



Trinitarian

Term 3 Week 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful when you come into our classrooms to see how engaged our students from K-6 are at Trinity. The students have all set their learning goals for the Term and are going to great lengths to ensure that they achieve them. This week the children have been well and truly in the 'Learning Pit' in all classes, participating in rich discussions during Literacy and Numeracy and working hard throughout their entire lessons. The standard of their work has been exceptional and this is due to the hard work of all our teachers and Classroom Support Assistants to ensure the tasks are challenging. We are fortunate to have some parents and grandparents who are coming into the classrooms during Literacy and Numeracy Blocks to assist. If you are able to help, or you know someone who can, the teachers would love to hear from you. Please contact your child's class teacher and let them know of your availability. Meanwhile check out the photos below of the learning that has been happening in K-6 this week during Literacy and Numeracy.



Next week is Education Week. Trinity will be hosting Open Classrooms on Wednesday August 2 from 9:30am to 1:00pm. Literacy Block commences at 9:30am and concludes at 11:10 am and Numeracy block commences at 12pm and concludes at 1:00pm. Morning tea will be provided and we would love to see our parents, grandparents and special friends at this great showcase of our students work and it is a wonderful opportunity to see our teachers in action. (Please see the attached flyer).

Early last Term Ms Helene Boller announced that she has resigned from her position as REC Coordinator at Trinity. This week a panel conducted interviews for the REC Coordinator to commence at Trinity in 2018. We attracted a strong field of applicants and it is with much pleasure that we announce that Ms Donna Wade was the successful candidate. Donna is an experienced teacher and has been teaching for 26 years and has a particular interest in Religious Education, The Arts and Technology, Music, Sport and Choir. Donna has been teaching at St Mary's Catholic School at Hay and is currently studying her Masters of Educational leadership at ACU and holds a Bachelor of Education and a Certificate of Religious Education and a Diploma of Home Economics. Donna is currently teaching in Year 3/4 as a Temporary teacher. We look forward to welcoming Donna to our community at Trinity as a Permanent staff member and as REC and we hope she has a happy and long association with Trinity.



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In NSW, preparations have begun for School Readiness Tests to be conducted in 2017 in preparation for the introduction of NAPLAN Online in either 2018 or 2019. Commonwealth, State and Territory Education Ministers have agreed that the annual NAPLAN tests will move from paper to online testing from 2017, with full participation by all Australian schools by 2019. With the abandonment of the online tests in 2017, the focus now will be on preparing jurisdictions for the 2019 deadline. The three NSW school sectors and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) are jointly planning to ensure that the move to NAPLAN Online will be a success for all students. A major activity is NSW schools' participation in an online trial, known as the School Readiness Tests, in August and September 2017. Trinity will be conducting a school readiness test on **Thursday August 17** commencing at 9:30am in Years 3 and 5. The purpose of the School Readiness Tests is to assess the school's readiness to administer NAPLAN Online. It is designed to provide confidence in the online system, confirm whether schools have adequate ICT capacity, and facilitate change management and training at a school level in test administration and logistics. It is also designed for students and teachers become familiar with the online testing environment and the test platform itself.

This month on *School TV* the focus is on Internet Addiction. In today's digital environment, the internet can be viewed as a valuable tool for education, research and entertainment. Young people today tend to go from one screen to another, but how much is too much? Time spent in the 'screen world' has parents concerned that their kids may be missing out on real life experiences. Therefore, it is vitally important to a child's wellbeing for parents to regulate a child's internet use. Internet addiction can cause significant psychological and social problems for children in years to come. The true effects on future generations is not yet known, but there are strategies that parents can implement now. This month, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg discusses what causes internet addiction, who is most at risk and what parents can do to regulate the amount of time their kids spend online each day. We hope you enjoy reading this month's edition and we always welcome your feedback.

If you have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information. To find out more, go to <http://trinitym.nsw.schooltv.me/newsletter/internet-addiction>

This Thursday is the K-2 Mass at 2:30pm. We hope you can come along and join our staff and students in this very special Mass. A special thank you to our K-2 teachers for preparing the Mass.

It is wonderful to see the parents and children who are coming along to our free Playgroup at Trinity which commenced early last Term. Our next Playgroup is this Friday at 9:30 am. If you have children aged between 0 and 5 years of age or you know someone who does, spread the word and come along and join in the fun! A special thank you to Tamara Starling and Wendy Medway who are our inspirational organisers and are going to great lengths to promote this out in the community.

God Bless

Marylou Gorham



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SOME MORE OF OUR FABULOUS LITERACY & NUMERACY SESSIONS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

A special 'thank you' to all who were able to help with readings and singing at last Sunday's Mass. There were some lovely comments about the beautiful singing.

Next Thursday we have our first school mass at St Mary's at 2.30, which K-2 are preparing.

Wednesday 26 July was the Feast Day of Jesus' grandparents Sts Joachim and Ann. Traditionally we celebrate our grandparents on this feast. As it also falls at the coldest time of the year we have moved Trinity's Grandparents Day celebration to the end of term.

Our 'Making Jesus Real' focus value for this term is **JUSTICE**. In a just world we really value what we have; we take care of our world and each other. This Sunday's Gospel invites us to think about the treasure in our lives – what is really important.



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'All of us are searchers and treasure-hunters in the sense that we are looking for happiness. The goal is legitimate, but it may be that we are looking in the wrong place. Jesus said, 'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be too'. So, if we want to know what our treasure is, all we have to do is ask ourselves where our heart is. What is it that we love, that we pursue with all our hearts? There lies our treasure.' GPBS

It is often in times of crisis that we acquire wisdom. 'The wisdom here is not the same as worldly wisdom. It is something deeper and very much more precious. It means knowing what is truly important in life. It means being able to see life from God's point of view, and being able to live the way God wants us to live. If we don't have that, then no matter how many possessions we have, or how successful we are, we will not be happy.'

This Sunday's "gospel passage begins and ends with reference to treasure. It invites us to pause and name what constitutes the real "treasure" in our lives, to know our own hearts. What do we really want? Many of our contemporaries are asking that question in relation to a consumerist life-style that appropriates far more than our share of the world's resources and leaves little time or energy for considering either the plight of our endangered planet or the needs and aspirations of those on the edge. There is a new realisation that standard of living and quality of life are far from synonymous." Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Reinhold Niebuhr

Peace and blessings on your week

Helene

Dates for the Calendar

Date	Event	Location/Requirements	Start Time
Sunday 30th July	Lunch with Fr. Joshy	Country Club	12.30pm
Wednesday 2nd August	Open Classrooms	Trinity	9:30 am to 12:30 pm
Wednesday 2nd August	School Counsellor	Trinity	9:10am
Thursday 3rd August	Mass K-2		2.30 -3.30pm
Friday 4th August	Trinity Playgroup	Trinity	9.30am
Friday 4th August	K-2 Open House Assembly		
Tuesday 8th August	Liturgy	St Mary's of the Cross	2.30pm
Friday 11th August	Todd Woodbridge Cup Yrs 3-4		9.30am



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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Harden Rocks Markets

* Stalls will a variety of goods. Come and find a treasure and support Zac's Place .

Saturday 29th July 2017 9am on

Hard Rock Gym Studio

Any more information please ring Ros on 0406379561

