Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Yesterday I had a great time! I had been invited by the Rotary Club of Norwood to be a guest speaker at one of their meetings. I would sincerely like to thank the Rotary Club for this opportunity as I love nothing better than sharing about our wonderful school.

It was decided that we would host the meeting at school and the Rotary Club invited the school to provide lunch as a small fundraiser. Many thanks go to Teresa and Ian who provided the hearty and healthy food fare for the Rotarians.

I was capably assisted on the day by some of our Senior School Leaders from the Ambassadors: Francesca, Nikhita, Vanessa and Thomas and the Canteen Champions: Anastasia, Genessa and Rebecca. Our student body could not have been represented any better than by these outstanding young people. The Ambassadors led the school tours and the Canteen Champions served the meal.

Our relationship with the Norwood Rotary Club began last year when several members of the club worked hard to build the strong and secure enclosed yard for our three resident hens. These ‘ladies’ are so content in their new home that they deliver 3 eggs a day. By the way, they also enjoy the leftover scraps from the children’s recess and lunch. We sincerely thank the Rotary Club for their service to our school.

To prepare for my talk I brushed up on the school’s history. It was quite surprising to see so many similarities between the past and the present. For example, in a 1906 newsletter, (yes, even then, called “The Wellington Road School Record”) mention was made of several children with whooping cough and here we are again with whooping cough becoming prevalent. Then in the mid 1920s, the innovative school introduced Montessori education for the infant children as one of the first in South Australia, and here we are 89 years later being the first to offer Steiner Education as a curriculum choice for families. Much was written about the gardens worked by the children, including both vegetable and flower gardens. Just last week our kitchen garden was newly planted for the winter. The choir has always been important to the school, first with the Thousand Voice Choir and now with the Festival of Music. Then there were stories of the magpies swooping from the large gum trees in Mr. Devitt’s dairy while children made their way to school. These trees are the very same trees now bordering Devitt Oval near the car park where each spring children still dodge the maggies! Are the magpies of today related to those of yesteryear?

Some things, fortunately, are not the same. There were stories of children being taken to the beach and taught swimming strokes on the sand but not being allowed in the water! Goodness me. Even more stories focused on the dreaded cane and its use to maintain strict discipline. The heart warming stories were clearly about relationships and these today are considered crucial to learning but we talk about well-being rather than discipline.

Right now you have the chance to record your mark in the school’s history. In September/October we anticipate finishing the Piazza. Unfortunately we have to wait until the gym is finished. The Piazza is the area between the gym foyer and the JP sandpit/play area. During the day it will be used by our youngest students for play and the amphitheatre will be used by any class for outdoor activities. At other times the Piazza will be a community gathering area, just like the Piazzas of Italy. We plan to pave this area and to help achieve this task we are selling brick pavers that you are able to purchase. They are $40 for one paver and $30 for subsequent pavers. Thank you to the families who have already bought a paver. Your order will be processed soon. If the purchase amount is hard to manage why not join with another family or just buy a family brick, rather than individual ones. More details are included with this newsletter. If you know of anyone with a past association with the school please encourage them to purchase a named paver. All you have to do is collect an order form from the office or ask your friend to phone the school. Your help with this project will mean that our school environment is further improved and will show pride in our school remains as high as it was in 1899.

Kind regards, Vicki Stokes
Rangoli Celebration

Our Year 6/7 class have been participating in a Rangoli Arts program with Gus Clutterbuck and Sarah-Jane Cook. We look forward to showcasing this work on Thursday 28 May. All parents and community members are invited to an assembly at 10.30am to explain this project. After this, there will be an opportunity to view the Rangoli designs which will be displayed in the school grounds. A morning tea in the Resource Centre at from 11 to 11.30 am will be part of this celebration.

AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Students at our recent Awards Assembly receiving their Achievement Certificates from Vini Ciccarello.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

PYJAMA DAY
FRIDAY 29 MAY

Pyjama Day is to raise money for the Starlight Foundation. Come to school wearing your pj’s, dressing gowns or slippers. Bring a gold coin donation for this worthy cause.

WELCOME

The school community extends a warm welcome to the following students and their families who have joined us this term:


PAVERS

Buy a Brick Paver to help further improve our fantastic school environment! $40 for one paver and $30 for subsequent pavers. Don’t forget that orders for brick pavers are due by the end of Term 2. Please contact the Front Office staff if you have any enquiries. Thank you.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 11–17 May 2009

National Volunteer Week is the largest celebration of volunteers in Australia, and provides an opportunity to highlight the role of volunteers in our communities and to say thank you to the more than 5 million Australians who volunteer on a regular basis.

