Dear Parents and Caregivers

A warm welcome is extended to all children and their families for our last term of school this year. The beginning of a term is always a special time for those beginning school for the first time. Sometimes this can be an anxious time for parents as well as children. If you are ever concerned about any aspect of schooling please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher. This term we welcome 13 new reception students and also Mary and Noela into Year 4 and Sienna and Joshua into the St Morris Unit. Staff enjoy welcoming new students to our school and we all keep a watchful eye on our ‘newies’.

Unfortunately Emma’s Reception Class will continue in their library home for a little while longer. It is very frustrating indeed to see our new classrooms on-site but not be able to use them. Hopefully site works will begin very soon and once the services have been connected we may be able to create a temporary access point so that we can use these rooms.

On a happier facilities note, the redevelopment of the St Morris Disability Unit has been continuing throughout the holiday break and will soon be completed, allowing the students and staff to move back into their ‘new’ home. Several new rooms have been created to cater for students with mobility and different needs. As well, the building has been painted, making it so fresh and clean. I lament that the rest of the school can’t also be painted but we do hope to lay new carpet in some classrooms before the end of the year.

This term we have 3 very important events in addition to class learning. The first is our Family Fun Fair on Saturday 1 November. The second is swimming for students in reception to Year 5 (the 6s and 7s had an aquatics camp earlier this year) and the third is our annual End of year Celebration on Wednesday 3 December. Please mark these dates in your diary so that you can be involved along with your children.

There will be some changes afoot in the school leadership this term. Our Assistant Principal, Ros Green, has long service leave for the first four weeks of term and I will be away for the last four weeks of term having a hip replacement. Steph Burton, our ICT Coordinator, will be Acting Assistant Principal for the term, firstly assisting me and then assisting Ros who will be Acting Principal from week 6 of term.

I am sure you will understand that this means a busier time for all of us in Administration. You can help by keeping track of dates and excursion/consent notes. If you have not finalised school fees you can save me a phone call as I will be contacting all those with fees outstanding. This is also the time of the year when I invite you to write to me providing information you wish staff to consider when placing your child in a class for 2009. Here’s more information on this process:

Class Placement Process for 2009

This term staff undertake the process of placing children in classes for 2009. This complex process takes into consideration the following factors for each child:

- Social and emotional maturity
- Learning needs
- Friendship groups
- Relationships with other children
- Gender, ethnicity, and ability balance within each class
- Previous class placements

You are invited to contribute to the process by writing to me with information about friendship groups and special educational requirements that you would like considered when placing your child in a class. Each teacher also makes recommendations for placing children in classes for next year.

While the structure for classes next year has not yet been decided, it is fairly safe to predict that there will be composite classes as this approach supports collaborative learning at its best. The staff and I will seriously consider the information provided by parents but cannot guarantee that all requests will be met. We aim to place each child with at least one of their friends. Once the classes are set, it is very difficult to make alterations because one change can affect the balance of friendships, ethnicity, gender and learning needs that we try so hard to achieve. Therefore, unfortunately, late letters cannot be accepted. Requests for specific teachers cannot be considered. There will be several new teachers in 2009.
Jenny Koteschel’s year 1/2 class have been producing gorgeous artwork celebrating Spring and also enjoying creating projects about animals.

Spring Artwork by A213

Like me, did you get the chance to have a look at some great ABC TV programs about child development over the holidays? There were two weeks of ‘Life at One’, then ‘Life at Three’ and Professor Fiona Stanley’s report of her research study on children. It struck me that there are 3 important areas where home and school can work together and when we do children will greatly benefit. First is healthy eating, secondly there’s activity and thirdly there’s building resilience. Children deserve the best home and school can teach them. For the young child, one alone is not enough.

Kind regards,
Vicki Stokes

OUR KITCHEN GARDEN

We are fortunate at Trinity Gardens to have a thriving garden that has been a passion for one of our Steiner teachers Mark Molloy, together with support from other staff and parents from both Steiner and mainstream classes. Gardening is an important part of the Steiner program in particular and the benefits of having a garden are many. The students grow vegetables and flowers and are able to cook and eat the produce they have nurtured. The skills learned include; the use and care of tools, conservation of water and wise water usage, observation of the role of insects during the seasons, worm farming, composting, seed collection, weather observation and nursery work. The Kitchen Garden is a credit to all involved.
**Canteen Meal Deal - Tuesday 21 October**

On Tuesday 21 October a canteen meal deal will replace normal lunch orders - *No other lunch orders will be available on this day.*

**Deal for week 2, term 4:**

- Fish & Chips with Salad
- Vege Strips & Chips with Salad
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*With a scrumptious Apple Turnover*

*And a bottle of Water*

*All for only $6.00*

I would like to order Fish and Chips or Vege Strips (*please circle your choice*) with an Apple Turnover and a bottle of water - for only $6.00

Name: ____________________________________________________________  Room: __________________________

Amount enclosed: ____________________________________________

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**Family Fun Fair**

Trinity Gardens School - November 1 2008

*Our Family Fun Fair is less than three weeks away!*

Can you help out for an hour on one of the stalls? If so, please fill in tear off slip above and return it to the front office.

- Family Fun Fair Sausage sizzle only $2
- Children’s craft kits available at the Fair. Choose from masks, tiaras, wands, beads and Christmas cards all $2.50 each
- Free Entertainment at the Fair
  - Face painting, storytelling, line dancing, taekwondo demonstration and jazz players as well as visits from the fire brigade, ambulance and more!
  - Trinity Gardens School Port - the perfect Christmas gift for Grandpa!
  - Three year aged port bottled for Trinity Gardens School with our own special label. Available at the fair for $10.00 per bottle. There are a limited number also available in handmade fabric gift bags - see the display in the front office.

