Dear Parents and Caregivers

The tragedy of last weekend with the horrific loss of lives, property and animals is difficult to comprehend. At school we are prepared to help our children to understand what has happened. Children are all different and will have differing knowledge and ways of making sense of events. If you believe your child needs additional support please speak with your child’s class teacher. Thank you to all who made suggestions for ways to show support for those children who lost their school and home. Following advice it has been decided to hold a **fundraising casual day** to coincide with Pancake Tuesday. The money raised will go to schools who have lost their school. Please see the separate note in this newsletter.

At long last the **rebuilding of our gymnasium** has begun. Especially in view of last weekend’s fires we are reminded of the destructive nature of fire and have a heightened sense of the loss suffered by so many as we lost our brand new gym to fire in September 2005. We are now delighted to see building happening again. As you walk through the school yard please keep an eye on the progress. The building site has been fenced and while building is in progress no-one is allowed inside the compound. Next week I will be attending a project meeting and will then report back the anticipated completion date

This year we start with 16 classes of wonderful children. Our **staff** of 51 has now been finalised and it is a pleasure to announce our staff for 2009.

**Early Learning Centre:**
- Teachers: Rowena Tennant, Joh Nicholas
- Reception: Tiffany Mullin
- Rec/Year 1: Joanne Simpson
- Year 1: Toula Kantalis
- Year 1/2: Jennifer Koteschel
- Year 1/2: Tonia Doody & Fiona Wilson
- Year 2: Evelyn Neuwirth
- Year 2/3: Terry Baker & Adam Clutton
- Year 3: Mark Molloy
- Year 3: Julie Hales
- Year 4/5: Tamsar Bellette
- Year 4/5: Gerry McCarthy
- Year 4/5: Catherine Banner
- Year 5/6: Julie Welford
- Year 6/7: Dean Shepherd
- Resource Centre & ICT Coordinator: Steph Burton
- Italian: Daniela Vernillo
- P.E.: Adam Clutton
- Music: Emily Combe
- ESL & Intervention: Harriet Wilmore
- St Morris R-7 Unit: Robyn Stevenson & Michelle Sboro
- Assistant Principal & Special Education Manager: Ros Green

**Para-professional support**
- Office Manager: Jane Francis
- Reception & Uniform shop: Belinda O’Loughlin
- Finance: Karen Barrow
- Student support: Rebeca McCartan, Marissa Boorman, Serafina Castellano, Anna-Louise Sortini, Angela O’Neil Cassi Simenko, Teodora Vagenas, Michael MacTavish, Karina Nigo, Chris Pride, Doreen Spazzapan, Jill Thorpe, Peta Ware, Erin-Claire Barrow, Lee Harvey, Geoff Johnston, Pauline Rawlins, Cher Litchfield, Barb Eisenblattter

**Dates to Remember**

**SUCCESSFUL START ASSEMBLY**
- Friday 20 February 2009
- 9.00am
- All parents welcome.

**PANCAKE DAY**
- 24 February 2009
- See inside for more details

**CASUAL DAY**
- 24 February 2009
- See inside for more details
- Gold Coin Donation

**Gold Coin Donation**
- Our school values:
  - Respect
  - Responsibility
  - Learning

**Virtues of the Week**

**Week 3 Responsibility**

**Week 4 Purposefulness**

**ANTHROPOSOPHIC BOOK CENTRE**
www.bookswithsoul.com
The Anthroposophic Book Centre is the retail outlet for books, crafts, educational aids, toys, cards, ornaments and skin care and health products inspired by the teachings of Rudolf Steiner.

**Opening hours:**
- Tues–Fri: 12noon to 4.00pm
- Sat: 10.00am to 1.00pm

**Workshops–Tentative Dates**
- Sat 21 Feb Health & Wellness
- Sat 28 Mar Weleda Natural Medicine & Bodycare

We are looking for a cleaner for our Society rooms and bookshop. If interested please contact 8223 1841.
You will see that there are quite a few composite classes and I would like to explain how these classes work. Firstly, it is important to know that at Trinity Gardens School we view every child as a unique individual. Composite classes provide ideal learning contexts. Our outstanding academic results are testimony to our ability to support each child through composite classes. It would be inappropriate to assume that if a class was a straight year level all children in the class were at the same level, academically, socially and emotionally. For example, some children come to school already reading and it would be wrong to give them a level 1 book. Similarly, it would be wrong to assume an older child not familiar with books, as being unsuccessful if they couldn't read. In any class, composite or straight, there are considered to be at least 5 different levels and it is important to identify and build on the strengths of each child as well as attend to their developmental needs. All classes at Trinity Gardens School are balanced and some times children will be in a composite class with older aged children and sometimes with younger aged children. There will be some students younger than your child who may be more capable and some who are older than your child who may be less capable. When children are the older in a class they have the chance for leadership and to teach others and this indicates a higher level of learning. If they are the younger then they often aspire to be like their older peers. I believe it is good for children to experience both opportunities during their schooling. When your child is viewed as a unique individual they will never be disadvantaged.

