Principal’s Report

Last week Mrs Therese Nolan from Catholic Education was at Trinity for her final visit for 2016. Over the past three years Trinity has focused on improving student outcomes in Literacy. Mrs Nolan has been extremely impressed with the student engagement and motivation with reading and writing at Trinity. This year the focus was on approaches in differentiation in writing. Mrs Nolan worked in classrooms team teaching and met with each teacher focusing on individual students writing and methods to engage students to write. Students at Trinity have made outstanding progress and this will be showcased in Canberra next week. Mrs Rebecca Cooper and Miss Kaitlin Pieper will be attending the COSA showcase to present and highlight our wonderful achievements in Literacy at Trinity. We are extremely proud of our students at Trinity and have heard back many comments from students and parents about how their children are now writing freely at home even when it isn’t set as homework.

Last week I attended a meeting in Canberra to discuss the Strategic Plan and 2016 System Priorities for Catholic Education in the Canberra Goulburn Diocese. The theme for the two days was “Every Child deserves…..” taken from John Hattie’s belief that ‘Every student deserves at least one year’s progress for one year’s schooling’.

In order to ensure that each student at Trinity achieves this goal several initiatives will be happening at Trinity in 2016. These initiatives have been approved by Community Council in consultation with all staff.

**Enrichment:** There will be an enrichment program for students who are in need of extension with their learning. Students will be provided with rich tasks across the curriculum.

**Learning and Teaching Facilitator:** Trinity will have a Learning and Teaching Facilitator. This will enable teachers to embed high quality teaching and learning through targeted leadership in curriculum, teaching and assessment. This teacher will work in classrooms with teachers, team teaching, modelling and mentoring best practice.

**Trinity will focus on the following key areas in 2016 to improve student learning and teaching:**

**Religious Education:** Trinity will be revising our Vision and Mission to embed strong understandings of Catholic identity and faith formation and practice.

**Numeracy:** A Catholic Education specialist will work with teachers and students in the classroom in a similar way to the Literacy program over the past three years. This will become our curriculum focus area for 2016, concentrating on differentiation in teaching to improve student outcomes and teaching in Numeracy. The Literacy initiatives which have been implemented over the past three years will be embedded in teaching and learning and will continue to be an area of focus at Trinity.

**The Information Technology and iPads** will support this and also be a key focus area for teachers and students with engagement of professional learning and specialists from CE to assist the effective use of iPads at Trinity.
**KidsMatter:** Trinity will be implementing KidsMatter program in 2016 and Mrs Cooper and Mrs Babos will be our facilitators. “KidsMatter Primary” is a flexible, whole-school approach to improving children’s mental health and wellbeing for primary schools. Through KidsMatter Primary, Trinity will undertake a two-to- three year cyclical process in which we plan and take action to be a positive community; One that is founded on respectful relationships and a sense of belonging and inclusion, and 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 may be experiencing mental health difficulties.

**Inquiry Learning:** Inquiry Learning will be a focus across all areas of the curriculum particularly with the implementation of the NSW Australian History curriculum.

**Student Welfare and Anti-Bullying Policy:** The staff have been busy working on our Student Welfare and Anti-Bullying Policy which has received approval from the Community Council. The policy will be placed on our website and each week I will focus on an aspect of the Policy to inform you of our student management.

Student Behaviour Guidance at St Trinity Catholic School has been developed to homogenise the approaches and strategies our staff use to improve student behaviour, performance and achievement.

**Principles**

At Trinity Catholic Primary School we believe that:

1. Students, staff and parents in our school:
   - should feel valued
   - have a right to feel safe and happy
   - have a responsibility for the care of others.

2. All Students have a right to learn and all teachers have a right to teach.

3. All staff share responsibility for all students and in our interactions we are mindful of the value of each person.

4. Parents are the primary caregivers and the staff work to support them in the care of their children. Students are best supported when home and school work together. Parents are encouraged to make appointments to see teachers to discuss important issues.

5. Encouragement and affirmation support positive behaviour choices.

6. Clear and consistent expectations and consequences encourage individuals to take responsibility for their own behaviour.

7. We believe that the behaviour is unacceptable when it:
   - interferes with the rights of others
   - is dangerous to self, others or property
   - is inconsiderate or offensive.

8. When dealing with inappropriate behaviour we use logical consequences (where possible) rather than punishment. Trinity does not permit corporal punishment of students attending this school. Trinity does not explicitly or implicitly sanction the administering of corporal punishment by non-school persons (including parents) to enforce discipline at this school.
Our mission as members of Trinity Catholic Primary School community is a commitment to the growth of all that are involved in the community. We achieve this growth and sense of community through accepting and supporting each other. This enables us to be witnesses of the values we hold as Christians.

