Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School

A warm welcome is extended to all new and returning children, families and staff.

It is extremely pleasing to report that we have had a wonderful start to the 2010 school year. This isn't due to luck. Positive home/school relations really make a difference and our excellent start to the year is a result of your support to prepare your child for school and the effort of staff to prepare for the children. This applies equally across all parts of our campus: the ELC, St Morris, Steiner Stream and Mainstream. Surprisingly, there was hardly a student late to school yesterday! Thank you to all parents who considered what was required to assist a smooth start to school, especially preparing your child emotionally through building optimism and resilience. Staff have been at school for a week preparing classrooms and all those behind the scenes things right down to making sure we have enough band aids! Last week parents in the Steiner stream worked tirelessly to oil desks and assist with room arrangement and the donation of your time to undertake these tasks is greatly appreciated.

Students begin the year engaging with the Successful Start Program until the end of week 2. The program is used to establish a strong purpose for learning and a commitment to work together to build a happy, safe and productive class environment. The program lays the foundation for building a school and class culture that strives for continuous improvement. The environment and learning tools needed for students to be respectful, successful learners will be created by focusing on the necessary learning tools, vocabulary and ethos.

This year all teachers have a few special foci. It would be appreciated if you could support these at home. One focus is respectful listening and involves only one person speaking at a time in a whole class or group context. Respectful listening means not talking over others, inappropriately interrupting or talking instead of listening. Another focus is on the 21st Century Learning skill of personal competition. Another way to consider this is to think of this as being the best we can be rather than trying to be better than others. All students engage in personal goal setting and at the end of the specified period they reflect on why or why not a goal was achieved. This is powerful responsible learning. One consequence for not taking responsibility for personal learning is to make up lost learning time. These foci may sound tough but when set in a supportive environment they are achievable and contribute to success. With goal setting, children are supported by a teacher to use the acronym SMART, where:

- S=specific and stretching
- M=measurable
- A=achievable
- R=realistic and relevant
- T=time framed

Another term children will hear this year is hard learning. School learning isn't always fun nor easy. Last year's student opinion survey told us that children like a challenge and we believe it is important for them to understand that often learning is hard work. Of course then there is so much more to celebrate when success is achieved.

As we have worked together in the past please help us with the 5 building blocks of optimism.

- having a go
- practising
- coming to terms with success and failure
- planning for the best outcome
- having the belief and confidence to try again.

At the moment there is quite a lot of media interest in the new 'My Schools' website. On the site you are able to view the past two year's NAPLAN

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Term 1 Week 1
28 January 2010

Diary Dates

5 February Friday 2.15pm
School Assembly

10 February Wednesday
Acquaintance Night
See program inside for details.
Governing Council AGM 7.30pm

16 February Tuesday
Pancake Tuesday Breakfast

17 February Wednesday
Governing Council Meeting

18 February Thursday
Footsteps Dance lessons commence
More details to come

3 March Wednesday
Open Day 9.15–10.30am
Steiner Info Session 7pm
For prospective parents

8 March Monday
Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

12 March Friday
Official Gym Opening
results for our school and compare our results with similar schools and all schools Australia wide. We achieve outstanding results despite not being in the highest socio-economic category and you will see this on the website. Our school results are yet again another result of a successful home/school partnership. Our students come from homes where learning is valued and literacy and numeracy are role modelled and where children are read to from an early age and are encouraged to work hard in their learning journey at school. At school we have many whole school consistent practices that take away chance for success and replace it with planned success. We have highly professional and dedicated teaching and support staff who hold high expectations for students and who are reflective practitioners always aiming for improvement. It is therefore not a surprise that we achieve well. Please be mindful that the NAPLAN scores represent only aspects of literacy and numeracy and that schools are complex and many more things contribute to student success, some of which cannot be measured. Enjoy the website if you get the chance to have a look and please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions. Please note that the colour coding is not yet accurate for our school, so rather than look at the colour look at our school score and compare that with the similar and all schools scores. I believe one value is in the Australia wide notion rather than a smaller area or one state only. I am keen to hear what you think so please share your thoughts. Our facility development continues: the Children's Centre has had most of the structural steel stage completed and the carpentry will now begin. We all appreciate the upgraded and now complete Devitt Ave carpark. You should see action very soon on the Piazza and completion of this is crucial to our gym opening on 12 March. The deck addition and new classrooms in the Aberdare campus are now usable. We are using 2 rooms there as temporary IT suite and library. The conversion of the old canteen to a learning space is almost complete with asbestos removed during the holiday break. This room will become our language room while the RC is out of action. We are using 2 rooms there as temporary IT suite and library. The conversion of the old canteen to a learning space is almost complete with asbestos removed during the holiday break. This room will become our language room while the RC is out of action. The major project this year will be the rebuild of the Resource Centre. Work will begin once plans have been approved and it is expected to take approximately 10 months to complete. Have you noticed the wall and seat around the plane trees in the main quadrangle? This is the work of Evan Jones one of our parents. The seating is so much more interesting than regular school seating. The snake now has spots, a painted head and tongue. Look out! Please note the following very important dates.

- Acquaintance Night - 10 February
- Governing Council’s AGM – 10 February
- The official opening of the Trinity Gardens School Gym on Friday 12 March.

