Dear Parents,

We celebrated a lovely Ash Wednesday Mass this morning in the hall, thanks to Kathryn Pepper and Fr Brendan for their organisation, it was great to see so many people joining us. We are also very appreciative of the parents who helped cook the pancakes yesterday for Shrove Tuesday. We are now entering a very important stage of the liturgical year and the students have been learning about Lent as part of their RE lessons.

Last week was a very enjoyable first week back at Trinity. The students have quickly settled into a solid working routine and are enjoying their new grades. As a whole school we are exploring our ‘Learning to Learn’ unit during the first two weeks of the year. Throughout this time the grades establish and explore all aspects of what makes a good learner and what creates a positive, safe learning environment. It is important that students fully participate in and have a sense of ownership of this process. This is why the rooms were bare when your child walked in on the first day as it is important for students to create, and have ownership of, their learning space. Some of the areas covered during Learning to Learn include:

- What makes a good learner?
- What is my preferred learning style?
- How can my thinking assist my learning?
- What do I do if I get stuck?
- What are my learning goals?
- What class rules and routines do we need to establish to ensure that we have a positive, safe learning environment?
- How do I contribute to creating a safe, welcoming learning environment?
- How can I be responsible for my learning?
- What does an independent learner look like?
- Why are healthy relationships so important?
- How can I build healthy relationships with my peers and teachers?

It would be great to ask your child about their Learning to Learn unit and what they have been exploring in class. Our Family Learning Conversations are scheduled for the 22\textsuperscript{nd} and 23\textsuperscript{rd} of February, part of this meeting will be the students taking you on a tour through their learning space.
Last week was an exciting time for the school as our building program was put out to tender. We had a large amount of companies express interest in the job. The tender process closes on the 26th of February and work should commence over the term holidays. This is a very exciting time for Trinity as we create more contemporary, open, welcoming and safe learning spaces. The aim of the project is:

- To build more contemporary, open, collaborative, welcoming and safe learning spaces for the students and staff. Trinity currently has a large amount of space that is not used as effectively as it could be.
- The new building will not create a large open ‘barn style’ learning area.
- The contemporary new learning spaces will be a more open collaborative environment, however, it still has walls and dedicated break out areas for each classroom. It will more adequately and creatively use all of the space within the buildings and be furnished appropriately to accommodate 21st century learning.
- Students will still have their own grade and their own class. It will not be all grades in together.
- The administration area of the school does not cope with a school our size. The refurbishment will create increased security for our students (an unfortunate reality of our times), a new parent entry, a more adequate first aid room, a new staff work area and staffroom, new meeting rooms for parents and staff as well as a new office area.
- The Multi-Purpose Room will have a Sanctuary created at the ‘playground end’ so when we are celebrating Mass at school there is a permanent altar and sacred space.

I will continue to keep parents updated as to the progress of this very exciting initiative as it develops. To get an understanding of what students, parents and staff can expect to enjoy I encourage you to take a virtual tour through the anticipated administration area by following the link: https://www.hightail.com/download/bXBZZUN0Q1JUWUMwYjhUQw Please note that colours and finer details are still to be decided upon. We now also have a virtual tour of the Marian (middle school) building completed https://www.hightail.com/download/ZWJYZXQ2UEcEp2Zk1UQw I am sure as you tour through the rooms you will see how much more welcoming, collaborative and contemporary the new space is whilst still allowing individual break out classroom spaces for each grade. Plans of the new buildings are on display in the atrium.

Should you have any further questions regarding the building program, or anything else happening within the school, Liz and I will be available for a coffee and a chat next Thursday morning, the 18th March in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Last week, we welcomed to Trinity, Christopher Meeking, our Library Technician. Christopher works on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the Library and classes have selected weekly borrowing times to visit the Library with their teacher. Classes will be posting borrowing times on their class blogs and they also have the opportunity, throughout the week, to visit the Library with their class for individual, partner and class research.

Please note that Foundation (Prep) classes will not be attending this week’s assembly. Their first assembly will be Friday the 26th of February as next Friday, the 19th, is a student free day whilst the staff are participating in a professional development day.

Next week the Grade 5 Students head off on camp to Phillip Island Resort. This is an adventure camp where they will participate in initiative games, archery, canoeing, circatron, giant swing and many other activities. Kathryn Pepper is the teacher in charge of the camp and I thank her for her organisation. Ellie Gubbins, Emma Lamb, Brooke Farrelly, Leisa Finkelde, Michelle Edmanson and I are the staff attending camp.

