Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School Community

As Winter is upon us there’s no better time to read all about the Steiner Education stream celebration of the Winter Solstice included in this week’s newsletter. The festival held last Friday evening, was a joy to observe and I have no doubt that those students involved will carry memories of the night for their entire lives.

The Built Environ sub-committee of Governing Council has been busy spending the National School Pride grant provided by the Federal Government and the next few weeks will see quite a few changes around the school. Here’s some information about the action:

- **Classroom re-carpeting and painting** - all areas not already renovated will be completed over the forthcoming holidays. This means an enormous effort with furniture movement. Some of this has already begun and the rest will happen on the last day of term. Wellington is the most affected so if you have a child in a Wellington class and it is not inconvenient to you please consider allowing them to stay home on the last day. This will assist teachers who are required to move their furniture.

- **Quadrangle re-surfacing** - weather permitting, the entire surface of the quadrangle will be replaced. Shade trees will be planted and eventually new seating installed. Then once the warmer days arrive we will paint an activity track and new games lines. I’m a bit past hopscotch but I can’t wait to see our children using this wonderful area.

  This means the blue and white bins need relocation as the truck that empties them will be too heavy to drive on the new surface. These bins will be temporarily placed at the end of the Jones building near the canteen. Eventually they will live at the rear of the gym.

- **Upgrade to the Wellington Boys toilets** - the single urinal will be replaced with a single toilet and cubicle. This will reduce the offensive smell constantly emanating from there! If the money stretches that far we will also replace the floor.

- **Piazza** - Plans have now been finalized and the piazza paving will begin as soon as we have handover of the area. The last chance to order a named paver is NOW! Pop in to the office before the end of term if you wish to become a part of the school’s history. The mound will be replaced very soon and the Grounds Committee have plans for it’s replanting. This outdoor learning area will be well received come Spring.

- **The Gym** - (although not part of the BER funding). I have great pleasure in announcing that we expect school use of the gym at the start of term 4. Completion of the roof is now the main priority.

  Please set aside Friday 30 October when our Quiz Night will be held in the gym as the inaugural event. Please see the note in this newsletter.

Please may I take this opportunity to remind you of two things.

1. Wearing school uniform is a GC requirement. This means no black or striped or logo pants or pink, purple or red tops. If winter has sneaked up on you don’t forget you can place a ‘postal’ order through the letterbox in the front office or visit the uniform shop on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings.

2. The parking inspector attends frequently and will ‘book’ anyone double parking. The school has no

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**Term 2 Week 9**

24 June 2009

**Diary Dates**

26 June Friday

Academic Excellence Awards Assembly

9am

30 June Tuesday

Transition Visits

9am-12pm

3 July Friday

Last Day of Term 2

Early Dismissal – 2.05pm

**T E R M 3**

20 July Monday

Term 3 starts

**W e e k 4**

Healthy Bones Week

**W e e k 5**

Book Week/Science Week

Grandparents Day

11 Sept Friday

Pupil Free Day

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**Our school values:**

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Learning

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**Virtues of the Week**

**Week 9:** Service

**Week 10:** Revision

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**EARLY DISMISSAL**

**LAST DAY OF TERM 2**

2.05PM

3 JULY FRIDAY
connection to the assignment of traffic infringements. Please DO NOT let your child get out of or into a car that is double parked. This is simply too dangerous. Please also remember that you cannot stay longer than 2 minutes in the Drop and Kiss Zone. You will be asked to do a lap of the block if other cars are waiting. Thank you for your co-operation.

Keep warm and cozy over the holidays and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20 July.

Kind Regards
Vicki Stokes

FINANCE NEWS

Please note that families who have elected to pay the Materials and Services Charge for 2009 by instalments are due to complete payment on or before 3 July 2009.

Statements are posted and/or sent home regularly. If you have an outstanding balance for Materials and Services Charges, excursions, instrument hire or sports fees please check your statement and finalise payment.

Unless otherwise negotiated, no fees for the current year should be outstanding at this time.

Unfortunately, for those families where there has not been negotiation around outstanding charges, the debt collection process as approved by Governing Council will be implemented early next term.

If you need clarification or wish to discuss final payment options, please call me on 8431 4170 or call in to the front office.

As always, thank you to the majority of families who have completed payment and/or submitted School Card Assistance forms.

