Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School

An ENORMOUS thank you is extended to all parents and caregivers who attended our two recent school community events, the Annual General Meeting and Acquaintance Night.

At the AGM our guest speaker, child behavioural expert, Mark LeMessurier, entertained us all with his stories about child raising, made us feel comfortable and left us with a range of practical things we can do to set children up to be successful. The formal part of the meeting followed and I am delighted to announce that all positions on Governing Council were filled. At the first meeting of Governing Council office bearers will be elected. At this time I am pleased to announce that the following parents will form the 2012 Governing Council:

Chris Holden, Alex Reilly, Peter Coombs, David Leach, Kim Devery, Pip Malin, Cheryl Baldwin, Anne-Marie Mignone, David MaeGraith, Ellie Marafioti, and Ruth Brazauskas.

Staff members along with myself are, Rowena Tennant, Marg Erwin and Harriet Wilmore.

In a future newsletter our new chairperson will be asking you to help out with the various sub-committees aimed at school improvement.

Visiting your child/children’s class room Tuesday evening was greatly appreciated by staff as it signals to children that you believe their school and learning is very important. Children are the beneficiaries of strong home-school relations.

From time to time there may be some things you don’t understand or questions you want to ask about an aspect of schooling. The beginning of the year is a good time to remind you that we welcome and encourage you to seek clarification. If your concern or question is a personal matter about your child you would speak first to the class teacher. If the matter concerns the preschool you would speak to the Director, Rowena Tennant or if about the St Morris Unit then you would speak with the Coordinator, Robyn Stevenson. If your concern, question or suggestion is of a more general manner you are invited to meet with myself or a member of my senior leadership team, the Deputy Principal, Marg Erwin or the Senior Leader, Harriet Wilmore. All meetings are best made at a mutually agreeable time where there is time to focus on the matter. If your concern is about a staff member I invite you to meet with me. If you have met with me and don’t feel listened to, you are invited to meet with Regional Office staff. In a future newsletter I will publish a flow chart to show how a concern is managed.

Sometimes parents and the school share a concern and we may need to work together to resolve this. One current example we are facing is reconciling teaching the new Australian Curriculum (AC) that has a year level focus with composite classes. The AC is being phased in and in any class level there are approximately five year levels of ability so catering for individual ability levels within two curricula outcomes is a challenge. Almost every school in South Australia is working through this challenge at present. When any new curriculum is introduced there are always implementation hurdles. You will be pleased to hear that with the new AC there comes a new level of reporting. There will still be the A to E scale but from now on an ‘A’ is excellent achievement at year level whereas previously an ‘A’ meant achievement in the next year level. So this year we will see many more As and Bs on report cards. I am sure this will please parents, staff and of course students.

Term 1 Week 3
16 February 2012

Diary Dates

21 February Tuesday
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Breakfast see inside for info

22 February Wednesday
Excursion 16J & 14J, Marine Discovery
Governing Council

24 February Friday
School Assembly, 2.15pm in the gym

29 February Wednesday
Excursion 21A & 25A, Aquatics
Excursion 17A & 18A Aladdin

2 March Friday
Student Leaders Assembly 2.15pm
Yrs 4 to 7
School's Clean Up Day

7 March Wednesday
Excursion 22A, 24A & 26A, Aquatics

12 March Monday
Public Holiday Adelaide Cup Day

Tuesdays - 28 Feb, 6 Mar, 13 Mar, 20 Mar & 27 Mar
Footsteps Dance Program

Shrove Tuesday
21 February 2012
Pancake Breakfast

Virtues of the Week
Week 3 Responsibility
Week 4 Friendliness
More information about the Australian Curriculum will be shared throughout the year and of course you can access the curriculum on line.

This week we experienced a challenge of a different kind when one of our Year 3 students alleged that he had been ‘grabbed’ and ‘choked’ by a stranger on the school grounds. Many of his friends went along with the hoax, even embellishing it with the introduction of knives. Although there were parts of the story/ies that did not make sense we took the incident seriously and made a thorough investigation and involved the police. The next morning we were informed that the story had been totally made up. In the end the important thing was that the truth was told. I would not be mentioning this except so many parents have been asking me about it. Rumours can spread quickly and be passed on as fact. Please be assured that all of our safety procedures are in place and worked well. There were no strangers on the school grounds and no harm was done to any student. I am grateful to those parents who did ask for clarification as it has given me the chance to share the truth.

Some parents are also asking about a man who has been coming on to the school grounds at the end of the school day bringing an untethered goat and sheep with him. This man has sometimes been inebriated and abusive to OSHC staff. Younger children have often been a little scared of him and the animals while older children have labelled him as a paedophile. This man is not a paedophile. He has now been requested by police not to come on to the school grounds at all.