Can you bake? Are you interested in cooking for the Family Fun Fair? We are now calling for items for the cake stall.

**Sweets, Treats and Cakes**

We hope the Cake Stall at the Fair can sell a large variety of items, but we definitely need your help. If you can cook during the week of the Fair we need to know if you can pledge your support for the cake stall. We need items that will be in good condition for sale on 1 November (no cream please!) as well as longer shelf life items we need fresh shorter shelf life items such as:

- Muffins
- Cup cakes
- Tea cakes
- Scones
- Shortbread
- Cookies
- Gingerbread
- Fudge
- Fruit cake
- Peppermint Ice
- Toffee
- Turkish Delight

Please remember all foods require an ingredient list and need to be pre-packaged (cellophane or zip lock) into small packets ready for sale.

Please drop off your produce to the School Office.

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**Healthy Eating Tips**

A healthy breakfast wakes up your child’s body by starting their metabolism. Breakfast provides the energy children need for the day. Research has found that children who skip breakfast tend to weigh more. This may be because these hungry children eat more later during the day. Mornings can be a mad rush for many families. Thankfully, breakfast can be relatively quick and easy to prepare with options like yoghurt and fruit, cereal and milk, or toast.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Cricket:**

Our cricket teams of Year 2/3 and Year 4/5 players will be playing this term. Our first match will be this Saturday, October 18. A program of matches and venues will be sent home as soon as it is available.

Thank-you to John Edwards for coaching our Year 4/5 team and to Teresa Mingoia for managing the Kanga Cricket year 2/3 team. Thanks also to all those parents who support and assist both teams.

**WEATHER POLICY (as per Cricket Australia Junior Cricket Policy):**

If the forecast temperature is 38 degrees or over on the Friday night 6pm ABC Radio news bulletin (or Thursday night news bulletin for Friday afternoon matches), all games will be cancelled. If our school wishes to cancel a game at a lower temperature, we will need to contact our opposition.

**MILO in2Cricket**

A fun introduction to the game for 5 - 9 year old cricketers run at Colonel Waite Oval, South Terrace, Kensington Gardens. Two sessions are offered on Saturday mornings during Term 4 starting on October 25 with a skill-based session for beginners from 8.30 - 9.30am and game based session for older participants from 9.30 - 10.30am.

Cost is $45 to register plus $1 per week. All participants receive a Cricket Kit including a bat, ball, bucket hat, tattoos, CD-ROM, t-shirt and a sachet of Milo.

For more information please contact Ben Johnswood on: 0438 860048.

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**TERM 4 TENNIS COACHING**

The Atlilio Waltcheff Tennis School is excited to announce that from Term 4, 2008 we will start to operate under the State Tennis banner. Striving to continue to offer what we consider to be the best coaching programs in SA. We can now take students as young as 4 years of age at our State Tennis Paynerahm facility, kick-starting a path to life-long enjoyment of our beautiful game. For information and enrolments call Atlilio on 8370 5597.

**OSHC NEWS**

Bookings are available for Before and After School Care by phoning Edwina on 83326901.

**SEEKING A SPORTS PERSONALITY!**

We are seeking a willing ‘sports personality’ who is able to be a part of our Sports Presentation Awards Assembly on Wednesday 26 November at 9am. Any help you may be able to provide in contacting a sports person you may know would be greatly appreciated. If you have a contact who fits the bill please contact Steph Burton, in the front office. Many thanks for your help.

**VIRTUES OF THE WEEK**

**Week 1 - Confidence**

Confidence is having faith in something or someone. It is a kind of trust. When you have self-confidence, you trust that you have what it takes to handle whatever happens. You feel sure of yourself and enjoy trying new things. When you are confident in others, you rely on them and confide in them.

**Week 2 - Creativity**

Creativity is the power of imagination. It is a way to develop your special talents. Creativity is seeing something in a new way, and finding a different way to solve a problem. It is using your imagination to bring something new into the world. Creativity helps us to be all we can be.

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**WORDSW OF WISDOM ~ UPFRONT**

“The beauty of life is, while we cannot undo what is done, we can see it, understand it, learn from it and change. So that every new moment is spent not in regret, guilt, fear or anger, but in wisdom, understanding and love.”

- Jennifer Edwards

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE SA POLICE**

“Halloween Safety Tips For Trick Or Treating”

It’s important for all young people to follow these 8 simple safety tips so that everyone can have a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

1. Ensure your child is wearing a costume or mask that allows them to see and breathe easily and make sure they are able to take it off on their own.

2. A parent or older brother or sister needs to accompany all children. Children should never go “trick or treating” by themselves.

3. Children should only go to houses that their parents are familiar with and only approach the house if the front outside light is switched on.

4. After knocking on the door and saying “trick or treat”, children should stay at the front door and never enter inside the person’s house.

5. Children should not approach any vehicle unless the child and parent know the occupant.

6. Before children set out to go “trick or treating” parents should sit down and talk with them about these tips and instruct their child to make a scene or scream if someone tries to grab them of force them into a car or house.

7. At the end of the evening, parents should inspect all of their children’s “treats” and dispose of any lollies that are not wrapped or appear to be tampered with.

8. An alternative to “trick or treating” is holding a Halloween party at home, that way all children are supervised in a safe environment and can still enjoy celebrating Halloween.

These “Halloween Safety” tips have been provided to you by the South Australia Police State Crime Prevention Branch.

For additional information regarding Halloween safety tips please go to: www.halloween-safety.com