Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 2 and the term when Autumn lets us know it is here by the plane trees dropping their leaves and where we experience delightfully crisp mornings. What lovely rain we have had. The ovals appreciated the water and are now lush and green ready for active play and the start of the winter sports season. This year we celebrate the fielding of an Aussie Rules Football Team. We don’t know the last time the school sports teams included both versions of footy. Many thanks are extended to our wonderful and generous band of parents who are coaching and managing our sports teams. Good luck to all Trinity Gardens sports teams.

Over the holidays there has been a great deal of action to improve our built environment.

In case you haven’t yet had the chance to have a look here’s a brief description:

- The Gabion wall has been completed. It’s 2 metres high and a metre wide providing a strong barrier to the traffic and pollution of Portrush Road. A huge thank you is extended to a parent, Kirsty Hewitt, who has assisted tirelessly with this project.
- The steel framework of the gym has been finished and the brickwork started.
- A brand new dual classroom building has been added to the Aberdare campus and the services are currently being connected. Hopefully we will be able to use the rooms in a few weeks.
- The Garden/Maintenance shed has been moved but not yet placed in its new home. It is currently on the OSHC carpark awaiting the preparation of its new location next to the cricket nets.
- The dirt bowl between the middle primary play equipment and the swings has disappeared and been replaced with paving making a huge improvement to this area.
- A smaller area of paving has been completed near the flagpoles. The Westringia bushes will be replaced enabling a green screen to grow in front of the play equipment.

During the holidays we were advised that Governing Council’s application for minor works upgrade under the Federal Government’s ‘Building the Education Revolution’ initiative was successful. This means that we have been granted $150,000 for the following projects: resurfacing the quadrangle, painting the classrooms not completed last year, re-carpeting the areas of the school not upgraded last year and upgrading the Wellington toilets. This work will begin as soon as possible as all money must be spent by December. We have not yet been advised about our application for major works.

While the above improvements are physical they impact on student learning as children learn better in an environment that is pleasant, welcoming, in good condition and supportive of learning. The environment demonstrates pride in our school community.

Our vision statement describes the uniqueness of each child and again this term each child will be supported to achieve their best. Will you be a partner with staff in this learning journey? There’s no doubt that children pick up vibes about their school. When you are positive about school and show interest in what your child is learning then they too will be positive and approach learning with enthusiasm. Sometimes though you may be concerned about something relating to school and in this case please refer to and use the grievance procedure outlined in this fortnight’s newsletter to resolve your concern. Staff and myself are always intent on building positive relationships with families. When everyone works together we achieve more.

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Dimity gets Married...

Steiner Reception and Class One surprised teacher Dimity Beaumont with a joyous pre-wedding send off late last term. The children joined arms to make a long arch through which Dimity walked, before a cirlet of pink and yellow roses was placed on her head. She was then showered with rose petals and comments like “She looks like a princess” before the children sent her off with their hugs and best wishes. Dimity married Stoyan on April 4 in the Barossa Valley. The whole school community joins with the children in wishing them a long and happy life together.
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Thank you to everyone who was able to visit with their child and the class teacher at the end of last term when we held 3-way conferences. Teachers feel that the most effective means of communication is when they meet with families and they are keen to continue to meet with you during the year. We understand that you lead busy lives and our conference week may not have fitted with your schedule so if you missed a conference please call the school or jot a note in your child’s Communication Book to let the teacher know of your availability so a meeting can be arranged. Please do not feel that interviews are about criticism or complaints as most times they are for sharing positive achievements and ways to address growth points.

Further thanks is extended to everyone who was able to join us for Sports Day on the last Wednesday of term 2. Once again we were lucky to enjoy perfect weather. Honours on the day went to St Morris House. Congratulations to Emily Wall and Lance Mills who were outstanding in their leadership roles of House Captains on the day. Thank you to families who supported the fundraising efforts on the day with donations and purchases.

