Principal’s Report

Welcome to Autumn! I’m sure you have all felt the cool change come upon us!?! No? I’m sure it’s coming soon! In the meantime please look after yourselves, stay cool, drink lots of water and spend some quality time near the air conditioner/fan!

During Lent I have been taking time to reflect on my own spiritual journey and especially with my daughters First Communion on the horizon it has been especially poignant. I was reading an article the other day about another educators spiritual journey and the path they were undertaking and this psalm sprung to life for me.

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

(Psalm 119:105)

Truly inspiring words. When everything seems dark and you don’t feel that there is any way out, just remember that Jesus’ word is a lamp to your feet and a light for your path.

**Tupperware Fundraiser:** Miss Carroll is a Tupperware consultant and is kindly doing a demonstration and display at the Terracotta Restaurant on Thursday 3/3/16 at 3:30pm. All purchases made enable a donation/percentage of the money to be given to our school. This is a great way for our school to afford new books for our library, purchase new technology and equipment for our classrooms. If you can not make the afternoon please consider dropping into the front office and picking up a catalogue and order form.

Thank you to Sam Lenehan, Charlie Lucas, Stuart Barnes, Rod Cooper, Jamie Summerfield, James Bowman and The Burns Family (Mick, Mandy and Ann) who spent a couple of hours Tuesday afternoon clearing out our storage shed. What a difference it has made! Your time and commitment to our school are truly appreciated.

**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:

**Monday: March 7**- There will be a liturgy at St Mary’s Church on 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 or you may like to sit with your children in our beautiful grounds. We hope to see you all at Trinity for the liturgy and to join with parents and special visitors for a light lunch.

**Tuesday: March 8**- The Year 5 and 6 students will be travelling to Sacred Heart Cootamundra to attend a Western Regions Mass.

**Wednesday: March 9**- Students in Years 3-6 will be participating in the Rugby League Gala Day held at Robert’s Park. Students not attending will stay at school with Mrs Cooper.

**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.
Friday: March 11- Year 4 students will be participating in the Sacrament Reflection Day to be held at St. Anthony’s Church, Harden.

KidsMatter: KidsMatter Primary will provide the methods, tools and support to help our school work with parents, carers, health services and the wider community to nurture happy, balanced kids. Through KidsMatter Primary, schools undertake a 2-3 year cyclical process in which they plan and take action to be a positive community; one that is founded on respectful relationships, and a sense of belonging and inclusion, that promotes:

- Social and emotional learning (including evidence-based social and emotional learning programs)
- Working authentically with parents, carers and families;
- Support for students who might be experiencing mental health difficulties.

Although we are already doing work in these areas, the KidsMatter program helps us to bring together all our smaller programs into one compatible overarching program.

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.

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: Mrs Gorham is currently at Bowral participating in the Principal’s Retreat. We wish her all the best and hope she enjoys her time away to connect with other Principals in our region.

God Bless

Rebecca Cooper
Reconciliation and First Eucharist Candidates

Please keep our Reconciliation and First Eucharist candidates in your prayers as they begin final preparations to receive their Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday 15th March and the Sacrament of First Communion on Sunday 20th March.

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.
BE MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER

Dear Parents

Next week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week together with more than 620 schools across NSW and the ACT. We have much to celebrate in all that our schools have achieved and the vision that continues to inspire all us; parents, staff and students, to strive to reach even greater achievements in all aspects of Catholic education. This year’s theme ‘I belong. You belong. We belong.’ is both a celebration and a challenge for us. In this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy year, we focus on the faith values of great importance to us as Catholics: forgiveness, compassion, strength, aid and love; and we continue to take pride in the richness of our faith tradition.

At Trinity we strive to live these values which Jesus modelled for us. We all work together to make our school a place where each person feels welcome and valued.

We hope you are able to join us for our special Catholic Schools Week liturgy on Monday at 10.00 in St Mary’s church and then stay for lunch. We ask you to pray especially over the next few weeks for the children who are preparing for their First Reconciliation (7.00pm on Tuesday 15 March at St Anthony’s church), and First Communion which is our next family Mass (10.00am on Sunday 20 March at St Anthony’s).
As we continue the journey through Lent if possible look at ways you can pray and act to support Project Compassion. With the terrible destruction to so many communities in Fiji our support becomes even more important. As Archbishop Christopher pointed out yesterday when we give to Caritas and Catholic Mission we can be sure that the bulk of our donation goes to those in need. ‘Your support for Project Compassion will amplify the voices of vulnerable communities and help them thrive to create a better future for themselves.’

On Thursday 24 March – Holy Thursday we will remember Jesus’ journey to Calvary with prayer and Stations of the Cross commencing at 2.15.

We warmly invite all members of the community to join us for this special time as we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus.

‘Merciful God, find us when we are lost; forgive us the wrong we do against you and each other. Keep us in your love. Amen’

Helene Boller

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Kinder: Ryan Sumich & Aliyah Simpson
Year 1/2: Jaslyn Killick & Riley Jackson
Year 3/4: Maddie Foley & Teneil Leitner
Year 4/5: Hugh Squire-Wilson & Amelia Rowan
Year 6: Maddie Davis-Char & Ben Hambrook
## PENDING EVENTS TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR

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**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

Council Email Address: trinityschoolcouncil@hotmail.com
Trinity Sports Report

**Coming Dates:**

**Mon. 7/3 Archdiocesan Winter Trials (Yr 5 & 6)** - Rugby Leage for U11’s and Seniors, Boys and Girls Soccer and Netball. Goodluck to Jesse (11yr Rugby League), Sam and Harrison (Snr Rugby League), Corey (Boys soccer), Angel, Katie-Rose and Eliza (Netball).

**Wed. 9/3 Rugby Leage Gala Day** @ Robert’s Park for Years 3-6. Draw will be sent home in week 6. Students not attending the Gala day will remain at school with Mrs Cooper. (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

- Kinder run 500m
- Year 1 run 800m
- Year 2 run 1km
- Year 3 and 4 run 2km
- Year 5 and 6 run 3km

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

**Tuesday 5/4 WR X Country** @ Adelong
Year 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 Friday 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.

Archdiocesan Swimming Wrap Up

On Tuesday March 1, seven of our top swimmers travelled to Queanbeyan to compete in the Archdiocesan Swimming Carnival.

All the swimmers competed with great sportsmanship, blitzing their times and swimming Personal Bests all over the pool. In some cases students were taking 10+ seconds off their original time from the WR swimming carnival.

Congratulations to all our swimmers and thank you to their parents for their support and transportation of the students to the carnival.

Georgia Squire-Wilson-
PBs in all events, 10yr 50m Free 8th overall, Jnr girls Back 7th overall, Jnr girls Fly 7th overall, Jnr girls Breaststroke 9th overall.

Patrick Davis-
Snr boys 50m B’fly PB 5th overall

Christian Johnson-
9yr boys 50m free PB 10th overall

Maddie Johnson-
Int girls 50 m fly PB 12th overall

Snr Girls relay team-
Katie Rose O’Connor, Samantha Scott, Hunter Ings and Maddie Johnson fantastic performance coming in 5th overall.