Dear Parents and Caregivers

There are 3 important items of news this fortnight that I’d like to share with our community: the school website, the hardcourt area and industrial action.

Firstly, the school website is now live again! After quite some time this is wonderful news. The previous website was developed quite some time ago and when we had a close look at it we realised that an upgrade would not do the trick and instead we would need to do a total ‘make-over’. Finding a suitable person to do this was a challenge. There are plenty of people who specialise in school websites but they require high annual fees to maintain them and if schools don’t agree they lose the website. We wanted to own our website and we do! Preparing the text and photos was a mammoth job however we finally got there. Perseverance is a virtue. The website address is www.trinitygps.sa.edu.au. Please have a look at our new site. Already we have a list of things to add and ways to improve the site and after you have had a look please let us know if you too have suggestions for improvement. Now you can refer your friends to the school website when they want to know about our school. If you are able to donate time to maintain the website please let me know. And of course now you can access the school newsletter on the website so you can enjoy reading it on your morning tea break from work.

Secondly, resurfacing of the hardcourt play area has now been completed. The old surface needed to be completely removed to ensure a long lasting new surface and this happened during the last school holidays. The new surface needed to ‘cure’ for 3 weeks before line marking could begin. We received a really good coat of the painted surface because at first the wrong courts were marked and had to be repainted.

Now we have basketball and netball as the main marked areas with tennis as a third area. Have you noticed that the poles turn around? One side with basketball rings and one with netball rings. New gates have been put on the entrance ways and these will be locked on the weekends. It’s a shame to do this however we do not want the courts damaged by vandals over the weekend. We used the netball courts last Friday when our girls played in a Knockout Netball game. We didn’t win but it was lovely to be able to host the game using our brand new courts only finished two days earlier.

Finally there is the possibility of industrial action next Tuesday. So far the government and the Australian Education Union have not been able to agree on the next Enterprise Bargaining conditions. Although the staff do not want to strike they do support the Union stance and so it is likely that the school will be closed for the day. Sometimes things change at the very last moment and I will advise our school community as soon as possible if strike action seems inevitable. If the school needs to be closed then OSHC will be available. To make use of the OSHC service it is essential to book in. It is likely that the media will report the situation over the weekend.

Have you ordered your paver yet? I did mine last week and I know that others are ordering daily. Please have a look at the sketch of the new piazza and you will see how needed the pavers are to create an interesting outdoor learning environment. Very soon your child will bring home their Virtues Walk-a-thon sponsor sheet. Small donations from neighbours, extended families and friends will greatly contribute to purchasing Virtues pavers for the Virtues walk, another important part of the piazza. The piazza will be a lasting legacy for future generations to enjoy. Be a part of it!

Kind regards
Vicki Stokes

Term 2 Week 7
11 June 2008

Dates to Remember

Thursday 12 June
Writing and Spelling Competition

Tuesday 17 June
Possible strike action - school closure
OSHC available - bookings essential

Wednesday 18 June
Governing Council

Thursday 26 June
Virtues Walkathon

Friday 27 June
Steiner Winter festival

Friday 4 July
Last day of Term 2—early dismissal

Virtues of the Week

Week 7: Helpfulness
Week 8: Perseverance

Early closing 2.05pm
Last day of Term
4 July
SAPSASA News
Our Year 7 girls participated in the SAPSASA Round Robin Netball competition last Thursday on our newly re-surfaced courts. Our opposition from East Adelaide Primary School had been playing as a team for many years so were very competitive. Our girls displayed an extremely high level of sportsmanship, friendliness and determination. Well done, girls.

Soccer news
News from the Eastern Zone Soccer Association

All Items Of Jewellery (including studs) are banned when playing soccer.

Shin Pads are compulsory and must be worn under long socks at all times.

There is an urgent request for adult volunteers to assist with the supervision of the 4 grounds for the Eastern Zone Soccer Association.

