Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School

I wish to add my thanks to our school community for support of the activities of the Fundraising Sub-Committee of Governing Council and to further add thanks to the Committee. I have attended the last two fundraising committee meetings and each time leave feeling uplifted due to the positive energy of the members.

In case you are not aware the proceeds from this year’s fair will go to the development of the outside learning area at the Aberdare campus. This area is currently a bog but with development will become a wonderful and well used area for the ‘what will eventually be’ ten classes located in that area. Our next two dual classroom buildings will be delivered in mid November.

Our school fair is almost here. Please use the forthcoming holidays to have one more clean out and find some pre-loved goods for the White Elephant stall. Have you contributed to the class basket yet? These baskets form a very important part of the silent auction and are extremely good value so please make sure your class’s basket is overflowing. More details are included on the insert flier. Please mark Saturday, October 30 on your social calendar and don’t forget to bring your family and friends to the Family Fun Fair. If you have not yet donated some time to help and would like to do so please leave your name, contact information and available times at the school office or complete the form on the insert. I look forward to seeing you at the fair.

I do hope to see many of you this evening at our traditional Music Evening. The evening, organised by our music teacher Blair Price, is designed to provide an opportunity for children to perform before an audience. An incredible 101 children will be performing but don’t worry, many are groups and there are no long items, so the evening will finish by 8pm. If you are coming please stay for the entire evening to show respect and support for all children.

Huge congratulations go to Remo Morelli who won a position in the Festival of Music Central Orchestra and played percussion on five nights during the recent festival. We are so proud of him. Remo will be performing this evening and will be an inspiration to the young musicians present who in a few years time can follow in his footsteps.

Congratulations to Mark Molloy’s Year 4 Class and parents on building a huge dragon for the Oz-Asia Festival. It looks magnificent and special mention goes to AnnaLouise and Mel for their design and directing skills. This task consumed the best part of three days. I hope many of you are able to attend and enjoy the event. It is being well
publicized. ‘Our’ dragon will receive pride of place during the parade and is already receiving a great deal of publicity. This is certainly one of those events the children will never forget. Congratulations to all involved.

As this is the last newsletter for the term I wish you all happy holidays and hope the beautiful spring weather finds its way to you. I intend to spend a few days fishing at Mallacoota. Hope the fish are biting!

Kind regards
Vicki Stokes

AFTER SCHOOL MARKET

A big thank you to all who came along last Wednesday to enjoy our after school market.

After initial concerns regarding the weather, the rains held off, and we even saw some sunshine.

To stall holders, well done for all your time and effort. To those who came along to sample, taste and buy, we also say a big thank you.

We look forward to next term for our pre-Christmas after school market.

PARENTING NEWS

Ways to tell children they are important:
- Tell them often that you love them for who they are.
- Show them that you love them by spending time together, listening to them, giving them lots of hugs and smiles.
- Celebrate their achievements.
- Praise them for trying, no matter what the outcome.
- Keep special reminders of their successes and milestones.
- Let them help you do things.
- Let them know it is ok to make mistakes, it is all part of learning.
- Help them to build on their strengths.
- Ask their opinion on family matters—it shows you care about what they think.
- Help them to solve their own problems. Show them that you have faith in them.
- Make limits and expecations clear and consistent.
- Give feedback about inappropriate or unhelpful behaviour but don’t criticise you child.
- Feedback should aim to teach not hurt you child.

STEINER SPRING FESTIVAL

Tuesday 21 September 2010

12.00-12.30 All classes, parents and caregivers will go to the gym for the Yr 5/6 play. Please be seated by 12 o’clock.
12.30 Classes to go to the oval for singing and performances.
12.45 Parent helpers from classes 2 & 3 set up at the back of St.Morris building for lunch.
1.00-1.30 Picnic Lunch.
1.30 Class 2 & 3 parent helpers to pack up.

VIRTUES OF THE WEEK

Week 9 Cleanliness means washing often, keeping your body clean and wearing clean clothes.

Cleanliness is also concentrating your thoughts on things that are good for you. Keeping yourself clean makes you nice to be around, and protects you from disease.

Week 10 Revision of Term 3 Virtues.
The Chinese Moon Lantern Festival occurs on the equinox in the eighth month of their calendar year. For the past eight years there has been a substantial celebration of this festival down at Elder Park. This year, Trinity Gardens School is leading the parade with a dragon lantern built by the Steiner Class 4 community.

