Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School

Tonight is Acquaintance Night and Governing Council AGM and we hope you are able to attend both events.

Acquaintance Night forms part of our reporting policy and on this evening teachers share information about class routines, expectations and the learning program. There is also the opportunity for children to show parents examples of their learning so far. Look out for the class code of conduct and vision statement that is the result of quality collaboration and negotiation with every one in the class. You can ask your child to show you their learning goals and perhaps their identity web or another higher order thinking skill on which they have been working. During the evening parents are invited to ask questions of a general nature. Any matters relating to individual children are best dealt with by making a mutually agreeable meeting time with the teacher a little later on. Younger children are welcome however supervision remains with parents. Please do not allow your child to interrupt the teacher’s presentation.

Immediately following the Acquaintance Night, the Annual General meeting will be held beginning at 7.30pm. The AGM will be held in the Resource Centre and will probably be the last school event using this venue before the redevelopment begins. We begin the meeting by showing a short photostory of the gym history followed by an introduction of the teaching staff for 2010. As the school improvement plan has a focus on 21st Century Learning a short video addressing this topic will be shown. At the time of writing this newsletter nominations for Governing Council do not match the vacancies available so there is still time to nominate yourself. A nomination form is available from the school office. Governing Council meets eight times a year and each councillor convenes a sub-committee and contributes to the direction and smooth running of the school. It is important that people on Governing Council are able to hold a wholistic view of the school, are respectful and willing to work with others for the continuous improvement of the school. Meetings are held on Wednesday evenings. Please see me if you have any questions.

What a lovely surprise we received last week when the first containers of pancake mix arrived at school. We had not even asked for them yet but a couple of families had seen the annual Pancake Breakfast was coming up and got in early. Thank you so much. This year we celebrate Shrove Tuesday or Pancake breakfast day on 16 February. Even though we have grown in student numbers we would still like to maintain this tradition but we need your help. To help new families understand, what happens is that with volunteer help we cook hundreds of pancakes before school and children come to school a little earlier and are offered a pancake or two. By the time the siren rings every child has had time to eat a pancake. Teachers take the children inside and the volunteers clean up. To make the morning work well we are seeking donations of pancake mixture and toppings, such as maple syrup, jam and lemons. The mixture you shake in the bottles works well. Any pre-mixed batter is welcome on the morning. Donations of time to help cook, serve and clean up are also needed. We need to start cooking at 7am to get enough pancakes ready by the time children arrive at school.

Term 1 Week 3
10 February 2010

Diary Dates
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
love cooking and would enjoy your company if you too can cook a pancake. Please fill out the slip attached to this newsletter if you can assist.

We are very pleased to announce the return of the very popular Footsteps Dance Program. This program had to be suspended when the first gym burnt down. The program is well loved by parents and students alike. Expert presenters work with classes on a range of different dances according to age. The lessons, offering excellent value, cover a five week period and form part of the physical education program. The Footsteps Company ran the last school disco and will also run the disco coinciding with the official gym opening. A separate note has been sent home explaining the program costs and consent.

In the last newsletter we announced the date of the official gym opening - Friday 12 March. As our school community has waited 4 years for the gym this will be a very special event. We watched and waited for a year while the first gym was being built. On 16 September 2006 we lost the gym to fire after only 6 weeks of use. At the time this was devastating and left a grieving community. Finally we are now ready to officially open our wonderful new and improved facility. Due to Italian being the second language taught at school we have named our opening event Festa in Palestra which means games in the gym. Included with this newsletter is a flyer seeking help on the evening of the opening. A small committee has been working behind the scenes to organise the event and now they are seeking your help. If you are new to the school and feel that you do not know many people this would be a good way to become involved. Please consider donating a small amount of time and energy to ensure this event is successful. Soon every family will receive an invitation to the Festa.

The Piazza is taking shape very quickly and if you bought a named paver or virtue’s brick you will soon see it in place. We have all had to use the virtue of patience while waiting for this to happen. The piazza uses a mix of coloured pavements to create an interesting design. The paving people are aware of the need for the piazza and have worked long hours even on the hot days so if you get the chance to show your appreciation please do so.

While I understand that it is tempting to ask your child to wait for you to pick them up from the Devitt Ave carpark this is not allowed. We have very large grounds and do not have the staff required for daily supervision. Students are to wait for parents in the quadrangle, drop-off zone or if an appropriate age make their own way home. Using the drop-off zone works well. It can be frustrating if your child is not waiting in the designated waiting zone when you arrive however the 2 minute time limit must be honoured so that there is continual movement. A lap of the block does not take too long. One last matter is to advise parents that the car park in front of the Wholesale Chicken and Pack and Send stores on Portrush Road is private property. These stores open early in the morning and the car park is for customers not parents at school. Please do not use this carpark. Your responsibility in this matter is appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you this evening.

Kind regards
Vicki Stokes

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

PROGRAM

Early Learning Centre & St Morris Unit open from 6.00 until 7.00pm

6.00pm  Mainstream & Steiner Reception classes
         Mainstream Reception/Year 1 and Year 1 classes
         Steiner class 1 and Mainstream Year 4

6.30pm  Mainstream Yr 1/2, Yr 2, Yr 2/3 and Yr 3/4 classes
         Steiner class 4 and  Steiner class 5/6

7.00pm  Steiner Class 2 and Steiner class 3,
         Mainstream Yr 5/6 classes and Yr 6/7 class

7.30pm  Governing Council AGM in Resource Centre
         Introduction of staff at beginning of meeting.

