Dear Parents,

Last week I wrote to all families both in the newsletter and an information letter home updating you on the status of our building program. The building program will be conducted in 4 stages to allow us adequate space to appropriately house the classrooms elsewhere in the school whilst the building works are taking place. We understand that this will be slightly disruptive, however, it is only for a short period and the end gain will be fantastic. The stages are as follows:

Stage 1: Marian Building
Stage 2: Joyce Building
Stage 3: Allen Building
Stage 4: Administration

You would be aware we are anticipating that work will commence over the holidays. The teachers have been doing a wonderful job over the last few weeks preparing the students for their new learning area as well as physically moving their classroom resources.

After school tonight we will be moving all of the furniture from the rooms in the Marian Building to the new learning spaces. During Stage One of the build the grades will be accommodated in the areas listed below. A map of the relocation of classrooms is also attached.

Students in the above listed grades will commence tomorrow (Thursday) in their existing classrooms. The teachers will then transition the students across to their new learning areas throughout the course of the morning. At the end of the day the students will be collected from their new learning area. Parents are welcome to join the class in their students class for prayer on Friday morning in the new learning area.

This is a very exciting time for Trinity as it will be a huge bonus for our school. At its conclusion students and families will have state of the art facilities to enjoy. Should you have any further questions please feel most welcome to contact Liz Jones, Kathryn Pepper or myself.

Regards,
Simon Dell’Oro
Principal
2017 FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS FOR SCHOOL FAMILIES

Enrolment application forms for 2017 are now available from the Office. Please pick up enrolment forms by 23rd MARCH.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Please note the following School Closure & Student Free Days

THURSDAY 24th MARCH (School Closure Day, end of Term 1)
MONDAY 25th APRIL (ANZAC DAY)
FRIDAY 29th APRIL (Student Fee Day)

SPORTS NEWS AND REMINDERS

Foundation students and new students have been issued with their House colour today for the Trinity Athletics Carnival. Students will be bringing home a Certificate indicating their House.

REMINDER FOR MIDDLE & SENIOR STUDENTS TO WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM TOMORROW

Could all Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 students please wear their sports uniform or bring runners as students will be participating in novelty events and baton relay practice.

CASUAL DRESS DAY

The P & F are asking for donations for their Easter raffle. On Friday the children may wear casual clothes to school if they make a donation to the P & F Easter Raffle. The P & F appreciate the support of all Trinity families.
Choice Theory

Last week in the newsletter you were introduced to the Seven Deadly Habits and the Seven Caring Habits, and how the teachers and students are beginning to explore these as a way to build positive relationships with each other.

Building a positive relationship with another person is essential in order for people to move forward in any aspect of life. As educators, we need to be able to invite our students into our “Quality World” (a personal picture album of all the people, things, ideas, and ideals that we have discovered increase the quality of our lives), so that they can begin to develop a sense of who we are and what we want them to achieve. This is important in building a “safe” environment for students to engage in, where their survival need is being met.

Once this two way relationship has been established then the “Six Conditions of Quality” will be evident within the classroom.

1. There will be a warm, supportive environment.
2. Students will be asked to do only useful work.
3. Students will be asked to do the best that they can do.
4. Students will evaluate their own work and improve it.
5. Quality work will always feel good.
6. Quality work will never be destructive.

Students who ultimately experience this each day when they enter the classroom meet their basic needs and are ready to achieve.

Family Life Education

Tonight is the Gr 3 / 4 Family Life session and next Wednesday 23rd March will be the Gr 5/6 Family Life Session. These sessions will be held in the School Hall at 6:30pm and go for approximately 1 hr. If you have misplaced the information letter that was sent home last week, you can access this on your child’s class blog.

