Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School Community

There were a lot of tired looking children in the yard last Friday after a week of swimming lessons. I hope they all slept soundly over the weekend giving you a rest too. It was lovely to hear children talk so positively about what they could ‘now do’ at swimming. If our weather continues as the present trend indicates, the ability to swim will be even more important.

The staff at Trinity Gardens School is very thankful to the wide range of parent and community volunteers who give their time during the year to support the students in their learning at the school. This morning the staff brought along morning tea to say ‘thank you’ to all the parents and community volunteers who have supported the school during the year.

There are many people who have assisted in classroom reading programs, excursions, sports coaching, Governing Council and its sub-committees as well as working in the library and canteen. We also have many dedicated parents who voluntarily give of their time to work on the Governing Council and its committees including Finance, Fundraising, Steiner Education, Early Learning Centre, Grounds, OSHC, School Community Care, Environmental Sustainable Development, Uniform, Sport, Grants and Built Environments. Thank you so much for your service to our school.

Now to the END OF YEAR CELEBRATION . . .

As the End of Year Celebration approaches on Wednesday 2 December some questions may arise regarding this event if the weather is unsuitable. Unfortunately, due to the costs of hiring equipment, in the event of poor weather conditions we are unable to reschedule the show.

HOT WEATHER - If the forecast temperature for this day is over 37 degrees Celsius the event will be cancelled.

WET WEATHER - if the weather is inclement on the day, we will send a note home with the children indicating the concert has been cancelled.

Entry for adults is a gold coin which entitles you to a free raffle ticket, as well as a program of the evening’s entertainment.

Don’t forget to support our Fundraising Committee who are offering some enjoyable food options to make feeding your family easy on this busy night.

At this time of the year I am very busy working out staff for 2010 and beyond. All teachers have a tenure at a school. If they are permanent their tenure is 10 years and if they are a contract teacher their tenure is for 1 year. All teachers at Trinity Gardens School offer excellent service to our school and we thank them for their contribution.

Leaving us next year is Julie’s Hales who finishes her tenure and has a 1 year position at Marryatville. Julie has taught many students over the years who will be sad to see her leave as will her colleagues. I have already mentioned that Adam Clutton is leaving as he has another position. Also leaving us are Julie Welford, Tamsar Bellette, Clare Erasmus, Abbi Fenton and Emily Combe. We wish them all the best in their new roles.

Our school values:
Respect
Responsibility
Learning
MARKET DAY

TODAY

After School

Espresso Coffee, BBQ, milkshakes, cakes, jams, treats, clothes, woodwork, craft, toys and more.

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Snails Galore

Watch the wall of the new gym over the next few weeks as five colourful snails will soon be finding their way onto the southern wall. These have been the ongoing project of Room 14 with Jan Obery at the helm. Students have learnt to mosaic and each group had their own special snail to work on. Persistence and patience were shown in students as they carefully sorted tiles, stuck them on and cleaned the tiles.

Many of them just loved “getting their hands dirty” as they created their snails. Teamwork was essential and many parents contributed to the project by supervising a group and grouting the end product. Many generous sponsors contributed materials in the way of tiles, grout and mirror tiles. The students have delighted in seeing the gradual emergence of the end product after seeing it first as a sketch. Each time they work on the mosaic, it looks more complete. Towards the end of the project, students in the yard have watched on as the grouting has been completed. Room 14 students and parents alike should be proud of their snails!

A big thank you to Jan and Andrew Obery who spent countless hours working on the project and the many helpers who assisted them—Maryann, Lee, Rita, Justine, Virginia, James, Tullio, Kate, Tracy, Faye.

Many thanks to the following sponsors:

- Anna Muller (Ceramic World)
- Shane Newcombe
- Italia Ceramics
- International ceramics
- Dean of Stepney
- Beaumont Tiles

Everyone will be able to see the snails in 2010 when they will be attached to the gym wall for everyone to enjoy.

Julie Hales

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Tomboy Stitch Knitting

Want to learn how to do “tomboy knitting”?......just ask one of the students in Jennifer's year 1 - 2 class. They spent every spare moment in Term 3 manipulating wool around 4 pop-sticks attached to a toilet roll! Metres and metres of colourful knitting were produced with one student knitting over 100m in length and still going! Various creations emerged using the colourful rope-like knitting, including Hayley’s “wall art”, now hanging proudly in her bedroom.

