Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It has been a very busy and productive first two and a half weeks of term. Our Year 3, 5 and 7 students are completing the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy testing (NAPLaN), classes have gone on excursions, there has been Walk to School Day and a casual day to raise funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

School photos for St Morris and ELC children will occur this Thursday and Friday will be the day for the Reception to Year 7 classes.

Yesterday the Community Cabinet including the Minister of Education, Jane Lomax-Smith, the Chief Executive of DECS, Chris Robinson, the local State Member of Parliament, Vini Ciccarello and the District Director, Anne Millard visited our lovely school observing nominated parts. Jane Lomax-Smith presented a Premier’s Be Active Challenge Start up grant of $500 to our school represented by Adam Clutton, our PE teacher and a group of our Sports Leaders. As we walked around, there were children engaged in a PE activity on the oval, others skipping on the quadrangle and groups busily engaged on the Junior and Middle playgrounds completing learning tasks.

Our new sandpit caters for Reception and Year 1 students during recess and lunch and many others outside these times. It is a lovely new learning area where children can learn to co-operate and collaborate with others and create and explore design possibilities. We are explicitly teaching the students our sandpit behaviour conventions which include no throwing of sand and keeping the sand inside the sandpit at all times. One staff member commented that the pit was moving on the first day and the popularity of this area continues.

The Be Active rationale is just one part of our well-being and engagement priority for all students. Another is the Virtues program where children learn a language of character. With our Virtues of the Week, children learn the definition of the Virtues and complete activities. This helps them incorporate the Virtues language into their daily life. The Latin root of the word virtue is “virtus” meaning strength, power, capacity and energy. Acknowledging a virtue encourages its mastery and communicates the message, You have this power. I see it in you. The Virtues are a frame of reference for bringing out the best in children and ourselves.

To combine our Virtues and Be Active programs we will be conducting a Virtues Walk-a-thon on Thursday June 26 where all students will participate on the school oval. Details of this exciting planned event will be available later this term. This activity will raise funds to support our Virtues paving project. We plan to display all of the 52 Virtues in pavers in an area near the piazza. I wonder how many of these do you and your children already know?

Recently, I have received feedback about our wonderful students. I would like to share some examples that reflect our students’ commitment to their learning and their engagement at our school.

Chris Robinson, the DECS Chief Executive stated that children at our school were very friendly and happy. On another occasion a prospective parent commented on the friendly feeling throughout the school. A wonderful example of friendliness and courtesy was a Junior Primary student who on being asked how they were at the start of the day said, I am well thank you and how are you?
Our student leaders conducted an informative forum for our Community Cabinet visitors displaying the virtues of excellence and confidence. Would you have been able to speak eloquently and confidently speak to a group of about eight strangers when you were 12 or 13? A student told me after the event that they were very nervous and were shaking but their words were inspirational.

Many of our student leaders graciously give up their lunchtimes to assist younger students, organise play equipment and lunchtime activities. Our students in all classes are willing to act as buddies for new children to help them feel comfortable in their new school. Our bucket and tongs brigade assist our environment at lunchtimes, flags are raised daily, students always assist injured children and bins are made available every Monday – this service and care is greatly appreciated and adds a special dimension of community to our school life.

An invitation is extended to all school community members to attend our Working Bee for our Grounds on Saturday 24 May from 9 am to 1 pm. The aim is to work on the Junior Primary redevelopment preparing for plantings and landscaping. Any involvement will be greatly appreciated so bring your gardening gear and join in the fun.

We will welcome Vicki back from leave on Monday 19 May.

Thankyou to the school community for their support and encouragement during Vicki’s absence.

Kind Regards
Ros Green
Acting Principal

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SAFETY ISSUES

DROP OFF ZONE

Thankyou to all parents for using the Drop Off Zone as it assists the traffic congestion and adds safety for our students. A reminder that this area has a 2 minute waiting time. Drivers are asked to keep moving to the front of the line so other people do not have to double park while waiting.

GROUND WORKING BEE

SUNDAY 24 MAY
9 AM - 1 PM

Please come and help develop the Junior Primary Garden.
Many hands make light work!

Does anyone have a truck with sides to get a load of sawdust? Please contact Sally on 0405 747 706.

See you all there! Thankyou.

PAVERS

Don’t forget that orders for personalised brick pavers are due by the end of term 2. Please contact the Front Office staff if you have any queries.

