

TRINITY GARDENS SCHOOL



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Our school values:

Respect
Responsibility
Learning



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Dear families of Trinity Gardens School

**REMINDER: WALK, RIDE, SCOOT,
WHEEL SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
THIS FRIDAY 19 MAY**

Our next Pupil Free Day is next week on Friday 26 May. Staff will be participating in professional learning led by our Maths Coordinator, Sheri Hurn and Senior Leader, Scott Blakemore. The focus will be on planning, assessment and moderation of learning in Mathematics followed by a session with Madhavi Barwon Parker looking at the development of resilience in children. The St Morris Unit staff will be trained in Cortical Vision Impairment and further use of technology devices to assist learning. Please contact OSHC if you require care for your children.

CHILDREN'S SAFETY

The safety of our children is of paramount importance and the recent incident at our school involving a stranger speaking to one of our students inappropriately has highlighted the need for educating our children about strategies they can use to keep themselves safe. The single most important thing to remember when teaching your children about safety is to instil confidence, rather than fear. You want to equip your child with the knowledge and strategies they will need to protect themselves in dangerous situations. Also, keep your child's age and maturity level in mind and base conversations upon that.

Again, safety conversations should be ongoing - adapt the conversation as your child grows as he/she is likely to encounter different types of situations. They may be situations both in and

outside of school where they need to act quickly and decisively to maintain their safety. It is timely to speak with your children about four key strategies for maintaining safety:

- Discuss what a stranger is - identify good strangers eg police officers, teachers
- Never approach or talk to a stranger that comes near you
- If someone makes you feel unsafe find a trusted adult and tell them about it
- Always play in an area where a trusted adult can see you.

At school we have a number of measures in place to ensure children's safety. This includes:

- All visitors reporting to the School Office and signing in
- Children going to designated student toilets in pairs
- Students informing teachers when they leave the classroom
- Parents reporting to the School Office when collecting students early
- Adults using only toilets designated for staff
- Yard duty supervision across all play areas of the school with duty teachers wearing high visibility vests
- Safe buddy student leaders who assist children in our yard
- Staff approaching any strangers to check if they require assistance or need to be reminded not to be on the school grounds
- The teaching of the Child Protection program in all classes
- In addition we have sought advice from DECD Asset Services to conduct a review of our security to identify any areas for improvement.

**Term 2 Week 3
18 May 2017**

Diary Dates

19 May Friday

Walk Safely to School Day
Portrush Forest Birthday
SAPSASA X-Country 9.30am-12pm

23 May Tuesday

Steiner Seminar 7pm
"Early years: Parents & family as the formative culture"

24 May Wednesday

Rm 20A, 23A & 24A Maritime Museum

26 May Friday

Pupil Free Day

Week 5 Tues & Thurs

School Photo Days

30 May Tuesday

Rm 26A & 27A NMHS 7/8 Stem
RAN Training @ 1pm
Fundraising Committee Meeting
Steiner Seminar, &pm RC

1 June Thursday

SAPSASA State X Country

Week 6

SAPSASA Football/Netball Carnival

6 June Tuesday

Class Parent Rep get together, 6.30pm
in Community Room
Education Committee mtg, 6.30pm

7 June Wednesday

Rm 4W, 6W, 7W & 8W Zoo exc

12 June Monday

Public Holiday
Queen's Birthday

**PUPIL FREE DAY
FRIDAY 26 MAY 2017**

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Developing regular attendance patterns at school is important from an early age. Research has shown that irregular attendance in the early school years impacts on learning and can lead to poor patterns of attendance in primary then secondary years. All children from the age of 6 years are required by law to attend school regularly. Of course it is important to develop good habits as soon as children start school at age 5. **Children are not to be on the school grounds before 8.25am unless supervised by a parent/caregiver.** As this is when duty of care commences. Children need to be booked into OSHC if they are here earlier. School commences at 8.45am and children need to be organised and ready at this time to start their day. Teachers provide children with important information about the day at this time and coming in late causes significant disruption to learning. Of course we understand there are times when your child is absent or late for very good reasons. We ask in these instances that you contact the school by phone message or a note in the communication book.

TRINITY GARDENS SCHOOL ZONING INFORMATION

A minor review of the zoning arrangements for schools in the Eastern Suburbs is underway. Please find attached to this newsletter a map of the proposed zoning for our school and East Adelaide PS. The changes aim to ensure that every child has a zoned school to attend and to ensure the equitable management of student numbers across schools. We are seeking comment from Governing Council and community members about this process. For our existing families in the school nothing will change. Should you have any comments to make about the proposed school zones please email Debbie.Kennett231@schools.sa.edu.au, Attention: Governing Council chairperson, Patrick O'Connor by Friday 9 June.

Kind regards

Marg Erwin

Principal



SCIENCE NEWS



What a difference 18 months makes

In 2015 Eliza began her Reception learning journey with her friend Alexis. In November, 2015 the two of them were very excited to see how much the seedling River Red Gum that Eliza planted with Alexis's help, had grown. They still looked down on Eliza's tree and could wrap their arms around it.

