Well- so much has happened this term and when you visit each classroom and see first hand how grown up, confident, articulate and knowledgeable the students are, it quickly becomes evident how happy and focused they are on their learning. The students of Trinity have had a very busy term where they have been immersed in a broad range of curriculum and extra curricular activities ranging from working with our CE Numeracy consultant, Christine Wanjura on challenging maths investigations, being immersed in Literacy with Adjunct Professor Kaye Lowe and participating in public speaking, Literacy and Numeracy week, Book week and athletics.

This Friday, Trinity will be conducting 'Open Classrooms' where you will get the opportunity to experience first hand how the new classrooms will operate. We hope to see all of our parents from Kinder to Year 6 and grandparents. Afterwards you’ll have the opportunity to chat with the teachers. This will be followed by our Mercy Mass at 2pm which Kinder are organising. Don’t forget this Sunday is family Mass at St Anthony’s- we do hope to see you all there!

Today I have the pleasure of ordering all the new furnishings for the new classrooms! They are going to be vibrant, innovative and state of the art learning spaces. The next Community Council meeting on October 24, will be an 'open meeting' where parents will have the opportunity to come to Trinity and see the furnishings and resources that are being purchased with the money raised this year. Please note this date in your diary as we’d love to see you. If you have an item that you would like to discuss please let Fiona Collins, Secretary know before the meeting.

On Monday night the Community Council met. The key discussions were registration, the Director’s visit and fundraising. The Council are overwhelmed with the support of students and parents with fundraising this year. We have raised well over $5700 for the walkathon and the money is continuing to trickle in.

Many positions on the Community Council have been declared vacant for 2017. Most Council members has been in their current role for 2 years. We need you to seriously consider taking an active role in our school and being on the Community Council. You will find it a rewarding and enjoyable experience. Should you wish to nominate for one of the following positions please email or give me a call.

The positions are: Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 elected Parent representatives, one which will lead fundraising. If you would like to know more about what is involved please contact our current council members: Sam Lenehan, Brendan McKay, Fiona Collins, Ev Shea, Kate Squire- Wilson or Charlie Lucas. Charlie and Brendan are remaining on the Council and Sam is willing to shadow the new Chair and Kate the new Fundraising representative.

Plans are well underway for Kinder Orientation at Trinity commencing on Tuesday October 25. If you have a child commencing next year and you have not made an appointment to see the Principal, please contact Leanne Davis to make an appointment.

A few weeks ago parents, staff and students from K- 6 took part in our Trinity surveys. The response from Trinity was very encouraging and extremely supportive with the majority of respondants scoring our school extremely high in all sections of the survey. Some of our parents comments were:
'The students are not just a number, the staff know the students as individuals'.

'All children help one another regardless of class'.

'The sense of community and belonging that is achieved through the Catholic values that are strongly adhered to and implemented at Trinity. Our wish to provide our daughter with Catholic Education is so she can grow and be nourished by our Catholic faith in a way that is gentle and ever present in her daily school life. We feel Trinity does exactly this and we couldn't be more blessed to have found such a beautiful school to belong to and be part of'.

'The happy atmosphere that allows learning and relationship building'.

It is very gratifying to have had such positive response. The staff at Trinity go above and beyond to ensure your child receives the education they deserve in a happy and peace filled environment. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for going the extra mile to ensure that they make a difference for your child. They give tirelessly and ever so willingly of their time. We'd truly are blessed at Trinity to be part of such a wonderful school and community.

Today we said farewell to Mrs Jodie Houghton who is taking a well deserved break from Trinity and taking long service leave next term. Mr Dan O'Brien will be teaching Year 4/5 for the remainder of this year. We wish Jodie all the best and look forward to seeing her back at Trinity fresh and rested to start 2017.

Have a safe holiday and enjoy spending the time with your children. Staff return on Monday October 10 as they will be participating in a spirituality day.

We look forward to seeing you all back at Trinity on Tuesday October 11. Children may wear summer uniform with a phasing in period over the first two weeks & don't forget- hats on. 'No hat! No Play!’ Trinity is a SunSmart school.

God Bless

Marylou Gorham
Blessed are the merciful…

In Sunday's Gospel we have the story of the rich man and Lazarus, the poor man who lay at his gate hoping to satisfy his hunger with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Both die and while Lazarus was ‘taken away by the angels to be with Abraham’ the rich man suffered dreadfully in Hades. He begs for a drop of water, then asks that his brothers still living be warned of the consequences of not living a good life and sharing their riches.