YEAR 8 ENROLMENTS

Year 8 Student Enrolment

All enrolment forms for Year 7 students going on to secondary school should be in sent to our school office before Friday 30 May. This applies even if you are not attending the zoned school on the form you received.

STEINER NEWS

New Colours in the Steiner Stream!

During the school holidays, over 40 families contributed their precious time to paint the four Steiner classrooms in new colours. The working bee was a great success, with children, parents and caregivers all contributing to the project. As well, a group of dedicated parents have dyed and sewn new curtains, which add a beautiful softening effect to complete the rooms. The classrooms look wonderful and the children and teachers are really enjoying their new environment.

On behalf of ASEA and the TGPS Steiner Stream sub committee, we would like to sincerely thank all those involved in the organization and completion of this project.

Adelaide Steiner Education Association Invites all Parents to
The Autumn Parent Workshop 2008
‘Creating Wellbeing Through Transforming a School Outdoor Environment’
Date: Wed 4th June 2008
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: Devitt Building (TGPS)
Presenter: Karen Generowicz
Karen will speak about the importance of integrating wellbeing throughout the school environment with an emphasis on the development of outdoor learning and social spaces.

All welcome!

VIRTUES OF THE WEEK

Week 3 - Flexibility
Flexibility is being open to change. It means not always having to have your own way. It is being open to the opinions and feelings of others. With flexibility, you are willing to change your mind. If something doesn’t work, you try a new way. Flexibility is making changes for the better.

Week 4 - Patience
Patience is hope and trust, expecting things to turn out all right. It is being calm and tolerant when difficult things happen. It means showing acceptance when you or others make mistakes. Patience is learning to cope with things you cannot control, without complaining.

Our PE Teacher, Adam Clutton, local member Vini Ciccarello and a group of our Sport Leaders being presented with a Start Up Grant for the Premier’s Be Active Challenge by Jane Lomax Smith.

Our fantastic Canteen Manager, Teresa, helping Jane Lomax Smith purchase her healthy lunch after working up an appetite while touring our school!
OSHC NEWS

After School Care Service participates in the Active After Schools Community program. This Tuesday children engaged in a Wheelchair Sports program which kept them active but also gave them a perspective of how life is for people who use wheelchairs.

Our service is open on the Pupil Free Day on Friday May 23. Bookings are essential.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Please be advised that the Uniform Shop’s new opening hours are:

MONDAY AFTERNOON  2.45—3.30
FRIDAY MORNING  8.25—9.30

***NEW IN STOCK***

Navy blue fringed scarves
Great for winter
Only $7 while stocks last

CANTEEN BREAKFAST

The Canteen will be hosting a "Breakfast for Cancer” fundraiser on Thursday 22 May.

Drop into the Canteen between 8.30 and 9.30. For a gold coin donation, you can purchase a cuppa and a treat!

Donations of cakes, biscuits nibbles etc. very welcome!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Photo Day
Early learning Centre and St Morris Photo day is tomorrow Thursday 15 May. School Photo day is this Friday 16 May.

Payment envelopes with money enclosed should be in at the office now.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Thank you for your support of our casual day to assist the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Altogether we raised $325.45!

CANTEEN NEWS – WEEK 3, TERM 2

This winter, the canteen is providing lots of scrumptuous "green dot", reduced-fat dairy foods for children to choose at school, including pancakes with fruit and yoghurt (70c), hot custard with apple (70c), muffins with melted cheese (70c), Super Smoothies ($1) and hot chocolate ($1).

All the "green dot" dairy foods we make in the canteen are quick and easy for children to prepare for themselves at home, with a little help from an adult.

If you are enjoying the Super Smoothies we make at the canteen and can't get enough, why not try one at home? Simply blend up milk, yoghurt and fresh or frozen fruit. For cheesy muffins, put some grated cheese on top of half an English muffin and pop under the griller until the cheese is melted.

Children need to be encouraged to increase the amount of healthy, calcium-rich foods they consume to support strong bones, teeth and muscles and to make healthy eating an everyday habit. A child needs two to three serves of calcium per day. One serve is 30g cheese, one cup of milk or yoghurt, or half a cup of frozen yoghurt. Green, leafy veggies, legumes, sardines, and some nuts (eg almonds) are also good sources of calcium to remember when preparing snacks at home.