Eastern Zone Primary Schools Soccer is over 50 years old and is organized and staffed by volunteers. There are now over 1500 students, both boys and girls playing in the primary schools competition. Games are played on 13 soccer pitches at 4 locations and at present urgently require at least 2 more volunteers to supervise at the games. Each ground should be staffed with a minimum of 2 persons, either male or female. Helpers do not have to know the rules of soccer or to act as referees. The main duties are to open and lock up at the grounds, hand out score cards, receive the after match cards with the score, to ensure that games start and finish on time and general supervision.

The starting time for the Supervisor is 8am and games finish by 12.45pm – but the hours are flexible with arrangement with the Honorary Secretary.

Most of the grounds are school grounds and a condition of hire is that Eastern Zone must have a person in charge. This means that Eastern Zone cannot play at a ground without a Supervisor.

SPORT NEWS cont.
At present, if there is sickness or some other circumstance and a Supervisor is unavailable, the ground would be closed and no games played for that Saturday. This could effect between 300 – 600 players, depending on the ground. The 4 grounds are:
East Torrens Primary School, Hectorville, with 4 pitches
East Marden Primary School, Campbelltown with 2 pitches
Murray Park Reserve, Magill (behind the University) with 2 pitches
Paradise Primary School, Paradise, with 5 pitches.
Anyone interested in helping can contact Graeme Young on 8337 3104 or by email at gafa.young@bigpond.com

VIRTUES WALKATHON
On Thursday 26 June, all students will be participating in a Virtues Walkathon to raise money for our paved Virtues Walk on the new Piazza area.

Students will be allocated a period of time to walk/jog/run around the track and visit all of the special Virtue Checkpoints that will be scattered along the course.

The goal for this event is for students to Be Active whilst raising funds for our school piazza. This will be an exciting way to support our whole school Virtues Program.

Students will be encouraged to gather sponsors for their efforts on the day by either a donation or an amount of money per lap of the course.

Sponsorship forms will be coming home shortly.

LOST PROPERTY
Once again, our school’s lost property box is overflowing with an enormous amount of clothing and other items.

Please come to the front office if you think your child may be missing an item of clothing.

Please clearly label your child’s clothing so in future items can be returned.

FINANCE NEWS
Great news! Trinity Gardens Primary School now has EFTPOS and electronic credit card facilities available at the front office.

Please phone with your Visa or Mastercard details, or bring your credit or debit cards into the office.

OSHC will also have electronic facilities by the end of this term.

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.

RESOURCE CENTRE
Thank you to the small group of Parent Helpers who cover the wonderful new books that have been purchased. There are, however, many more books to be covered, so if you could possibly spend an hour a week please let me know. We have been meeting on Tuesdays at 2pm in the Resource Centre. Any other time is fine if you can’t make it then.

Thanking you in anticipation, Lila D’Antuoni.

VIRTUES OF THE WEEK
Week 7 - Helpfulness
Helpfulness is being of service. It is doing useful things for people such as things they cannot do for themselves, something they do not have time to do, or just little things that make life easier. There are times when we need help from others. We need people to teach us, and people to give us their strength or ideas. Sometimes we just need a friend to talk to. This is a good time to ask for help.

Week 8 - Perseverance
Perseverance is being purposeful and persistent. It is sticking to something, staying committed, no matter how long it takes or what obstacles appear that might stop you. When we persevere, people can depend on us to finish what we start and to keep our commitments. We don’t give up until a problem is solved.
**FIRST AID**

**HURRY, STARTING SOON**

Homoeopathic 1st Aid Course especially geared to parents  
Safe and Gentle Natural Medicine  
Beginning 16th June  
Phone 8331 8211 for details

**NEWSLETTER**

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.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

Please be advised that plain soy milk is now available from our school Canteen. The cost is $1.60 each.

**OSHC NEWS**

The July Vacation Care Program is included with this newsletter.  

To enable administration and staffing details to be finalised, all care must be booked by **Friday 27 June at the latest**. Bookings made after this deadline will have an additional $5 late booking charge per family – this fee does not receive Child Care Benefit reductions. A deposit is required for all Vacation Care bookings. Please contact OSHC on 8332 6901.  

