Dear Parents and Caregivers

Congratulations to our 4 Walla Rugby teams. The girls won their division. Jessica Jurjevic and Jack Davis were each named Most Valued Player for their gender for the carnival. What a grand result!

It is with pleasure that I announce the Governing Council for 2008. Thank you to the following people who have made a commitment of service to Trinity Gardens School.


At this time, on behalf of the school community, I especially thank our retiring counselors Mary Boufkas, Jo Mansfield and Elvia Shauki. Mary has been a long time counselor, so passionate about school development and who worked tirelessly throughout the building of our first gymnasium building. She has also made a significant contribution to gaining an improved new gym second time around. Thanks Mary, you will definitely receive an invitation to the opening of the replacement gym in about 18 months time.

Jo’s passion has been our physical environment. Over time Jo has been instrumental in receiving several local council grants, for example for the food forest, the bush tucker trail and our much loved Lizard Seat. Jo also engaged the Eastern Suburbs Permaculture Group who has worked regularly with classes. I hope you will consider joining the grounds committee, Jo!

Elvia was convenor of the Grants sub-committee and brought to Governing Council many years’ experience of governance from Victoria as well as her expertise in business education. Elvia travels widely and her contribution has brought new perspectives to Governing Council. Thanks Elvia!

Special thanks also to Pru Neck-Kelly who retires as Chairperson of Governing Council but continues in her term as counsellor. Congratulations to Caralyn Lammas who was elected unopposed as Chairperson. She is joined on Executive with Sarah Morelli as Secretary, Paula Jolly as Treasurer and myself. There is a note to follow from Caralyn and I do hope you are able to support her and our Governing Council team.

On another topic, may I please ask for your cooperation with two matters. Firstly, teachers respectfully ask that you wait outside for your child in the yard at the end of the day. The corridors are simply too congested and it is hard to track student movement. Please set a meeting place and make sure your child waits for you. This request does not apply to new Reception children who may be collected from their classroom, or if you have a pre-arranged meeting with the teacher.

The second request relates to the ‘kiss and drop’ zone. It is pleasing to see an increased use of the zone as, after all, that’s what the zone is for! After school though, we need to keep the cars flowing. Please ask your child to move promptly to the waiting area next to the silky oak tree. This way, pick up is quick and the flow of traffic can be maintained. It is illegal to leave your car and it clogs up the works if you stay longer than 2 minutes. Be prepared, sometimes you may need to do a turn around the block.

The Junior Primary play area is now open and it is lovely to see it used by siblings after the morning bell and again after school. The new swings are particularly popular. We have a brand new drinking fountain near the Resource Centre. The verandah and entrance way to the new classrooms are almost complete and the last section of paving should start soon. Expected handover of the new classrooms is still on track for 11 March.

Vicki Stokes
Principal
GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

Hello, my name is Caralyn Lammas and I am the recently elected Chairperson of Governing Council. My family and I have been a part of the TGPS community since 2001 and are committed to the school until 2016. I have one son Luke, in Year 7 and another, Harvey, in the ELC.

After being a member of the fundraising committee for the past 3 years, and a Governing Council member last year, I am pleased to accept the extra responsibility of the role of Chairperson. I am passionate about our school, its children and community and am committed to working hard to help achieve the goals of our school. Our Governing Council members are also passionate, committed and hard-working people. In addition to their work on the Governing Council, they each are responsible for a sub-committee portfolio.

We need people to join our sub-committees. The commitment is only a few hours per term; the benefit is the completion of projects and the action of programs that support our children. The following are examples of work undertaken by our various sub-committees: the lizard seat; the playgrounds’ grant; healthy choices canteen menu; various sports teams; the quiz night; the future bigger and better gym.

There are 10 sub-committees to choose from. Inserted in this newsletter is a form you can fill out and return to the Front Office. The form contains information about each sub-committee and space for your contact details. You may elect to join more that one committee, and more than one person may use each form.

Please complete and return the form even if you have previously been a sub-committee member or had made an informal commitment to become one this year. I would especially like to hear from families new to our school; becoming involved is a great way to meet other families with interests similar to yours. I look forward to a strong and positive response from our school community.

I am at school mornings and afternoons on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please come and talk to me. If you don’t know me, ask around; someone will be able to point me out. You can contact me on 8364 6982 or 0439 273 960 or clash@chariot.net.au.

