Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome children and families to the 2008 school year. What a lucky school we are to have so many happy, healthy students returning to school still carrying a summer glow. Please see below for a list of students new to Trinity Gardens. We also welcome three new staff members: Cathryn Banner as the Year 3/4 Steiner class teacher, Harriet Wilmore as the Year 1 class teacher and Belinda Chandler as an administration officer.

Already there is news to share! Fortunately, just before Christmas we gained permission to remove the poplar trees, so over the summer break there were quite a few developments. In early January the site was prepared for the new classrooms. We even got enough rain to keep the dust down. Then on Friday 18 January the classrooms were delivered. They came in four large sections and were fitted together and now we have two new classrooms. You will see how we connected. The carpet and vinyl is still to come. We even got enough rain to keep the dust down. Then on Friday 18 January the classrooms were delivered. They came in four large sections and were fitted together and now we have two new classrooms. You will see how we connected. The carpet and vinyl is still to come.

This week will see more services connected. The carpet and vinyl is still to come and the wall between the rooms is not yet finished. The air-conditioning is installed, all windows are double glazed and the walls are insulated so once inside the building it is remarkably quiet. The verandah and paving are still to come. Meanwhile the play equipment has been relocated. This equipment is for our youngest students and the new location makes supervision easier. The donated kindy swing has also been added. The new sandpit is full and I expect the shade cover to appear any day.

Due to strong enrolment demand from our local community we anticipate having enough students for another class so we are starting the year with 14 classes, one more class than we had expected.

Although this has meant some re-organisation, it is preferable as it means lower class numbers. Our Year 1 Class will use the Resource Centre until the new rooms are ready as we do not have any spare classrooms. The staff too will continue to go without their staffroom until the new classrooms are completed. Provided numbers hold as current, so will our classes. All schools are audited on enrolment and there are very strict rules so we thank you for your understanding in these crucial first two weeks of school.

Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Breakfast day at Trinity Gardens. Easter is early this year and so of course is Pancake Day. Even though we have more students this year we would still like to maintain this tradition but we will need help. We are seeking donations of pancake mixture and toppings. The mixture you shake in the bottles works well. Any pre-mixed batter is welcome on the morning. Donations of time to help cook and serve are also needed. We need to start cooking at 7:00am to get enough pancakes ready by the time children arrive at school. I love cooking and would enjoy your company if you too can cook a pancake. Please fill out the slip on page 3 of the newsletter if you can assist.

Next Wednesday evening, 6 February, is the annual Acquaintance Night and Governing Council AGM. All parents are invited to both events. A nomination form for Governing Council was included with the invoice for school fees sent out last week or you can pick one up from the Front Office. There are 3 vacancies for Governing Council this year. Please see me if you would like any other information. Acquaintance Night forms part of our reporting to parents policy. On this night teachers share information about class routines and the program. Children are welcome, however supervision remains with parents. Please do not allow your child to interrupt the teacher’s presentation.
Finally we are to have an official Drop Off Zone. Thank you to the Norwood, Payneham and St Peters Council who have sign posted a section of Jones Avenue alongside the ELC. The area will be now be patrolled by the traffic compliance officer on a regular basis and fines issued for infringements.

Between the hours of operation the main points to be aware off are:
- The driver must stay with the vehicle at all times
- The driver must only stop the vehicle in the zone for immediate pick up or drop off of passengers
- The pick up or drop off should take no longer than 2 minutes
- Drivers must not wait in the zone for their passengers to arrive. If the passengers are not present the driver should drive around the block and return.

Thank you for you adherence to these conditions.

The following is a list of teaching staff for 2008:

- Tiffany Mullin  Reception
- Sheri Hurn  Reception
- Dimity Beaumont  Steiner Reception
- Harriet Wilmore  Year 1
- Evelyn Neuwirth  Steiner Year 1
- Jenny Koteschel  Year 1/2
- Tonia Doody  Year 2
- Mark Molloy  Steiner Year 2
- Terry Baker  Year 3
- Julie Hales  Year 3/4
- Cathryn Banner  Steiner Year 3/4
- Gerry McCarthy  Year 4/5
- Steph Burton  Year 5/6
- Dean Sheppard  Year 6/7
- Robyn Stevenson  St Morris Unit

Schools are busy and complex places and yet the services offered are so very important. If you have a question, or a concern, or a suggestion, please do not hesitate to come into the Front Office to tell us. You are always welcome to meet with me and appointments can be made through the Front Office. I am very positive that 2008 will be a great year for Trinity Gardens School and I look forward to sharing information with you in our fortnightly newsletters. We are an inclusive school where we believe “children who learn together, learn to live together”.