Karen

EDUCATION TAX REFUND

The Education Tax Refund (ETR) is a tax offset that helps with the cost of educating primary and secondary school children.

Eligible education expenses include the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs of:

- laptop computers, home computers and associated costs, including repair and running costs of computer equipment
- computer-related equipment such as printers, USB flash drives, and disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- home internet connections, including the costs of establishing and maintaining them
- Computer software for educational use
- word processing, spreadsheet, database and presentation software, and internet filters and antivirus software
- school textbooks and other paper-based school learning materials, study guides and stationery - for example, pencils, pens, compasses and glue

Expenses that are not eligible for the Education Tax Refund include:

- School fees
- School uniform expenses
- Student attendance at school-based extra curricular activities such as excursions and camps
- Tutoring costs
- Musical instruments
- Sporting equipment
- Library book fees
- Building levies
- School subject levies—for example, payment for consumables for particular subjects, such as woodwork, art or home science
- School photos
- Donations
- Tuck shop expenses
- Waiting list fees
- Transport
- Membership fees
- Computer games and consoles.

Visit their website for more information: http://www.ato.gov.au/nonprofit/content.asp?doc=/content/00183073.htm

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 - Revision of Term 2 Virtues

1. Co-operation
2. Consideration
3. Flexibility
4. Patience
5. Understanding
6. Thankfulness
7. Helpfulness
8. Determination
9. Service
**WINTER FESTIVAL**

Last week on a cold and Wintry Friday, parents, children and teachers of the Steiner classes gathered together to participate in the Winter Festival. As you may know, the Steiner classes celebrate festivals for each season. The Winter Festival is usually held as close to the Winter solstice as possible, which is the shortest day and longest night of the year. During the darkest time of the year we turn to our inner light. Together we look towards the light of our candles as a symbol of light and the promise of the renewal of nature when Spring arrives.

The Winter Festival involves the experience of anticipation, waiting and preparation long before the Winter Solstice. The children learn to sing, play and recite songs and verses. They look forward to making their lanterns and hearing stories. Vegetables are brought from home and made into a warming soup for all to share.

Many preparations needed to be done on the day of the Festival. Parents and children busily helped make soup in each class, as well as at home. The children then went home early while the teachers and some parents stayed behind to prepare beautiful foliage spirals in each class, as well as decorating the soup eating area.

The Festival began with families arriving before darkness to share soup and bread. The children and parents then went to their individual class spirals. The walking of the spiral is a simple and beautiful celebration that allows each child to journey towards the centre of the spiral in order to light their candles. From one flame many flames are carried outward.

Once the children’s lanterns were lit everyone walked outside and joined in with all of the other classes for the singing of the Winter songs which had been practiced throughout the week (with Lee’s wonderful accompaniment on recorder). Afterwards, the children were led by Dimity’s class into walking together, and then off to a Lantern walk. Classes Rec, 1 and 2 went for a walk around the school grounds, while the older classes went out into the community. The Lantern walk signifies the lighting of the darkness of midwinter and the bringing of light to others.

At the end of the festival everyone came together to extinguish the candles and mark the closing of the evening with a verse. Families made their way back to their homes with the essence of the festival lingering, enabling the experience to penetrate deeply.

It was so lovely to see the festival come together so beautifully. Many families attended and participated. The support of the parents throughout the preparation and at the Festival was vital to the smooth running of events on the night. We would like to thank everyone who helped for their generosity and support, because without your help the Winter Festival would not have been such a success. So thank you all for a wonderful festival!!

As one parent said, ‘It all ran smoothly - we left the festival with a warm sense of community and a renewed experience of winter’.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN P.E. THIS TERM?

In Physical Education lessons this term, students have been learning many new games and learning skills required to play a variety of team sports.

The junior primary classes have been learning how to play exciting new games with a focus on fundamental motor skills, running and being active. Students have had lots of fun learning to play games such as ‘Sharks & Islands’, ‘Poison Ponds’, ‘Bases are loaded’, ‘Tail-Tag’ and ‘Give away’.

As well as learning some of these games, the Middle Primary and Upper Primary classes have been learning the skills required to play games such as soft ball and soccer.

In softball, the students learnt the necessary skills required to throw and catch a soft ball and to be able to field ground balls correctly. There was also a focus on hitting and pitching the correct way.

