWARD RECIPIENTS

School Community Council
Chair Person: Sam Lenehan
Deputy: Brendan McKay
Secretary: Fiona Collins
Treasurer: Brendan McKay
Principal: Marylou Gorham
Bursar: Leanne Davis
Parent Representative: Kate Squire-Wilson
Parish Representative: Ev Shea
Staff Representative: Helene Boller
Canteen Manager: Jennifer McKay
Grounds & Maintenance: Charlie Lucas
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