Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School,

Today your child will be bringing home their Term 2 written report. This report provides information about your child's approach to their learning, a description of some learning activities they have engaged with, descriptions of achievement and indications of growth for Literacy, Numeracy and Goal Setting and achievement against the Australian A-E standards. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you wish to discuss the report. This is best done by requesting an after school meeting early next term. Teachers are most anxious that parents understand receiving a 'C' is a good thing as this indicates a student is progressing as expected and should not be confused with the traditional 'C' being a mid range achievement as parents themselves may have experienced when they went to school.

Due to our school choir's participation in the Festival of Music, Grandparent's and Friend's Day has been rescheduled from Thursday 26 August to Friday 27 August. This is to enable the choir to participate in the Book Week parade. As we know that many people prepare well ahead to attend this day please bring this to the attention of your family members. Thank you.

Our school Family Fun Fair on 30 October is fast approaching and planning is well underway. The White Elephant stall is seeking donations and the Fair Committee was hoping that families would take some time to have a clean out during the forthcoming holidays to boost their stall with items. Perhaps this would also be a good time to strike some of your favourite plants. All donations are greatly appreciated.

With the current faze, we notice that many children are riding scooters to school. While we appreciate this is a fun and healthy activity we are unable to store scooters in classrooms or corridors as they present trip hazards. As we do not want to discourage their use we are trialling a new process for term 3. If your child brings a scooter to school they are to leave their scooter at the small changeroom next to the sports shed where they will be locked up during the day. After school they can be retrieved for the journey home. If your child is a regular scooter rider they will receive a letter outlining the new procedure. All scooters need to be clearly named. Although we are keen to support the scooter riders please understand that we cannot take responsibility for the safety of scooters brought to school.

Our Secret Garden is now open for student use. As this area is full of small plants we seek your help to allow the plants to grow. Students understand that the small fence is just a reminder of the boundary however many younger siblings are stepping over the fence and treading on plants. Please help the plants by supervising your preschoolers.

Many children and families enjoy using our grounds during the school holidays. We like this as we believe families take care of our property. Please continue this practice being mindful that there may be big trucks and machinery around at our two building sites. No-one is permitted to enter the sites. Also on 17 July there will be asbestos removal taking place at the hall where eaves damaged by vandalism will be replaced. No-one is permitted within 10 metres of this activity.

Our Children’s Centre is due for completion at the beginning of September, weather permitting. Completion of the Resource Centre has been delayed. We will need to wait until term 2 next year for completion. While this is disappointing the wait will be well worthwhile.

I wish all children and their families a cozy, warm and enjoyable holiday.

Vicki Stokes

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**Term 2 Week 11**

**30 June 2010**

**Diary Dates**

- **2 July Friday**
  - Last day of Term 2
  - Early Dismissal–2.05pm

- **19 July Monday**
  - Term 3 Begins

- **30 July Friday**
  - Whole School Assembly

- **3 August Tuesday**
  - ICAS English

- **4 August Wednesday**
  - Governing Council 6.30pm

- **13 August Friday**
  - Whole School Assembly

- **16 August Monday**
  - Pupil Free Day Science Week

- **17 August Tuesday**
  - ICAS Maths

- **23 August Monday**
  - Book Week

- **25 August Wednesday**
  - Open Day 9.15–10.30am
  - Steiner Info Session 7pm
  - Both for prospective parents

- **27 August Friday**
  - Grandparent's/Friend's Day 9.15am

**Virtues of the Week**

**Week 11 Revision of Term 2 Virtues**

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**EARLY DISMISSAL**

- **2.05PM**
- **FRIDAY 2 JULY 2010**
FINANCE NEWS

Unless a payment plan has been negotiated, no fees for the current year should be outstanding at this time.

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 immediately.

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 Karen 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 Barrow

LOST PROPERTY

Please, please check the lost property box.

This week is your last chance, all left over items will be donated to the White Elephant Stall for the School Fair.

Thank you.

ANZAC ESSAY WINNERS

We had a lovely Anzac Essay Ceremony, with the winners and their families delighted with the outcome.

Claire 1st
Chelsea 2nd
Jaya 3rd

Well done girls.

HAIRLARIOUS HAIR & CASUAL DAY

On 18 June our school participated in a hairlarious (crazy hair) and casual day.
We raised money for the Childhood Cancer Association. We are pleased to announce that we have raised a total of $416.00 for this fantastic cause.
Many thanks to everyone who participated and donated.
Thank you from the School Ambassadors, Ahriahn, Chandrika, Caitlin and Jacob.

STEINER WINTER FESTIVAL

The Winter Festival

On Monday 21 June, 2010, at 4.30pm, the Steiner classes of Trinity Gardens gathered in celebration of Winter.