CANTEEN MEAL DEAL - TUESDAY 20 MAY

On Tuesday 20 May a canteen meal deal will replace normal lunch orders. No other lunch orders will be available on this day.

Meal Deal for week 4, Term 2

- Meatballs with Rice  OR  Vegies with Rice

- Yoghurt and Fruit and Jelly

- Bottle of Water

All for only $6

No other lunches available on that day.

Buy 4 meal deals—get the 5th free!!

I would like to order Meatballs  OR  Vegies with rice (please circle your choice) and yoghurt, fruit, jelly and water all for only $6.00

Name................................................................. Room....................................................

Amount enclosed........................................
**SPORTS NEWS**

To complement our Be Active philosophy we now have over 75 children participating in soccer on Saturday mornings and approximately 40 children playing basketball during the week.

**SAPSASA News:**
This Friday (May 16) Upper Primary students will participate in a SAPSASA knockout soccer competition on the Devitt Oval. Spectators are invited to support and encourage our students.

**Soccer News:**
Soccer training for Years 3, 5 and 7 teams occurs from 3 to 3.45 on Thursdays. Training day for the Year 4 teams is Wednesday from 3 to 3.45pm.

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**HEALTH NEWS**

Winter is approaching and often colds and flu can bring on asthma attacks in children. For help and advice call:

**Free Information Service**
Breathe Better Health Line
1800 645 130

The Breathe Better Helpline is a free service provided by the Asthma Foundation of South Australia. Please call our help line between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday to talk to our friendly educators.

The Breathe Better helpline can also arrange an appointment to meet with an asthma educator at their offices at Hilton.

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Please contact Edwina on 83326901.

**ATTENDANCE**

It is a DECS requirement that the school is notified of any absence for all children. Please inform the school by phone, a spoken message or in writing of any absence for your child/children.

Our school day starts at 8.45am and it is essential that children are ready to begin their learning at 8.45am. The school yard is supervised from 8.25am every morning. Allow your child to be at school in time for the start of day routines, a chat with the teacher and time to get organised for the day. Children who are late miss instructions and messages as well as time to get organised and prepare for a day of learning.

Before School Care is available for parents whose children need to be at school before 8.25 am.

**NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**

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

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**ROOM 13 RECOUNTS**

The students in Room 13 have been busy with recounts as part of their literacy study. Here are some samples of their work.

**At the Zoo.**
On Monday, my family went to the zoo in the car. First we saw the crocodiles then next we saw the turtles that had big shells. After that we saw the hippo. My mum loved them and there was a baby hippo. After that we saw the birds. I brought my binoculars to see the birds up close. Then we got to see the snakes. We had fun.

The end.

By Oscar M. Room 13

**Fitness.**
At fitness we were playing soccer and it was fun. We had a square and we had to kick the ball inside the square. Before we had a jog and we had to do two laps and after we had to do another run with the ball. Then it was recess.

By Claudia D. Room 13

**On the Weekend.**
On the weekend I went to the zoo and I saw a big big bear and I liked the lion. My dad liked the lion too but a bird came up to me and it got on to my finger and it stayed. I got up and it didn’t get off of my finger. It stayed. I bought a toy and I saw a big tiger. The bird came home with me and then it flew away.

We had a good fun day at the zoo.

By Dominique M. Room 13

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**Don’t miss out on this great opportunity!**

Did you know that the Gifted and Talented Children’s Association of SA, GTCASA run Saturday Club programs for gifted and talented children from Pre-school (3½ years) to year 10?

We offer a Provisional Membership when joining our Saturday Club program for one term, free of charge.

Our Saturday Club presenters are industry professionals who share some of their passion and knowledge to provide sessions for the children that are exciting and challenging. We even have sessions for the parents!

Attendance at Saturday Club requires completion of a Provisional Membership Application Form, Nomination Form and Medical Information form. To continue in the Saturday Club program after the provisional term, GTCASA membership criteria must be satisfied and accepted by GTCASA.

For more information including Saturday Club Session fees, refer to [www.gtcasa.asn.au](http://www.gtcasa.asn.au).

Alternatively, Contact Angela at the Resource Centre on 8373 0500, email [info@gtcasa.asn.au](mailto:info@gtcasa.asn.au)

Term 2 Programme – hurry places are limited. Book now.