Dear Parents and Caregivers

Student leadership opportunities are available in every class at Trinity Gardens School. Sometimes these opportunities may be as simple as taking messages for teachers or being the class manager for the day. When students take on a leadership role within the class they are using the virtues of responsibility and purposefulness. They are also learning that others trust them.

As students undertake leadership roles they are developing a social conscience while learning how to give service. The Virtues Program describes service as ‘giving to others. It is looking for ways to be helpful instead of waiting to be asked. The needs of others are as important to you as your own. 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 change the world.’ Martin Luther King said, “everybody can be great . . .because anyone can serve. You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love.”

In upper primary, students have the opportunity to apply for a number of whole school leadership positions. These still require responsibility and purposefulness but at the school rather than class level. Students wishing to try for a position write a short application explaining why they would be able to fulfill that role with diligence. A panel of four teachers reads the applications and makes the appointments. Students do not vote as this leads to popularity voting and a popular student does not always make a good leader and vice versa.

Before leadership positions are publicly announced each leader accepts the conditions of the role to give of their best by:

- Following the school rules
- Acting in roles responsibly with integrity and honesty
- Working with other leaders, other students and staff to achieve goals
- Being active listeners who respond with suggestions for improvement
- Earning the respect of others through their actions
- Giving service even if during recess and lunch times
- Fulfilling the role while maintaining their class learning

Unfortunately not all students can be successful in winning a position as there are more students than positions available. Coping with disappointment is a lesson in resilience. It does not mean that a student was not good enough. Instead this time, they were not chosen. If your child has missed out please support them to continue to give of their best and to continue to offer service in other ways. In life we all have times when we need to bounce back from disappointment and not give up. You may wish to talk about ways you give service to your children and ways they can be of service to your family.

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as our senior student leaders for 2009.

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Buddy Class—Ciao a tutti,

Students from the ELC worked collaboratively with students from the year 4/5 class to celebrate the virtue of friendship. All students had a wonderful time breaking 4 large “piñatas” designed to encourage oral language including greetings, poems, counting and songs in Italian.

Saluti
Signora Daniela

This Friday is Casual Clothes Day. This means that for a donation (usually a gold coin) students are able to wear their casual clothes instead of school uniform and the collected money is donated to a charity. We aim to hold one casual clothes day per term. The casual clothing worn needs to be appropriate day wear for children in public. The designated charity for Friday is the Leukaemia Foundation. Our energetic and caring PE teacher, Adam Clutton, and Chris Davidson, a Year 3 student practising service, are leading the way by volunteering to raise money by shaving off their hair. We are all keen to see the big shave but it will cost us a coin. I may even have to pay more as I have volunteered to help Adam ‘lose’ his hair. If you see Chris or Adam around the school please feel free to add to their donations as this is a worthy cause. Thank you.

Yours sincerely
Vicki Stokes

FINANCE NEWS

Firstly, I would like to thank all those families who have completed fee payments for 2009, or who have discussed payment of fees by instalment, or who have submitted School Card application forms - a wonderful start to the year.

A reminder that if instalment payment of the 2009 Materials & Services Charge (school fees) has been negotiated, payments must be made as arranged. At least one initial payment should now have been received from all families.

School Card applications are collected electronically from the school and must be lodged early for this process to occur. If you feel you are eligible for School Card assistance and have not yet completed a form (available from the Front Office) please do so this week.

Finally, thankyou to those families who have made a voluntary contribution to our (Gymnasium) Building Fund, your tax deductible donation is greatly appreciated. A receipt will be sent home via your child’s class - please check their bag.
CLASS CONTRIBUTIONS

Friendship Recipes from Room 14, Year 3 with Mrs Hales.

Friendship Recipe
1 drop sugar
2 drops love
3 drops fun
Put 4 drops of sport, put 10 drops of health. Put 4 cups of joy and stir it all up and you get nothing, so you need 1 more thing—Friendship, and you get a loving friend.

Jack, Room 14.