In soccer, students worked on passing and trapping the ball correctly and dribbling the ball whilst running. Students practiced all of these skills through a number of different games for both the individual and in small groups.

“Sport is a preserver of health” — Hippocrates.

SAPSASA INVOLVEMENT

So far in terms 1 & 2 this year, students’ from our school have had the opportunity to represent our school at various SAPSASA sports carnivals.

Students from years 4-7 have been participating in carnivals for walla-rugby, swimming, soccer, netball and cricket.

Over the next two terms, students will also be involved in athletics, cross-country, softball and tennis.

“Be not afraid of going slowly; be afraid only of standing still.”
- Chinese Proverb
What’s happening in Room 4

Term 3 has been a busy term with many learning experiences enjoyed by the students in room 4.

Our term began with an inquiry into Aboriginal Culture. The students researched about the first Australians and presented their work as a power point or a mind map. The students also worked on developing fabulous dot paintings and presented dramatic Dreaming Stories further enhancing their understanding of the world’s oldest living culture.

Our class was also lucky enough to visit Warriparinga, The Living Kaurna Centre. Our day began by introducing ourselves to the Aboriginal guides, Jason and Paul who spoke with us about the Kaurna people that lived and continue to live on the Adelaide Plains.

Next we all went on a walk to collect bush tucker and found out more about Aboriginal Culture. We were all amazed at how much the environment provided us with so many foods and medicines.

After we all returned to the centre the students were keen to use their experiences and knowledge to develop an Aboriginal campsite. This included making houses, campfires, tools and food for daily living. Finally it was time to go (‘Nucader - Kaurna’). The guides were amazed at the knowledge and thinking of such young students, who they hoped would be future ambassadors to develop understanding and respect of the Aboriginal Culture.
This term, Year 3 students from 14J have been learning about water. They have learnt about the water cycle, properties of water and investigated their own home usage. Their first task was to collect data about the school’s water sources then their home water sources. They collected data for a week about their family usage. Students came up with their own inquiry question to investigate as part of Resource Based Learning. They used computer and RBL lessons to investigate their questions and present the answers. Some of their questions were “How does the water get through the pipes?”, “How can we save water?” and “How to make salty water into fresh water?”

In Science lessons they chose a property of water to investigate. They made a hypothesis before setting up their experiments. Teams learnt to work together as they conducted their experiments. Some of the students investigated evaporation rates, how long material takes to dry in different conditions, how long ice takes to melt in different conditions and how different things dissolve in water. The students also watched how coloured water seeped through bark chips and gravel to develop an understanding of groundwater, bores and wells.

This week we’ll be going on an excursion conducted by SA Water titled “Water around the world”. This will be held at both Water SA Education Centre and Botanical Gardens.

Literacy lessons have included using the information report writing genre and the topic has been frogs. The students have been taking notes and organising information under topic headings. During this activity they have learnt a lot of interesting things about frogs including their habitat and the way they take in water through their skin.

In SOSE lessons students learnt to categorised key facts about water into headings as they read facts. Some of the headings were pollution, rivers/oceans, and people. This week the students will be learning about the problems of the River Murray and it’s future and the ways we can reduce our reliance on it as a source of water for domestic use eg rainwater tanks, grey water reuse and water-wise gardens.

Julie Hales, Fiona Wilson
**GENERATION NEXT**

Generation Next is a public seminar aimed at understanding the unique health and wellbeing challenges facing generations Y & Z – and how these challenges can be met. The seminar will focus on providing essential and up-to-date information for parents, teachers and carers about problems relating to drugs and alcohol, cyber safety, mental health and related issues that affect young people and constructive solutions to these problems.

The seminar will be held on 27 June at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Tickets are $45 and are available through Ticketek. For further information, contact Healthed's Dr Ramesh Manocha, M: 0418 270 786; E: r.manocha@healthed.com.au; or visit the Generation Next website: www.gennextseminars.com

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**WORDS OF WISDOM**

“Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.”

*Mother Theresa*

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**HEALTHY EATING HABITS**

**Family Meals:** Family meals are a comforting ritual for both parents and children. Children like the predictability of family meals and parents get a chance to catch up with their children. Knowing dinner is served at approximately the same time every night and that the family will be sitting down together is comforting, which also enhances appetite, and provides a perfect opportunity for your children to share what is on their minds. Young children need the regularity of a sit down meal so they can settle at night and all children need time to talk, to be heard and to learn from their parents. Family meals also offer the chance to introduce your child to new foods and to act as a role model for healthy eating.