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.

OSHC NEWS

Our After School Care program is now booked out for permanent bookings on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

There is a waiting list for these days based on when an enrolment form arrives at OSHC.

Some casual bookings may be available on these days.

Places are available for Before School Care on all mornings and After School Care on Mondays and Fridays.

OSHC Director
P: 8332 6901

OSHC CAR PARK

A reminder that the area in front of the shed in the Children’s Centre/OSHC car park is a NO PARKING area as sign-posted. Cars are being parked and owners then leaving the car. This causes inconvenience for those needing to access the shed. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.
SUCCESSFUL START PROGRAM

Our Successful Start program during the first two weeks of the school year is used to work with students in all classes to establish a strong purpose for learning and a commitment to work together to build respectful, safe, productive classrooms. It lays the foundation for the building of a classroom and school culture which strives for continuous improvement.

Teachers and students build positive relationships, establish class and personal goals, examine the school values, vision and purpose statements, build skills in thinking and learning and participate in group decision making.

SPECIAL EVENT - PANCAKE DAY

It is a tradition at Trinity Gardens Primary School to celebrate Pancake Tuesday.

The success of this event relies on the generosity of our school community. We are seeking donations of pancake mix and toppings (e.g. jam, maple syrup, lemons). The mixture you shake in the bottles works well.

Please send these to school as soon as possible, to the front office.

Children make the mix the day before. Any pre-mixed batter is welcome on the morning.

Donations of time to help cook and serve are also needed. We need to start cooking at 7.00am to get enough pancakes ready by the time children arrive at school. If you can cook a pancake we would enjoy your company on this morning. Please fill out the slip below if you can assist.

PANCAKE TUESDAY BREAKFAST
16 FEBRUARY

I am able to help cook and serve pancakes on Tuesday 16 February.

☐ 7:00-7:30 am  ☐ 7:30-8:00am

☐ 8:00-8:30 am  ☐ 8:30-9:00 am

NAME: ...........................................................................................................

Please return this reply slip to the front office.
**SPORT NEWS**

**BASKETBALL**

Expressions of interest for Basketball have now closed. Basketball matches begin next week and a program will be sent home as soon as it becomes available. Teams will be announced shortly with singlets issued late this week. Teams will be posted on the Sports notice board as soon as they have been finalised.

A note will go home next week requesting payment of fees.

**CRICKET**

Our Year 4/5 cricket team will have its first match on Saturday 13 February. A program will be sent home as soon as it becomes available. Mr. Colin Moss has kindly agreed to coach this team with Mr Steve Maker assisting the team. A note will go home next week requesting payment of fees. Unfortunately our numbers were not sufficient to field a Kanga cricket team for Year 2 and 3 students or a Year 6/7 cricket team.

**MILO in2 CRICKET**

A fun introduction to the game for 5-9 year old boys and girls run at Col. Waite Oval, South Tce, Kensington Gardens. Two sessions are offered on Saturday mornings during Term 1 starting on February 13th, with a skill-based session for beginners from 8.30-9.30am and game-based session for older participants from 9.30-10.30am.

Cost is $50 to register plus $1 per week. All participants receive a Cricket Kit including a backpack, bat, ball, bucket hat, t-shirt and a sachet of MILO. Participants who registered in Term 4 2009 do not need to register again. For more information please contact Ben Johnwood on 0438 860 048.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Magill School Dental Clinic – Temporary Closure**

The Magill School Dental Clinic is about to undergo a major internal upgrade. This will mean that from Monday 15 February 2010 the clinic will be closed and patients will be re-directed to Linden Park School Dental Clinic situated at:-

Linden Park Primary School
5 Highfield Ave, St Georges
Phone: 83798707

The proposed reopen date is Monday 10 May 2010. We would like to thank you for your patience during this time and we will look forward to seeing you in our exciting new-look clinic.

Kind Regards, Magill School Dental Staff.

**Anthroposophic Book Centre**

- a local city bookshop specialising in Rudolf Steiner texts and related themes. We welcome parents, carers and school students to come and browse. We stock a wide range of interesting parenting, schooling, craft and children's books. We are stockists of Lyra and Stockmar quality art & school products. We are located at 96 Halifax St & opening hours are Tues-Fri 12-4pm and Sat 10-1pm. Ph 8223 1841.

**Step By Step Academy of Dancing**

Introducing new classes on:
- Classical Ballet
- Jazz Dance
- Tap Dancing

Ages: Tinies to all ages (also adult classes).
All classes are $5.00 per hour
(concession for 2 or more family members).
Commencing first school term in 2010 at:
- Payneham Uniting Church
- Cnr. Payneham and Lower Portrush Road.

For enquiries regarding enrolments and times:
- Phone: (08) 8337 – 1006
- Mobile: 0449 578 490

**VIRTUES OF THE WEEK**

**Week 3 – Being responsible means that others can depend on you. You are willing to be accountable for your actions. When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you make amends rather than just waiting for them to happen.**

**Week 2 - Being purposeful is being sure of what you are doing and why you are doing it. It is having a clear focus and concentrating your mind and your efforts so that something good will happen. A purposeful person makes things happen rather than just waiting for them to happen.**

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

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