Caralyn Lammas
Chairperson
TPGS Governing Council

HARMONY DAY

We would like to extend an invitation to our school community to attend our Harmony Day assembly on Thursday March 20 at 9:00am in the quadrangle.

Students are invited to wear a national costume or their national dress.

For children who do not already have such clothes, we encourage them to wear orange clothes as orange is the designated colour for Harmony Day. School uniform can be worn if families do not have national costumes or orange clothes. There is certainly no need to purchase new clothes for our assembly.

Songs, dances and student presentations will feature in this event.

This assembly will celebrate the multicultural nature of our school and value our diversity and inclusivity.

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you are interested in receiving your newsletter by email, please send an email to our editor at:

rachel.neale@trinitygps.sa.edu.au
to let her know.

That way we get your correct email address and you can receive future newsletters electronically. If you choose to receive your newsletter electronically, please tell your child and their teacher that there is no longer any need for them to collect a hard copy.

Apologies to those who tried to contact me last fortnight. I have now included the correct email address.

VIRTUES OF THE WEEK

Week 5 - Excellence
Excellence is doing your best – giving your best to any task you do or any relationship you have. Our school motto is Strive for Excellence and we expect all students to do their best. Excellence is the key to success. When you practise excellence, you can make a difference in this world.

Week 6 - Friendliness
Friendliness is being a friend. It is taking an interest in other people. It is going out of your way to make others feel welcome or to make a new person feel at home. When you are friendly, you happily share your belongings, time, ideas, and feelings. You share the good times and the bad times together. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness.

FINANCE NEWS

Payments of the Materials & Services Charge (School Fees) for 2008 should now have been completed unless a signed payment plan has been accepted by Front Office staff, or a School Card application has been submitted and has not yet been processed.

Initial statements will be sent home via your child early next week – please check your child’s bag. If there is an outstanding amount, prompt payment would be appreciated. Please be mindful that payments according to the agreed payment plan are due on the 15th of March, April & June unless completed earlier.

A voluntary, tax deductible Building Fund donation of $50 towards our new Gym is included on all statements for 2008. If you are in a position of being able to contribute to our Building Fund please consider doing so – every dollar counts!

Finally, I would like to thank the majority of families who have already finalised fee payments and /or submitted School Card applications – your prompt attention to these matters is appreciated.

If you require any assistance regarding payment of 2008 fees, please contact me on 8431 4170, or call in to the Front Office.

Karen Barrow
Finance Officer

COMPETITION NEWS

Our school will be again be offering the competitions conducted by the University of New South Wales for students in Years 3-7. Entry forms will be coming home with interested students shortly.

CANTEEN NEWS

Our fortnightly ‘meal deals’ are available on Tuesdays in Weeks 6, 8 and 10. 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 is on page 3 of this newsletter.

No other lunch orders will be available on these days. Students who order anything other than a meal deal will be given a vegemite sandwich.

Teresa Davidson
Canteen Manager
**SPORTS NEWS**

The students are enjoying their participation in cricket and basketball teams with many wins and close encounters. Thank you to parents for their assistance, support and understanding.

As soon as the correct timetables are available for basketball, a copy will be sent home. Teams have now been finalised and are displayed on the noticeboard near Room 9J. Updated basketball programs will initially be posted on the noticeboard before copies are sent home. The large number on the timetable gives you an indication of the latest update.

New basketball singlets have been ordered and will be supplied to those students waiting for their uniforms as soon as they arrive at school. The stadium is able to provide bibs for our teams in the interim.

Please ensure your child/children are supervised by an adult family member or adult delegate as it is not the responsibility of the coaches, who are all volunteers, to be totally responsible for your child during their sports match.

It is also a lovely time to spend with your child watching them play, interacting with other parents and perhaps assisting with the team. This support of your child will encourage them to continue with their sport and become actively involved in a healthy lifestyle.

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**CANTEEN MEAL DEAL - TUESDAY 4 MARCH**

On Tuesday 4 March a canteen meal deal will replace normal lunch orders.

**NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY.**

We will be providing a special lunch consisting of a Chicken & Vegetable Pie or a Vegetable Quiche with Salad plus a Chocolate Mousse and a Bottle of Water for $6.00. These lunches need to be pre-ordered. If you would like to participate, please fill out the form below and return it to the canteen by Monday 3 March.