Masses at Trinity

Starting in Term Two, the celebration of Mass on a Friday will be changed due to the exciting renovations to our existing buildings. Each week a different class / level will be rostered on and Fr Brendan and Fr James will celebrate mass with the class in their own classroom. This information will be outlined in the newsletter each week and be available to the Parishioners when they arrive on a Friday. We warmly encourage everyone to continue celebrating these occasions with us.
Here is your opportunity to be involved in our 2016 Athletics Carnival. All students from Prep to Year 6 will be participating in a variety of track, field and novelty events. To make our day a success we need a team of helpers – parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. If you have knowledge or experience in a particular area, such as time keeping, marshalling, track /field events or Little Athletics please indicate on the form below. **However, the only requirement for our helpers is a desire to be involved and have fun and a Working With Children Check.**

Don’t hesitate!!! Complete the form below and return to the Office. I realise this is early notice, however all parent job allocations need to be finalised before the end of Term 1 as the Athletics is Week 2, Term 2.

Kind Regards,

Catrina Charman

Nicole Cahill

3 — 6 P.E. Teacher

P — 2 P.E. Teacher
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.

2016 SCHOOL FEES

TERM 1 FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE, PLEASE PAY BEFORE THE END OF TERM 1.

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.

A reminder that Grade 4 Camp Fees of $180 will be charged to your account in Term 2.

FACEBOOK

The Carnival has it’s own Facebook page. Please have a look at the page, (Trinity Catholic Primary
School Carnival) follow and like it. You will be able to keep updated with what’s happening!
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
Items in **bold type** will be school closure days or extremely important dates.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

21st MARCH  Janelle and Scarlet
22nd MARCH  Ben and Sean
24th MARCH  Dylan, Jocelyn and Matthew
25th MARCH  Mitchell, Khayley and Sierra
26th MARCH  Mark, Amber, Aniyah and Alexander
20th MARCH  Mikayla, Kyra and Anastasia

Canteen Roster

TUESDAY — PREP and JUNIOR
THURSDAY — MIDDLE and SENIOR

+ 8.45–10.30approx      # 11.45–1.30approx

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THURSDAY 17th MARCH
+ Mareesa Smith
# Leonie Kelly

TUESDAY 22nd MARCH
+ Amanda Mair
# Mary Amalraj

THURSDAY 24th MARCH
NO SCHOOL
END OF TERM 1

TUESDAY 12th APRIL
+ Naomi Sanchez
# Ivana Mioni

THURSDAY 14th APRIL
+ Nina Gore
# Tracy Lukin

TUESDAY 19th APRIL
+ Stacey Gordon
# Funmi Ewedairo
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 ETIQUETTE

- 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.
WE PRAY FOR: Mrs. Dennis’ mother, Marianne, (Cory 3G) who is unwell and in hospital; Mr. Mangano (Sebastian 5G) who is home recovering from hip surgery; Mr. Therese (Jude 6C,Gabriel 3D)) who is home after surgery; those who are not well, awaiting the results of tests.

HALF PRICE SALE of all uniform pieces until Easter.

SHOPPING ETHICALLY FOR EASTER:
In 2015 Pope Francis said that “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”
Join the Easter campaign against child slavery
Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) is urging people to eat only slavery-free chocolate, especially this Easter. Did you know that much of the chocolate available in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions?

The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa. To buy slavery-free Easter chocolate look for any of these certification labels on the wrappers: FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ.

So as you begin to think about Easter chocolate please think of your child as a worker in the cocoa sector…would you want them to be doing such work? So shop ethically and let us help to stop the exploitative conditions of SOME OF THE WORLD’S CHILDREN.

A TASTE OF TRINITY: These books containing recipes from Trinity families (and friends of Trinity families !) were printed to celebrate the year Trinity Catholic Primary School became a teenager – in 2012. They are family friendly, tried, tested and approved by children, and contain the ingredients most of us have in our cupboards. I still have quite a few left so am now selling them at $5.00 each – 2/3 of their original price. They are available from the Office or from Sister Joy.

PLAYGROUP: We all went into the playroom today and sang our ‘goodbye’ song to it as we pass it on to Grade 3D during the renovations. Then we went into our“ new” space and had our time together during which we celebrated 3 birthdays.

NARRE WARREN SOUTH SCOUT GROUP I have 4 polo tops, 2 woggles and two scarves which have never been worn. See me if your children belong to this pack and you would like these items.

NFM- Nudie Food Movers I have a pink and blue one...if you’d like them please let me know.

A MUM: asked me to find out some information for her sister who is a nun in India. I have it ready if she would like to come and collect it.

