Dear Parents,

Welcome back as we commence the 2015 school year, I hope that all families enjoyed a very happy and relaxing holiday period. It has been a privilege this week to be able to see the faces on the children as they returned to school, especially our Preps as they enjoyed their very first day. As a staff we are looking forward to a very successful year filled with many activities and learning opportunities.

Our theme this year is Ownership of Learning, particularly focusing on what responsibility the students need to take themselves to ensure that they are learning to the best of their ability. Each class will spend the first two weeks exploring their Learning to Learn Unit. This incorporates concepts such as; setting up classrooms as quality learning spaces, the students exploring strategies and thinking tools that will assist their learning, identifying their learning strengths and styles, analysing what behaviours create effective learners and setting and monitoring learning goals. At the beginning of year Parent /Teacher Interviews on the 24th and 25th of February parents will have the opportunity to be taken on a tour through the classroom by their child, allowing them the opportunity to discuss with you how the learning space has been established.

On Monday night we had our first Parents and Friends Meeting and I sincerely thank all members of the committee for their commitment to the school. Trinity would not be able to operate with the activities and programs that it does without the assistance and support of the Parents and Friends Committee. The money they raise directly supports all students.

The fundraising efforts from the Parents and Friends in 2014 have allowed us to purchase an iPad cart containing 30 iPads. Samantha Moss will be the iPad Lead Learner this year and on a Thursday each week she will be rostered to take the iPad cart around to the grades, working collaboratively with the classroom teacher to explore the enormous capabilities the iPads have to enhance student learning. The iPad cart will then be available for classes to utilise throughout the rest of the week. Samantha will be rostered between grades 3-6 in the first semester and P-2 during the second semester. We anticipate the cart being ready for classroom use within the next few weeks. A big thanks to Samantha Moss and Corina Watson for the efforts they put in over the holiday period organising the iPad cart and the accompanying infrastructure.

Our major fundraising event for Term One is the Trinity Carnival on Sunday the 1st of March, please keep this date free in your diary. The money raised from the Carnival, as well as other functions run by the Parents and Friends Committee this year, will go towards upgrading our school oval to make it capable of being used for 12 months of the year. Parents would have received their raffle ticket books on Monday and accompanying today’s newsletter is the Parent Helper Sheet. Families would appreciate that organising an event of this magnitude is a massive undertaking and to ensure its success on the day we require the assistance of all members in the school community. We are asking that each family contribute to the day, whether that be at set-up, helping at a stall for a couple of hours or clean-up. Please fill in the helper sheet and return it to the Office as soon as possible. Raffle tickets are due back by 20th February. The Carnival Committee need to be congratulated for the organisation they have done so far, it has been really appreciated.
As we commence the new year I have provided some information and a few reminders for parents below:

- We will be holding our Welcoming BBQ for all families of Prep students, as well as new families, on Tuesday the 24th of February at 6pm.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews are on Tuesday the 24th of February 3.30pm - 6.00pm and Wednesday the 25th of February between 2.00pm - 8.00pm.
- 2015 Staff Professional Learning Days / Student Free Days – Friday the 20th of February, Monday the 13th of April, Friday the 26th of June, Monday the 13th of July and Monday the 2nd of November.
- Students are not to arrive at school before 8.30am as the staff are not on duty and the students are not supervised.
- In a school our size it is inevitable that there is going to be congestion at drop-off and pick-up times. I ask that parents please be patient with each other, follow and respect the signage, and use the crossing area when walking with your children.
- We are a SunSmart school so the children are required to wear a hat during terms 1 and 4 when playing outside.
- One of our grade three students, Seth Sleep, is currently undergoing treatment for Leukaemia. As a result his immune system is very low and he is susceptible to any illness that may be in school. If your child is suffering from a contagious illness, Chicken Pox, Measles, Influenza etc. could you please let the school office know asap so we can inform Seth’s family.
- There are some slight staffing changes for this term. Ronda White has had surgery and won’t be returning until term two, Ang Schinck will be teaching one day per week in 4B whilst Ronda is away. Diana Jans is on Long Service Leave, Samantha Willis is the acting Religious Education Leader and Wellbeing Coordinator in her absence.
- Liz Jones and I are the Special Education Coordinators now that Marianne Wealands has retired. Please contact us if you have any issues or concerns.
- Newsletters will be on a Wednesday this year.
- Canteen Days – Tuesday Prep/1/2 Thursday 3/4/5/6 Canteen commences next week.
- Fr. Brendan sent a letter out last year regarding the new 2015 Parish Sacramental Levy, I have attached it to this newsletter again for your information. This levy is to be paid by the end of term one.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of strong home/school relationships in ensuring that your child reaches their full potential. Should you have any issues or concerns we would welcome an appointment time to have a discussion. As a staff we are looking forward to working with all families throughout the course of the year.

