Principal’s Report

The second week of Advent this year is marked by a special event in the history of the Church. This week the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy begins for the whole church. For the next 12 months Pope Francis invites us to reflect on the mystery of mercy, “the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us.”

On Monday we were saddened to hear of the passing of Father Frank Keogh. Father Frank was in his 96th year, having served the Archdiocese for 69 years and Harden Murrumburrah Parish and what a wonderful contribution he made during those years. Over the past few months Father Frank has had indifferent health requiring hospitalisation at times. He was at St Lawrence’s where he was receiving palliative care when he passed away. We join with Father Frank’s nieces and nephews and offer them our prayers and sympathy at this time of sadness. Father Frank had a passion for education and held Trinity and St Columba’s Schools close to his heart, having been very active in the parish and the school.

Tonight there will be a vigil prayer service for Father Frank at St Mary’s at 7pm which you are most welcome to attend. Tomorrow all the students in Years 3-6 will be attending the Mass at St Anthony’s at 10am. The children will be transported by bus and are required to wear their full summer uniform including black school shoes. They are to bring their sports uniform to school in their bags and will be permitted to get changed upon return to school.

Let us pray,
Grant we pray, O Lord,
that the soul of Francis, your servant and your Priest,
whom you honoured with sacred office while he lived in this world.
May he exult forever in the glorious home of heaven.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.
Amen

What an incredible group of young people! Congratulations to the Class of 2015!
Staffing for 2016 and farewells: This year we say farewell to the following staff:
Mrs Fiona Alexander and Mrs Jacquie Bolger and sincerely thank them for teaching this year. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours.
Ms Maria Connell who we thank for the amazing job she has done as Principal Support Secretary. Maria has decided to focus on her family next year.
Mrs Penny Lucas will be taking maternity leave and returning in 2017. We thank Penny most sincerely for her energy and vibrancy that she brings to Trinity and to the Religious Education Coordinator role. We wish Penny, Charlie, Poppy, Bea and Ruby all the very best as they wait in excitement (as do the whole of Trinity) for the birth of their fourth child.
Mrs Julie Doolan will be taking leave next year. We wish Julie well and hope she enjoys her break. We will miss Julie and the experience, knowledge and skills that she brings to Trinity but look forward to seeing her back here in the capacity as relief in 2016.

I am pleased to announce that the staffing for 2016 which is as follows:

**Assistant Principal and Library:** Mrs Rebecca Cooper. Rebecca has years of experience and she does an amazing job as Assistant Principal. As Rebecca is multi-skilled she will be wearing many hats next year and she is really enthusiastic about this. Rebecca is also going to be Trinity’s Teaching and Learning Officer. This will enable Rebecca to team teach with teachers in Literacy and Numeracy blocks, to support teachers with planning, in the classroom and to model best practice. Rebecca will also be ICT coordinator and will oversee the roll out of the BYOD program at Trinity. Rebecca is also doing Early Careers release and will teach in Yr 3/4 one day per fortnight.

**Year 6:** Miss Clare Carroll. Claire has been teaching at St Joseph’s Walgett for several years and is looking forward to working at Trinity. Her family has a strong connection with the Young district.

**Year 4/5:** Mrs Jodie Houghton. Jodie is an experienced teacher and has been teaching Kinder this year. Jodie is looking forward to teaching in Year 4/5.

**Year 3/4:** Miss Kaitlin Pieper. Kaitlin has been teaching at Trinity in Year 4/5 this year and is looking forward to working in Year 3/4 in 2016.

**Year 1/2:** Miss Amy Green. Amy has been teaching for several years and has been doing some relief here at Trinity.

**Kinder:** Ms Helene Boller. Helene brings years of experience, particularly in Infants. Helene has been Religious Education Coordinator and teaching at St Bernard’s Batemans Bay and at St Joseph’s Leeton. Helene is also our new Religious Education Coordinator. Ms Dianne Carey will be teaching Kinder on Friday’s when Helene has her REC release day. Dianne is an experienced teacher and has been working at Mt Carmel Yass and prior to that was a Coordinator and teacher at St Gregory’s Queanbeyan.