Next Thursday evening we will have our Welcoming Picnic between 5.00-7.30pm. Families can come along and enjoy a meal together in the playground and we will have some games organised for the students to participate in. We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards,
Simon Dell’Oro
Principal
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
NEWS AND EVENTS

SHROVE TUESDAY
Yesterday at Trinity we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with a pancake shared morning tea for the whole school. A big “thankyou” to the wonderful parents and grandparents that kindly gave up their time to mix, cook and serve over 500 pancakes. The smiling faces, laughter and team work displayed by all the volunteers allowed the students to see just how lucky we are here at Trinity.

LENT /ASH WEDNESDAY
Today we celebrated Ash Wednesday Mass as a whole school. This marks the beginning of our journey through Lent to prepare for the wonder of Easter. The ashes remind us that even though we don’t always live God’s way, if we ask God to forgive us, we will receive forgiveness and love. During lent we are challenged to take up something that will help someone that is less fortunate then ourselves. The students will be exploring this in their class and creating their own Lenten promises, as a way of bringing them closer to Jesus.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA
During Lent, Catholic Schools all over Australia participate in Project Compassion. Caritas Australia’s annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. During this time the children will be invited to donate some of their small change to helping the poor by placing their money into the Project Compassion boxes in the classroom. More information can be found at http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/

RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT NIGHT
Date: Thursday 11th February @ 7:15 for a 7:30pm start.
Venue: Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren
Cost: $50 enrolment fee

This is the only enrolment night for 2016 for Reconciliation.
Family Learning Conversations

Dear Parents,

The beginning of the year Family Learning Conversations will be held on:
- Monday 22nd February from 3.30 – 8.00 pm
- Tuesday 23rd February from 3.30 – 6.00 pm

The Family Learning Conversations 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 28th January or Friday 29th January. Students will share their learning goals from the Learning to Learn focus and will take you on a tour of their learning spaces.

- Bookings will open on Thursday 4th February at 9am.

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

1. Enter your details
2. Choose teachers
3. Choose times

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 families without access to the internet, or are having difficulties with the online booking process, please contact Romalie or Glenice in the school office 9704 1970.
2016 SCHOOL FEES

SCHOOL FEES WILL BE SENT HOME NEXT WEEK
Annual fees are $1750 (this includes the $200 Capital Levy and the $50 ICT Levy). This is per family.
Term fees will be:
   Term 1 $475 (includes the ICT Levy)
   Term 2, 3 and 4: $425

ICT LEVY
The ICT levy of $50 is per family per annum.
Payments can be made by Cash, BPay, Cheque and EFTPOS. Payments can be made in instalments. Direct Debit is available and forms are available from the office.

GRADE 5 & 6 CAMP FEES NOW OVERDUE
Grade 6 Camp Fees are $480 to be finalised as soon as possible.
Grade 5 Camp Fees of $265 should have been finalised on 1st February. If still outstanding please pay immediately.
Grade 4 Camp Fees will be charged to your account at the end of Term 1.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
(please see attached flyer)

ELIGIBILITY
Criteria 1: To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

on the first day of Term one, or on the first day of Term two;
   a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
   b) Be a temporary foster parent, and
   c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2: Be of school age and attend a Victorian school. School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

ELIGIBILITY DATE
CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the 1st FEBRUARY 2016 or 11th APRIL 2016.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
FIRST RECONCILIATION REMINDER
ENROLMENT AND PARENT-ONLY WORKSHOP
TOMORROW THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY at 7.15pm at OLHC
Please note that this is the ONLY enrolment night for the year.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS
Please note the following School Closure & Student Free Days
FRIDAY 19th FEBRUARY (Student Free Day)
MONDAY 14th MARCH (Labour Day Holiday)

SCHOOL CLOTHING
Could parents please ensure that all school clothing is clearly marked with the child’s name.

Please DO NOT write on the label (this can be cut off). A silver marking pen is very easy to see on the dark clothing.

Could you also please make sure your child knows that when they take their jacket/jumper off at play time that they know where they put it and retrieve it when the bell goes. We are getting a huge amount of jumpers/jackets being handed into the office.

SIGNING IN
Please remember that you MUST sign in at the office whenever you enter the school during school hours.

CAR PARK
If you are using the car park please make sure you have left the car park prior to 9am. The gates are locked at 9am to ensure the safety of the children. If you are attending Mass, please do not park in the car park. Thank you for your help in this matter.
**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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*Items in **bold type** will be school closure days or extremely important dates. Blue will indicate new items added to the Calendar that week.*
Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday next week.