Regards,

Simon Dell'Oro
Principal

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**2015 CURRICULUM LEVY**

These accounts must be finalised by **Friday 6th February**. The Levy includes the purchase of books and all other stationery, excursions, incursions, Library and ICT licences and other curriculum expenses. This levy must be paid to be enable us to provide the programs for your child’s learning.
BEGINNING OF THE YEAR PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We will be holding Parent Teacher interviews on:

**Tuesday 24th February from 3.30 – 6.00 pm and**

**Wednesday 25th February from 2.00 – 8.00 pm (students finish school at 12.45 pm)**

*Online Bookings will open on Monday 9th February at 9.00am,* further details are attached to this newsletter.

The Parent Teacher interviews will take place in the open areas of the Allen, Marian and Joyce Buildings. The purpose of these interviews is to acquaint yourself with your child’s teacher and share relevant information about your child. Teachers will share your child’s Maths and Literacy testing data from the testing interview your child attended on either Thursday 29th January or Friday 30th January. Student learning goals from the **Learning to Learn** Unit and how well your child has settled into the 2015 school year will be discussed. Your child will have the opportunity to show you their classroom and how they have set up their learning spaces either before or after your parent teacher interview.

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2015 SCHOOL FEES

**SCHOOL FEES**

Annual fees of $1660 (this includes the $200 Capital Levy). This is per family.

Term fees will be $415 payable each term.

Accounts will be sent out on the 16th February. Payments can be made by Cash, BPay, Cheque and EFTPOS. Payments can be made in instalments. Direct Debit facilities are available.

**SACRAMENT LEVY**

Sacrament Levy of $22 per child per year. (This must be paid by the end of Term 1, 27th March). Payment can be made by Cash, Cheque or EFTPOS. Please refer to the letter from Father Brendan attached to the newsletter.

**CAMP FEES**

Grade 6 Camp Fees are $450 to be finalised by Friday 13th February.

Grade 5 Camp Fees of $260 should have been finalised on 2nd February. If you have not already paid this amount is now **overdue**, please finalise payment as soon as possible.

Grade 4 Camp Fees of $170 will be charged to your account at the end of Term 1.

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FIRST RECONCILIATION

**ENROLMENT AND PARENT-ONLY WORKSHOP**

**THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY at 7.45pm at OLHC**

Please note that this is the **ONLY** enrolment night for the year.

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ALTER SERVERS

The next altar servers workshop/training session will be held on **Sunday 1st March 2015 @ 3.00pm in the church.**

This workshop/training session is for all existing & NEW ALTAR SERVERS (who have received their First Holy Communion).
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2015 Sacrament Program at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren.

At Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, we accept the responsibility for passing on our Christian faith, values, traditions, beliefs and stories to the children of our community. While on this endeavour, we are looking forward to supporting you through prayer, teaching and example and welcome the opportunity to work with you and your child, as your child prepares to receive the sacraments.

In planning the Sacrament program, we have carefully considered the dates and times for enrolment nights, workshops and celebrations, for the benefit of all candidates enrolling, and also to ensure that this program runs efficiently.

