In the past two days something very exciting has been happening! We would like to welcome Professor Kay Lowe to Trinity. Professor Lowe has been working in well over 30 schools focusing on improving Literacy instruction to improve student outcomes in reading and writing. Kay has been a professor in universities in the United States of America and Australia and will be working at Trinity in classrooms over the next few years. For more information about Kay and her work please visit her website read4success.com.au. On her next visit Kaye will be running a parent course in the evening on how to help children at home with their reading and writing. So please check the calendar in the newsletter next Term for this fabulous event. I had the pleasure of being in the Kinder classroom and experiencing first hand the wonderful writing the children have been doing. When you come to the Open classrooms next Friday come in and check out the Kinder stories, they are so proud of their work and look forward to sharing their stories to the citizens at St Lawrence's next Term.

Yesterday the staff participated in KidsMatter training. KidsMatter is a national initiative that aims to contribute to improved student mental health and wellbeing, reducing mental health difficulties amongst students and increasing support for students experiencing mental health difficulties. The training was delivered by Carmel Babos and myself. The training occurred from 3:30 to 6:30pm and typifies the dedication and commitment of the Trinity staff. During the training the staff analysed the student, parent and staff KidsMatter surveys. Our student surveys at Trinity indicated that our children feel safe, they can talk to a teacher and they believe that their teachers encourage them to take on new challenges. Our parent surveys indicated that relationships between staff and parents are respectful and responsive. Research indicates that ‘spending many years at school focused on academic instruction, it’s often experiences of a social or interpersonal nature that we carry with us well into adulthood. Most commonly...relationships with significant people (teachers, peers, coaches), and moments within that relationship that made them feel special, valued or like they belonged’. (Butler & colleagues, 2011). As KidsMatter is embedded in our school we look forward to developing students who are resilient, have strong self-efficacy and positive mental wellbeing. Teachers are supporting this initiatives such as with meditation, Kids Matter strategies and brain breaks and have noticed the positive impact these strategies are having as they develop in students a positive mindset and high levels of student engagement. For more information and strategies for wellbeing of children please visit the website http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary.

I do hope you have pencilled into your diaries the open classrooms on Friday September 23, the last day of this Term from 12-1pm. You will be able to view the Year 4-6 class in action and see how motivated and engaged the children are. This invitation is for all parents from Kinder to Year 6 and will provide you with an understanding of how the classrooms will function in our new learning spaces. Mrs Cooper and Mr O’Brien will be available to answer any questions at 1pm so please do come along and enjoy the experience.
The Walkathon is on tomorrow and the children are really excited and looking forward to walking the 5km course. Thank you to Dan O'Brien who organised the event and Rebecca Cooper and Leanne Davis for assisting. We hope you can join us on the day- either at a check point or to walk with your child’s class. The children are very close to raising $5000 which is outstanding! Thank you to the students, parents and the Harden- Murrumburrah community for your support - it truly has been awesome!

Plans for Kinder 2017 are well underway. Please note the date for the second orientation has been moved to Monday October 31 as we are unable to have it on Tuesday due to previously arranged events at Trinity.

Trinity Orientation Days are as follows:
Tuesday October 25    9:10-12:00pm
Monday October 31     9:10-12:00pm
Wednesday November 9  9:10-12:00pm
Thursday November 17  9:10-3:10pm and Information night commencing at 7pm in the Library
Friday November 25     9:10-3:10pm

On Thursday November 17, all the Bunyip Pre-School parents are invited to morning tea and a Q & A session in the staffroom commencing at 9am, where parents have an opportunity to ask questions about any concerns or information that they would like to know from our current Kinder parents and myself. In the evening, the information night will be held where there will be a presentation by myself and the 2017 Kinder teacher, Helene Boller.

The next Community Council meeting is at 6pm this Monday. Thank you to our Council who work tirelessly behind the scenes.

Recently the Phillips donated a ram at their Yarrawonga ram sale which raised $3000 towards the new resources for our classrooms. A special thank you to Steve & Liz Phillips for their generosity and to Sam Lenehan for organising.

Next Friday, Trinity is rostered at the Country Club at 6:30pm to sell raffle tickets at the meat draw. If you are able to assist please contact Leanne Davis before next Friday.

A very special thank you to Kate Whybrow for organising the Murrumburrah- Harden Show BBQ. The meat was very nice thank you to Cooper’s butchery and to the many parents who volunteered their time to assist on the day.

A special thank you to HDE foundation who very generously have donated money towards the Year 4-6 excursion to Cowra and Young goldfields which weather pending will occur next Wednesday.

Thank you to Holy Trinity Cutin ACT who generously donated sports equipment to the value of $2000- we are truly blessed to have them as our sister school and the children are having fun exploring the new equipment.
We desperately need assistance for the school canteen on Thursday's and Friday's. If you are able to attend, please contact Jen McKay.

Next Term on Tuesday October 11, a BYOD information night will be conducted at 7pm for parents and students in Year 3 and 4. The Western Regions IT CE technican Brendan Park will be conducting the session with the assistance of the Year 5 & 6 students who will be showcasing how they use their iPads to assist with their learning.