Wearing jewellery such as necklaces of any kind, pendants and hoopied or glitzy earrings to school present a safety issue as they are often grabbed during games. Please keep these items for weekend or home wear. Your child will be asked to remove them if they wear them to school. Recently, I was informed of a child who was ‘scalded’ during the last school holidays when her loose hair was caught in play equipment. This was an horrific accident. If your child has long hair please ensure it is tied up to ensure safety as we do have a lot of play equipment.

On a more pleasant note, I look forward to seeing some of you on Shrove Tuesday as we flip pancakes together.

Vicki Stokes

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 21 FEBRUARY 2012

It’s time for our wonderful Community Event of Pancake Breakfast to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Pancakes, which the community have kindly donated will be cooked and served to all the students from 8.15 onwards.

There will be six pancake serving areas this year where the students can collect their pancakes and choose their topping. This will be explained to your child/ren by their teacher. Please see below.

Thank you in advance for all the donations of pancake mix, condiments and help with this enjoyable event.

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Kind regards, Vicki Stokes
Resource Centre Volunteers 2012

New friends are welcome to be part of our ‘Friends of the Library’ for 2012. I would like to extend a warm thank you to the parents who have already kindly offered to be part of it. These parents will be volunteering their time to help cover books and perform other duties to help keep our library performing to a high standard and looking fantastic. It certainly reflects what a supportive school community we have at Trinity Gardens School! Please come and visit me in the library if you would like to become a ‘Friend of the Library’ for 2012.

Regards,
Amelia Field
ICT Coordinator / Teacher Librarian

The Premier's Reading Challenge has now begun for 2012. The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that aims to encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading and improve literacy levels. It requires students to read at least twelve books between the beginning of the school year and early September. All Trinity Gardens School students have been provided a record sheet to record the books that they read. Our library collection holds books specific to the Premier's Reading Challenge and these are indicated with red circle stickers for Rec-Year 2, green circle stickers for Years 3-5 and yellow circle stickers for Years 6-7. To qualify for a certificate/medal, students need to record twelve books specific to the Challenge whilst the other books can be any other book read. Students must also return their record to the library by the due date which will be announced later in the year. Please encourage your children to participate and enjoy the Challenge!

Amelia Field
ICT Coordinator / Teacher Librarian

REMINDERS

Due this Friday
17 February 2012

Full payment of Materials & Services charges for 2012 are due by 17 February 2012 unless an instalment plan has been completed or an application for School Card Assistance has been approved.

To receive your Uniform Shop voucher fees must be paid in full by the above date.
**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 instead of excuses. When you are responsible, you keep your agreements. You give your best to any job. Responsibility is a sign of growing up.

**Week 4** - Friendliness is being a friend. It is taking an interest in other people. It is going out of your way to make others feel welcome or to make a new person feel at home. When you are friendly, you happily share your belongings, time, ideas, and feelings. You share the good times and the bad times together. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SCHOLASTIC Warehouse Sale!**
23–24 February
Warehouse Book Sale
40-90% off
1000s of titles. Don’t miss out.
3 days only.
39-41 King St
Norwood
8.30am to 5.00pm

You're invited to the SCHOLASTIC Warehouse Sale!

**2010/2011 Average Weekly School Card Income Limit**

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**Conscious Music Festival**
Saturday 3 March 2012
Willunga Waldorf School
Jay Drive, Willunga
1pm till sunset

Tickets through Fringetix
1300 FRINGE (374643).
$25/$20 conc. Kids under 14 free.
Immerse yourself in the world of conscious music at this peace-filled, inaugural festival. Enjoy music from some of Australia’s leading artists pioneering the Conscious Music Movement, and participate in a choice of engaging workshops.

Food and drink available, including a Persian-style Chai Tent, as well as stalls selling ethical, cruelty-free and eco-friendly products. This is an alcohol/smoke-free, family-friendly event with kids entertainment.

E: consciousmusicmovement@gmail.com

**Norwood Flames Basketball Club** is looking for girls and boys to play in their district competition.
Enquiries to
Chris: 0422 056 947

**Ink Pot Art**
**Presents**
The Lorax
In the Fringe 2012
2, 3 & 9 March
Mt Barker Waldorf School
Living Arts Centre
17 March
The Forge
Marryatville High School
Jo-anne Sarre on 0429 673327
jo-anne@inkpot.com.au

**FREE**
Rabbits need a home
Two adult dwarf rabbits, free to go to a loving home.
Male is desexed & both have been immunized.
Hutch included.
Contact
Sarah: 0434 571 177

**GIVEAWAY**
Child’s desk, white, IKEA style with shelving.
Hills Industries Trampoline
Good solid frame 1.8 x 3m
Mat needs minor repairs
Jo or Mick
P: 8332 7291, evenings

**AFTER SCHOOL MARKET**

A big thank you to all those who supported the After School Markets during 2011. We had a very successful year with a total raised of approximately $1300. The next market will be held on Wed 21 March. A reminder, no bubble gum or lollies, the focus is on home made products. Thank you.

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