Dear Parents and Caregivers

Celebrating is an art. There is joy in the anticipation, the preparation, the celebration itself and the memories. This week our four Steiner stream classes celebrate the winter festival. Celebrating seasonal festivals is an integral part of the Steiner education culture and teaching program. The festivals provide a focus on the rhythms within nature, within ourselves and in the wider world where each changing season has meaning for human lives. What does the coming of winter mean for you and your family? What celebration is there for you?

Seasonal festivals are not celebrated in order to reflect the life of the earth but to add what comes from the human spirit and the human heart. It is up to the children to bring something to the festivals, not just to expect the festivals to bring something to, or entertain them. Accordingly the classes celebrate the festivals with a combination of dance, drama, speech, song and movement and involve families. During the day each class will be making soup to share in the evening with their families.

There is much anticipation then for the winter festival when the children come back to school as night falls. Our thanks to the Maylands Church of Christ who have kindly allowed us to use their church hall kindly allowed us to use their church hall to make soup for the class performances. Following this the classes will be making lanterns which will be part of the human heart. It is up to the children to add what comes from the human spirit and human heart.

The new classrooms will be ready for occupancy sometime early in term 3 when our upper primary students will move in. This will then create available space for a class shuffle to make use of our Interactive Whiteboards and to create a classroom for our very special and important new reception students. Until then the resource centre will be the home for our new class.

Tonight the staff are re-organising the Resource Centre to create a dedicated class area and moving the library side to the main entry. Classroom entry will be through the side door. Next term pop in one day after school to see the new look.

If you are a parent of a child who owns a mobile phone or uses the internet over the holidays please keep a watchful eye on the activity with which your child is engaging. Cyber bullying is now common place and our children need our help to manage any harassment using this method. Next term I will share more of the measures we take at school to help students understand and manage cyber bullying.

Soon the July school holidays will be upon us and during this time I expect significant action at school. Our latest new dual classroom building is expected to be delivered in the second week. Prior to this a great deal of site preparation needs to be completed.

The cricket nets will be relocated to the Portrush Road oval making them accessible to children during the play periods.

This action is preferable to that which occurred last Sunday night when 6 large windows, 4 doors of St Morris and one door in the ELC were smashed. This follows a break in to our shed when the ride-on lawn mower and tools were stolen. If you know anything about these acts of vandalism please inform the police. It is such a waste of money and time and distresses students and staff.

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Many thanks to the children for all the great ideas and for the wonderful memories that will be built on this night.

Vicki Stokes
Principal
**SPORT NEWS**

**Basketball News:**

Our school community would like to extend our sincere thanks to Ben Reynolds who has been coaching school basketball teams over a number of years. Ben’s dedication, commitment and supportive approach towards assisting our students with their basketball and the development of new skills have been much appreciated. He has offered training sessions and many extras such as the famous cut up oranges. Ben is truly disappointed he can no longer continue as coach of two basketball teams but his work commitments now prevent this involvement. Thank you Ben for all your wonderful voluntary assistance to students and basketball at our school.

We are now seeking a coach for our Year 4/5 Trinity Tigers team and a coach for our Year 6/7 Trinity Tigers team – without this assistance we will have to divide the Year 4/5 team amongst our other teams and the Year 6/7 team will not be able to play in the Term 3 and 4 competition. Please contact Ros at school if you can help.

**Soccer News:**

New timetables have been issued to all soccer players for the remainder of the matches beginning this Saturday 28 June. Please contact the office if you have not received this new program.

Any Year 4 students who would like to play soccer are invited to see Ros in the office as one of our Year 4 soccer teams desperately requires more players.

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**OSHC NEWS**

All bookings for our July Vacation Care program must be made with Edwina by this Friday (27 June) at the latest. Bookings made after this deadline will have an additional $5 late booking charge per family. A deposit is required for all Vacation Care bookings. Please contact OSHC on 8332 6901.

**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.

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**PAVERS**

**LAST CHANCE!**

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.

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Entertainment books are available for sale at the front office now. Please call into the front office to purchase this year’s entertainment book and raise funds for our school.

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**FINANCE NEWS**

Please be advised that, unless arrangements have been made with the Finance Officer, all outstanding school fees should be received by the end of this term. Families who are unsure of outstanding fees are encouraged to call Karen on 84314170.

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.

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop now has all sizes of windcheaters and jackets back in stock. These polar fleece tops will keep students toasty and warm on even the coldest mornings. Available at $30.00.

Also available are fleece scarves for only $7.00. Rug up and look smart this winter!

Call into the uniform shop:

**Monday 2.45 - 3.30 pm**

**Friday 8.25 - 9.30 am**

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**LOST PROPERTY**

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.

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**VIRTUES OF THE WEEK**

**Week 9 - Service**

Service is giving to others and wanting to make a difference in their lives. It is looking for ways to be helpful instead of waiting to be asked. When you work with a spirit of service, you give any job your best effort. You make a real contribution. People who want to be of service can change the world.

**Week 10 - Review of Term 2 Virtues**

Orderliness, Joyfulness, Flexibility, Patience, Understanding, Truthfulness, Helpfulness, Perseverance, Service.
On Tuesday 1 July a canteen meal deal will replace normal lunch orders. No other lunch orders will be available on this day. Deal for week 10, 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………………………………….
**Citrus Fruit Wanted**

While citrus fruits are in season the TPS Fair Committee is seeking donations of fruit which can be used for the jam and chutney stall. If you have a fruit tree with fruit to spare please leave donations at the front office. Donations of jars and other jam making equipment would be very much appreciated as well. We would also love to hear from anyone with jam making skills who could assist in making products for the stall.

Please contact Katrina Germein if you can help.

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**Family Fun Fair**

**Trinity Gardens School**

Put November 1 2008 in your diary now!!

Scrumptious food, drink & entertainment for young and old!

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**STALLS, STALLS AND MORE STALLS...**

Plants, books, clothing, cakes, toys you name it!
The committee will be asking for donations from next term.

WATCH THIS SPACE for info on where and when to drop in your donations or unwanted goods.

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Huge raffle and silent auction!

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The planning is well underway ....

....ask your children what their classes have planned....

Want to join the organising committee??
You are very welcome!

Own a business and want to promote it through the fair?

Contact Shane Waite on shanewaite@picknowl.com.au.

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Trinity Gardens Family Fun Fair.

Coming together as a school community - celebrating our families, our students, our uniqueness!