Therefore we request you to make note of the relevant dates and times allocated for the different Sacraments, to enable you to make the necessary arrangements well in advance. This will ensure that you do not miss out on any of the events you should be attending. However, if for any reason you have missed the enrolment night, we request you to wait until the next scheduled date.

We would also like to bring to your attention that it is the Parish policy to enrol your child for only one Sacrament per year, so as to enable the children to have a better knowledge and faith experience of each Sacrament.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION**
(also known as Confession or Penance)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE ENROLMENT FOR THE YEAR**

Enrolment for Reconciliation is offered to children who have reached the age of discretion. The church regards this as 7 years of age, but it is up to the parents and the Parish Sacrament team to discern whether or not the child is ready to receive this sacrament.

Children should be baptised in the Catholic Church before receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

A copy of your child’s baptism certificate needs to be attached to the enrolment forms (if baptised outside of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish).

**ENROLMENT MASSES**

(Children are required to bring their enrolment forms when they attend one of these Masses.)

Saturday, 14th February 2015  6.00pm

Sunday, 15th February 2015  9.15am, 11.00am and 6.00pm

Tuesday, 17th February 2015  7.30pm
PARENT AND CHILD WORKSHOPS
The workshops will be held at Don Bosco School Hall (within the school grounds at the back of the church.)

Parent/s and their child must attend one of these workshops. Please bring a pencil and some textas to the workshop.

Monday, 23rd February 2015 5.00pm or 7.00pm
Tuesday, 24th February 2015 5.00pm or 7.00pm
Wednesday, 25th February 2015 5.00pm or 7.00pm
Thursday, 26th February 2015 5.00pm or 7.00pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATIONS FOR 2015

Saturday, 14th March 2015 10.30am
Wednesday, 18th March 2015 7.00pm
Saturday, 18th April 2015 10.30am
Wednesday, 22nd April 2015 7.00pm
Wednesday, 6th May 2015 7.00pm
Saturday, 9th May 2015 10.30am
Wednesday, 10th June 2015 7.00pm
Saturday, 13th June 2015 10.30am
Wednesday, 22nd July 2015 7.00pm
Saturday, 25th July 2015 10.30am
Saturday, 8th August 2015 10.30am
Wednesday, 12th August 2015 7.00pm
Wednesday, 9th September 2015 7.00pm
Saturday, 12th September 2015 10.30am
Wednesday, 28th October 2015 7.00pm
Saturday, 31st October 2015 10.30am

DRESS CODE
Neat Casual Wear.
Please bear in mind the sanctity of the church and observe modesty and reverence.
THE COUNTDOWN IS ON FOR THE TRINITY

CAFE  STALLS
RIDES  LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

FOOD

and much much more!!!

25 SLEEPS TO GO!!!

1st MARCH 2015
**Items in **bold type **will be school closure days or extremely important dates.**

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Board Meeting 7pm | **Canteen commences for Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6**  
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| Yr 5 Camp Phillip Island  
Reconciliation Enrolment Mass 7.30pm | Yr 5 Camp Phillip Island  
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Ash Wednesday | **SCHOOL CLOSURE** |     |     |     |
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| Reco Workshop 5 or 7pm | **Parent/Teacher meetings 3.30—6pm.**  
Welcome BBQ 6—7pm  
Reco Workshop 5 or 7pm | **No School for Prep children**  
**School Finish 12.45**  
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**1 TRINITY CARNIVAL**  
10am — 3pm  
**Yr 6 Camp to Canberra**
Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrated their birthdays during the January holidays. We hope you all had a great day.

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Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays next week.