Here at Trinity Gardens Primary School we are especially grateful and thankful to our many wonderful volunteers. Whether it be volunteering in our canteen, in our Library/Resource Centre or spending time in our classrooms, we acknowledge these contributions and take this opportunity to say thank you for your time and effort in helping to make our school a fabulous learning environment.

WORDS OF WISDOM

“Patience is a virtue, one hard to come by in a world that counts time in nanoseconds.” Maureen Killoran, from Patience, a Better Way?
**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

As a community service, the Uniform Shop is now offering a ‘Second Hand/Pre-Loved Uniform’ column in our newsletter. Parents/Carers will now be able to advertise to buy or sell uniform items. Please drop a note into the office with the items you wish to buy/sell, the size, a contact name and number.

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In an effort to reduce the ever increasing enormous amount of lost property, we will be offering for sale any unclaimed clothing at the next market day. (17 June, See separate notice).

Please, please, please come to the office and retrieve your child’s lost clothing—BEFORE IT GETS OFFERED FOR SALE!

Thank you.

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**CANTEEN MEAL DEAL - TUESDAY 19 May**

On Tuesday 19 May a canteen meal deal will replace normal lunch orders - *No other lunch orders will be available on this day*. Deal for week 4, term 2:

- Chicken & Corn Soup  OR  Corn Soup  Both come with Cheesepuff
- And for Dessert a Scrumptious Apricot Crumble with Hot Custard  
  Plus, a bottle of Water

All for only $6.00

I would like to order a  **CHICKEN & CORN SOUP**  OR  **CORN SOUP**  *(please circle your choice)* with dessert and a bottle of water - for only $6.00.

Name:__________________________________________________ Room:___________________

Amount enclosed:......$...........................................
St Peters Netball Club
If your daughter/son is 7 to 9 years old and would like to play Netta (beginners) netball this Winter season, then please contact:
Kris Hamblen:
T: 8331 3153, or
Ivana DiStasio:
M: 0411 563 348
It’s a great social opportunity and lots of fun!

Location for games and training:
Cruickshank Reserve Netball Courts (opp Maylands Hotel)
Wed 3.30pm—4.30pm
Games 11am–12noon
(BBQ is organized each week)

SAPSASA Soccer News:
On Tuesday 17 May, a girls Trinity Gardens School soccer team will be playing on our second oval from approximately 1.30 to 2.30. This match will be against a team from St Aloysius College.
Then on Wednesday 20 May the boys will play Linden Park on our oval from approximately 2 to 3pm.

Soccer:
Our soccer teams are all playing on Saturdays and children are enjoying their matches.
It is important to support our coaches by teaching your child about good sportsmanship - this includes shaking the hands of the opposition players at the end of each game, and supporting all members of their team.
Please contact your child’s coach if they are unavailable for a game.

Basketball
We continue to 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 is now playing matches.
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.
Thank you to all our coaches as their support enables our school to field more sports teams this year than ever before. This means that more children are now able to access and enjoy school team sports.
This supports our Be Active program and allows children to learn new skills.

Did you know that simply looking through a child’s hair with your hands misses about 70 percent of infestations? Wet combing of hair moistened with conditioner is a better way of diagnosing the problem. A recent study showed children who had active head lice infestations only picked up 29 per cent using visual inspection and with wet combing picked up 91 per cent. A weekly inspection using this method greatly reduces the number of outbreaks in schools.
A very useful website on this topic is www.choice.com.au. Just type in head lice in the search field.

Craft Evenings at Butterfly Garden
Craft evenings are held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7.30pm at the Butterfly Garden. Opposite Jenny & Gerry’s Bridal Church Centre on Payneham Road.
Bring your own craft or just come along for inspiration and have a good time.
All welcome. For further information please call Torun on 0430 181 046 or Lallie on 0400275752.

Birdwood Primary School’s
35th Farm Day

Sunday 24 May 2009
10.00am—4.00pm
Mt Crawford
Admission
Adults $7.00 Children Free
Maximum $12.00 per car
Farm Day is a family fun day.

Fantastic Attractions:
Animal Nursery
Bric-a-Brac
CFS Demonstration
Homemade gourmet goodies
Horse rides
Children’s games area
Live Music
Tractor rides
Sheep shearing
Refreshments
and much, much more.
Come and enjoy our wonderful event that is Farm Day. A great family day out with a friendly country atmosphere.

WARM UP FOR WINTER
Trinity Gardens Port is available from the Front Office at $8.00 per bottle.

QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
MON 8 JUNE & PUPIL FREE DAY TUES 9 JUNE

Please remember to use the School Drop Off Zone correctly. You must not leave your car unattended. If your child is not ready for pick up please drive on. Move forward to allow other cars in and stop any congestion in the street. Your cooperation is expected and most appreciated.

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

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