National Child Protection Week invites all Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people. “Protecting children is everyone’s business.” Play your part is the theme for the 26th National Child Protection Week which starts on Father’s Day, 4 September. This theme emphasises the importance and value of connected communities in keeping children and young people safe and well. Communities in which children are seen and heard, where their participation is valued and where their families can get the support they need are stronger communities which contribute to keeping children safe and well. This year all Australians are invited to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

I hope you enjoyed Sabbath week last week and the opportunity to spend quality time with your children, hearing them read a story, going for a walk or playing a game. As a parent I always valued the opportunity to break routines from written homework and spend the time with the children doing something different each night that we all enjoyed. What a wonderful way to culminate the week with Father’s Day. I am sure you enjoyed the day spoiling our wonderful dad’s and fathers.

Last week interviews were conducted at Trinity for a classroom teaching position commencing 2017. I would like to congratulate Mr Dan O’Brien on being the successful applicant and welcome Dan to the wonderful community of Trinity. Dan brings with him a wealth of experience and has worked previously at St Mary’s Young for 7 years as Assistant Principal and Religious Education Coordinator, Sacred Heart Cootamundra for 12 years as Primary Coordinator and classroom teacher, St Joseph’s Junee for 12 months as Assistant Principal and St Joseph’s Barham for 6 years as Religious Education Coordinator and classroom teacher. We are looking forward to working with Dan and I am sure you will also join with us in welcoming Dan to our school.

I am sure you are all very anxious about who is teaching where in our school in 2017. Early next Term I will attend a meeting in Canberra where the staffing allocation is given to every Principal. As soon as that occurs I will inform you. Meanwhile, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the initiatives for 2017.

I have set up a sister school with St Joseph’s Boorowa. Each month the Year 6 students from both schools will come together for a day and participate in a range of extra curricula activities eg sport, The Arts. The Year 6 students will continue to travel across to Hennessy at young for the Aspirations program each Term which will culminate in Term 4 with a special presentation focused on what the students have been doing throughout the year.

During Term One, the Year 6 students will be joining St Mary’s Primary School Crookwell for the annual school camp and travelling to the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation at Narrabeen. Narrabeen offers a very different experience to Borambola and is located on Narrabeen Lake and surrounded by world-class sports training grounds and facilities. The children will experience the opportunity to establish friendships with the students from St Mary’s and participate in a wide range of outdoor activities and as an added bonus the food and accommodation is of a very high standard. I have been there several times and it rates very highly for the facilities and activities they provide.
The Years 4-6 teachers and students will be conducting an open classroom from 12pm to 1pm on Friday September 23. All parents from Kinder to Year 6 are invited to attend. Many parents have been asking how the new classrooms will operate in 2017 - well this is an opportunity to come and experience it first hand! You will see for yourselves how motivated and engaged the students are with their learning. Rebecca Cooper, Dan O'Brien, Jodie Houghton and I will be available at 1pm to answer any questions that you may have at 2pm there will be a mass to celebrate the Year of Mercy at St Mary’s Church which is a lovely way to end the term.

The Trinity School Disco will occur on Friday October 14 at the Harden Country Club from 6:30pm to 9:00pm so we hope to see you all there. Trinity is also rostered on the raffle at the club on that night. The raffle has been a wonderful avenue to raise much needed funds for Trinity. We have been very fortunate to have several parents and staff volunteer to sell tickets at the previous raffles so if you were unable to assist last time, perhaps you could this time?

The children have been busy working on items for the Harden Show which we hope you'll be able to attend the show and see first hand their wonderful work which they are very proud of. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist at the Harden Show barbecue and a special thank you to Kate Whybrow for organising the barbecue. This is a fantastic way to raise funds for our school and we are desperately in need of more helpers so please contact Leanne Davis tomorrow if you are able to assist.

We look forward to the Walkathon next week. Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to assist on the day. The students have been truly amazing with their energy and enthusiasm to raise money for the Walkathon. The money raised from the Walkathon and other fundraising initiatives throughout this year will go towards furnishings and resources for the new classrooms. Today the students enjoyed their third and fourth incentives and next Term they will have another incentive as they have reached $3000 - how far will they go? $4000? We can’t wait to find out...so watch this space!

The Year 4-6 excursion has been postponed until Wednesday September 21. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but there is a high risk of roads being flooded tomorrow.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

God Bless

Marylou Gorham
It is fitting that in the Year of Mercy Teresa of Calcutta has been canonised. With her unfailing work with the most desperate people, St Teresa is the embodiment of MERCY.

‘At the time of her death, Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity had over 4,000 sisters, and an associated brotherhood of 300 members, operating 610 missions in 123 countries.[68] These included hospices and homes for people with HIV/AIDS, leprosy and tuberculosis, soup kitchens, children's and family counselling programmes, personal helpers, orphanages and schools. The Missionaries of Charity were also aided by co-workers, who numbered over 1 million by the 1990s.[69]

Teresa lay in repose in St Thomas, Calcutta, for one week prior to her funeral in September 1997. She was granted a state funeral by the Indian government in gratitude for her services to the poor of all religions in India.[70] Her death was mourned in both secular and religious communities. In tribute, Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, said that she was "a rare and unique individual who lived long for higher purposes. Her life-long devotion to the care of the poor, the sick, and the disadvantaged was one of the highest examples of service to our humanity."

A former U.N. Secretary-General, Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, said that "She is the United Nations. She is peace in the world."[71] http://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saqv_id=5611

This month we celebrate two important Marian feasts. Today is the Birthday of Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the 24 September is the Feast of our Lady of Mercy. This is a special day in our school which was founded by the Sisters of Mercy and who celebrate the feast day throughout the world. Kindergarten is preparing this Mass which will be on Friday 23.

It is perhaps timely as we reflect on MERCY to give thanks for all the blessings we enjoy. It is also a time to pray for all who are in need of support, for those who are facing challenging times, their families, the sick and the aged.

Some people once asked Mother Teresa of Calcutta what needed to change in the Church, and which wall should they start with? They asked her, where is the starting point? And she replied, you and I are the starting point! This woman showed determination! She knew where to start. And today I make her words my own and I say to you: shall we begin? Where? With you and me! Each one of you, once again in silence, ask yourself: if I must begin with myself, where exactly do I start? Each
one of you, open his or her heart, so that Jesus may tell you where to start.
Address of Pope Francis at the Waterfront of Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro, 27 July 2013

May God bless and keep you in his mercy

Helene Boller

CLASS AWARD
Kinder: Beatrice Lucas
Year 1/2: Angus Oldfield & Tilly Bowman
Year 3/4: Sophie Barnes & Bella Cooper
Year 4/5: To be given this week
Year 6: Eliza Butt & Sam Shea

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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