**School Chaplain:** It is hoped that Mrs Carmel Babos will return in this capacity next year as I am still waiting confirmation of this. If we are unsuccessful in our application for this we have plans in place for her to conduct a wellbeing program which will support KidsMatter.

**School Counsellor:** The school counsellor will be here next year, each month. We hope to see Mrs Michelle Hood return as our counsellor.

**Front Office:** Leanne Davis will continue in the role as Secretary. Leanne is also going to be Principal Support Secretary which means Leanne will be working at Trinity full time which is fantastic.

**Learning Support:** Mrs Anne Glover will continue as Learning Support Assistant. Anne will be supported by Mrs Jill Parker and Mrs Ann Burns as Learning Support Assistants. In Learning Support we focus on raising achievement levels for all children.
The Literacy and Numeracy intervention program which was implemented this year will be continued in 2016. Mrs Ann Burns has been working extra days to work closely with students this year who need extra support with their learning across the school. This program has been very successful and the students in the program have all made pleasing progress.

Enrichment: An enrichment program will be implemented at Trinity in 2016. In previous years I have worked in Learning Support and I have a particular passion for this. It is of vital importance that our students who are excelling with their learning are extended. In my capacity as a teaching Principal, I will be implementing a Gifted and Talented program. I will be teaching in this capacity one day per week as well as Mrs Anna Glover who will also be teaching one day per week doing enrichment with me across the school.

Attached with the newsletter you will find the class structures for 2016. Much consideration has been taken where possible, with the placement of the children and their various needs. The teachers for each class are very excited to be working with your children next year.

The Year 6 Graduation was a spectacular night. The Year 6 children have been wonderful leaders for Trinity and we wish the graduating class of 2016 all the best at High School. The Mass and ceremony were a credit to them and to the teachers who prepared and organised the night.

A special thank you to Penny Lucas, Anna Glover, Julie Doolan, Kaitlin Pieper, Rebecca Cooper, Jill Parker, Ann Burns and Carmel Babos who organised the decorations for the hall and the church and practised the children and to Mrs Kelly Potts for cleaning the church.

A huge thank you to Paula Butt, Karina Lenehan, Kaitlin Pieper, Penny Lucas and Julie Doolan for organising the supper and decorations and the Year 5 parents for providing items for the supper and volunteering to assist on the night. What an amazing array of food we had!

Finally as the year comes to a close, I would especially like to thank Fr Joshy for his commitment and support for our students. We really appreciate him being at St Mary’s for Mass each fortnight and for being our Parish Priest. He is a real presence in our school and we are truly blessed to have him.

Thank you to the wonderful staff at Trinity. They contribute so much of their own personal time to ensure the learning experiences for the students are rich and innovative. Being a small school they give above and beyond and I personally thank their families for their patience and understanding. A special mention to Leanne Davis and Maria Connell who have such amazing patience and skills. They not only answer the phone but they look after sick bay and often take on the role of mum. They are often at Trinity after hours and on weekends voluntarily working for our school.

To the Community Council - a special thank you for the commitment, guidance and support that you not only give to me but to the whole school community. You all go above and beyond to ensure that Trinity is an innovative, well- resourced and a supportive learning community.

To the parents and grandparents-thank you so much for the support that you have given throughout the year in so many different ways. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful community which is evident whenever we have any events throughout the year. The graduation was such an
example of commitment and the strong community spirit that we have been blessed with at Trinity.
To our families who are leaving Trinity we say farewell and thank you for your contribution over the years. We wish you well and hope that you come back and visit.
To all the students, I say a very special thank you. I often hear comments back from the community about what fantastic, impeccably well-mannered and beautifully attired students we have. Whenever students are required to be at community events how reliable and well behaved they are and how they can just step in and step up to any role entrusted to them—well done children!