By April of this year a lot has changed. Eliza's tree has left them behind and promises to become a majestic Eucalyptus camaldulensis, joining the 5 mature specimens that can be found in the school grounds. Eliza's tree has been busy converting CO² to new oxygen, essential for life and packing away the carbon as strong wood supporting its 3 metres of growth in 2 years. Her tree cleans up

the higher levels of polluted air that are associated with a major truck route and shelters an increasing array of biodiversity.

We hope that Eliza's tree has been busy pushing roots deep into the surface soil, in search of the water table 18 metres below the surface, for it will need every single one to stand up to the winds of winter that will come.

There is a little bit of joy in recognizing that you have an attachment to a particular plant that you can share a life journey with, that you wish the best for. Celebrate the forest as it has achieved much for us in its first two years of growth. 'To grow a forest in a city is rare - to grow one in a school is priceless'

A group with ambition - and a lot to show for it



The Friends of Portrush Forest are steadily moving towards their goal of developing a plant nursery. Several working bees have established water, storage and layout infrastructure in preparation for benches, sink and an irrigation system. This nursery will support learning programs and generate a supply of seedlings to maintain garden areas around the school.

The Friends group grows steadily with people coming on a Wednesday morning when they can, small children helping out or happy to sit and watch. Their work and support for the school and forest is invaluable and new helpers are always welcome. Community health and wellbeing is evident in many different ways - a willingness to look after the ecosystems that we live in is essential for we cannot live outside of these systems.

Anna Kakoschke

Science Teacher, M, T & W



Dear Parents/Caregiver

Reception to Year One Early Years,



I am inviting you to come and do a mini-maths workshop on Wednesday 31 May, 3.15 - 4.15pm in the Resource Centre.

During the session I will share some activities that you can use to support your children with building a deep understanding through ongoing practice of basic maths concepts at home. Could you please indicate on the return form how many will be attending so I can ensure I have adequate resources available. Please indicate if you need assistance with child care at this time.

Kind regards

Sheri Hurn (Numeracy Coordinator)

_____ will be attending plus _____ extra.

No / Yes I do / not need assistance with child care at this time for _____ children.

**** Please return this form to Sheri Hurn in 15J (Jones Building) by Friday 26 May**

SCHOOL PHOTOS

TERM 2 - WEEK 5

Tues 30 May

ELC Blue, Devitt, Aberdare, Year 7, and family photos.

Thurs 1 June

ELC Gold, Wellington, Jones, Rm 31RC, SMU and missed family photos.

Envelopes will come home soon. Please read the instructions carefully.

Payments can be made online.

If paying by cash, remember you must have the correct amount no change is available from the photographer or the School Office.

Your child must bring the photo envelope with them on their photo day.



AIKIDO NEWS



Hello & welcome to the Adelaide Takemusu Aikido Club Inc.

Aikido is a tool for personal development on all levels. We encourage children to practise Aikido to feel good, increase their confidence; strengthen themselves physically and mentally and to constantly challenge themselves.

We have training sessions here at Trinity Gardens School Monday afternoons. 4pm–5pm for juniors and 5pm–6pm for older children

Fees are \$40 per month per student with a progressive discount of \$10 for additional family members. This includes a free uniform.

With respect

Peter Noble Head Instructor
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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

\$70

GREAT AS A GIFT IDEA!



PUPIL FREE DAYS

2017

Pupil Free Days

Friday 26 May

Tuesday 25 July

Monday 14 August

School Closure Day

Friday 1 September

YEAR 8 ENROLMENTS 2018

ATTENTION – PARENTS OF YEAR 7 STUDENTS

YEAR 8 ENROLMENT INFORMATION WAS SENT HOME VIA YEAR 7 STUDENTS, MONDAY WEEK ONE THIS TERM.

(Check your child's school bag if you have not seen it)

Please note the ED176 form **must be returned, no matter which school your child will be attending in 2018,**

no later than Friday 26 May 2017.

(Thank you to families who have already returned forms.)

SPORTS NEWS

SAPSASA News SAPSASA competitions are in full swing with several sports just finishing and many just starting.

Term one we had swimmers competing at the district championships with a few students advancing to the state championships. Boys and girls teams competed in the Tennis Knockout with the boys advancing to term four but unfortunately the girl's tennis team lost their first round and has exited the competition. The Boys cricket team has played extremely well and has also advanced to term four.

Term two sees the winter sports fire up. With the introduction of boys and girls Aussie Rules Football teams in the knockout competition we have more teams than ever before competing. Both teams are set to play their first round matches next week. It is really exciting times for the school to have so many enthusiastic girls wanting to play Australian Football. We also have boys and girls Soccer teams in the knockout competition. The boys are playing their first match today against East Marden, go boys, but unfortunately the girl's team lost their first round match to Magill yesterday 3-0. The girls Netball team also play their



first round match against East Marden today in the Netball Knockout. We have defeated East Marden in the past so fingers crossed the girls can perform well.

The school has again entered a large Cross Country team to compete in the District Championships. Trinity Gardens has won the last three district shields for being the champion school. The team has trained hard and is looking forward to running their hearts out this Friday.

Thanks to all the coaches who have given their time and effort in preparing the teams for competitions. It's a big job but we know how much the kids appreciate and value SAPSASA participation.

Hugh Ross

Physical Education Teacher

East Adelaide School and Trinity Gardens PSZ zones