Before this all the classes were busy preparing lanterns, practicing songs, chopping vegetables for soup and doing the odd job ready for the night.

By 5.15pm the classes were each in their individual rooms and in their own way, walked a spiral of foliage to light their candles. In some classes the teacher told a winter story. Then the lanterns were lit and the classes all met in the quadrangle where they began to sing songs expressing winter’s cold, gathering together and staying warm.

Then the teachers lit the brazier which was in the middle of the circle. Lee McElroy played Vivaldi’s Winter from the Four Seasons on the oboe before we left for our Lantern Walk. The older classes went on a route around the neighborhood. Meanwhile the younger classes walked in a figure eight around the two ovals.

To close the festival we gathered in the quadrangle for another lovely oboe piece and then Barbara Baldwin recited a poem of Winter.

Catherine asked me what we liked about the festival. Some children liked the lighting of the lanterns and the spiral while others enjoyed the soup. Many liked the story and the lantern walk but I most enjoyed everyone’s company as we sang.

Selene Clark
Class 6
Hi there, it’s Wilbur the White Elephant here
Wishing you all fun holiday cheer
I need your help to start to prepare
And get ready for the October School Fair

I have a special job for all the girls and boys
I’d love you to sort through your clothes and toys
Do you see anything that you don’t play with at all
Or are your clothes too tight because you’re so tall

Does mum have a saucepan, coat hangers or shoes
Craft stuff or cook books, photo frames or mini statue
Ask your family and friends what they don’t need
And I will be the most grateful elephant indeed

I hope you all have a great holiday
Please stay tuned for the collection day
I think it’s great you can donate to the school
This is Wilbur signing off, and again, thank you

Wilbur

Family Fun Fair
Saturday 30th October
A Message from Wilbur

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Ethan Marsland-Murray from Toulia’s Class 2, trains each week with Gym-JETS, the Gymnastics Junior Elite Training Squad. Recently Ethan competed in his second state championships. Last year he won a silver and a bronze. This year he improved and did really well by picking up a gold on the parallel bars and a silver on the vault. Congratulations Ethan!
**Basketball**

Our basketball season for terms 1 and 2 is now finished. The new season for basketball will commence early Term 3 and continue for Terms 3 and 4. Forms have been sent home to all Year 4 to 7 players. A letter for Year 2 and 3 basketballers will go home this week.

Our usual practice will apply for the children in Years 4 to 7 and their teams will remain the same for the next season.

Our Year 2 and 3 players will now follow a different format which aligns to the Junior Sports policy with a focus on skill development. For Year 2 and 3 players, there will be a skills session each week conducted by Michael Tuohy from the basketball stadium. After this session, all children will participate in a scratch match in groups selected by Michael. This will provide an opportunity for all children to play with different children each week and become flexible and improve their basketball skills.

We sincerely thank our coaches Heidi Verheyen, Mark Wagner, Carmen Pullan, Helene Collins, Tim Wheaton, John Pryce, Jane Thomas and Jon Simpson for volunteering to assist our students this season. We hope our Year 4 to 7 coaches can continue in the role for the next season. The new format for Years 2 and 3 players will mean coaches are no longer necessary as Michael will be conducting the sessions.

All children at the stadium must be in the care of a responsible adult as it is not the volunteer coach’s role to be the carer for the children.

Timetables are available from the stadium and are always posted on the school sports noticeboard when they are available.

It is vital that you inform the school if your child will not be playing this season as this could affect the number of teams we register.

There is a $10 registration fee per player for terms 3 and 4 basketball which the school pays directly to the Leisure Centre. Entry to the stadium is now $5 per player.

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**Girls Soccer**

During week 10 this term, three girls from Trinity Gardens School represented East Adelaide district in the State Soccer Carnival. The girls had a very enjoyable and successful week. East Adelaide in a very close finish came second. This is a wonderful achievement as the girls were competing against the very best players from all over the state.

Here are some of their thoughts: “I think it was a great experience. I met a lot of people and learnt many things. Overall it was heaps of fun and it left me with great memories.” Muna Shauki. “I think that the SAPSASA girls soccer was a great experience. I learnt a lot about soccer and met heaps of new people.” Caitlin Pullan. “I enjoyed the week because I could play the sport that I enjoy most. I could hang out with team mates between matches and meet a lot of new people. I made a lot of friends and I will hopefully be picked for the team next year so I can play with some of them again.. It was a great experience.” Kali Amazon-Benveniste.

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**VIRTUES—TERM 2—REVISED**

_Enthusiasm; Patience; Flexibility; Joyfulness; Commitment; Thankfulness; Helpfulness; Determination; Service._