Dear Parents and Caregivers

Even though I am on long service leave there were a few things that I wanted to share with you since our last newsletter so I decided to write this message before I left. Welcome to term 2! I hope while you are reading this I am enjoying Spring and you are getting rain! Seems funny doesn’t it?

Firstly, thanks to everyone who contributed to a wonderful Sports Day in the last week of term. Congratulations to Trinity House in their first ever Sports Day win. All children entered into the spirit of the day to make it a memorable occasion. If you altered a work schedule to attend, thank you so much.

At long last we have received drawings of our new gym. How exciting! I know it is the news we have all been waiting for. The drawings are on display in the front office for your welcome perusal. Those of you who were here when we had the old/new gym will easily be able to see the new improvements Governing Council has been able to achieve. The gym floor space is bigger (2 metres wider), a performance area has been created, the kitchen is bigger and the foyer bigger with a second set of double doors and a glass viewing area. These are the results of quite a deal of negotiation and I believe will produce a wonderful facility for our school community. The plans are now being drawn ready for the tender process so we will see action this year.

That brings us to the Piazza. The ideal design includes a paved area with amphitheatre style seating that would be a wonderful outdoor learning area. To achieve this we need your help to pave the dirt in between the gym and the new Devitt buildings. A pack of information will be sent home with this newsletter explaining how you can purchase bricks and create a design or print for a brick. Your child will also be doing a hand drawn brick design in class, which will be sent home by the end of week 2. If this is the design you wish to use instead of the one created at home, please send it back to the office with the payment forms.

Have you seen our hall mural yet? We have included a couple of features with this newsletter to entice you to have a closer look. I’m told it even looks great from Portrush Road.

What about the hard court area? Thanks to a grant from the Investing in Our Schools Program the hard court area was dug up during the holidays and resurfaced. Once the surface has ‘set’, a rubberised finish will be applied along with new line markings (basketball, netball and tennis). Check out the courts on your way to see the mural!

You will also see action preparing for the delivery of our next dual portable classrooms. We hope these will be ready for occupation from Term 3 when we expect to start a new class. This will necessitate a shuffle because new receptions will not occupy these rooms as they are better suited to older students. Staff will work through a process to determine who will move to the new rooms.

The new sandpit surround has now been completed. The play platform nurtures creative and imaginative play whilst doubling as a seat, especially for you after hours when you may be using our wonderful facilities.

Congratulations to two of our senior student leaders, Jane Burton and Betty Huang. Jane, a passionate violinist, has won a place in the Primary Schools Festival Orchestra. Her diligence and determination has been rewarded. Betty has won a place in the Festival of Music Dance Troupe and will perform during the festival on many nights as well as take her place in our own choir. What a wonderful achievement for a girl who last performed in China!

Our school values:
Respect
Responsibility
Learning

Term 2 Week 1
30 April 2008

Dates to Remember

Friday 2 May
Walk Safely to School Day

Thursday 8 May
Rm5 & Rm14 Excursion - Headhunter

Friday 9 May
Casual Clothes Day

Tuesday 13 - Thursday 15 May
NAPLaN Testing

Thursday 15 May
ELC & St Morris Photos

Friday 16 May
School Photos

Monday 19 May
Finance Advisory Committee, 7:00pm

Wednesday 21 May
Governing Council, 6:30pm

Friday 23 May
Pupil Free Day

Virtues of the Week

Week 1: Orderliness
Week 2: Joyfulness

REMINDER !!
Friday 23 May
Pupil Free Day
Congratulations to **Tess** Morris for her selection in the East Adelaide SAPSASA netball team to participate in the SAPSASA Statewide Carnival at ETSA Park in May. **Jessica** Svic has been nominated as a reserve to cover emergencies. Congratulations to both these girls for their determination, courage, excellence and perseverance.

Sadly this term we **farewell and thank** two long serving SSOs, Rachel and Emma, who have provided outstanding service to our school. Congratulations to Rachel who has won an administration job in the Festival of Music branch office. Lucky for us though, Rachel will continue with the choir. Emma leaves us in a few weeks to have baby number 5 and we wish her all the best.

**Welcome to our 13 new students** and their families. We are delighted to have you join our school community.

*Kind regards*
*Vicki Stokes*
*Principal*

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Entertainment books are available for sale at the front office now. Instead of sending them home with each child as we have previously done, we are selling them directly from the office. Be quick—we have limited stocks.

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**CASUAL CLOTHES DAY**

On Friday May 9 there will be a Casual Day raising money for the Royal Flying Doctor Association.