As part of the Active After School Communities Program our children at OSHC are involved in Tai Chi and Wheelchair Sports. Bookings are available for Before and After School Care by phoning Edwina on 83326901.

**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.

**SPIRAL GARDEN**

Spiral Garden is a home-based online retail business specializing in wooden toys, fabric dolls, quality art supplies, organic toys, natural gifts for babies, quality books, magazines subscriptions, natural craft materials, co-operative games and quality gift items.

Contact details for the Spiral Garden are PO Box 367 Malanda, Queensland 4885.  

**SPECIAL OFFER FOR TRINITY GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL FAMILIES.**

Free postage - available on all orders within Australia over $50 until 30 June 2008. Type ‘Trinity’ into the discount coupon section of Checkout when ordering online.

**PARKING INFORMATION**

Could parents please be aware of the restrictions with parking in Jones Avenue.  
Part of Jones Ave is an “immediate pick up and drop off only” zone.  

Between the hours of 8 - 9am and 3 - 4pm on school days, there is a 2 minute MAXIMUM park. The driver MUST remain with the vehicle. This area is well signposted.  

There is often a representative of the council here checking the area is being used correctly.

**CANTEEN MEAL DEAL - TUESDAY 17 JUNE**

On Tuesday 17 June a canteen meal deal will replace normal lunch orders **No other lunch orders will be available on this day.** Deal for week 8, term 2:

- Chunky Vegetable Minestrone Soup with Garlic Bread  
- Or  
- Chunky Vegetable Minestrone and Meatball Soup with Garlic Bread  
  - Chocolate Muffin  
  - Bottle of Water  
  - All for only $6.00

I would like to order a Chunky Minestrone Soup with/without Meatballs, (please circle your choice)  
Chocolate Muffin and a Bottle of Water for only $6.00

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

Amount enclosed..........................................................
POETRY

“Wishing on a Shooting Star”
A poem by Demi Ryan
Year 7, room 15J

Wishes really do come true,
It isn’t all that hard to do.
When you see the night,
You will be amazed that it is so bright.
The stars glisten above you,
Every time you look there is bound to be
something new.
When you see a shooting star,
You make a wish from afar.
Make sure you don’t tell anyone what
you wish for,
Or your wish won’t come true,
And you won’t have any more.

KIDS TAEKWONDO

Build resilience, confidence, discipline
and self respect. Taekwondo lessons are
now being held at the Anglican Church
Hall, 486 Glynburn Road, Burnside and
the Highgate Guides Hall, Curloss Avenue,
Myrtle Bank. Children can start
at the age of 5.

For more information phone 0412909500
or 82734221 or website:
www.worldtaekwondo.com.au

Here are some samples of the beautiful artwork that is being produced by students in
Mark Molloy’s year 2 class.

WANTED

Has your child had a growth spur
recently? Our first aid room is in need of
any clean and serviceable small school
track pants so that we have spares for use
in an emergency. Please leave donations
at the front office

CREATIVE WRITING RM 14

Mrs. Hales students from room 14 read a
sentence then had a try at writing the
sentence in a more interesting way. Here
are some of their efforts.

The boy walked outside and
saw that it had been raining.

The tall, twelve year old boy looked
outside the dusty window. He saw that
the ground was glistening with water and
realized that it had been raining.

Olivia.

The soccer game was fun.

The soccer game was fabulous. Although
we didn’t win it was one of the best
games we’d had. We celebrated
afterwards by having a sausage sizzle.

Indira.

The girl looked frightened.

The anxious girl walked down the scary
passage into the dark hall. She was
frightened to death by the creaking door.

Claire.

The horrified girl ran across the corridor
to the hall but fainted when she heard a
ghost.

Savier.

SLEEP CLINIC

The Child and Adolescent Sleep Clinic at
Flinders University provide treatment for
children and adolescents aged 7 to 18
years who are experiencing at least one of
the following:

- Having trouble falling asleep
- Waking up and cannot get back to
sleep
- Having trouble waking up or
getting out of bed in the morning
- Often sleeping in parent’s bed or
bedroom.

For more information, please call
8201 7587.