PALM SUNDAY is this weekend. Why not take a branch of an Australian tree (from your garden!) along to Mass to be blessed.
Hello everyone,

**Easter Raffle**

Our first fundraiser for the year is our Easter Raffle.

We need donations of anything NEW **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 if they bring an Easter donation.**

**PLEASE RETURN TICKETS AND MONEY BY MONDAY 21st MARCH.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU FILL OUT THE TICKETS THAT YOU SEND BACK WITH A NAME AND PHONE NUMBER.**

We will be bundling up the hamper prizes on Monday 21st March at 8.45am onwards, so if anyone would like to come along and help us that would be greatly appreciated. We will be meeting at the canteen at 8.45am.

The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 23rd March 2016.

**P&F Committee**

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.
PARISH NEWS

PARISH PRIEST’S CORNER
This week’s Gospel we meet a lady who stands before her accusers. Sometimes we find ourselves in similar situations where we can be overwhelmed by a sense of our own guilt. All we can hear is the voices of people who accuse us, it is almost like we wait in anticipation of being accused. We pray for the grace to allow those voices to fade so that we can hear the voice of Christ who tells us to start a new and to sin no more. So how do we become more attuned to the voice and action of Christ in our lives?

The readings during Lent are leading us deeper into our relationship with Christ. It was delightful during the week to see a father kneeling in church with his two sons praying with them before school started. In this simple action seeds are being sown, drawn by the Holy Spirit we are invited to build the kingdom in the simple ordinary actions of our day. On Friday the reading focussed on Jesus own community from Galilee they said, “We know where this man is from.” Their familiarity had prevented them from recognising Christ. We can be like these early disciples and fail to recognise Christ in the ordinary events of our lives. So let us never under estimate the smile we give, the greeting we exchange and the phone call we make, all can bring healing and hope.

Discipleship is a choice that we make daily, Jesus words are never forceful, come and see, come and follow me, put out into the deep. With faith and trust we continue to build Gods kingdom among us.

On Tuesday the Parish Team will be in Lysterfield to plan for our future needs places keep us in prayer. Fr. Brendan

PARISH BALL
On the 16TH April the Parish is organising a Parish Ball at The Grand on Cathy’s Lane , Wantirna. Tickets are sold at $65.00 per adult and $30.00 per child (5-12 years), only 50 children tickets available, children under the age of 5 years no charge. This will include a 3 course meal, beer, wine and soft drinks. If you book a table of 10, the ticket price will be $60 per adult. Any parishioners who are interested in helping out with this event are request to contact the Parish Office. There are flyers at the back of the church please pass them on to friends and family.

LET’S MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL EVENT. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AFTER MASS.

A LENTEN MUSIC PROGRAM
Is being organised on Saturday 19th March between 7.30 and 9.30pm at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren. The event features a variety of gospel and contemporary Christian music by the Living Waters Band (Saturday 6pm choir), In-Sight (a local fundraiser band) and a couple more acts. A gold coin donation will be taken up to defray costs. Please bring a plate to share and BYO drinks. Soda/tea/coffee will be provided.

EASTER TIMETABLE 2016

PARISH FAMILY RECONCILIATION Wednesday 17th March at 7.30pm

TENABRAE SERVICE (Service of Shadows) Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30pm

HOLY THURSDAY 24th March 7.30pm Mass
Followed by the watch until 11pm

GOOD FRIDAY 25th March 10am—Stations of the Cross at Don Bosco School Oval
3pm — Liturgy of the Passion

HOLY SATURDAY 26th March East Vigil 7.30pm

EASTER SUNDAY 27th March Mass 6.30am, 8am. 9.15am and 11am
No Evening Mass
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
496 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren

presents

“Starry Nite at the Grand”
(Fund Raiser Dinner Dance)

When: Saturday, April 16th. 2016
Where: The Grand Reception Centre
90 Cathies Lane, Wantirna South 3152
Time: 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight
Dress Code: Formal - Blue & White theme

Highlights of this grand night
Dance to the music of live band, REDEMPTION
3 course sit down meal with wine, beer, soft drinks
Excellent prizes - lucky ticket, spot prizes, silent auction

$65: adults
$30: children 6 to 10 yrs
No charge for children under 5 yrs

Early Bird Special Offer
purchase tickets for a table of 10
by end March & pay only
$60 per head (adults only)

Make this night a grand success
SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH

your generous donations
in the form of raffle prizes,
hampers, vouchers
are welcome

Inquiries: 9704 7935
(Parish Office)
Creating creative kids

Dr Jenny Brockis explains the 4 main ingredients for creativity and why it is so important for whole brain development in kids.