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Do you have a smart phone, either iPhone or Android? Well, Trinity has its own Skoolbag App to help us communicate more effectively with our families and friends. To take advantage of this excellent communication tool, all you have to do is install our “Trinity Catholic Primary School” App on your phone. It is easy and free to install it, just search for our school name, “Trinity Catholic Primary School”, in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**TUESDAY** — PREP and JUNIOR

**THURSDAY** — MIDDLE and SENIOR

**TUESDAY 10th FEB**
+ Luisa Locandro
# Anastasia Barker

**THURSDAY 12th FEB**
+ Suzanne Wells
# Celeste Vogrig

**TUESDAY 17TH FEB**
+ Adele Pettenuzzo
# Lisa Cini

**THURSDAY 19th FEB**
+ Janelle Macdonald
# Astrid Buissink

**TUESDAY 24th FEB**
+ Melissa Moore
# Carolyn Burge

**THURSDAY 26th FEB**
+ Claudia Sajeba
# Linda Vozzo
ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

In the case of illness a phone call in the morning on the day they are absent.
If you are going on holidays or your child will be away for an extended period you must advise in writing BEFORE you leave.
Thank you.

All parents/Guardians wishing to help in the classroom, canteen or attend excursions MUST have completed the PARENT HELPER WORKSHOP and hold a current WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD.
Further details are available from the school office. All parent/guardian helpers must sign in at the office before proceeding to the classrooms.
Your current Working with Children card must be displayed at all times when working in the classrooms and attending excursions.

TRINITY CAR PARK

- For greater safety and visibility, we are requesting that all drivers reverse park into the marked bays.
- Thank you all who use the pedestrian crossing area. You are demonstrating to your children correct road safety practices. Once children cross the pedestrian crossing into the parking area, they, for their safety, need to be placed into vehicles promptly. The car park is NOT a meeting area.
- The lane around the edge of the car park (closest to the oval) are for vehicles waiting to pick children up from the Pick-up Zone ONLY.
- The two parking bays closest to the office path are the PICK-UP ZONES. These are NO STANDING zones. If your children are not ready to get into your car as you pull up to the pick-up zone, you must continue on and rejoin the end of the pick-up queue.
- There is NO RIGHT TURN when exiting the car park. All vehicles must turn left for the safety of others and to maintain traffic flow.
- THE GATES CLOSE AT 9.00am AND RE-OPEN AT 3.00pm. Occasionally they might re-open slightly later due to school activities.

Thank you for your patience and consideration of others.
WELCOME BACK TO ALL OUR OLD FAMILIES AND A VERY BIG WELCOME TO ALL THE FAMILIES AND STAFF WHO ARE NEW TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY IN 2015. We hope you will very soon feel as though you have been here for years! If you have any queries at all please ask someone...we have all been in your position and know what it is like to have new beginnings and be unsure of what is where etc..

We Congratulate and pray for Mr and Mrs Nigli on the birth of their new baby son; Helene Maddaford (Alisha 6T and Olivia 5PF) whose brother has died, (those in our community who are suffering in body, mind or spirit; in thanksgiving for the release of Peter de Crester from prison in Egypt; for all our Families, Students and Staff at Trinity.

FIRST RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT AND PARENT ONLY WORKSHOP. There is only one of these this year, so if you wish your child to prepare for this Sacrament this year YOU MUST ATTEND THIS WORKSHOP ON THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY AT 8pm in THE CHURCH. Every Family would have received a Parish Sacrament Booklet (blue cover) with your child’s report at the end of last year. If you are new to the school this year, you can pick up one of the books at the Welcome Desk at the church or from the school office. Please read this and know when/what/how about the Parish Preparation for Sacraments. Some things are different from past years!!!

There were a couple of newspaper articles which I read over January which I thought may be of interest to you who are parents. One is lunch box ideas and the other is about children 7-9 years of age. You will find them on the Notice Board in the corridor outside the multi-purpose room.

