Principal’s Report

It was lovely to see so many of our wonderful parents, grandparents and parishoners attend our end of year Mass today. We are very fortunate to have such a fantastic and supportive community who so willingly give of their time for our school. There are so many different ways that our parents have supported the school community and the teachers this year. Attending fortnightly Mass at St Mary’s and weekly and family Mass at St Anthony’s, helping in classrooms, hearing children read, helping with writing, art and craft, attending excursions and carnivals, school camps, driving the bus, fundraising, helping in the canteen, being a member of the Community Council...the list is endless. To our many parents who were unable to attend due to work commitments - we thank you one and all! If you would like to be more involved next year and work and family commitments have stopped you, please consider helping out at Trinity as we love to see you involved in our school.

As we enter the first week of Advent, we remember that this is a time for prayer and preparation as we await the birth of Christ our Redeemer. Advent relieves us of our commitment in this fast-paced world. It slows us down. It makes us think. It makes us look beyond today to the “great tomorrow” of life. May this Advent season bring reflection and hope as we await the birth of Christ. One way in which we at Trinity can prepare for Advent is to give something to those less fortunate than we are. As you enter the school in the front office area, you will discover the “Giving Tree”. This is an opportunity to give to the poor in our community who are unable to have a Christmas as we do. Let us all give generously and bring to school an item for our Christmas hamper. It was encouraging to see each class give so generously today at Mass for St Vincent DePaul.
Last week we had our Thank You Book Fair! A special thank you to Penny Lucas and Jill Parker for their organisation of this and to Jill Parker, Julie Doolan and family for assisting with setting up and packing away the books. The children had a lovely time choosing their books. Thank you parents for coming along and supporting this important event.

Next week will be a very busy week as we have some very significant events happening. On Monday all of the Year 6 students will be travelling to Canberra to spend the day at Big Splash to celebrate the end of their school time here at Trinity. Thank you to Fiona Collins, Jodie Houghton and Anna Glover for taking the students and assisting with supervision. Also on Monday, Kinder to Year 5 will be having their swimming lessons at the pool from 12-1pm. They will eat their Recess in the park before arriving by bus at the Nursing Home at 2pm to sing carols. The grandparents really appreciate the students visiting them and singing carols is such a special way to help celebrate the festive season. The students will all return to Trinity by bus before 3pm and depart from Trinity at 3:15 as usual.

Tuesday night is the Year 6 Graduation. The evening will commence with Mass at St Mary’s Church Murrumburrah at 6:30pm. The Year 5 students need to attend the Mass to be part of the choir, the light of leadership ceremony and to farewell their Year 6 friends. 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.

Next Wednesday reports will be sent home. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the many achievements of your children and celebrate their successes. If you wish to discuss your child’s report please make an appointment with the class teacher.

If your child has been sick or absent from school it is a requirement that a note be sent to school or on Skoolbag. If, in the event your child arrives at school late or is collected early, please sign your child/children in or out at the front office. Please do not use the side gates to collect children or drop children off during school times.

Last week the parent surveys were sent home. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to provide us with feedback and to acknowledge the wonderful educational opportunities that we provide for your child at Trinity. If you have not completed your survey can you please return it to your child’s class teacher.

Have a wonderful week everyone and I look forward to seeing you all at the events over the next week and a half.

God Bless

Mary lou Gorham

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The children have been enjoying their Swimming Program this year!

**School Community Council**

Chair Person: Sam Lenehan  
Deputy: Brendan McKay  
Secretary: Fiona Collins  
Treasurer: Brendan McKay  
Principal: Marylou Gorham  
Parent Representative: Kate Squire-Wilson  
Staff Representative: Julie Doolan  
Canteen Manager: Jennifer McKay  
Grounds & Maintenance: Charlie Lucas

Bursar: Leanne Davis  
Parish Representative: Ev Shea

Council Email Address: trinityschoolcouncil@hotmail.com
STUDENT AWARDS – Term 4 Week 8

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NSW Premiers Reading Challenge

**Gold Award – Congratulations on your 4th successful year in the Premiers Reading Challenge**

Patrick D

**Platinum award – Congratulations on your 7th successful year in the Premiers Reading Challenge**

Tess – Erin – Lexie – Clare

**Student of the Week**

Archie Q

Great to see so many people involved in the swimming this week.