**I would like to order:**

- [ ] Chicken and Vegetable Pie with Salad
- [ ] Vegetable Quiche with Salad
- Plus a chocolate mousse and a bottle of water for $6.00

Name: ___________________________ Room: ________________

Amount enclosed: ________________

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**HEALTHY FOR LIFE**

Many children are missing out on the calcium needed to build bones strong enough for long, active lives. Children need 2-3 serves of calcium-rich foods every day. Low-fat dairy foods are an easy source of calcium and are Green under the Right Bite strategy for school canteens.

‘Extra’ foods, low in nutritional value, may be pushing calcium-rich foods out of children’s diets. Replacing less healthy snacks with low-fat serves of cheese, milk or yoghurt in lunchboxes will help children get the calcium they need each day, before filling up on ‘extras’.

Healthy choices include:

- 200ml low-fat plain or flavoured milk
- 30g low-fat cheese – with crackers, on a sandwich, on a hot potato, etc.
- 100ml low-fat yoghurt (add flavour with fresh fruit)

When your children choose an Amber food higher in fat or sugar, encourage them to select a high-calcium food, such as frozen yoghurt, mousse or custard.

A delicious selection of calcium-rich foods is available daily in the canteen to help make healthy choices easier.

_Canteen Committee_

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**SOCCER NEWS**

A note will be coming home shortly to all students who are interested in playing soccer this year.

Please give some thought as to whether you would be available to coach or manage a team.

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**SING, SING, SING**

Young Adelaide Voices is enrolling boys and girls in Years 1-7 for 2008.

You can expect:

- Top quality tuition
- Regular performances
- Musical excellence
- Friends beyond school
- Weekly rehearsals after school
- Reasonable term fees
- A caring environment

For more information please phone Belinda on 8362 3885 or visit their website www.youngadelaidevoices.asn.au

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**BOOK FAIR**

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL CHILDREN’S BOOK SALE!**

**THOUSANDS OF BOOKS ON SALE!**

**ALL STOCK DISCOUNTED UP TO 90%!**

**WHEN:**

- Thursday 28th February 10.00am – 6.00pm
- Friday 29th February 8.00am – 5.00pm

**WHERE:**

St Peters Town Hall
101 Payneham Road, St Peters

**Don’t miss out!**

For more information Ph: 1800 024 840 or email bookfairs@scholastic.com.au
Work will begin on our mural on Monday 3 March 2008. Helen Lindon and Celine Monier of The Painted Wall will be the artists co-ordinating this project, funded by a successful grant application in 2007.

We are creating an artwork that represents the school’s commitment to development, growth and joy, identity of place, people and history, and diversity and inclusion.

In addition we wanted to make the building more welcoming to all students who use the building including Out of School Hours Care students and students who have music lessons in the building. We will also provide opportunities for participation in the mural by school and OSHC students and community members.

Following the consultation process, the mural design will incorporate large dairy cows, children engaged in various activities and flora and fauna native to the area. We will borrow the style of a very famous series of six tapestries made 500 years ago and reinterpret them in an Australian setting. The Lady and the Unicorn originals are held in the Cluny museum in Paris and deal with the five senses. While it features main figures, the background has many plants and animals arranged through it. We will use the senses of touch, taste and hearing.

We will paint the mural in the mornings with small groups of older students who elect to contribute to the mural. We will also conduct training/painting workshops in the afternoon at OSHC for parents/caregivers where adults and their child will learn to paint a small mdf panel of either a native animal or plant that can be attached to the main mural and painted into the larger mural.

If you would like to work from 3:00pm until around 5:00pm (Mondays to Thursdays) with the artists in OSHC please lodge your expression of interest at the Front Office – you will be notified of the date of your workshop. Please note that adult numbers are strictly limited.

Our project also requires:

- The addition of blueboard (fibre cement) to cover the rest of the weatherboard (it is optional but would give a much better finish). Helen Lindon has details about this.
- The donation of old sheets, bedspreads or curtains for drop sheets
- The donation of takeaway containers and lids for paint
- The donation of large and small brushes that may not come back - a sample of sizes will be available in the Front Office by Thursday.

If any community members can assist this project please contact Ros or Edwina or bring articles to the Front Office. All assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Ros Green
Assistant Principal

School Mural Expression of Interest

My child ………………………………. and I would like to participate in the training/painting workshops from 3:00 to around 5:00pm to contribute to the school mural with the artists.

I am available on: (please tick days you are available)

☐ Mondays    ☐ Tuesdays    ☐ Wednesdays    ☐ Thursdays

Child’s name: ………………………………. Class teacher: ………………………………

Parent Name: ……………………………….. Parent Signature: ………………………………. 