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You never know we may see them back here in the future. One person not leaving us is our Assistant Principal, Ros Green. I have previously announced that Harriet Wilmore had won the new Assistant Principal position, as you see, from next year we will have two Assistant Principals. With the growth in our school having 2 Assistant Principals means we can share the workload. I feel fortunate to have two people of such high calibre to work with.

So far the new staff include: Janet Allen, Francesco Ierace, Kelly Walpole and Barbara McBrearty. These teachers along with Joanne Simpson have all won 10 year positions at Trinity Gardens and we warmly welcome them. Each teacher brings a wealth of strength and skills. I am still finalising a few part time positions. At the beginning of next year all staff information will be included in the newsletter.

There is an early 2010 date that I would like to bring to your attention at this time and it is our Acquaintance Night and Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 10 February 2010. There will be some vacancies on Governing Council and I encourage you to nominate. Nomination forms are available from the front office and will also be sent home with the invoice for school fees.

As this is the last newsletter for the year I wish to send good wishes to all children and their families for a happy festive season and fun holidays. Please check the dates column for remaining events this year and note that children return to school next year on Wednesday 27 January and not on the Monday. Staff will be working in the week beginning 18 January.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Vicki Stokes
Painting in Steiner Class One

Painting is an important part of the Steiner Curriculum. This year the Class One children have been painting once a week, every week of the term. In Steiner Education, Art is seen as an essential part of the whole education and therefore not a separate unrelated subject. In painting, the children are given the opportunity to explore the world of colours. The technique of painting that is used is called Wet on Wet painting. The paper is first soaked in water and then laid out on a painting board, with the excess water being carefully sponged off. Plant-based paints are diluted and stored in little glass jars. The watercolours create a very flowing effect on the page. All year we have been working with the primary colours of blue, red and yellow and with these the children are told many different colour stories in order to explore the primary and secondary colours.

Trees standing tall in the violet sky.

A duck on the water.

A violet in the sunlight.
Children in room 4 and room 5 have been learning about ‘Safety’.
During computer lessons the children used KidPix drawing package to create a picture of when to hold an adult’s hand. The children used limited tools in the software, the pencil tools, shape tools and bucket tool to create their art work.

Before starting the pictures, explicit learning was given about crossing the road and the rules people need to learn and remember every time they cross the road.
Once the students had completed their drawings they exported the picture as a ‘jpg’ and saved them in their folders.

The children then opened a publisher document and used text boxes to type in and created ‘wanted’ posters into which to insert their pictures.

Endangered Animals of Australia is the Inquiry webquest the year 5/6’s have been researching. Each student is finding out about a native species, either bird, reptile or marsupial with the intent of doing further action to assist with saving the endangered species. Students complete a self assessment (left) at the end of the project.

4/5 classes have been learning how to use ‘excel’ to create data bases. They have collected various data and have used the formula wizard to do calculations within the database. Once finished they used the graph wizard to create a graphic representation of their data for interpretation.

Year 7 students have been using Photostory 3.0 to create timelines of their lives to show at the year 7 graduation. ‘Ripping’ a piece of music and converting to mp3 means that their timeline has backing music to enhance their presentations. Once completed, these short movies are burned to DVD and provide a wonderful memory of their primary years.

### FAVOURITE FOOD AT TRINITY GARDENS

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To begin the topic, **Y chart** - Being Safe

- Looks like…
- Feels like…

“comfortable where you are”

Sounds like…

Student stories about when they felt safe / unsafe and why.

Emergency telephone numbers—role playing.

Make sure we know our own address and phone number.

**Road Safety**

**Pedestrian Safety**—RBL with Steph

- What is a pedestrian?
- Safe practice—cross in a safe place.
- Think where to cross.
- Stop at the kerb.
- Use your eyes and ears. **Look and Listen.**
- Wait until any cars have passed.
- Look and Listen and Think as you cross.
- Wanted poster on the computer.

Looking at the different crossings near the school.

**Passenger Safety**

- What is a passenger?
- Being a passenger in a car—role plays.
- Practising being a safe passenger on the bus on the way to swimming.
- Looking at a range of posters in small groups and having conversations about what is happening and what would happen.

**Child Protection Curriculum**

We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

Themes

- Right to be Safe
- Relationships
- Recognising and reporting abuse
- Protective Strategies

**Sun safety**

**Sun Smart Mind Map** - Slip, slop, slap, seek and wrap.

**Science** – “Effects of sunlight” with Fiona

We discussed the dangers of too much sunlight on our skin and how we can protect ourselves. Working in small groups the students chose different materials and stuck them on a paper plate. Some of the samples were then covered with sunscreen while others were rubbed with moisturizer or left dry. The plates were placed in direct sunlight for two hours and then we observed the changes and compared them to the “control plate” that had been left inside the classroom.

