Assistant Principal’s Report

What a wonderful way to begin the week with our annual cross country carnival. Although the weather was a little gloomy to start it soon turned around and we were back to the incredibly hot weather we have become accustomed to! Thank you to all our parent helpers and family members who were there to support us throughout the day. Congratulations to Blue (Hennessy) House on winning the day! It was a very close race between Gold and Blue, with Blue just taking it out in the last race!

Year 6 Camp
Mrs Gorham, Miss Carroll and the Year 6 students are off on the adventure of a lifetime at Borambola Sport and Rec Camp. I’m sure they will be having a fantastic time and we look forward to hearing all their stories on their return.

I wonder if they will look quite as happy on Friday!?!?

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
On Tuesday night we had the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Year 4 students. The students and teachers have been working towards this over the past 6 weeks with workshops held on a Tuesday night. Thank you to the teachers, families and parish sacramental team for their support and assistance throughout this time. It was a beautiful evening and one I’m sure the students and their families will remember fondly for years to come. On Sunday we will witness these same students at Mass receive their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers throughout this time.
St Patrick’s Day

St Patrick’s Day is a global celebration of Irish culture on or around March 17. It particularly remembers St Patrick, one of Ireland’s patron saints, who ministered Christianity in Ireland during the fifth century.

Parent/Family Social Gathering
This Friday we will have our first social gathering for the families of Trinity. We will meet at Newson Park from 3:30pm. If all families could please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea and cordial will be provided.

Uniform Meeting
The uniform committee will be meeting on Wednesday 30th March at 3:30pm. This meeting will be held at school.

Holy Week Liturgy
On Thursday 24th March, students in Year 3-6 will recreate Holy Week with a static dramatic display which incorporates handwashing, The Last Supper and The Stations of the Cross. This will happen on the school grounds from 2pm. We invite all our families, community members and parishioners to join us.
A reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 25th March (Good Friday) and Monday 28th March (Easter Monday). We will be open as normal on Tuesday 29th March.

Street Stall Claim the Date!
Please put these dates in your calendar for Term 2
2nd June ticket selling
9th June street stall
More information will be available closer to the date.

God Bless
Rebecca Cooper
**Blessed are the merciful...’**

On Friday I had the pleasure of working with the Year 4 students during the Reflection Day at St Anthony’s. The students impressed me with their knowledge and their active participation in all the activities. It also helped me to get to know the students and so feel a closer connection with the Trinity community.

On Tuesday evening the students joined with other members of the parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Fr Joshy welcomed the children and gently assisted them to make their First Reconciliation.

After receiving the sacrament each child lit a candle in the containers they prepared on Friday, as a symbol of coming into the light.

Sunday is a great day of celebration for the parish as these young people make their First Eucharist. Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Sunday is **Passion or Palm Sunday** and marks the beginning of **Holy Week**. We recall Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, hailed in the manner of a hero only to be dragged ignominiously before Pilate just a few days later and be cruelly sentenced as a criminal.

**It’s Not the Persecution – It’s the Response**

...‘the “Passion” really started a long time before Jesus. It started the first time in history one person persecuted another. And it has continued without pause since Jesus himself suffered and died.

So where can we find hope if history seems so filled with pain and persecution? We can find hope in the Passion of Jesus. Ultimately, Jesus’ Passion isn’t about suffering and persecution. The Passion is about Jesus’ response.

Focus this Holy Week on Jesus’ response to the people in his life – those who love him and those who reject him. He was fully human. Many scholars argue that Jesus didn’t know he would be resurrected. Just like us, Jesus did not have complete certainty about what would happen to him after his death.

So watch this man during Holy Week. Despite his fear, uncertainty, and agony, he focuses on God and others. Through God’s power he offers the last hours of his life as a lesson for how his friends and followers can find meaning in every hour of their lives.

Then focus on today’s world. Yes, Jesus’ Passion continues. But focus on how God’s power still inspires people to be courageous. Scan the newspapers and the internet – you will find stories about people throughout the world who brave persecution and suffering to help others. Look around your
school, church, workplace, or family; you will see people who sacrifice their lives for others. Go to a nursing home or hospital; you will meet people who still love despite tremendous suffering.

Jesus’ death was not that unusual. Our world has been filled with suffering and pain since the first human beings made their appearance. But Jesus’ response was unusual. His response made God’s power even more available for Christians who seek to respond like him. And history is filled with those heroes. Will you join their number?’ extract from GPBS

Next Thursday afternoon we will recall the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Please join us in St Mary’s church at 2.00pm for a reflection on John’s Gospel account of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples prepared by Years 3 and 4. This will be followed by Years 5 and 6 presenting the Stations of the Cross in the school grounds.

‘Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.’ 1 Corinthians 13:7

Helene Boller
Religious Education Coordinator

Please keep our First Eucharist candidates in your prayers as they begin final preparations to receive their the Sacrament of First Communion on Sunday 20th March.
Trinity Sports Report

Parents please note: All students require labelled drink bottles to be brought into school on a daily basis. A part of our sip and crunch program incorporates the sipping of water throughout the day as well as fruit and vegetable snacks for our “Brain Break” @ 10am every morning. Please remember to pack a drink bottle and brain break snack for your child/ren EVERY day.

Cross Country Success for Blue!!!!

Trinity Catholic School's Annual Cross Country Carnival was held at the school grounds on Monday. Students from Kinder to Year 6 ran the course exceptionally well and were congratulated on their participation and sportsmanship. Parents, grandparents and families were present in large numbers to cheer on and support the students. The Blue House finished in first place very closely followed by the Gold House and then the Red House. Blue Captains, Tully Potts and Emily Lenehan, proudly accepted the winning house trophy, the sixth consecutive win for the Blue House. The top five place-getters in each of the primary age divisions will represent Trinity School at the Western Region Cross Country in Grenfell in two weeks. A big thank you to Kate Squire-Wilson and the many parents who assisted in providing a delicious morning tea and lunch, along with fruit and ice blocks for the students.

The Trinity Catholic School Cross Country Champions for 2016 are:

- Kinder Boy: Noah Tyrrell
- Kinder Girl: Beatrice Lucas
- Year 1 Boy: Riley Jackson
- Year 1 Girl: Talia McKay
- 8 year Boy: Dean Starling
- 8 year Girl: Tilla Bowman
- 8/9 year Boys: Christian Johnson
- 8/9 year Girls: Sara Collins
- 10 year Boys: Angus Lenehan
- 10 year Girls: Josie Davis-Chard, Georgia Squire-Wilson and Heidi O'Connor
- 11 year Boys: Hamish Minehan
- 11 year Girls: Tykieta Leitner
- 12 year Boys: Patrick Davis
- 12 year Girls: Maddison Davis-Chard
FRESH MENU

- Fruit cups $1
- Yoghurt with strawberries $0.80
- Fruit “rockets” $0.80
- Dip with carrot sticks and rice crackers $0.80
- Mini quiche $TBA
- Pin wheels $1 for 3
- Mini salad cups $1
- Soups $TBA
- Lasagne $TBA
- Celery sticks with cottage cheese or peanut butter. $TBA

If you have any suggestions or recipes for healthier options I would love to hear from you. You can email me on jennifer-cliff@hotmail.com or 0458788425. Alternatively, if you have any recipes your child loves feel free to drop them in at the front office.

Congratulations to Megan (Olivia’s mum) and Dan on their marriage! We wish them all the best for their married life!
## PENDING EVENTS TO NOTE ON YOUR CALENDER

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