It was built over one weekend in our gym as an ongoing workshop. Students and parents came over while others came and went according to their other commitments.

The workshop was organised into seven sessions.

Session one entailed finalising the design, setting up work stations for the next day and ‘mocking up’ the template of the vertebrae. This meant experimenting with just how far the cane could be bent and trying to work out the most suitable bracing structure always bearing in mind that it will be seen through the tissue so had to be artistic as well as strong.

As people arrived we split into teams and began forming the head and backbone. The backbone is made up of nine separate sections which will be lit by two lights each. The head came out as 2mx2mx1.7m. Overall the dragon would be close to 20m long.

As more people arrived we began building a lot of cane cones that would become its beard.

Quickly the group began to specialise into cane cutters, builders and tissue paperers. The tissue paper was saturated with diluted P.V.A. and stretched over the frames. We took advantage of sporadic sunshine to dry the first layers so that a second could follow.

‘Union’ rules applied and we had a cuppa every couple of hours.

Mark Molloy

Dinner was a well-earned BBQ. After dinner we had some camp games and stories related to the origins of the ‘Moon Lantern Festival’ and the use of Moon Cookies to help over-throw a tyrant back in the fourteenth century.

On Sunday, most of our attention was focussed on trying to complete the massive dragons head. A team of us stayed until 10:30 that night to put the first layer of tissue down which was fiddly because of the number of awkward shapes that were difficult to access.

Monday was an exciting day because the dragon looked structurally complete, and now we could begin the creative task of decorating it.

Mention must be made of the fact that it’s a Golden Dragon. This design was chosen because the children in the class are born in the year 2000 which makes this their sign in the Chinese Zodiac. Apparently their positive attributes are that they’re Innovative, Enterprising, Flexible, Self-assured, Brave and Passionate. Metal Dragons succeed through determination. They seek action, and things are never better than when they are defending a thought or belief about which they have complete faith. Metal Dragons like to lead, and have an affect that makes others want to follow them.

Yet even if they attract no support they will fight alone. With personalities like that no wonder this project was such a success!

The lantern will need all 28 children to carry it as well as some adult help.

Please come and have a look on the festival day, September 22nd at Elder Park.

OSHC NEWS

Our Vacation Care program was included with our last newsletter.

To enable administration and staffing details to be finalised, all Vacation Care needed to be booked by Friday 10 September.

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.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

This Friday 17 September 2010.

Wear an outfit from the past...for example from the 70s, or from the olden days.

Please bring a gold coin donation.

Thank you and have fun creating your Blast from the Past outfit!

From The Ambassadors.

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.
And remember to Name Your Hat!

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SPORT NEWS

Soccer News;

Congratulations to our Year 6/7 soccer team who were runners up in the 12 year Green Division for the Eastern Zone Primary School Soccer association. They were awarded a perpetual trophy which shall be proudly displayed for a year with our name engraved.

The following is a report from two players in the team (Nicholas and Daniel):

*Our team all played well in the final and it was probably one of the best games we have ever played. The scores were 3 goals to nil but this did not really reflect our effort and achievement as we had a lot of the play. It was a lovely sunny day and we really enjoyed playing with our friends. The officials told us it was the first time Trinity Gardens had participated in a soccer final for a long time so we all felt very proud.*

A big thank you to our coach Mark who often acted as the lines person as well as our coach. He always encouraged us. He used to tell us to go out and have fun and it wasn’t about winning or losing.

Reminder: please wash and return those soccer tops - they are all due for return to the school office by **Wednesday 22 September at the latest**.

All soccer fees ($20) are due now if they have not already been paid.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

**The Next Step—SANFL Footy Experience**

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Wednesday September 22

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Tennis Coaching from Age 4.

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Workshops include photography, visual arts, cup cake decorating, claymation and much more.

Carclew Youth Arts Centre

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Full payment is due upon booking.

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**MILO in2 CRICKET**

Is a fun introduction to cricket for boys & girls from Rec to Yr 2.

Cost of the program is $50

Every registered child receives an in2Cricket pack

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**Arbury Park Outdoor School**

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Ph: 8339 3237

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Sausage Sizzle

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