Children are invited to wear appropriate casual clothes for the day and donate a gold coin towards this worthy cause.

School Ambassadors

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**GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS**

**Special Events Planner.**

Please note the following dates in your diaries. More information will be following.

**Friday 13 June—Magic Wine Night**

Join with parents and friends of our school community at the school hall for a night of magic, wine and fun!

**Family Photos**

We are organizing a family photo day to be ready for Father’s Day gifts.

**Saturday 1 November —School Fair**

To help make this major event a success we need a team of people to plan and organize it. If you are interested in joining the School Fair Committee, a meeting will be held at Kellie and Shane Waite’s house at 7pm on Monday 19 May. You can contact Shane on 0417 800 622 or shane-waite@picknowl.com.au. Please be in touch even if you can’t attend the meeting. The more people, the easier, bigger and better our 2008 School Fair will be!

All funds raised from special events this year will be put towards the redevelopment of our Junior Primary area, including the piazza.

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**OSHC NEWS**

Our Vacation Care program was very successful with the Show day with a Jumping Castle being very popular with our highest ever attendance.

Other excursions included trips to the Movies and Bowling and the Wacky Warehouse proved to be a fun day.

Our thanks to the dedicated staff under the leadership of Edwina Guidolin who work passionately with a caring and diligent manner to ensure the children at our Vacation Care program have a happy and active time.

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

This year, the Early Learning Centre and St George’s Road netball team to participate in the SAPSASA Statewide Carnival at ETSA Park in May.

School photo day is Friday 16 May. On these days whole class photos and individual photos will be taken. If you want to order any of these photos please fill out the photo envelopes that are coming home Friday with each child and return them with the money enclosed to the **School Office before Wednesday 14 May**.

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**FINANCE NEWS**

Welcome to our new families—invoices will be posted next week so please look out for them! All invoices are payable within 14 days.

If you think you may be eligible for School Card assistance please see the front office staff for an application form.

Invoices outstanding from Term 1 are now overdue unless you have negotiated a payment plan. All payments are to be completed by 15 June.

Debt collection, as approved by Governing Council, will be implemented this term for non-negotiated outstanding payments.

Thanks, Karen.

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**VIRTUES OF THE WEEK**

**Week 1 - Orderliness**

Orderliness is being neat, and living with a sense of harmony. It is being organised and having a place for things when you need them. Orderliness is planning something so that it works, doing it step by step instead of going round in circles. Orderliness is putting first things first, and taking care of things you need to do.

**Week 2 - Joyfulness**

Joyfulness is being filled with happiness. It is a peaceful sense of well-being. Joy is inside us all. It comes from an appreciation for the gifts each day brings. Joy comes when we are doing what we know is right, and when we laugh and see the humour in things.
On Tuesday 6 May a canteen meal deal will replace normal lunch orders. NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY.

Meal Deal for Week 2, Term 2

- Noodle vegetable soup with a foccacia triangle
- Hot apple pie with custard
- 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 5 May.

If you have ordered a Canteen Meal Deal in Weeks 2, 4, 6, your meal in Week 8 will be FREE.

I would like to order
- noodle vegetable soup with a foccacia triangle
- hot apple pie with custard
- a bottle of water.

for $6.00

Name: ............................................................... Room: ..........................

Amount enclosed: ..........................
Thank you!

The teachers, staff and organizing committee would like to say a big “THANK YOU” to all the wonderful volunteers that gave up their time to help with sports day!

Thanks to your support and enthusiasm, the school community raised $1100!

Walk Safely to School

This Friday, 2 May, is Walk Safely to School Day.

The aim of this day is to encourage safe pedestrian behaviour and to promote the health benefits of walking.

Parents and Carers are asked to leave the car at home where possible and walk their children to and from school.

SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

The School Dental Service at East Adelaide will close and amalgamate with the clinic at Magill Primary School.

This service will be available from 19 May on 83330707 from Monday to Thursday.

Steiner News

Have you friends in the western suburbs who may be interested in a Steiner school? We are taking registrations of interest now!

We are also having a western suburbs Autumn festival and Puppet show—‘The Apple Cake’, Saturday 10 May 10.30am until 1pm, Reedbeds Community Centre, Fitch Rd, Fulham.

Only $10 entry per family! Home made soups, bread, drinks and treats available for purchase.

For more information on the Festival or the Western Adelaide Steiner School Project Initiative visit: www.futurefamilies.com.au