Kind regards
Vicki Stokes

SCHOOL DENTAL

SA Dental Service provides a range of dental services for children at clinics throughout Adelaide and all major country regional centres

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 on: Magill School Dental Clinic open Monday to Wednesday Ph: 83330707

Positive Home School Relationships

Student learning is at the heart of everything we do at Trinity Gardens School and teaching and learning is most effective where there is an active, positive relationship between you and the preschool or school. Your views, compliments, suggestions or complaints are important to us because they help us to improve our service to children. If you ever have a concern or grievance we would be happy to meet with you because it is very important that we work together to resolve any concerns. The process outlined below is for use to resolve a concern or grievance.

The school will make every effort to address concerns and resolve issues as quickly as possible.

Step 1: Identify the concern
Step 2: Decide who to speak to
Speaking with your child’s teacher is a good starting point.
If the issue relates to the class it is best to speak with the class teacher first.
If it is a yard behaviour issue please contact the class teacher or the Assistant Principal.
If it is about a staff member or another parent please contact the Principal.
If it is about school facilities please contact the Principal.

Step 3: Organise a time to meet/talk
In order to best resolve an issue time is needed. The best way to do this is to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet by contacting the front office or writing a note in the Communication book. It is helpful to advise your concern at this time. The most convenient time to contact staff is after 3pm except on Tuesdays when there is a staff meeting. Before school teachers need to welcome children to the school day.

Step 4: Issue not resolved?
Please arrange a time, through the front office, to meet with the Principal who has overall responsibility for all activities on the school site.

It is helpful if you provide information which will enable the conversation/meeting to be as useful as possible in resolving the concern.

Step 5: Issue not resolved?
If the issue cannot be resolved at the school level you may contact the District Education Office at Felixstow to speak with the Assistant or Regional Director.
The District office will need to be sure that attempts have first been made at the school level to resolve the issue using the above described process.

Some points to consider . . .

- Our front office staff will take and pass on messages however they do not have a role in student behaviour management.
- Senior staff may sometimes be out of the school attending conferences however they will get back to you as soon as possible.
- Please do not approach other parents or children other than your own in relation to concerns.
- Hearsay is not always a reliable or accurate information stream. To clarify any matters please contact the school.
- Improved relationships can often result from resolution of difficult situations.

OSHC NEWS

Our After School Care service is now at capacity on Wednesday nights and places for children can only be offered on the waiting list for Wednesdays.

We are also close to capacity on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

If you do not require your booking on any of these nights please advise Ed so we can offer these places to other children.

Invoices will now be issued on Wednesdays due to the new Child Care Management System (CCMS) procedures. Please be aware that this is a government mandated change and we seek your support, understanding and patience as we implement this new system.

This new reporting system makes it difficult to determine the status of accounts.

However, there is an email function to this system which will ensure timely delivery of your account. Please advise our service of your email address by ticking the box, filling out the form below and returning it to the school or OSHC.

☐ I consent to providing my email address to the Trinity Gardens OSHC service.
  My email address is ________________________________

Parent Name: ___________________________________________, Parent signature: ______________
Competition News

**CANTEEN MEAL DEAL**

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- **TUESDAY 5 May**

On **Tuesday 5 May** a canteen meal deal will replace normal lunch orders. *No other lunch orders will be available on this day.*

**Deal for week 2, term 2:**

- **Vegie Dog OR Hot Dog**
- **With Fruit Salad & Yogurt**
- **and a bottle of Water**

All for only **$6.00**

I would like to order a... **Vegie Dog OR Hot Dog** *(please circle your choice)*  **Fruit Salad w/yogurt** & a bottle of water for only **$6.00**

**Name**................................................................. ................................................................. **Room**..............................

**Amount enclosed**.................................................................
Soccer:

HELP - OUR YEAR 6/7 TEAM REQUIRES A SOCCER COACH

Unfortunately due to work commitments, our soccer coach of the Year 6 and 7 team has had to withdraw leaving our team registered in the competition but without a coach.

We are desperately seeking the assistance of a willing adult to coach our team.