“If you’re not prepared to be wrong, you’ll never come up with anything original.” Sir Ken Robinson - author and advisor on education in the arts.

Creativity and imagination help us to better understand our world. A creative mind looks for ways to do things differently; we see things with a fresh pair of eyes.

Creativity adds value to and enriches lives and our kids have wonderful fertile minds just brimming with ideas. The problem is we can stifle that creativity, particularly during those upper school years when sticking to the demands of a busy curriculum takes increasing priority.

Research tells us that those kids who continually access creative outlets are the more successful students, because creativity is linked to whole brain development. Brain wise, creativity is important for the development of language, problem solving, reasoning skills, understanding and learning.

Being able to think “outside the box” is what makes for a better brain. Rather than pushing your child to spend hours doing their piano practice, spending some time in unstructured creative play may pay far greater dividends in the form of them being better at problem solving and finding alternative ways of doing things.

Encouraging curiosity matters, and we as parents and educators can do much to promote the engagement, fun, focus and perseverance required to provide an innovative environment.

There are four main ingredients required for creativity:
- Mess
- Mistakes
- Make-believe
- Mucking in together

Creativity is messy
So the kitchen looks like a bomb has gone off, the lounge suite has been completely disassembled and the dog is wearing an outfit that looks mysteriously like your best jacket! But, all that activity has resulted in that first cake being made, the princess's castle being refurbished and the dog being an active participant in a rehearsal for that very important play.

Creativity is full of mistakes
If we don’t get things wrong, how can we tell when they are right?

There is no room for perfectionism in creativity. Allowing our kids to get things wrong and discover what doesn’t work is just as important as discovering what does. It teaches them to deal with failure and to realise that finding out the wrong answer matters far more than never starting to look in the first place.

It was Thomas Edison the inventor of the light bulb that said, “I have not failed. I’ve just found 10 000 ways that won’t work.”

Creativity is make-believe
Stories are a great way to transport our children’s minds to far off and magnificent places. It allows them to create their own visual images of the people, characters and places. Manufacturing creative artistry allows saucepan lids to become cymbals, modelling clay to become teacups and saucers, boxes and tin foil to become knights on horseback, and colourful artworks the latest masterpiece destined for the fridge door.

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... Creating creative kids ...

It’s not about a pretend reality; kids know the difference. Their make-believe world allows them to explore possibilities and options.

**Creativity is mucking in**

Creativity can be a solo performance but is often a collaborative piece. Joining young minds together amplifies the creative process.

Mucking in is about using an array of different (and sometimes unusual!) materials that can be repurposed or used to create new objects.

Whether your child is six or sixteen, managing their creativity starts with sharing the value we hold for the arts and new ideas. It’s about taking trips to an art gallery, a science show or museum. It’s about travelling to different places, trying different foods and learning about different cultures. It’s about reading and sharing books, and talking to our kids to encourage an ongoing sense of wonder and curiosity about their world.

**Top tips for fostering creativity:**

1. **Give permission for freedom of expression** It’s not about you or what you think is the right way to create something. Encourage your child to explore, and create on their own terms while having fun.

2. **Encourage play** Encourage active unstructured play that takes them away from the TV, tablet or computer for a while.

3. **Celebrate your child’s creative expression** That’s what fridge doors, corkboards, and mantelpieces are for! It’s not to reward the masterpiece itself (that’s a quick way to stymie any future creative activity!), but to celebrate the process of exploration and discovery.

4. **Foster originality by being accepting of difference** While some rules are important to keep our children safe, being allowed to do things their way when developing ideas, is what helps shape their individuality.

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