To each and every one of you - may you and your families have a happy and holy Christmas and may Christ truly be present in your families at this time. I look forward to working closely with you all in 2016 and I have really appreciated the support and friendship that you have offered me this year.
The staff all return to Trinity on Wednesday January 27 and we look forward to seeing all the students back here on Thursday January 28. Kindergarten will commence attending school full time from February 2. Prior to this they will be attending school for assessment. Letters have been sent home regarding this.
The book packs are in the front office for collection. Can you please make arrangements to collect them as they are quite heavy. If they are not collected by next Tuesday they will be sent home with the children on Wednesday.

God bless and may you all stay safe and well in the holidays

Marylou Gorham
Principal
My final Newsletter item and so I thought I would wrap up our theme of thankfulness with a barrage of things that I have been very grateful for over this year:

Thank you for the opportunity to take on this role of REC. I was asked to step in quite late in the piece after Mr Maynard offered to help Boorowa out and I knew that, with three small children it would be a very big ask but I love this job and I love Trinity so, after agreeing to do it in four days instead of five, I accepted with enthusiasm and excitement. I could not have done the hours and extras I have often needed to do without the support of Charlie and my gorgeous little girls. So I thank them sincerely for spending much of 2015 in the library on the weekends and after school, occupying themselves while ‘mum does jobs’ and for dressing in record time on the mornings I have hurried them out the doors!

Thank you to our wonderful staff for the way they role model the Gospel Values that are such an intrinsic part of all our operations here at Trinity. For the way they do this through class prayer, their teaching programs, their interactions with parents and students, the care that they give students which is above and beyond their duty statement, I am very grateful. Many of you would be completely unaware of the extras that our staff do because of their strong sense of pastoral care and I know from first-hand experience that this does not happen at many other schools. This year I have witnessed staff members sit in hospitals until the early hours of the morning, counsel parents who are experiencing rough times, offer their own food or money to soothe hungry bellies or crying forgetfulness and spend ridiculous amounts of their pay on extra craft items, inspirational posters, special ‘pick-me-ups’ for children who have had a bad morning or night at home and need an added
little bit of love. This is an innate trait that cannot be learned, this is just who they are because God loves them and because they have faith in Jesus.

Thank you to the incredible students who show up for school with smiles on their faces and fire in their hearts to be the very best they can be. I often watch with bursting pride as the children get off the bus in the morning, Year 6 students walking with Year 3s, Year 4s walking with Kinders, chatting away and sharing laughter. On the playground, our older students modify games for children they know need special rules and offer words of encouragement to those who may not be so confident with their fine and gross motor skills. To the students who pass on a compliment about something you’ve coordinated or a new pair of sunnies – thank you. To those who see another staff member struggling to open the door and jump in to help - thank you. We have the most wonderful bunch of students who display tolerance and compassion that many adults would never be able to demonstrate. Their eagerness for learning and growth will ensure that they continue to SOAR with the spirit in their lives and Trinity is so much richer because of them.

Thank you to our wonderful school community. This year, I have had amazing support from so many people and any requests I have had to make to people to clean churches, cover books, offer up donations, take photos, get up ladders for me and more, have been received with a smile and completed swiftly. Our Trivia Night was just a buzz with laughter and people getting into the spirit of things, a true reflection of the calibre of our families and friends. Apart from the money raised, the sense of community felt by all that night was a great reminder of how lucky we are to have the parents and friends we have here at Trinity. The compliments and queries into Baby Lucas and my rather large bump continue to enforce how much I love being part of the Trinity community.

I wish you all the most joyful and peaceful Christmas, life is so incredibly busy and Christmas is a reminder to us all of the importance of spending time with family and friends so please take stock to be truly present to your loved ones. I look forward to seeing you all on the other side of the fence next year with my own little bundle of joy at the bus stop.