This year there are 5 vacancies on Governing Council. Please consider nominating for a position. If you are interested but not sure of what is involved please do not hesitate to contact me. Alternatively, any present or past GC member would be keen to assist you. Nomination forms are available in the front office and were also sent home with school invoices.

At this very important time of the year I wish to remind you that you are always welcome to ask questions. It is important to clarify anything of which you may be uncertain. A good starting point for the year is to attend Acquaintance Night. Teachers love to see you there. If your query is more personal please make a time to meet after school with your child's teacher.

Thank you in anticipation of your support throughout this year.

Yours sincerely
Vicki Stokes

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**ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY**

**PROGRAM**

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Come and hear your child/children’s teacher share their routines and plans for the year.

Please note supervision of children remains the responsibility of parents.

A Creche for school aged children is available for the AGM.

Children must be booked in through the Front Office.

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**WELCOME**

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

WHERE’S YOUR HAT?

Our Sun Smart policy is once again in place. Therefore hat wearing is now a compulsory requirement.
Please remind your children of the no hat, no outdoor play policy.
Thank you for your support.

FINANCE NEWS

Invoices for the Materials & Services Charge (School Fees) for 2010 have been sent to all families and are payable within 14 days. If you have not received an invoice for your child/children please contact Karen in the Front Office. Thank you.

The Trinity Gardens School Governing Council conducted a poll of Mainstream and Steiner Stream families during Term 4 2009 regarding setting and collecting the ‘prescribed sum' of $325 for our Mainstream students and $525 plus subject charge for our Steiner Stream students in 2010. The poll was successful and an application to the Chief Executive, DECS, to approve the prescribed sum as the legally recoverable amount for 2010 was approved in December 2009. The Governing Council thanks the school community for their support in this matter. For those families who feel they may be eligible for School Card assistance with Materials & Services charges this year, an application form must be completed and handed to the Front Office as soon as possible. Approval in 2009 does not carry over to 2010. Please see the income audit table to check for eligibility, or see Karen if you feel there may be other reasons (eg hardship, self employment, change in circumstances) that would allow an application to be made.

A uniform shop voucher to the value of $10 is offered for all full payment of fees made by 19 February. Many families have taken advantage of this offer when purchasing uniforms for the new school year.

Finally, we would like to thank the majority of families who have already finalized payment and/or submitted School Card applications—your prompt attention to these matters is appreciated.

If you require any assistance regarding payment of 2010 fees, please contact me on 8431 4170, or call in to the Front Office.

Karen Barrow

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SPORT NEWS

Years 2 to 7 children can participate in school basketball and cricket teams during this term. Notes will be sent home shortly with all interested students.

These notes will need to be returned to school as soon as possible as cricket matches begin on Saturday February 13 and basketball begins on February 8.

We will need many adults to help as coaches as the number of teams we register will be dependent upon the number of people who can act as coaches.

Without enough coaches some children may not be able to participate.

Registration fees apply to both cricket and basketball and a uniform hire fee applies to basketball. An entrance fee to the stadium also applies to basketball.

This year, a $5 sports levy will apply to all students so all children can receive a plate at the end of the year to attach to their wooden plaque.

These will be presented at our sports presentation in Term 4.

Wooden plaques for new students will be need to be purchased at the end of the year from our uniform shop.

Basketball matches are played during the week after school and cricket is usually held on Saturday mornings or Friday evenings.

If you have any questions please see Ros at school.

THANK YOU!

Steiner Classroom Working Bees
Thank you to the families who gave time in the holidays to oil and varnish the Class 5 desks, make curtains and help prepare classrooms for the start of the school year.

Steiner Education Stream Sub-Committee.

VIRTUES OF THE WEEK

Week 1 and Week 2 - Respect -

Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves, others, and the world around us. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful we treat others as we want to be treated. Respect includes honouring the rules of our family or school, which make life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.
Our Vacation care program conducted during the school holidays was very successful and children enjoyed a variety of activities and excursions.

An enrolment form needs to be completed before children can attend OSHC where we have Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care programs.

Please contact Edwina, our OSHC director on 83326901 for bookings. We have waiting lists on some days for After School Care so please contact Edwina as soon as possible if you are interested in After School Care.

All Reception children attending After School Care are collected by an OSHC staff member. Children from Years 1 to 7 make their way to the hall as soon as they are dismissed from their class.

We are delighted to welcome Sajee Fonseka as our Assistant Director at OSHC.

Glenunga International High School

Ignite Program

The Ignite Program is a selected entry program designed to cater for the needs of very bright students.

The next assessment will be held on Saturday 27 February 2010 at Glenunga International High School.

Nomination forms are available from Glenunga International High School or go to their website www.gihs.sa.edu.au or Telephone: 8379 5629.

American-style cheerleading classes for all ages.

Held at Trinity Gardens Primary School Gym

No experience required— if you have never done cheerleading before we will teach you!

Please register your interest to:
info@adelaidecheerleading.com.au
www.adelaidecheerleading.com.au
Adelaide All Star Cheerleading
ABN 89 358 357 886

Governing Council

AGM
7.30PM
WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

Please consider nominating for Governing Council.
See Front Office for information.