Vicki Stokes
Principal

STEINER STREAM MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGES

An error was made by DECS during the watermarking process of the original notification, resulting in the Access to Equipment line not being accurately reflected. A revised copy has been included below. The totals remain the same as on the original invoice. Thank you to one of our parents for bringing this to our attention.

Karen
Finance Officer

CANTEEN NEWS

Our fortnightly ‘meal deals’ have returned this year. These will be on Tuesdays in Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. No other lunch orders will be available on these days.

These deals will consist of a meal, a drink and a treat. If you buy four ‘meal deals’, the fifth one is free!

The order form for Week 2 is on page 3 of this newsletter.

Teresa Davidson
Canteen Manager

VIRTUE OF THE WEEK

Weeks 1 & 2 - Respect

Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves, others, and the world around us. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful we treat others as we want to be treated.

Respect includes honouring the rules of our family or school, which make life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.
If you are interested in receiving your newsletter by email, please send an email to our editor at:
rachel.neale@trinitygps.sa.edu
to let her know.
That way we get your correct email address and you can receive future newsletters electronically.

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**

Years 2 to 7 children can participate in school basketball and cricket teams during this term after school dependent on adult coaches being available for teams. Names of children interested in playing cricket or basketball will be collected at school and notes sent home with all appropriate information.

Registration fees apply to both cricket and basketball and a uniform hire fee applies to basketball. Please think about coaching basketball or cricket this term and contact Ros at school if you can assist with our school sport as a coach.

**MUSIC NEWS**

Piano, violin and guitar lessons are available at school for students from Years 2 to 7. Lessons are usually rotated during the school day so the child does not miss the same lesson in class. There is a cost per lesson.

Please contact Ros for contact numbers if your child/children are interested in learning one of these instruments.

**OSHC NEWS**

Our Vacation care program conducted during the school holidays was very successful and children enjoyed a variety of activities and excursions.

Bookings for Before School Care and After School Care are available and may be made by contacting Edwina, our OSHC Director on 83326901. An enrolment form needs to be completed before children can attend OSHC.

All Reception children attending After School Care are collected by an OSHC staff member. Children from Years 1 to 7 make their way to the hall as soon as they are dismissed from their class.
The school community extends a warm welcome to the following students and their families who have joined us this year:


ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT PROGRAM - WED 6 FEBRUARY

Early Learning Centre – open from 6:00 until 7:00 pm

6:00 pm - Mainstream & Steiner Reception classes
Steiner classes 1 & 3/4, and Mainstream Yr 4/5

6:30 pm - Steiner Class 2, and Mainstream Yr 2, Yr 5/6 and Yr 6/7

7:00 pm - Yr 1, Yr 1/2, Yr 3, Yr 3/4 and St Morris

7:30 pm - Governing Council AGM in Resource Centre

Come and hear your child/children’s teacher share their routines and plans for the year.

NEW FRIENDS FROM RM6W

Alex

Maya

Jack

CATHOLIC FAMILY PROGRAMS

Hectorville Catholic Parish runs children’s programs intended to support families in their efforts to build faith, wellbeing, contentment and resilience.

When: Sunday 9:30-10:20am
Monday 3:30-4:20pm
Wednesday 3:30-4:20pm
Friday 3:30-4:20pm

For further information please contact Sister Marie Victory on 0412 805 173 or 8365 3973.

MILO CRICKET

MILO Have A Go Cricket
What: A fun introduction to the game of cricket for boys and girls aged 5-6 years old
Where: Colonel Waite Oval (South Tce, Kensington Gardens)
When: Starting Saturday 9th February
Time: 8:30-9:30am
How: Simply turn up at the first session to register
Cost: $35 per participant +$1 per week

MILO Have A Game Cricket
What: A fun game-based cricket program for boys and girls aged 6-7 years old
Where: Colonel Waite Oval (South Tce, Kensington Gardens)
When: Starting Saturday 9th February
Time: 9:30-10:30am
How: Simply turn up at the first session to register
Cost: $35 per participant +$1 per week

All participants receive free MILO merchandise.

KID’S TAEKWONDO

Classes are designed to improve fitness, develop confidence, and learn self-discipline.

Burnside
Anglican Church Hall
486 Glynburn Road
Tuesday or Thursday at 5:30pm

Highgate
Highgate Guide Hall
Curloss Avenue, Myrtle Bank
Wednesday 5:00pm

For further information ring 8273 4221 or 0412 909 500

TERM 4 TENNIS

James Partington Tennis Clinics are commencing a new term of lessons for children and adults from 1 February 2007.

Clinics are held at the East Torrens Kensington Gardens Tennis Club after school and on the weekends in group and private lessons.

Free ‘Come’N’Try’ lessons for 4-13 year olds are also being held on 2 and 3 February.

For more information or to book in, please phone James on 8332 9603 or check out www.tennisclinics.com.au

WELCOME!