Without a voluntary coach, we will have to withdraw our team from the competition.

Please consider coaching our team as our students have played together for a number of years and love their soccer - they would be very disappointed if it was necessary to withdraw this team.

The school can arrange a criminal history check which is now mandatory for all voluntary sports coaches.

Our timeline is short as matches for this team begin on Saturday 9 May.

Soccer matches begin for Years 2 to 5 students this Saturday (2 May).

Timetables have been sent home with venues and times for matches.

There are still some vacancies in our Year 2 and 3 teams so if your child in those year levels is interested please see Ros by Thursday of this week.

Training sessions will be at the discretion of the coaches. All our coaches assist our students in a voluntary role and for many of them work commitments prevent them from conducting training - your child's coach will notify you if they are conducting training.

It is important that all students and spectators show respect, understanding and co-operation towards our coaches and our opposition. Our students learn good sportsmanship from the behaviour they see modelled from adults around them. Our aim is for students to participate actively, learn some new skills and co-operate in a team situation understanding that losing as well as winning is part of life.

Without our wonderful coaches we could not have our students competing in school sports teams.

Our coaches for 2009 are:

John Pryce - 8 year division: Steve Mader (Trinity Tigers - Team A on the program) and Ashley Evans (Trinity Tornadoes - Team B on the program) - 9 year division, Tony Paradiso - 10 year division and Simon Davey - 11 year division. Thankyou to all these people.

If you are able to assist our coaches please contact them at the first match.

It is essential that you notify your child's coach if they are unavailable for a game.

Uniform hired from the school will be available to students by the end of this week - it is compulsory for all soccer players to have shin pads and long socks - these are not supplied by the school.

Fees are now urgently required by the school - $10 for team registration which has already been paid by the school to the association, $10 for the hire of the uniform and $5 Sports levy if soccer is the only school sport your child is playing. Payment is required at the school office by Friday May 1 at the latest.

Basketball:

Basketball will continue at the Campbelltown stadium for this term. Programs are issued to the students as soon as they become available to the school from stadium staff.

We have vacancies in one of our Year 4/5 teams - please see Ros if your child is interested.

Football

Our first school football team with Year 4 and 5 students will begin playing in a SANFL school competition on Saturday 9 May - a letter will go home this week with details for players and parents.

As part of this competition there is an award promoting appropriate behaviour for players and spectators. John Edwards will coach our team. This team will play some matches on our school oval.

Please contact John if your child is unavailable for a game.

Students need to be at the venue by 8.30 am for a 9 am start - matches finish around 10 am.

Congratulations to Scott Pearse Rm15J, who won the doubles 12 & under at the Jamestown Easter Tennis Tournament.

Walk Safely to School Day

On Friday May 15 there will be the National Walk Safely to school Day. The objectives of this day are to:

- To promote the health benefits of walking and help to create regular walking habits at an early age
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians
- To ensure that children hold an adults hand when crossing the road
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and may be difficult to change as children become adults
- To promote and improve the use of public transport and reduce the level of traffic congestion

To reduce vehicle emissions to help tackle climate change and improve air quality. Further details can be accessed at www.walk.com.au.

If possible, we ask you to consider this event and take part in some small way. Perhaps you could park the car and walk a small distance to school if your home is too far away to walk all the way to school.

UNIFORM SHOP

With the cooler weather arriving please make sure your children have the appropriate winter uniform.

Below are the opening hours. Alternatively you may place an order by asking your child to collect an order form which you can fill out at your leisure and then post through the front office letter box. Your order will then be processed for you.

MON 2.45–3.30pm
FRI 8.25–9.30am

Virtues of the Week

Week 1 Co-operation
Week 2 Consideration
ST. MORRIS 2447 1st
DEVITT 2379 2nd
WELLINGTON 2233 3rd
TRINITY 2226 4th

Congratulations to Emily Wall and Lance Mills (House Captains) and Emma Mills and Joseph Francese on leading their House to victory.