Peace and Blessings, Penny
**Date** | **Event** | **Location/Requirements** | **Start Time**  
---|---|---|---  
Fri 11th Dec | Speeches & Voting for 2016 Ministers | Keogh Hall | 9.30am  
Mon 14th Dec | School Swimming |  | 1.45pm  
Mon 14th Dec | Presentation Night | School Grounds | 6pm  
Week 11 - Tues | Principal’s Lunch and Party | Letter sent home |  
Wed 16th Dec | SCHOOL TERM ENDS | **Last Day of school for 2015!** |  

**Great to see so many people involved in the swimming this week.**  
**DON’T FORGET to bring your swimmers, towel, hat & sunscreen on Monday 14th December**  

---

**Student of the Week**  
Oliver M

---

**STUDENT AWARDS – Term 4 Week 9**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Grade</th>
<th>Student(s)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Kinder</td>
<td>Willow S &amp; Riley J</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 1 / 2</td>
<td>Boston K &amp; Amber McK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 3</td>
<td>Zali Q &amp; Brodie S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 4 /5</td>
<td>Angelina M-L &amp; Maddie J</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Year 5 /6</td>
<td>Jack G &amp; Corey D</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bronze</td>
<td>Jack K, Declan K &amp; Sam S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Silver</td>
<td>Boston K, Tully P, Hunter I, Arabella H</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**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: Julie Doolan  
Canteen Manager: Jennifer McKay  
Grounds & Maintenance: Charlie Lucas

Council Email Address: trinityschoolcouncil@hotmail.com
Congratulations to the students who have been successful in achieving significant awards this year and will be attending the Principal’s Lunch on Tuesday

Yr 3 – The Cast & Crew of Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

Arabella H  Tykeita L
Talia McK  Jasmine S
Daniel M  Coralie V
Lochlan R  Eliza B
Madison S  Harrison H
Tilly B  Ben H
Pippa H  Angel L
Poppy L  Emily L
Chistian J  Katie-Rose O’C
Teneil L  Lexie A
Hunter B  Erin A
Bella C  Claire H
Kurtis S  Jack I
Tom I  Elden R
Hamish M  Joie W
Hugh S-W  Josh B-T
Patrick D
Patrick, Erin, Lexie, Claire & Tess. Well Done on your achievements in the 2015 NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge!

2015 ICAS AWARDS

A number of our students participated in the ICAS exams this year which are held throughout Australian Schools. Congratulations to Tess for her “Credit” in Digital Technology and to Erin for her “Credit” in both Science & English. Well Done Ladies!

Trinity Participants list for the 2015 NSW Premiers Reading Challenge

Arabella H  Talia McK  Jemima M  Madison S
Pippa H  Poppy L  Letitia T  Amber McK
Bella C  Hayley H  Angus L  Ned Hufton
Eliza B  Patrick D  Emily L
Lexie A  Erin A  Teresa B  Claire H
“So what have been your favourite memories Year Six?”

Elden: Well 7 years have been good but if I had to pick the most amazing bits, it would be the Year 6 camp when we went on the flying fox, the cook out and my birthday - I had the best day ever! The best thing I’ve done at school would be making the billy carts with Mr Maynard and trying food of Botswana, that was yummy! The funniest moments would have to be all the Easter Hat Parades.

Claire: The things that I’m going to miss most about Trinity is the school carnivals, belting out chants and losing our voices, making Bayley deaf, becoming blue house captain with Bayley was awesome and - no matter what Elden says - we did win every chant this year! I loved Yr 6 camp when I faced my fear of heights and jumped off the flying fox, spending time with my friends for a week and all the funny moments we had - like Bayley trying to boil mince or Lexie and Joie putting black stuff all over their faces. I loved meeting all my friends on my very first day of big school. The thing I’m going to miss most is all the weird conversations we all have, about anything and everything and I am going to miss all the crazy, fun loving people in my class next year.

Erin: Wow! Where do I start….Well there’s the time Jack Glover set my hair on fire or the time we went to the zoo and a penguin bit my finger in Kinder. I would say something about Yr 6 Camp, but that’s confidential. But I must say the thing I will miss most will be the 1 legged magpie on top oval we named Hoppy. It’s been a great experience, filled with laughter and fun times.

Joie: My best memories of Trinity are going to Borambola at the cookout, when we were cooking food in groups and Bayley tried to boil mince meat. After when we were cleaning the pots and pans there was all this sooty stuff on the bottom of the pans and we got it on our fingers and we put it on our faces and made it look like a moustache and goatees. At the 2014 Presentation night and getting chosen for ICT Minister and red sports house captain THEN red winning both the swimming carnival and the athletics carnival, Also wins at Mortimer shield and Trent Barrett.

