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Finally, a request for old bone handled knives. Strange as it seems these make excellent whittling knives when cut down. We have someone willing to convert the knives but we need the knives first. If you are able to help out please send the knives, safely wrapped, to the school office. Thank you in anticipation of collecting a class set of knives.

Kind regards
Vicki Stokes

Selection Procedure for Principal Position

In the next week or so the position of Principal for TGS will be advertised. The position is for a 5 year term which starts at the beginning of 2011. The selection process is managed by a panel consisting of the DECS Regional Director or nominee, an AEU member, TGS staff nominee, a peer panellist (usually a Principal of a similar school) and a community representative nominee. I have been selected by our Governing Council to represent our school community.

The selection process involves ranking applicants according to how well they address the job and person specifications for the position of Principal. The school context statement is used to gauge how well an applicant might meet our school's needs. This statement is accessible on our school website. Go to http://www.trinitygps.sa.edu.au/doc/2009%20context%20statement.pdf to read it.

You are invited to provide feedback to me which I can take to the selection panel for consideration. If you would like to do so, please respond to the following:

Name up to 3 things you value about our school that you would like to see continue in the future.

Please provide your response in writing by emailing me at clash@chariot.net.au or by leaving a letter for me at the front office by Friday, 2 July. I need your responses by the end of term 2 as the selection panel will meet in the first week of term 3.

I look forward to your response.
Caralyn Lammas
Chairperson, Governing Council

Entertainment Books
Limited stocks still available from the Front Office. Only $65.00.
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- Layout, composition and perspective
- Balance, proportion, and drawing with accuracy
- Working with a range of media
- Use of light and shade, and how to get ‘3-D’ looking illustrations

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There will be a limited number of spaces available, which allows for a more quality one-to-one time with students. A minimum number of students are required to run the course. In the event of oversubscription I hope to run further courses at a later date.

Lessons will be held on Thursdays in Room 12J from 3:15pm to 4:25pm. The first lesson will be on Thursday 22 July, 2010.

The course will be a total of 9 weeks at a cost of $85.50. All materials will be provided and these costs are included in the course fee. This course fee is payable by Monday 19 July to secure a place for your child via envelope to Mr Price in the Music Room. A minimum number of students will be required to run the course.

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Blair Price

Signed _______________________________  Date _______________________

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NEW PARENTS MORNING TEA

An invitation is extended to all parents new to the school this year to meet and mingle.

Friday 18 June
9.00–10.00am
The Cottage
Further information
Lalli Parkin
M: 0400 275 752

HAIRLARIOUS HAIR & CASUAL DAY

On Friday 18 June, our school will be participating in Hairlarious Day (a crazy hair day). On this day we encourage everyone to have crazy hair. You may also wear casual clothes.

We are raising money for the Childhood Cancer Association. Please bring a gold coin donation to support this worthy cause.

Thank you
From the School Ambassadors.

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ART LESSONS – TRINITY GARDENS SCHOOL – TERM 3 2010

DRAWING AND ILLUSTRATING TECHNIQUES

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SAPSASA Girls Soccer

Congratulations to Catilin Pullan, Muna Shauki and Kali Amazon-Beneviste who were selected to play in the East Adelaide SAPSASA District Girls Soccer team for 2010. This is a special achievement as there were over 40 girls at the trials competing for selection in the team. The girls will play in the Statewide SAPSASA Soccer Carnival from June 21 to June 25.

Boys Soccer:

Our team of SAPSASA soccer players accompanied by Hugh competed against Prospect Primary School on Friday. All our players represented their school well displaying good sportsmanship and keen endeavour. Unfortunately we were eliminated in this Round Robin competition with the score being 1 to 4 goals. Thank you to those parents who helped with transporting the players and assisted at the match.

It is wonderful to have their support and assistance as our students represent their school at this elite level of sport.

Soccer News:

Our soccer season is continuing with games finishing on August 28 - no games are played over the school holiday weekends.

All of our teams are playing together well and we appreciate all the assistance offered by our volunteer coaches and parents.

For your interest here is the team song for our youngest team of Year 2 soccer players:

Soccer song:

Blue is the colour
Football is our game
We’re all together
And tackling is our aim
So cheer us on
Through the sun and rain
Because Trinity,
Trinity Gardens is our name

Vacation Care news:

To enable administration and staffing details to be finalised, all Vacation Care must be booked by this Friday (18 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.

Vacation Care and Pupil Free days at our service will commence at 7.30am and finish at 6pm.

There are now places in all OSHC sessions so please contact Edwina if you require care on P: 8332 6901.

We are seeking more people to join our OSHC Advisory committee meetings. We meet twice a term and it is a wonderful way to assist our OSHC service and have a say in our policy and decision making.

Please contact Ed or Ros if you would like to join our committee.

Thank you

VIRTUES OF THE WEEK

Week 9 - 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 - Review of Term 2 Virtues

Enthusiasm, Patience, Flexibility, Joyfulness, Commitment, Thankfulness, Helpfulness, Determination, Service

COMMMUNITY NEWS

Eastern Suburbs Chiropractic

Free Spinal Screenings & Postural Assessments

During the month of June

To support National Chiropractic Care Week

535 Magill Rd, Magill

Phone 8332 7326 for an assessment time.