**Family mealtimes:** Make eating as a family a priority. Children can take part in mealtimes as soon as they can sit up and grasp food. There are many good reasons to eat as a family including:

⇒ A happy and relaxed environment will positively influence your child’s experience of the foods they are eating.

⇒ Eating meals as a family encourages healthy eating habits such as eating vegetables.

⇒ Mealtimes are a great opportunity for parents to be role models for good food choices and positive social behaviours - this will also encourage children’s acceptance of new foods.

**Tips for healthy family meals:**

⇒ Eat a healthy breakfast every morning.

⇒ Prepare food with lots of vegetables at evening meals - vegetables can also be included in school lunch boxes.

⇒ Drink water with meals.

⇒ Involve children in food preparation, setting the table and cleaning up.

⇒ Sit together at the table.

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**WORKING BEE**

Please note the Working Bee has now been rescheduled to:

**SATURDAY 27TH JUNE**

9.30AM—11.30AM

We would love to see as many of our school community as possible.

Thank you

Sally

Grounds Committee

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**CANTEEN MEAL DEAL - TUESDAY 30 June**

On Tuesday 30 June 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:

**Vegetable Lasagna with Salad**

Plus option of chicken topping

Dessert – Gelati in a Cone

and a bottle of Water

All for only $6.00

I would like to order a **VEG. LASAGNA** **OR** VEG. LASAGNA WITH CHICKEN TOPPING (please circle your choice) with salad, plus Gelati in Cone and a bottle of water for only $6.00.

NAME: .................................................................................................................................................. ROOM.........................

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $ .................................................................
Basketball News:

Congratulations to all our teams who have participated during this season of basketball - a big thank you to all our coaches and helpers.

Some of our teams are now playing finals with the times being advertised on the school notice board near Room 9. Good luck to our children in these finals.

The next season of basketball will commence after the holidays with a $10 registration fee payable to the school. A letter requesting payment will be sent home early in Term 3 - please do not send payment yet.

Soccer News:

The program for the next round of matches has been issued to all players at school.

If your soccer player did not receive a program, please contact Ros.

Coaching News:

The Office for Recreation and Sport is offering a course entitled Essentials for Coaching.

This is a 3 hour course which covers topics including:
- What makes a good coach
- Making the most of your training time
- Getting the best from your players
- Working with parents

The dates are Thursday 10 September, 6.30 to 9.30 pm or Tuesday 10 November, 6.30pm to 9.30 pm.

Cost is $10 per person

For further information and registration
Phone: 7424 7605
or email: coachingandofficiating@saugov.sa.gov.au

Our Vacation Care program is included with this newsletter.

To enable administration and staffing details to be finalised, all Vacation Care must be booked by Friday 26 June at the latest. Bookings received after this date will have an additional $5 late booking charge per family - this fee does not receive Child Care Benefit reductions. A deposit is required for all Vacation Care bookings.

Please contact OSHC on P: 8332 6901

UNIFORM SHOP

Please be advised that the Uniform Shop’s opening hours are:

MONDAY AFTERNOON  2.45 - 3.30
FRIDAY MORNING 8.25 - 9.30

PLEASE CHECK LOST PROPERTY BEFORE END OF TERM!!

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Tennis Clinics

James Partington Tennis Clinics at Kensington Gardens in the July School Holidays & in Term 3. Discounts apply if you enroll by 3 July. For more info check out tennisclinics.com.au or phone James on 8332 9603.

School Holiday Soccer

First class coaching ensures optimum development for beginners or advanced players. Proven programs in fun, friendly and motivational environment.

Age/skill matched groups. Boys & Girls, 8-16 yrs. Small sided games played in inflatable fields.

Annesley and Prince Alfred Colleges 6-10 July 2009 or 13-17 July 2009
9am - 3pm daily (choose 3 or 5 days; half or full day)
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Highly qualified experienced coaches
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Early booking recommended For full details & registration forms:
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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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www.trinitygps.sa.edu.au

And click on the link for ‘Latest News’ on the home page or click on ‘News’ at the top of any page.

If you have any feedback or suggestions about the school newsletter we welcome your input.

TERM 3 STARTS MON 20 JULY 09