15th FEB  Preetal, Hayley and Grace  
16th FEB  Chantelle  
17th FEB  Megan and Dylan  
18th FEB  Lillian and Rylan  
19th FEB  Lacey, Larissa and Isabella  
21st FEB  Chanel  

CANTEEN ROSTER

TUESDAY — PREP and JUNIOR
THURSDAY — MIDDLE and SENIOR
+ 8.45—10.30approx  # 11.45—1.30approx

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THURSDAY 11th FEB  
+ Janelle Macdonald  
# Mariane Mikhael

TUESDAY 16th FEB  
+ Anastasia Barker  
# Funmi Ewedairo

THURSDAY 18th FEB  
+ Kathy Harman  
# Kerryn Cerchiaro

TUESDAY 23rd FEB  
+ Naomi Sanchez  
# Linda Vozzo

THURSDAY 25th FEB  
+ Claudia Sajeba  
# Nina Gore

TUESDAY 1st MARCH  
+ Stacey Gordon  
# Adele Pettenuzzo
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.
PASTORAL CARE NEWSLETTER

10th FEBRUARY 2016

WE CONGRATULATE: the Sela Family (Sierra Prep H) on the safe arrival of a new baby Son in January; and also the McLardie Family (Hamish 1B) on the very recent, safe arrival of a baby Daughter and the Jauhal Family (Harliv 1H) on the arrival of a baby Daughter.

WE PRAY FOR: those Mothers who are expecting babies; those Parents who are unwell at present and those undergoing surgery, tests or treatment of any kind.

RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT NIGHT Those who are attending this enrolment tomorrow night and would like to have their child/ren minded can bring them to the Keogh Room (the portable near the Church) and I will look after them for you. This will cater for those families where Dad/ Mum works an evening shift or it will enable both parents to attend. But once the children come to me there will be no running back and forwards to you, so please explain this to your child/ren. You may like to have them bring a colouring book and pencils and I will also have a few activities for them.

ORANGES: If those parents who buy a bag of oranges at a time could save the net bags for me I will be very grateful, as I have again pulled up my spring flowering bulbs and will sell the extras in Autumn for the Carnival.

LOST PROPERTY BOX is situated outside the door leading into the Hall. There are a few items in it at present. PARENTS PLEASE MARK YOUR CHILD’S CLOTHING WITH A PERMANENT MARKER AND IN A CLEAR MANNER. Thank you.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP Thank you to those families continuing to send along items. There were a few enquiries for larger sized polo tops and there are a few 12’s and 14’s on the shelves now. The money from the sale of these goods goes to buy a small gift for our new babies and to pay for the ingredients for the cook-up of meals for families where there is sickness or unemployment.

POPE FRANCIS ON THE FAMILY “God’s love becomes present and active by the way we love and the good things that we do”. And how apt is this quote from the Holy Father for the Season of Lent which begins TODAY. Perhaps you could decide to do something as a Family for the next 40 days – Sundays are not counted because they are always days to remember and celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. Perhaps you could: go to Mass as a Family (if this is not your usual habit); or call on an elderly neighbour each week; or have your evening meal around the table without the electronic gadgets in sight. Have a family talk and see what is appropriate for you as a Family, I’m sure the children will have plenty of ideas some of which may need to be tampered a little!

MASS IN SUPPORT OF PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM is to be celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long (himself a refugee from Vietnam), at St Patrick’s Cathedral in Melbourne next Tuesday, 16th February at 11am. We are all refugees in Australia, either from a long time ago or recent arrivals. If you’d like to go with someone a few of us are meeting at the Narre Warren Station at 9.30am.
Hello everyone,

**Easter Raffle**

Our first fundraiser for the year is our Easter Raffle. We need donations of anything **EASTER RELATED** (choc eggs, bunnies, new soft toys or Easter books and so on) so that we can put together Easter Hampers as prizes for our Easter Raffle.

Please bring any donations, no matter how small, to the classroom on **Friday 18th March**. As a small thank you for your donation Mr Dell’Oro has offered that the children wear casual clothes on this day.

*Raffle tickets are 50c each or a book of 10 for $5.00.*

Tickets will be sent home in a couple of weeks. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 23rd March 2016.

**P&F Committee**

We are currently seeking a Vice President. If you are interested in this role, feel free to contact Kerryn on 0408 364 909 for more information.

We welcome any new members to the P&F Committee. If you cannot make our monthly meeting, that’s ok, we love helpers on the day of our events. Joining our committee is a great way to meet new people. Contact Kerryn 0408 364 909 if you are interested.

*Next P&F Meeting:* Monday 21st March 2016 at 7pm in the Staffroom.

*From your P&F Committee*

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**Next P & F Meeting -**

**MONDAY 21st MARCH 2016** at 7pm in the Staffroom.