Friendship Recipe
Ingredients:
1 teaspoon of courage
A bowl of friendship
Half a cup of respect
And two cups of kindness
Directions:
1. Get a big bowl
2. Pour in the kindness
3. Put in the respect
4. Mix the kindness & respect together
5. And put in the bowl of friendship and the teaspoon of courage
6. Mix it all together
7. And make balls with it
8. Your friendship balls are ready

Trinity, Room 14

CANTEEN NEWS

A big thank you to Anna Wagner for all her help with making healthy lunches and snacks for the canteen customers.

Urgently need volunteer for Wednesdays 10.30–2.30. Any help is good.

Teresa, Canteen Manager

SAPSASA SWIMMING

Last Wednesday we had 22 students from our school travel to the Norwood Outdoor Pool for the East Adelaide District SAPSASA Swimming Carnival. Despite the chilly conditions, many students performed well in various events throughout the day. Congratulations to the 12 year old girls’ 4x50m Freestyle relay team which finished third in their final. Also a special thank you to all the parents and helpers who came along to support the team and help supervise on the bus.

3 WAY CONFERENCES


DON’T FORGET TO MAKE YOUR BOOKING WITH THE FRONT OFFICE FROM WEEK 9 MON 23 MARCH.

HARMONY DAY - FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Harmony Day is celebrated on 21 March each year in Australia. The key message is Everyone Belongs. It is about community participation, inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. At Trinity Gardens School we will celebrate on Friday 20 March. The students and staff are encouraged to wear ORANGE clothes for the day, as orange is the colour for Harmony. Each student will get a Harmony badge or sticker.

HARMONY DAY CANTEEN MEAL DEAL

No other orders available this day

Pumpkin Soup with foccacia wedge
Orange Jelly with Fruit
Water
Cost $5.00

Available at Recess:
- Sweet Potato Pancakes
- Mango & Orange Smoothies
- Pumpkin Scones

CANTEEN MEAL DEAL - TUESDAY 17 March

On Tuesday 17 March a canteen meal deal will replace normal lunch orders - No other lunch orders will be available on this day. Deal for week 8, term 1:

TURKEY BURGER
WITH
FRUIT TRIFLE
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: ________________________________
Soccer News:
Expressions of interest for school soccer teams for students in Year 2 to 7 close on Monday 16 March. Forms were issued to all children earlier this term. Our registration of teams is dependent on available adult coaches.

Football News:
Expression of interest forms relating to our proposed school football team for Years 4 and 5 students have been sent home. They close on Monday 23 March so please return these to the office now.

Tennis News
Congratulations to Jack Newcombe who participated in the Junior Development Series Tennis competition in the Riverland. Jack won the Under 10 Boys singles and also the Under 10 Boys doubles.

MUSIC NEWS
Students in 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.

OSHC NEWS
We invite parents or caregivers to join our OSHC Advisory Committee. Our first meeting will be held on Monday 16 March at 6 pm in the hall. Please contact Edwina Guidolin (Director) if you will be joining our committee.

Bookings for After School Care are available and may be made by contacting Edwina, our OSHC Director on 83326901.

An enrolment form needs to be completed before children can attend OSHC.

LOST PROPERTY
PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD’S JUMPER OR JACKET TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE WEARING THEIR OWN!
LOST PROPERTY IS OVERFLOWING AGAIN—COME AND HAVE A LOOK FOR MISPLACED CLOTHING.

VIRTUES OF THE WEEK

Week 7 - Self-Discipline
Self-discipline means self-control. It is getting yourself to do what you really want to do, rather than being tossed around by your feelings like a leaf in the wind. You don't lose control of yourself when you feel hurt or angry, but decide how you are going to talk and what you are going to do. With self-discipline, you take charge of yourself.

Week 8 - Unity
Unity helps people work and live together peacefully. When you practice unity, you feel connected to everyone and everything. Unity brings harmony and comes when we value each person, their ideas and their feelings.

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE
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