We also reflected sunlight using mirrors.

**Water Safety**

Swimming week - practising safety at the pool when swimming with my friends.

**Water Safety Posters** - displaying what we found out about being safe in the water.
9J have been on a journey to discover more about themselves. We have been investigating our growth and development and how we have changed from birth to school. We have shared many stories and our likes and dislikes with each other and are recording our discoveries which are to be put together in a “Book About Me”. We have also brought in baby photos of ourselves to share with our friends. The photos are displayed on the wall and we are having a great time trying to guess which baby photo belongs to which student. It is great fun seeing how much we have grown and changed and the ways in which we are the same.
**SPORT NEWS**

**Basketball News**

We hope your child/children have enjoyed playing basketball for a school team this year.

All basketball tops need to be returned to school as soon as your child has played their last game (it would assist us if all tops were washed before return).

We require all tops to be returned by Monday December 7 at the very latest. We will then be able to complete a stock take of our basketball tops in preparation for the 2010 basketball season.

**Sporting Teams:**

Thank you to all our coaches, assistant coaches, parents, family members and friends for their support and assistance to our many sporting teams throughout this year. Your commitment and enthusiasm are much appreciated and help our students to develop new skills, be active and have fun.

In 2010 we look forward to your continued support and ask you to consider perhaps being a coach or being part of a coaching group.

**MUSIC NEWS**

It is essential that parents ensure that all private providers offering music lessons in the school are paid to finalise this year’s tuition.

Please contact the provider personally if you are unsure about your account.

**CASUAL DAY**

Thank you to everyone who took part in casual day on Friday 13 November. We raised $341.55 for the Heart Kids Charity.

**NEW BROWN LUNCH BOX**

We have a new brown letterbox for posting lunch orders. It is located on the Wellington wall under the shelter near the southern door. **This box needs to be used for lunch orders from now on.** This change is due to the front wall of the old canteen, now 12J, being redeveloped.

**WHERE’S YOUR HAT?!**

Our SunSmart policy is in force and hat wearing is a compulsory requirement.

Please remind your children of the ‘no hat, no outdoor play’ policy!

Thank you for your support.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Community Event - 2010 Adelaide Resolution Run**

Walk or run the 2010 Adelaide Resolution Run and raise funds for the charity of your choice. Make good on your new year promises and get active in 2010. Choose either the 4.5km or 9km events. For information go to www.resolutionrun.com.au

Sunday January 3

Elder Park  Adelaide

**UNIFORM FOR SALE**

Size 12 Summer Dress

Excellent Condition

$20 ono

See Steph Burton

**LOANED CLOTHES**

During swimming week the school loaned numerous students clothing from our small collection that has been kindly donated. If your child borrowed clothing, please return the washed item/s to the office asap.

Thank you.

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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

**FINANCE NEWS**

All 2009 Materials & Services Charges are recoverable and as such need to be paid before the conclusion of the school year. Statements have been posted to those families who have outstanding amounts. In keeping with the school’s Debt Collection Policy, amounts remaining unpaid will be forwarded to the DECS Recoveries Team.

As we approach this busy time of the school year, your assistance in finalising outstanding payments is appreciated. Thank you, Karen.

**OSHC NEWS**

Please see this newsletter for our Vacation Care program and booking sheet.

Fees for our OSHC service are now:

- Before School Care 7.30 am - 8.45 am $8.00 per child
- After School Care 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm $16.00 per child
- Vacation Care (Home day) 7.30 am - 6.00 pm $38.00 per child
- Vacation Care (Excursion day) 7.30 am - 6.00 pm $44.00 per child

These new fees will apply from the December/January Vacation Care program.

**VIRTUES OF THE WEEK**

**Week 7 - Orderliness is being neat, and living with a sense of harmony. It is being organized and having a place for things when you need them. Orderliness is planning something so that it works, doing it step by step instead of going round in circles. Orderliness is putting first things first, and taking care of things you need to do.**

**Week 8 - Peacefulness is an inner sense of calm. It comes especially in quiet moments of reflection or gratitude. It is getting very quiet and looking at things so you can understand them. Peacefulness is a way of approaching conflict with others so that no one is made wrong. It is being fair to others and yourself. With peacefulness, everyone wins.**