**Missions:** On Tuesday the students participated in the Snail Cup. This event was conducted at lunchtime and replaced the Mini Mission Fete and was our fundraiser for the Missions for Trinity this year and raised $111. It is wonderful to see our students engage in this initiative each year to reach out to others in the community who are not as fortunate as we are in Australia. What a wonderful way it was to celebrate the Mini Missions/Melbourne Cup in a special Trinity way. Congratulations to the Olivia and Maddison who were the proud trainers of the race winners in each category. Thank you to all those who took part in the event and for the lovely designs that decorated many of the snails.

**Presentation and Awards night:** I have had a few parents approach me and ask me questions about this. The annual awards and presentation night will be on Monday of Week 11. The teachers met this week and have made a few changes to the awards which will be explained in more detail in next week’s newsletter.

**Class arrangements and staffing for 2016:** We are in the process of making final arrangements for staffing and careful consideration will be made with the placement of teachers and children. Should you have any concerns please don’t hesitate to come and see me as we endeavour to make the best decisions for the learning of all the students at Trinity.

**Farewell and Thank You:** Farewell and thank you to Aleesha Barnes who has been doing her Level 3 teaching practicum in Kinder for the past few weeks. Aleesha has done an amazing job and we wish her all the best for her future teaching career.

**Whooping Cough Information for Schools**

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.
• Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
• If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
• Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website


Family Funded Program - BYOD

Penny has been in contact with the Educational Consultant at Apple to see how we can get the most out of Apple for our school. We have registered Trinity with them and completed an enrolment form to become part of their Family Funded Program for Schools. This will allow us to access better technical support and discounts as you will be attached to our school when buying so we can gain bulk-buying benefits. Apple will set up a URL link on our school webpage in the next couple of weeks where you can enter and explore the various discounts. It will depend on the type of device and packages that you want to buy, as to what discount will apply. Sorry that we don’t have exact information about this yet but it is a very new program that they’re rolling out in 2016 because of so many schools going down the BYOD path and we wanted you to know as soon as we knew so that you can hold off another couple of weeks if you’re deciding to purchase a new one. We will fill you in on further detail as it comes to hand.

There is a vacant position on the Community Council for 2016. If you would like to nominate for this position or would like to know more information about what is involved, please contact a member of the Community Council or myself by this Wednesday, November 11. This is a great opportunity to be more involved with the wonderful parents and community at Trinity.

Enjoy the weekend ahead.
God Bless
Marylou Gorham
Principal
Some terrific moments of Yr 3 rocking it out at their open house last week! (Photo: Barry Quinn)

Do these items look familiar to you?
They have been left behind at recent events
Please see Leanne at the office to collect

A little Mystery for you to solve: Barry bought and planted these beautiful flowers but he doesn’t know the name of them – Do you?

Yr 3 Brunch – what a lovely start to the day!

Kinder Orientation Group about to design and colour their little people cardboard shapes
# 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: Andrew Kennett  

Council Email Address: trinityschoolcouncil@hotmail.com

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## Pending Events to note on your Calendar

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**TRINITY'S 'THANK YOU BOOK FAIR' WILL BE HELD IN WEEK 8 IN THE LIBRARY.**

**BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE! START SAVING NOW!!**
STUDENT AWARDS – Term 4 Week 4

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Do your chooks a favour!
Buy them a hand-crafted chook feeder.
Made by clever handymen from years 5 and 6.
Holds 20 litres and includes a hook for hanging.
Cost $29.95.
Money raised goes to projects inspired by the school’s new Young HomeGurus Club.
How to buy one: contact Mrs Leanne Davis, telephone 6386 2111.

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

Harden Shire Council
Terracotta
Kennett Rural
Harden Line Dancing
Harden Rotary Club
Harden Super IGA
Our Lady of Mercy Parish
Harden District Education Foundation
Harden View Club
Harden Country Club
Harden Murrumburrah Historical Society
Coffee, Dust & Donuts
Murrumburrah Chapter - Cootamundra Sub-Branch of the RSL of Australia

Thankyou!
SOAR WITH THE SPIRIT – Thankfulness – Term 4

Dear God: I want to thank you for what you have already done.

I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards, I am thanking you right now.
I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me, I am thanking you right now.
I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears, I am thanking you right now.
I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves, I am going to thank you right now.
I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet, I am going to thank you right now.
I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get a new job, I am going to thank you right now.
I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief, I am going to thank you right now.
I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed, I am thanking you right now.

I am thanking you because I am alive.
I am thanking you because I made it through the day’s difficulties.
I am thanking you because I walked around the obstacles.
I am thanking you because I have the ability and the opportunity to do more and do better.

I am thanking you because you have not given up on me.
I am thanking you because you have forgiven me.
I am thanking you because you love me and accept me and acknowledge me when I cannot do it for myself.

I am not going to wait another moment or hour or day.
I am thanking you right now for every little thing you have already done.
Thank you, God! For all I have already received and all that is yet to come!
Amen

Peace & Blessings, Penny