Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you for your support of our staff during the industrial action. This isn’t a pleasant time for families or staff and I do hope that negotiations can lead to a resolution sooner than later.

This week’s lead newsletter article has been written for you by our Assistant Principal, Ros Green, who has the leadership responsibility for our Learner engagement, inclusion and well-being priority. Ros had highlighted some of the actions we take to address this priority.

Kind regards, Vicki Stokes

At a presentation last week, Professor Martin Westwell, the first director of the Flinders Centre for Science Education in the 21st Century shared that emotion is crucial to learning and happiness and engagement can promote learning. The DECS statement of directions supports this by stating that well-being (students’ physical, social and emotional welfare) is integral to their learning.

Recently, I came across a saying that we can give our children two precious gifts: the first is roots and the other is wings.

At Trinity Gardens Primary School we deliberately work hard to develop relationships with students and build a sense of community and connectedness. During our Virtues Walk-athon in June, our entire student community from children in the Early Learning Centre through to Year 7 students participated together supporting and encouraging each other. The smiles on everyone’s faces and engagement levels were an indication of the importance and success of this community event. We look forward to our Grandparent’s Day on August 21 where we will showcase and celebrate our work with grandparents and community members. Such activities encourage a sense of belonging, ownership and pride allowing children to develop connections and roots within our school community promoting well-being.

At the start of every school year we have a 10 day Successful Start program where students and their class teacher collaboratively develop a class code of conduct and class vision and purpose statements. These establish a class culture and promote the inclusion and importance of each individual student.

Our staff are using the Quality Teaching model where the three dimensions of a quality learning environment, intellectual quality and significance are linked to improved student engagement and learning outcomes.

The Virtues program provides a language of character for us allowing and promoting the development of virtues from within. Learning about respect, responsibility, courage, determination, friendship and tolerance encourages and supports students to be positive about their learning and each other.

Our student behaviour management framework is clear and consistent enabling students to feel safe and supported. It is based around the Virtues program and Restorative Practices where students learn to fix problems and make amends. This encourages independence, resilience and responsibility. Each student is explicitly taught our anti-harassment chart which ensures students have the knowledge and skills to assist them if they encounter a problem. We actively encourage students to seek help from staff and have three staff and Safe Buddies on duty in each break. Our annual Bully Audit is a way of collecting data from every student. This information informs our practice - such as the development of separate playground areas and allows us to monitor the student perspective around their feelings of safety and well-being.

**Term 3 Week 3**

23 July 2008

**Dates to Remember**

- **Thursday 7 August**
  - Musical Evening 6pm

- **Tuesday 12 August**
  - English Competition

- **Wednesday 13 August**
  - Governing Council

- **Friday 15 August**
  - Pupil Free Day

- **Thursday 21 August**
  - Grandparent’s Day

- **Friday 22 August**
  - Casual Clothes Day

- **Wednesday 27 August**
  - Computer Competition

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**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**FRIDAY 15 AUGUST**

**Musical Evening!**

Maylands Uniting Church Hall

Thursday 7 August

6 pm

**Virtues of the Week**

- **Week 4:** Courage
- **Week 5:** Determination
Our Be Active program, PE lessons, strong involvement in school sport with a record number of teams and the Active After Schools program at OSHC provide many opportunities for children to be physically active. Our Sports Leaders provide equipment each day on the oval to encourage participation and involvement during breaks.

Student Leadership roles provide opportunities for our Upper Primary students to add service and initiatives which add value to our school life. They foster the development of leadership skills and extend their school experiences. One of our newer teams, the Tech Team is offering lunchtime sessions in the computer room for students. As I watched them helping students in a calm, confident helpful manner yesterday I saw happy, engaged students of all ages. Our Performing Arts Leaders (PALs) will assist at our Musical Evening on Thursday evening (August 7) at the Maylands Church of Christ hall at 6 pm. This will be a wonderful evening where students will share their engagement and learning in Music and the Arts.

Many of our student leaders have weekly lunch time meetings and give of their own time to perform their roles. This engagement, dedication and diligence is pleasing and encourages self-confidence and responsibility.

We encourage our students to develop their ‘wings’ by risk-taking, problem solving, independence and being responsible learners in a dynamic, exciting and supportive environment. Our traditions and rituals (eg Sports Day) embedded in our school culture provide strong foundations (the roots) and daily school life the opportunities to soar with those wings.

Kind regards
Ros Green

**IT’S HAT TIME!**

Our SunSmart policy is about to recommence, and hat wearing will start again on Monday 18 August (Week 5).

Please help your children to find their hats, and remind them to bring them to school starting Week 5.

No hat, no outdoor play!

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**CRAFT GROUP NEWS**

Craft Group Location Change
Craft Group is now meeting on Wednesday mornings from 9am at Rainbow Tree, 320 Magill Road, Kensington Park. No experience necessary. We will be making things for the classrooms and to sell at the After School Market. Children welcome. Bring morning tea to share. Espresso coffee, treats and snacks available from Espresso Royale located on the opposite side of the hall.

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**FABRIC DYEING WORKSHOP**

Sunday 24 August
1pm to 4pm

Create beautiful cloths in the fabric of your choice to use for seasonal tables, play clothes for children etc. Places are limited. To book and for all other enquiries please call Rachelle on: 8362 2459.

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**AFTER SCHOOL MARKET**

Wednesday 10 September

BBQ sizzle, espresso coffee, milkshakes, cupcakes, biscuits, honey, craft, toys, tasty treats and more! Stallholders please book at front office.