The second less important reason for composite classes, is the need to follow the DECS staffing formula. We are required to follow the formula and this in turn determines how many classes we have at any one time. We start with the number of students in year 7 and work downwards. Sometimes there will be composite classes and sometimes straight classes. If you would like any further explanation please do not hesitate to contact me.

As we have now been at school for two weeks it is important for all children to wear sturdy footwear so this means being able to run. Unfortunately, 'Crocs' and thongs, although comfortable, come off easily and lately we are patching legs and feet daily. Please ensure your child wears sturdy sandals or sneakers as they have physical activity every day.

Finally, a plea for safe use of the ‘Kiss and Drop’ zone. For safety reasons, children may only alight and enter cars parked in the zone. If you are using the zone please ask your children to make their way to the waiting area promptly after school as cars may only stop for two minutes. If you use the zone be prepared to drive around the block if your children are not present. Please consider the safety of all children by driving to the front of the zone rather than blocking off traffic behind. Finally please do not make U turns in Jones Ave after school as it is unsafe when traffic is congested.

Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

Yours Sincerely
Vicki Stokes
Principal

CLASS CONTRIBUTIONS

CARNEVALE 2009

Carnevale is a traditional celebration in Italy. This is a time of masquerades, parades, singing, dancing and opulent masks. Students at Trinity Gardens School have celebrated Carnevale by making “maschere” and using the Smart Board to view images of the official Carnevale in Italy. The festivities of Carnevale culminate on Martedì Grasso or Pancake Day, Tuesday 24 February. Buon Carnevale and Buon Anno a tutti.

Signora Daniela

SUCCESSFUL START PROGRAM

FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY
9.00AM

An invitation is extended to our families to attend our Successful Start assembly on Friday 20 February in the yard at 9 am. We look forward to sharing our learning at the celebration of this program.

Our Successful Start program during the first two weeks of the school year is used to work with students in all classes to establish a strong purpose for learning and a commitment to work together to build happy, safe, productive classrooms. It lays the foundation for the building of a classroom and school culture which strives for continuous improvement.

Teachers and students build positive relationships, establish class and personal goals, examine the school values, vision and purpose statement, build skills in thinking and learning and participate in group decision making.

WORDS OF WISDOM

“Perseverance is not a long race: it is many short races one after another.”

Walter Elliott

WHEW ITS HOT!

Keeping cool in the shade during the heat, are Amber, Natalia, Carla and Kendia.

Luke and Fabian have a brief play outside before heading back into the cool.
FINANCE NEWS

Payments of the Materials & Services Charge (School Fees) for 2009 should now have been completed unless a payment plan has been accepted by Front Office staff, or a School Card application has been submitted and has not yet been processed. If you feel you may be eligible for School Card assistance towards fee payments please collect and complete a form from the Office and return promptly.

A reminder that this Friday 13 February is the final day to receive a $10 Uniform Shop voucher for full payment of fees.

Statements showing payments made and amounts outstanding 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.

A voluntary, tax deductible Building Fund donation of $50 towards our new Gym is included on all statements for 2009. 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 2009 fees, please contact me on 8431 4170, or call in to the Front Office.

Karen Barrow

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Our school newsletter is available for perusal via the school website. Just go to: www.trinitygps.sa.edu.au

SPECIAL EVENT

PANCAKE DAY & CASUAL DAY

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

It is a tradition at Trinity Gardens Primary School to celebrate Pancake Tuesday. The success of this event relies on the generosity of our school community. We are seeking donations of pancake mix and toppings. The mixture you shake in the bottles works well. Please send these to school as soon as possible, to the front office. Children make the mix the day before. Any pre-mixed batter is welcome on the morning. Donations of time to help cook and serve are also needed. We need to start cooking at 7.00am to get enough pancakes ready by the time children arrive at school. If you can cook a pancake we would enjoy your company on this morning. Please fill out the slip on this page if you can assist.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST–TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

I am able to help cook and serve pancakes on Tuesday 24 February.

☐ 7:00-7:30 am
☐ 7:30-8:00am

☐ 8:00-8:30am
☐ 8:30-9:00am

NAME: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

This year we are combining Pancake Tuesday with a Casual Clothes day to raise money for the children who have lost their schools in the Victorian Bushfires. This means we will be collecting a gold coin donation. The children may wear appropriate casual daywear to school. Parents who visit that morning also wish to make a donation to this worthy cause.

