



# Trinitarian

Term 1 Week 1

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Welcome back to what promises to be a very exciting year for everyone at Trinity! It was wonderful to see the smiling faces and enthusiastic students who arrived at school enthused and energised for the new school year. The Kinder students commenced today and already they look like they have been here forever! The new learning spaces are almost ready, there are few last minute things that need to be finalised. Hopefully we will be in the new classrooms by the end of next week. The children have been peering in through the windows and are anxiously waiting to move in...as they say patience is a virtue! All the new furnishings have arrived and the rooms are well equipped for 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning! Not only do we have new furnishings in the new learning spaces but we also have new library furniture so the school is going to look like a brand new building by the time it is completed. If you are able to assist with assembling the library tables can you, please contact Brendan McKay or myself. There are 20 tables which are all flat packed waiting for some of our amazing parents to assemble.



The Trinity staff have experienced very empowering professional development to commence the year. On Friday the staff travelled to Canberra for a CE Conference. Mr Ross Fox, Director of Catholic Education welcomed over 2,000 participants on 27 January 2017 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra a conference entitled 'Students Yearn to Learn' which marked the beginning of the school year in Catholic Education. The Conference featured internationally recognised speakers including Professor Alfie Kohn, Kath Murdoch, Professor Tom Lowrie and Erin Erceg. The Conference was an outstanding opportunity for professional learning and engagement with our educational vision across the 56 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. The Conference theme was Engaging the Hearts and Minds of 21st Century Learners. The purpose of the Conference was to explore wellbeing and learning as opportunities for meaning making, and the role of teaching as facilitating and illuminating meaning through inquiry, collaboration and reflection on experience. Following the conference on Monday the staff of Trinity participated in professional development on Growth Mindset. If you hear your children discussing their learning goals and about being in a learning pit this is all about positive attitudes and goal setting pitched at improving student outcomes and teaching.

From next week, I will be conducting 'Mighty Maths' workshops from 8:15 to 9am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Children who find mathematics challenging in Years 1 – 6, have been invited to attend with an adult to these sessions. These sessions are tailored to each students needs and a take home pack will be provided for parents to assist the students at home. Notes will be sent



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home to the parents of the children involved today. If you think your child could benefit from these sessions and you did not receive a note please don't hesitate to contact me.

The first Community Council meeting for 2017 will be held this Wednesday February 8 at 6:30pm. At the meeting all positions will be declared open and the 2017 Council will be formed. If you would like to be a member of the Community Council, we have a position vacant so please don't hesitate to contact me at Trinity. The parents who have been on the Council have found it to be a very rewarding experience. Meetings occur once a month so it is not a demanding job.

Next Wednesday, the 2017 Prime Ministers will be inducted at the opening school Mass at 9:30am at St Mary's Church followed by morning tea to welcome parents and grandparents back for the new school year. On Thursday our annual swimming carnival will be held. We hope to see you all at these wonderful events.

This Tuesday evening at 7pm will be the iPad Boot Camp for the parents and students in Years 3 & 4, and any students in Years 5 & 6 who did not attend last years boot camp and who have an iPad. This is very important and Mr Brendan Park and Simon Maher Western Regions IT technicians will be attending to conduct the session. We hope to see you there!

Last year parent Year level representatives were implemented at Trinity. Our Year level representaives did an amazing job organising catering for various functions and looking after parents in need at Trinity with meal drops etc. If you would like to be involved and you think this job would suit you, please email or contact me at Trinity.

Communication at Trinity: Each Thursday the school newsletter is emailed to parents and put on the Trinity Skoolbag App. If you wish to receive a hard copy as you are unable to access the internet or App, please inform Leanne Davis by next Wednesday. Printing hard copies of the newsletter to all parents was costing the school over \$4000 each year so we no longer send home hard copies unless requested.

This semester we are trialling a new initiative for canteen. The canteen will now be available for lunch orders each day and an interim menu is attached with this weeks newsletter. This menu will change according to demand and feedback. Please get behind Trinity and support this wonderful initiative. Mrs Kirsty Summerfield has offered to be lunch canteen manager and she is really excited about this new venture. It is wonderful to be able to provide this facility for all our students and there will be lunch specials offered occasionally so watch out for them. When you place an order for your child please include a lunch order paper bag or snap lock bag with the money included. A special thank you to Jackson's Bakery who have been supplying Trinity lunch orders for the past few years- you have done an amazing job!

God Bless

*Marylou Gorham*



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## RE News

Welcome to a new school year. New beginnings are times of promise and excitement, mixed with a little uncertainty. Our vibrant new learning spaces are certainly inspiring.

Next Wednesday we will celebrate our first Mass for the school year at St Mary's church commencing at 9.30. Student leaders for 2017 will be inducted at this Mass and receive their badges. We look forward to sharing this important celebration with all members of our Trinity community.

This year our focus across the school will be on the following four values:

Service (Term 2)      Respect (Term 2)      Justice (Term 3)      Compassion (Term 4)

These values link with the Religious Education units and the Making Jesus Real Program for it is by actively demonstrating these values that we all promote a caring community.

The school prayer for 2017 focuses on the values and is prayed each Monday morning and in class prayer time.

Loving Jesus

You call us to be your eyes that we may see with **compassion**

You call us to be your hands that we may **serve** with love

You call us to be your voice that we might speak up for **justice**

You ask us to treat all people with **respect**

**Holy Spirit, guide our words and actions so that all we do,  
will be done in love.      Amen**

Blessings on your week

Helene Boller





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Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming K-6	Harden Pool	1.45 – 3.15pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Ipad Boot Camp. Yrs 3-4		7pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Opening Mass and Morning Tea		9:30am
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Community Council Meeting		6.30pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Carnival		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming K-6	Harden Pool	1.45 – 3.15pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School Counsellor Visiting		
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Information Evening		K-2 6 -6.30pm 3-6 6.30pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	WR Swimming Carnival		
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming K-6	Harden Pool	1:45-3.15pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 3-6 Open House		2.30pm
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Family Mass	St Anthony's Church	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming K-6	Harden Pool	1:45-3:15pm
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Archdiocese Swimming Carnival K-6	Boorowa Pool	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February – 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Principal Retreat		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Ash Wednesday		
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	First Reconciliation Preparation		8-9am