As we have been preparing for our Mercy Day Mass we have been focussing on what being 'Merciful' means. It is a call to action that transforms both giver and receiver. The merciful person is compassionate, forgiving and giving.

Who's Outside Your Door?

‘Have you ever noticed that this rich man never did anything wrong? He just went about his life. For whatever reason, he didn’t even notice Lazarus. Maybe he was just busy. Who knows?

And that, Jesus says, is the problem. It’s not what the rich man did. It’s what he didn't do.

Life gets busy. There are people who work hard all day and then spend the evening driving their kids to all sorts of sports and activities. There are young people that go to school all day and then spend the evening on homework, sports, part-time jobs, or school activities.

But Lazarus lives today. He is the lonely kid at school. He is the hungry child in Africa. He is the refugee in Syria seeking a place to call home.’ He is the neighbour you don’t notice, the homeless person, the struggling family.

Jesus challenges us to care for ‘him’ regularly. Make it part of your “busyness,” not something you fit in when you find extra time.

Ask God daily to show you the people others ignore. Read newspapers and surf the internet to learn about the problems that cause suffering in our world. Make community service trips and peace rallies part of your monthly schedule. Take the time to notice others.

As I often tell students one of the greatest acts of compassion we can do on a daily basis is simply look at another person, smile and say ‘hello’.

God has given you the power to change the world for people who suffer like Lazarus. Who’s lying outside your door?’
What’s one thing you do to keep your focus on people like Lazarus?

The Action

Reach out of your own little world to someone who needs some care and compassion. First of all, be observant to those around and try to be perceptive of where they may need some assistance. Give drink to one who thirsts, some food to another who hungers, and offer a kind word to someone who seems down. Connect with an organisation in your community that assists people who are living in poverty. This could be connected with your parish or some other agency that is seeking to help others. Get out and expand your circle a bit.

 Mercy Mass 2.00pm Friday

Family Mass on Sunday at 10.00am

Wishing you dry sunny days and some relaxation time with your children.

Helene Boller

Harden Kite Festival – 15 October 2016, 11am – 5pm

Featuring FREE live entertainment and FREE activities such as the Sibelco Stunt Jump, a rock climbing wall, face painting, balloon twisting and of course kite flying! Bring your own kite or buy one on the day – there’s $800 in prizes up for grabs! The Roccy FM roadshow will be live with lots of giveaways, interviews & requests. Browse the great range of interesting market stalls, join in on the amusements for the kids or simply sit in the shade and watch the fun. There will be a variety of tasty food and good coffee available, or feel free to bring your own picnic. Entry is by gold coin donation & it is an alcohol free event. Visit www.hardenkitefestival.org or Facebook for more details.
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**Harden Junior Netball**

Preschool to Year 9 (Boys and Girls)

Term 4 2016 Competition due to commence on Friday 14th October 2016 (Term 4 Week 1)

Every Friday 4.00-5.15pm (6 week competition)

$10 to be paid on 1st day of competition or $20 if you haven’t played this year.

**PLEASE remember to put down the players name before the end of term so your child can be put in a team.**

Call or text Penny Lucas- 0413 603 747 or Treen Brooker- 0411 045 630, email penny.k.lucas@gmail.com or message on Facebook page Harden Junior Netball
Harden District Junior Cricket 2016/17 Season

Season begins Saturday 22nd October 2016

Age Groups:
Under 10's
12 and under

Registration is $50 per player for all comps – includes a cricket shirt.

Online Registration via Mycricket opens Monday 26th September

If unable to online register see Karen Glover after 4pm on the 7th October

Coaches for 2016-17 are
Under 10's- Simon Glover
12 and under-Shane Abnett

Training Camp
A Junior Cricket clinic will be held in the school holidays on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th September from 8.30am to 12.30pm approx at Bradman Oval Cootamundra. All participants must be aged between 10yrs to 14yrs old. The cost for the two days is $50. Please contact Pete Louttit on 0439 626 690 or by email on angelarad@hotmail.com to register your interest. The clinic will be run by a certified coach from Canberra

Any Children 13 years and over are encouraged to join a under 16's team in Cootamundra to play in a regular competition.

Contact Pete Louttit 0439626690

Contact Simon Squire-Wilson 0438862093