Molly: On spending two years at Trinity, I still have a lot of memories like when we first came here everyone was so welcoming and kind. My favourite time at Trinity was at Yr 6 camp when we got to know a lot of about each other and all the fun activities we did. And also being a Religion Minister which was fun.
Bayley: One of my best memories of Trinity would be becoming the Blue House Captain, it was a great experience. I won many events with my Blue House group. Another one of my favourite memories was playing Trent Barrett and Mortimer Shield with my mates. It’s been a great 7 years spending time with all my classmates and teachers.

Lexie: The things that I am going to miss about Trinity is when we were preparing for the disco when I accidentally pushed Claire in to blue paint and then she tripped me and I was about 40cm in the air. So in the end I gave her my shirt. When we were in Kinder we all did a dance to “ABC” for the presentation night. I thought we all did pretty well but my sister said that “we didn’t even know the dance moves”. When Nana’s berries had an outbreak and Mrs Gorham told us that she had made a berry pie to the last staff meeting and it was full of Nana’s berries.

Jack G: Well I’ll have to start with Bayley trying to boil mince - he said he was trying to get the fat off. And also the time when Joie and Lexie put black ash all over their faces. It has been an amazing 7yrs at Trinity, we have had so many fun things and fun opportunities. I have won so many events with lots of my friends and I would like to say “Thank you Trinity”.

Tess: I have had lots of fun memories at Trinity. One big highlight for me was getting school journalist. Another one was when we performed a dance to ABC in Kinder or the fun times we had at camp like when Bayley tried to boil mince. The best thing I got from Trinity was the friendships we will have forever.

James: There are so many great memories I have about Trinity, so it’s hard to choose but I think one of the best would have to be when we had Mr Maynard and he told us the stories about his childhood. Another great memory was when we played sport.

Tarmeka: What I really like about Trinity is that all the teachers are very nice and most of the time are very happy. We get some many opportunities and Trinity set good examples for little kids. Most of my family has gone to Trinity Catholic School, so I have got to go too and I also wanted to see what is was like here. Also most of the kids are nice and kind. I like Trinity even if I have only been here for one year, actually I really like it here. I like how all of the Year Six people have their own role, like mine is sports minister and I share that roll with Bayley. So that’s what I like about Trinity.
Jack I: When we had built the billy carts and raced with it, that was really fun and at Year Six camp doing fun things with my friends – getting to know them better. Being a Canteen Minister with Elden and getting five minutes off school. When Mr Maynard went to Cairns and when he came he bought these red dried up fruit with him and they were gross. Meeting new friends when I came to this school, going to Wollongong and representing my school by playing basketball. Going to heaps of carnivals like touch, football, rugby and NRL.

Jack K: What I liked about Trinity was Mrs Doolan and when we went to the Year Six Camp where I went face first into the water as we were building rafts.

We congratulate Year 6 students and wish them well on their journey to secondary school.

Year 6 - Thank you for all you have contributed during your time at Trinity!

We couldn’t have our special events without their support: OUR SPONSORS!

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sponsor</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Harden Shire Council</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Terracotta</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kennett Rural</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harden Line Dancing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harden Rotary Club</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harden Super IGA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Our Lady of Mercy Parish</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harden District Education Foundation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harden View Club</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harden Country Club</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harden Murrumburrah Historical Society</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Coffee, Dust &amp; Donuts</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Goldenfields Water County Council

JJ, AM & KM Glover – Shearing

HMA Twomey Paterson

Hennessy Catholic College

Harden Electrical Heating & Cooling

Cooper’s Choice Cut Butchery

Harden CWA Association

Jimmy & Alex Stewart

Harden Bearings and Hardware

Fit ‘n well – Mel Brownhill

Mick’s Mechanical Bull Hire

Murrumburrah Chapter - Cootamundra Sub-Branch of the RSL of Australia

THANKYOU!

DON’T FORGET!
It’s Presentation Night - Monday at 6pm
BYO Picnic & Drink
NO ALCOHOL as is school event
It’s time to celebrate - Merry Christmas everyone!