**DON’T FORGET to bring your swimmers, towel, hat & sunscreen on Monday 7th December**

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

- Harden Shire Council
- Goldenfields Water County Council
- Terracotta
- JJ, AM & KM Glover – Shearing
- Kennett Rural
- HMA Twomey Paterson
- Harden Line Dancing
- Hennessy Catholic College
- Harden Rotary Club
- Cooper’s Choice Cut Butchery
- Harden Super IGA
- Harden Electrical Heating & Cooling
- Our Lady of Mercy Parish
- Harden CWA Association
- Harden District Education Foundation
- Jimmy & Alex Stewart
- Harden View Club
- Harden Bearings and Hardware
- Harden Country Club
- Fit ’n well – Mel Brownhill
- Harden Murrumburrah Historical Society
- Murrumburrah Chapter - Cootamundra Sub-Branch of the RSL of Australia

**THANKYOU!**
Waiting!! I’m not good at it, detest it, married someone just as bad (possibly worse) and will probably never be someone described as patient! But this doesn’t mean I don’t enjoy the parts that go alongside the waiting-game. This season of Advent brings with it, so much joy in the actual waiting. Although many of these activities and rituals have become commercialised, there are still so many that have roots right back to the true meaning of Advent.

The Elf on the Shelf has become a very popular addition to school classrooms, houses and shops. Spread throughout Facebook pages are stories of the elves getting up to mischief whilst ‘watching’ their families ‘prepare’ themselves for Christmas. This may mean very different things in different houses – whether it’s watching them do good deeds for others, partaking in daily family prayer, planting special words of love around the house for family members to find or kids completing instructions the FIRST time they’re asked ... all of these activities can be traced back to this important season of the last days before the coming of Jesus. Fr Joshy spoke to the children today about making the heart a place where Jesus can be born again – by helping others, by saying kind words, by thanking people who give us support, by being the best we can be – and although some of our little ones might be more inspired by the thought of Santa watching them than creating a heart for Jesus to thrive, the end-goal is the same.

At Trinity, you can find teachers surprising their colleagues with Christmas Carols and words of encouragement, cars wrapped in bows and letters that read, “Don’t bring lunch tomorrow – love your KK”. You will find Kindergarten handing printed messages to random people to tell them that ‘You’re just right, the way you are’ one day and trying hard to sit next to someone different the next day. Classrooms are filled with boxes of food donations for the poor and Advent wreaths to inspire daily prayer reflections. Today, St Mary’s and our staffroom were filled with the many and wonderful parents, grandparents and friends who bring our little school community to life and the staff showered them with morning tea to say thank you for their support. After a lounge room floor filled with glitter from cutting out Yr 6 Grad decorations last night, I awoke to excited screams of, ‘The elves have been – they’ve even been in the toilet Mum!’ (there are no limits to where glitter can travel!!). Children everywhere are experiencing the wonder and awe that we are encouraged all year to open our eyes to, it’s just seems to be more obvious at this time.

So, although waiting can be frustrating and we are all busting to get to the end point (trust me, in my condition, this is getting more and more of a focus for me – labour and all – bring it on!!), it is in the waiting that we actually find the true meaning of what we are waiting for so ... whether you’re waiting for your harvest husband to be back to normal hours, for the routine of school to be over, for 2015 to be done and dusted, for a screaming little bundle of joy to upend your life (in a good way!) or for your heart to be open and ready for Jesus, enjoy the journey – it’s part of the fun and it makes the destination even more worthwhile!

Penny Lucas - REC
In 5/6 open house, we had an amazing variety of subjects. For our HSIE subject we had our Human Right Posters, we have been looking at our rights from UNICEF and we had to create a poster. We had to find out what rights meant and what it looked like through a picture. Also in this subject we did a summary about ‘Sadako and the One Thousand Paper Cranes’. Harrison and Joie made a paper crane to show everyone how patient you have to be to make these. Emily and Lexie read their amazing stories that they wrote themselves and published. We also enjoyed our groovy dance to ‘Up town funk’ the girls loved dancing around the classroom where as most of the boys were not as interested! Over all we had an amazing time telling everyone about what we do in our classroom – by Eliza Butt.