



Trinitarian

Term 1 Week 3

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It was wonderful to see so many of our parents at the Information Night on Wednesday night. The evening provided our parents with useful information about how our new learning spaces operate and provide clarity with homework. If you were unable to attend the evening there will be information sent home with each child, so please check their school bag for this. A special thank you to our teachers for the time and effort they put into ensuring the evening was informative. Next Wednesday February 22 and Wednesday March 1 from 9:15 am to 9:45, Helene Boller will be conducting sessions in K/1 for parents of Infants students, modelling a guided reading session. This will provide hints on how you can assist your child with their reading at home. So please come along and participate in this activity.

This year we are very fortunate to have a Numeracy specialist, Leonie Anstey working with our teachers. On Tuesday March 14 at 6pm, Leonie will be conducting an evening session on how to assist children with Numeracy. Leonie is an experienced Maths Educator (25 years), who has taught children from age 5 to 18. Leonie has worked with students and their families to enjoy and thrive with maths ideas, games and concepts. This workshop will explore hands-on activities for you to enjoy with your child at home. Parents/carers will have the opportunity to ask questions, play maths games and take some ideas to use every day so please ensure you put this date in your diary. The children are enjoying the 'Mighty Maths' sessions from 8:15 to 9am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. It is wonderful to see our parents and grandparents attending the sessions and working with the children which assists them when helping them with Maths work at home. It is great that Penny Lucas and Julie Doolan have offered to assist me with these workshops. If you would like more information about the workshops please don't hesitate to contact me at school.



Last Wednesday at the Community Council meeting a proposal to offer culottes as an option for girls was discussed. As the students are now in their new classrooms in flexible learning spaces, they have alternate options for seating other than desks such as bean bags and cushions. Now that we have formalised these new modes of seating it was felt to be appropriate to offer the girls clothing options for those who may feel awkward in a dress. While this problem has been around prior to our new classrooms we felt it was a good time to introduce a new girls' clothing option and to maintain a forward looking approach for our children. The Community Council has agreed that culottes for girls will be introduced in Term 4 as an option and the dress will continue to be offered for girls who prefer this. The culottes will be navy and accompanied by a white blouse with a tie that will be in the school tartan to maintain the tartan and the tradition. The design of the shirt is yet to be finalised but once it is, we will ensure a picture will be included in the newsletter. The navy culottes look very smart with the school jumper and vest and compliment the winter navy pants.

With the implementation of BYOD and changes in our teaching focus, we will be reviewing our Homework Policy. If you are interested in being part of this group, please contact Mrs Rebecca Cooper at Trinity by this Friday February 19.

God Bless

Marylou Gorham



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Dear Parents and Friends

The Sunday readings over the past few weeks have given the message that we can 'BE' better people. 'You are the salt of the earth', 'You are the light of the world.' These teachings from Jesus call us to action, not just being passive observers.

In the Beatitudes Jesus speaks of the qualities that we should live if we are to be children of God.

The media too often focuses on the negative news. We live in a 'me' world – where 'my' interests and need for instant gratification often override the interests and wellbeing of others.

It can be easy to give in to a sense of despair but we need to see the balance. There is the flip side- communities of people going about their daily lives reaching out to others, speaking up for justice, welcoming, serving, BEING.

The following story illustrates the balance and how the choices we make can be transformative.

'Tyson's friend died in gang violence. His friends kept urging him to get revenge. But he looked to God for help. He spent a lot of time at church and with people who could support him as he struggled with anger and grief. That helped him break the cycle of violence by choosing against revenge.'

Jack lives in a wealthy community where many young people drive expensive cars and live in expensive homes. Talk at his school often focuses on the newest games, computers, and clothes. But Jack found his meaning by helping out at a local soup kitchen, not by buying more and more for himself. He eventually helped lead service trips for other young people. He broke the cycle of greed and selfishness that traps many people in wealthy towns.

Tyson and Jack put this week's Gospel into practice. Jesus challenges his disciples to break the cycles of evil that suck so many people in and cause so much destruction in the world. Turn the other cheek. That means standing up for your rights without resorting to violence or seeking revenge. Jesus also tells us to sacrifice time and money for the needs of all people, even for our enemies. These are tough teachings. But our world hurts. Practicing violence, revenge, and greed hasn't made things better. Maybe it is time to try Jesus' way.'

MASSES

The next Mass will be on Ash Wednesday 1 March at 12.00 noon in St Mary's church.

On Thursday 16 March there will be a school Mass at 2.30pm Years 3-6 are preparing this.

Kinder – Year 2 will prepare the last Mass for the term on Thursday 6 April at 2.30pm.



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An important aspect of our prayer life at school is meditation: "**Be still, and know that I am God;** Ps 46:10 – we warmly invite you to join your child's class for prayer and meditation. Times will be included in next week's newsletter.

The next family Mass is Sunday 26 February – a note asking for assistance with readings and singing will go home on Friday.

Peace and blessings on your week

Helene

Sacramental Program

Preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist for Catholic students in Year 4 will commence on Sunday 26th February at St Anthony's Church Harden before Mass at 9.00am for 6 weeks (during March lessons will change to 8.00am). The Program will conclude with the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 5th April at 7.00pm and the Sacrament of First Eucharist on Sunday 9th April at 9.00am. Please contact Julie Doolan before Sunday 20th February on 0428862448 if you wish to enrol your child.

Harden Soccer Club Registrations 2017

Registrations are now up and running for the Harden Soccer Club for the 2017 outdoor season!! To register players or parents/carers need to go to the my football club website to register online. The address is www.myfootballclub.com.au Our registration fee is again \$60.00 per player.

If registering for the first time a Birth Certificate will need to be cited by a committee member after registering online.

The club looks forward to seeing many new and current players take the field this year. Further information can be found on the Harden Soccer Club's Facebook page, or enquiries can be made to club president Greg Brown on 0408 229 450 or registrar Allison Manwaring on 0429 193 453.



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<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location/Requirements</i>	<i>Start Time</i>
Friday 17 th February	WR Swimming Carnival		
Monday 20 th February	Swimming K-6	Harden Pool	1:45-3:15pm
Wednesday 22 nd February	Guided Reading Sessions for K/1 Parents		9:15 – 9:45am
Friday 24 th February	Years 3-6 Open House		2.30pm
Sunday 26 th February	Family Mass	St Anthony's Church	
Monday 27 th February	Swimming K-6	Harden Pool	1:45-3:15pm
Tuesday 28 th February	Archdiocese Swimming Carnival K-6	Boorowa Pool	
Tuesday 28 th February – 3 rd March	Principal Retreat		
Wednesday 1 st March	Guided Reading Sessions for K/1 Parents		9:15 – 9:45am
Wednesday 1 st March	Ash Wednesday - Mass	St Mary's Church	12 noon
Saturday 5 th March	First Reconciliation Preparation		8-9am
Tuesday 14 th March	Numeracy Session with Leonie Anstey		6:00pm
Thursday 16 th March	Year 3-6 Mass	St Mary's Church	2:30pm
Wednesday 5 th April	First Reconciliation	St Anthony's Church	7:00pm
Thursday 6 th April	K-2 Mass	St Mary's Church	2:30pm
Sunday 9 th April	First Eucharist	St Anthony's Church	9:00am