CANTEEN MEAL DEAL - TUESDAY 17 February

On Tuesday 17 February a canteen meal deal will replace normal lunch orders - No other lunch orders will be available on this day. Deal for week 4, term 1:

Nachos with Salsa & Avocado Cream
& Salad

Plus
Jelly Slice with Fruit
And a Bottle of Water

All for only $6.00

I would like to order a canteen meal deal with a bottle of water - for only $6.00

Name__________________________________________________________ Room_______________

Amount enclosed______________________________
The South Australian Dental Service provides a range of dental services for children at clinics throughout Adelaide and all major country regional centres. Dental care is provided by dental teams comprising of Dentists, Dental Therapists and Dental Assistants.

All children from birth up to 18 years of age are eligible for care with the School Dental Service. Fees may apply.

For information about enrolment, contact your local School Dental Clinic.

Magill School Dental Clinic 8333 0707 Open Monday to Thursday.

All children under the age of 18 years who are dependants of/or holders of Centrelink Concession cards or School Cards are eligible to receive free dental care through the School Dental Service.

A fee per child for each course of dental care applies to children or students who are not dependants of/or holders of Centrelink Concession Cards or School cards (a general course of dental care in the School Dental Service may include check ups, x-rays taken at the clinic, fillings and preventative services such as fluoride treatments).

Dental emergencies treated at a School Dental Clinic between check ups will be covered by the fee paid at your child’s current check up.

The first and last general course of care will be provided to all School Dental Service clients free of charge regardless of their card holder status.

Parents of children with special physical or intellectual needs should contact their local School Dental Clinic to discuss their child’s needs.

Teen Dental Vouchers
To be eligible to receive a voucher a teenager must be aged between 12 and 17 years for at least some part of the calendar year. They must satisfy the means test for the program. These vouchers can be redeemed at any School Dental Clinic or participating private practitioner. If presented at a private dental practitioner the teenager is entitled to $150 worth of preventative care including an examination. For further information contact your local School Dental Clinic or Medicare.

Cricket: Our Year 4/5 cricket team will have its first match on Saturday 14 February. A program will be sent home as soon as it becomes available. Mr. John Edwards has kindly agreed to coach this team. A note will go home this week requesting payment of fees. Unfortunately our numbers were not sufficient to field a Kanga cricket team or a Year 6/7 team.

Basketball: Expressions of interest for Basketball have now closed. Basketball matches begin next week - Mondays for Year 4 to 7 & Tuesdays for Years 2 and 3. A program will be sent home as soon as it becomes available. Teams will be announced shortly with singlets issued late this week. A note will go home this week requesting payment of fees.

MILO in2CRICKET
A fun introduction to the game for 5-9 year old boys and girls run at Col. Waite Oval, South Tce, Kensington Gardens. Two sessions are offered on Saturday mornings during Term 1 starting on February 14, with a skill-based session for beginners from 8.30-9.30am and a game-based session for older participants from 9.30-10.30am. Cost is $45 to register plus $1 per week. All participants receive a Cricket Kit including a bat, ball, bucket hat, tattoos, CD-ROM, t-shirt and a sachet of MILO. Participants who registered in Term 4 2008 do not need to register again. For more information please contact Ben Johnwood on 0438 860 048

Soccer News
Students from Years 2 to 7 have the opportunity to learn violin, voice, flute, clarinet, saxophone, recorder and music theory at school from Sarah Bradley as a private provider. Please contact Sarah on 0434 930 626 for more information.

Soccer Season will be emailed to all schools playing in the Association at the end of February. The season commences on 2 May and finishes on 29 August - no games are played during school holidays or on public holiday weekends. Nominations must be returned by 5pm on Thursday 2 April 2009. Graeme Young OAM, Hon. Secretary 6 Alma St. Hectorville S.A. 5073 P.O. Box 4041 Tranmere North 5073 tel. (08) 8337 3104

St Morris Community Child Care Centre
13 February 2009
20th Birthday celebration & reunion
If you are a past St Morris CCCC family member please telephone the centre on 8332 3999 for details of our celebration

VIRTUES OF THE WEEK
Week 3 - Responsibility
Being responsible means that others can depend on you. You are willing to be accountable for your actions. When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you make amends instead of excuses. When you are responsible, you keep your agreements. You give your best to any job. Responsibility is a sign of growing up.

Week 4 - Purposefulness
Being purposeful is being sure of what you are doing and why you are doing it. It is having a clear focus and concentrating your mind and your efforts so that something good will happen. A purposeful person makes things happen rather than just waiting for them to happen.