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**GRANDPARENT’S DAY**

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**THURSDAY 21ST AUGUST**

As part of our Bookweek Celebrations we would like to invite all Grandparents to come and visit our school on Thursday morning. All children will be asked to dress up and if the weather is kind to us and it is not raining there will be a parade at 9am in the quadrangle. After the parade Grandparents are invited to visit their grandchild’s classroom until 10:30am, morning tea will be held in the Resource Centre after that. A Book stall will be set up where Grandparents can choose to buy and donate that book to the Library with a special bookplate inside recognising the donation. If it is raining students may still come dressed up ( remember to bring your school clothes too ). Grandparents come, but go straight to their grandchild’s classroom until 10am followed by Morning Tea held in the Resource Centre. We are looking forward to sharing this wonderful morning with Grandparents.

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**CONTEMPLATION**

*Does the following apply equally to a class and to your family as a team?*

**Ten Tenets of a High Performing Team**

1. Help each other be right, rather than wrong.
2. Look for ways to make new ideas work, rather than reasons they won't.
3. If in doubt, check it out, rather than making negative assumptions.
4. Help each other win and take pride in each other's victories.
5. Speak positively about each other and about the organization at every opportunity.
6. Maintain a positive mental attitude no matter what the circumstances.
7. Act with initiative and courage as if all depends on you.
8. Do everything with enthusiasm. It's contagious.
9. Believe in what you are doing.
10. Whatever you want, give it away.

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**FINANCE NEWS**

Welcome to all our new students. Accounts have been posted and prompt payment of any outstanding fees would be greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

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**VIRTUES OF THE WEEK**

**Week 4 - Courage**

Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. It is admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing. Courage is the strength in your heart.

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**Week 5 - Determination**

Determination is focusing your energy and efforts on a task and then sticking with it until it is finished. Determination is using your will power to do something when it isn’t easy. You are determined to meet your goals. Even when it is really hard, or you are being tested, you still keep going.
Inspired by Andy Griffiths

On 29 July Mrs Bakers, Ms Hales and Mr McCarthy’s class went to the Town Hall to see Andy Griffiths.

To get there we walked. On the way someone stepped on my toe and it went red and puffy. As soon as we could cross a road we did. It was hard to cross with all three classes so we went one by one.

Finally we got to the Norwood Town Hall. We had to climb 4 sets of steps. There was a lady selling all his books for $13.95 each. I couldn’t believe I didn’t die of thirst.

After 15 minutes a lady with a pirate suit on appeared. She talked like a pirate too. She said “And where’s that scally wag, Andy Griffiths, that all you folks are looking for?”

Five long minutes later Andy came. He talked about his life and his books. After that everyone asked some questions. The line was really long.

Next we got to line up for book signing. I was at the very end. For being last I got a poster.

I really enjoyed the day because I got to meet my favourite author.

By Brandon Moss Room 5W

Our class, Room 5 Mrs Baker, Mr McCarthy and Mrs Halles class went to the Norwood Town Hall to see Andy Griffiths. The day was 29 July.

The first thing we did was to walk there. I was the leader with Alex and Mrs Baker; also our class was first out of the three classes.

When we finally got to the Town Hall we first needed to wait for another class to go by. Not long afterwards the lady said we could go up the stairs. When we got up the stairs we saw a stall selling lots of Andy Griffiths books and most of the illustrations were by Terry Denton. After that we went into the room and sitting in chairs were lots of classes. I even saw Alby from Norwood Primary School. Up the top was a collage.

Suddenly the lights went dim and everybody screamed. A pirate came out of no where. She spoke about the new book ‘Treasure Fever’. At the end of her conversation she said, “where is that scally wag?”

Soon Andy Griffiths came onto the stage and he told us lots of dangerous things. He also told us about how to annoy your parents, annoy your brothers and sisters and even annoy your teachers.

Lastly, he signed our books with a little picture to go with the book.

Then we walked back. It was already home time.

I thought it was good. I recommend Andy Griffiths books for anyone that likes funny stories.

By Adam Rankine Room 5W

VIRTUES WALKATHON

Thank you to all those people who have returned their walkathon donations so promptly. We are really excited to find out exactly we have raised for our piazza.

If you still have donations outstanding please bring them in as soon as possible.

CANTEEN MEAL DEAL - TUESDAY 12 AUGUST

On Tuesday 12 August a canteen meal deal will replace normal lunch orders *No other lunch orders will be available on this day*. Deal for week 4, term 3:

- Chicken and Corn Soup with Garlic Bread
- OR
- Savoury Corn Soup with Garlic Bread
- Chocolate Brownie
- Water

All for only $6.00

I would like to order a Savoury Corn Soup and Garlic bread with/without Chicken (*please circle your choice*), Chocolate Brownie and a bottle of water for only $6.00

Name……………………………………………………………… Room……………………………..

Amount enclosed……………………………..
Family Fun Fair
Trinity Gardens School

November 1st 2008

This week’s stall donation drive is for

BOOKS/MUSIC/MULTIMEDIA
(Books, CDs, computer games, DVDs, Videos etc)

Please leave donations at the front office. All donations, second-hand or new, very much appreciated.

The committee will also gladly accept donations of - Sporting Goods, Tools and Hardware, Bric a’ Brac, Furniture, Baby Goods, Plants and clothes (No electrical goods please).

Do you own a business or have business contacts?

The Family Fun Fair Committee would love to hear from anyone who can help organise sponsorship for the fair and donations for a silent auction. Donations can be in the form of products or vouchers for goods and services. Sponsors will be acknowledged and promoted on fair day and through fair advertising.

ART FROM ROOM 11D

Evelyn Neuwirth’s year 1 Steiner class created some beautiful artwork recently based on the books ‘The Tomton’ and ‘The Tomton and the Fox’.

Casual Clothes Day

A casual clothes day will be held on Friday 22 August in week 5. The purpose of the day is to raise money for the Cancer Council. Please bring a gold coin donation and remember to dress casually!

Luke, Jack, Tess, Jane & Bronte