PLAY GROUP FOR 2015 will begin on Wednesday 11th February. So if you have pre-kinders (even babes in arms) you are very welcome to come along each Wednesday of Term from 9am until 10.30am in the Playroom which is in the Readman Building and meet other Mums/Dads/Grans and have some adult conversation. This is not a crèche so you need to be with your child during this time. There is free play, songs, stories, outside play if the weather is suitable, structured activities and of course each week there is a craft activity. Please bring along a snack for your child which they usually eat whilst listening to the story. The cost is $2.00 per family each week and an annual fee of $5.00 per family which covers the cost of the materials used and a Birthday and Christmas gift for each child.

CRAFT GROUP BEGINS TODAY in the Playroom from 12.30pm until 2.45pm. We are going to be busy, busy, busy this term – but still time for laughter and chatter – as we have the Carnival coming up on the 1st March and the Mother’s day stall not too long after that. So if you would like to come along – and you don’t have to be an expert in any form of Craft because we bounce ideas off each other-just turn up AND YOU WILL BE MADE TO FEEL MOST WELCOME.

QUIET PRAYER There are a couple of us who gather to read the Gospel for the following weekend and then have a few minutes of quiet time on Thursdays from 8.45 until 9am in the Playroom. All are most welcome to come.

This weekend we celebrate the Fifth week in Ordinary Time. We all know of Mother-in-law jokes but this week’s Gospel is no joke because Jesus Cures Peter’s mother-in-law. Lord, we pray for all mother-in-laws. They get a bad rating sometimes but they have given away their son/daughter in marriage and it is hard to freely give your child to another. Bless them for who they are and for all the baby-sitting and other mindful tasks they give because they love their grandchildren. Amen.
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- Bookings will open online on Monday 9th February at 9.00am

The Parent Teacher interviews will take place in the open areas of the Allen, Marian and Joyce Buildings. The purpose of these interviews is to acquaint yourself with your child’s teacher and share relevant information about your child. Teachers will share your child’s Maths and Literacy testing data from the testing interview your child attended on either Thursday 29th January or Friday 30th January. Student learning goals from the Learning to Learn Unit and how well your child has settled into the 2015 school year will be discussed. Your child will have the opportunity to show you their classroom and how they have set up their learning spaces either before or after your parent teacher interview.

Please note: Children will finish school on Wednesday 25th February at 12.45pm.

Go to
www.schoolinterviews.com.au
and enter our school code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically. If something comes up you can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and change your interviews until bookings close.

For those without access to the internet, a computer will be set up in the office foyer for parents to make their booking online. Should you have any difficulties with this new online booking process, please contact Romalie or Glenice in the school office.
An explanation of how our Parking and Pick-up system should work.

For greater safety and visibility, we are asking that all drivers reverse park into the bays. Thank you all who use the pedestrian crossing area. You are demonstrating to your children correct road safety practices. Once children cross the pedestrian crossing into the parking area, they, for their safety, need to be placed into vehicles promptly. The car-park is not a meeting area.

The parking bays at the bottom of the car-park (closest the oval) are for vehicles waiting to pick children up from: the Pick-up Zone ONLY. The two parking bays closest to the office path are the Pick-up Zones. These are NO STANDING zones. If your children are not ready to get into your car as you pull up to the Pick-up Zone, you must continue on and rejoin the pick-up queue. This enables a smooth traffic flow. For the safety of others and to maintain traffic flow, all vehicles MUST turn LEFT when exiting the parking area.

Please note the gates close at 9.00am in the morning and re-open at 3.00pm.

Thank you for your patience and consideration of others.
23rd October 2014

Dear Parents

The Sacrament Program in our parish, initiated in 1998, under the guidelines of The Diocesan Policy promotes a collaborative approach to growth in faith where family, parish and school each carry out their particular role with the faith development of the child as the central focus. The program has also been responsible for creating a sense of belonging, fostering an awareness of the wonder of God and challenging our children to live out the Gospel values, all of which has enriched the life of our parish.

To be able to implement the Sacrament Program more effectively and efficiently and to sustain this ongoing ministry in the parish the Sacrament Team has streamlined the program for 2015.