We wish Miss Kaitlin Pieper all the best as she heads off to California on Sunday for a well deserved holiday. We look forward to hearing Kaitlin’s stories next Term about her trip.

Have a wonderful week everyone.

God Bless

Marylou Gorham

Mercy Day September 24 – Feast of Our Lady of Mercy

Next Friday afternoon we will have a special Mass to celebrate the Mercy Day. As a school founded by the Mercy Sisters, Mercy Day has a particular place in our tradition. It will also be an opportunity to refocus on the Year of Mercy. Kindergarten is preparing the liturgy and warmly invites all members of the community to join us.

Interesting facts on Our Lady of Mercy.

During the middle ages a religious order (Our Lady of Mercy), devoted to care of the sick and the rescue of captives and slaves, was founded by Peter Nolasco, Raymond of Pennafort, and King James. The success of this work was given to the patronage of Mary as the “Mother of Mercy”.

Blessed are the merciful…”
Our Lady of Mercy has been imaged as the one who responds to the needs of those who call on her. She has often been depicted as sheltering people beneath her mantle offering mercy and protection.

On Mercy Day, the Mercy Sisters commemorate the date that Catherine McAuley opened her ‘House of Mercy’ on Baggot St Dublin in 1827. From the outset this was team affair with Anna Maria Doyle and Catherine Byrn moving into the house, which was named the “House of Mercy” as the day of its opening was on the feast day of Our Lady of Mercy (September 24).

The “business” of this House of Mercy was in offering refuge to vulnerable women, providing practical help and education to Dublin’s poor and was the base for an in home visitation program offering both comfort and nursing support to the sick and dying. This program was financially, physically and emotionally demanding for Catherine and the young women who joined her in this mission of being the face and hands of God’s mercy to those on the margins.  

Prepared by Liz Rothe RSM in conjunction with the Mercy Ethos office.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

(These are the actions or ways we extend God’s loving compassion to others)

Feed the hungry.
Share what you have with those who need it, down the street or around the world.

Give drink to the thirsty.
Share your joy and hope with those whose lives are dry and lonely.

Clothe the naked.
Stand up for those who are most weak and vulnerable.
Shop responsibly, accessing ethically made products.

Shelter the homeless.
Reach out to the unloved and the unpopular; make everyone welcome in your heart.

Visit the imprisoned.
Reach out to those confined by fear, sadness or illness.

Visit the sick.
Be there for people that need you.

Wishing you peace and blessings

Helene Boller
**MacKillop Athletics Trials:** We wish Heidi O’Connor, Georgia Squire-Wilson and Katie-Rose O’Connor all the best as they are heading off to Sydney next Tuesday to participate in the MacKillop Athletics Trials at Homebush stadium. Heidi is competing in the Junior Girls shotput, Georgia is competing in the 10 Year Girls 100 metres and the Junior Girls High Jump, and Katie-Rose is competing in the Senior Girls Discus and High Jump. We are very proud of these outstanding athletes as they represent Trinity Primary and the Canberra Goulburn Archdiocese at this next level of competition.

**Western Region Choir Festival:** Many of our students from Kinder to Year 6 will be traveling to West Wyalong next Thursday to perform at the annual Mary Quinane Western Region Choir Festival. Our talented singers have been practicing for a number of weeks and are excited about the opportunity to perform with the others school within our region. We also thank our students for giving up their time to practice with Mr O’Brien – and we hope that the day is one of musical joy for all!
CLASS AWARD

Kinder: Thomas Edwards & Zoe Lenehan

Year 1/2: Riley Jackson, Dan Minehan & Letitia Tyrrell

Year 3/4: Sophie Barnes & Bella Cooper

Year 4/5: Heidi O’Connor & Josie Chard

Year 6: Samantha Scott & Corey Doohan (Absent)

MJR Awards

Chaz Cooper, Jesse Glover, Corey Doohan, Harrison Hadley, Sam Shea and Patrick Davis.
LOST UNIFORMS

Noah Tyrrell has lost his blue jumper size 6. Charlie and Riley Jackson have lost their sports jackets size 4 and 6. Could you please check your clothing and school bags to see if these may have been taken home in error.

Competing with the Boorowa Gymnastics Club in Canberra at Southern Cross Gym Club, Tilly, Bea and Poppy all passed their Level 1 Grading with Poppy receiving the highest score out of all 120 competitors.

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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 SOCCER CLUB

The Harden Soccer Club will be holding its presentation afternoon and AGM on Thursday 22nd September, 2016 at the club house. Presentations will commence at 4.30 pm followed by a sausage sizzle. The AGM will be held at the conclusion of the presentations. All players and parents are invited to attend.
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 ran 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
You are invited to attend the
Grand Opening of the
Harden Skate Park
Sunday 18th September 2016
Newson Park, Albury St,
Harden

PROPOSED ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

9.45 am   Introduction - Canberra Skateboarders Association
10.00 am  Skateboard Coaching - Canberra Skateboarders Association
11.00 am  Formal Opening of Skate Park
           then coaching recommences
12.00 pm  Skateboard Demonstration - Canberra Skateboarders Association
12.30pm to Local competition judged by Canberra
           Skateboarders Association
1.30 pm… BMX session ( to be confirmed)