The Sacrament Program for 2015 will be run in the following way:

The Parish will hold:-

- **ONE Enrolment Night / Parent workshop in the year for each of the Sacraments.** (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation) and eight Parent and child workshops per sacrament per year. (It is mandatory that parent/s attend the Enrolment Night/Parent workshop and ONE Parent and child workshop for the relevant Sacrament, however if you are unable to attend any of these important formation nights, we request that you enrol the following year.)
- **Sixteen celebrations in the year for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**
- **Thirty two masses over eight weekends for the Sacrament of First Eucharist, providing families an opportunity to choose from four masses -Sat 6pm, Sun 9.15am, 11am and 6pm (with a limit of eight children per Mass).**
- **Four masses for the Sacrament of Confirmation, a reflection day for the Confirmation candidates and rehearsals prior to the celebration as in previous years.**

More information regarding the dates for all the Sacraments will be outlined in the Sacrament Program Booklet for 2015 and will be available from the Parish and the schools in the first week of December.
To ensure that the Sacrament Program meets the high standards established by the diocese for the pastoral care and Sacramental preparation of our children, we have made minimal adjustments to the levies, bearing in mind the financial demands faced by our parish families.

The following changes have been made to the way the Sacrament Program will be funded from 2015 and beyond:-

- Children enrolled in our three Catholic primary schools will pay a Sacrament Levy of $22.00 per child per year and will not pay an enrolment levy at the enrolment night.
- The children attending public/state schools will be paying an enrolment levy of $55.00 ($15.00 more than the current levy) at each enrolment night.

These changes will make a significant difference to the pastoral responsibilities of our parish. We will be more visible in matters of faith and outreach, and ensure that the parish provides more opportunities for an intimate celebration of the Sacraments for all the children and their families. Our parish will continue to be a supportive community where young people learn that they are welcomed, loved and valued as they explore their own sense of faith and spirituality.

We look forward to supporting you and your families as we journey together in faith.

Yours sincerely

Fr. Brendan Hogan
Parish Priest
TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sunday 1st March, 2015

The Carnival Committee are calling for helpers from all Trinity families for our upcoming Carnival. As the money raised from this event will benefit all children, it is expected that all families will contribute to the day in some capacity. The money raised will be going towards our new School Oval. For our day to be a success we need your help.

If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return to the office by

Friday 20th February, 2015

Name: ____________________________________________

Child’s Name & Class: ____________________________

Email: __________________________________________

Phone Number: __________________________________

Please tick one or more following options

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If you have any queries please contact School Principal Simon Dell’Oro on 9704-1970
There's no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children's learning. Here are 10 ways you can work with your child’s teacher to maximise your child’s chances of school success.

1. **Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve**
   
   Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. **Keep your expectations reasonable and positive**
   
   If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3. **Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home**
   
   One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. **Send kids to school ready to learn and on time**
   
   Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. **Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes**
   
   Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6. **Skill children to work with others**
   
   Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7. **Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties**
   
   Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8. **Participate fully in class & school activities**
   
   There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9. **Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience**
   
   Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10. **Talk up what happens at school**
    
    Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10-point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.
Growing Great Kids
For parents and carers of primary school aged children

➢ Are you tired of Yelling?
  How to get kids to listen, without having to yell

➢ Dealing with Anger
  Helping parents, helping kids deal with anger and frustration

➢ Technology and our kids
  When to limit it, and how?

➢ Strategies that Work
  How can parenting be easier, and more fun!

Come along and join other parents/carers to discuss experiences, ideas and learn strategies in a relaxed, friendly place.

- Refreshments provided -

When: 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Tuesday 17th February – 24th March 2015

Where: Timbarra Community Centre
Parkhill Drive, Berwick

Who: Parents, grandparents, step-parents or carers

Bookings & Enquiries: Sandra Phillips at Parentzone
Ph: 1300 984 011 or 0447 500 355
sandra.phillips@anglicarevic.org.au

- NO COST -
but bookings required