Dear Parents,

GRADE 6 CANBERRA CAMP
Our grade 6 students left for Canberra last Sunday 15th March amidst an air of excitement and anticipation. The learning, adventure and fun times experienced on camp and captured through edmodo have been truly amazing. It is a credit to the staff and students on camp, their team work, planning and camaraderie. We are indebted to our truly amazing staff – Miss Edmanson, Mrs Cassar, Miss Todisco, Miss Heard, Miss Johnston, Miss Berryman, Mrs Shortal and Mr Dell’Oro - and their supportive families - for the giving of their time and their commitment to providing quality learning experiences for our students – THANK YOU. We look forward to their safe return from our Nation’s Capital tomorrow at approximately 3.45 pm and wait in anticipation to hear of the many wonderful stories and adventures. On Friday 20th March, the grade 6 students and camp staff will have a rest day and will return to school on Monday 23rd March to share their learning and highlights of an exciting week in our Nation’s Capital. Thank you, also to the parents and family members who have left such heart felt and encouraging messages to your children and camp staff on edmodo. This is yet another way to strengthen the ties between home and school and to work in partnership for the best interests of our students. The two quotes below aptly sum up the benefits and rewards of camp . . .

GRADE 5 LEADERS FOR THIS WEEK
While the grade 6 students are on camp, the grade 5 students have readily stepped up to carry out leadership duties this week. I am in awe and inspired with the quality of our senior students - in the giving of their time, their eagerness to lead, share their talents and be role models in our school community. Congratulations to the following grade 5 students for being nominated to lead assembly this Friday in the absence of our year 6 student leaders – well done to Javeria, Alan, Aimee, Garry, Grace and Ethan (5L).

EASTER EGG RAFFLE and CASUAL CLOTHES DAY
On Monday morning the canteen was overtaken by all things Easter – chocolate eggs, bunnies and baskets from our Easter Egg fundraiser and casual day last Friday. Our P&F Committee was overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and students and look forward to making up and drawing the Easter Raffle at Assembly on the last day of Term 1 – Friday 27th March.
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Please note the next Student Free Day is:

MONDAY 13th APRIL (first day of Term 2).

FIRST AID and ANAPHYLAXIS UPDATE

The Victorian Government and Trinity is committed to providing, as far as practically possible, a safe school environment. Trinity staff, over the past two Wednesday evenings, participated in First Aid Level 2 training which covered such aspects of first aid including DRSABCD, Asthma and Anaphylaxis management and treatment in line Government Guidelines and Ministerial Paper 706 – Anaphylaxis Management in Schools.

PARENT HELPER WORKSHOP

The Trinity Parent Helper Workshop for parents who would like to assist and participate in school activities (for example: reading groups, classroom help, excursions, sports days) was held on Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon this week. Thank you to the parents for their participation and support. In order to assist in school and classroom activities parents and family members must have a Working With Children Check and attend ONE Trinity Parent Helper Workshop. Working With Children Check cards can be ordered through the Department of Justice at the following website: http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Trinity will be holding a Caritas-a-thon in place of the Lenton Lap-a-thon on Wednesday 25th March as part of reaching out and raising funds for Caritas initiatives. All students will participate in an obstacle course and will be learning facts about Cristian’s community in Peru. We will then be having a shared BBQ lunch, order forms have been sent out today and is also attached to the newsletter. It would be appreciated if the form and money is returned to the office by Friday 20th March for catering purposes.

On Friday 27th March, the last day of Term 1, we will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross at 9.00 in the hall and announcing the winners of the Easter Raffle at Assembly at 2.30 in the afternoon. Everyone is welcome to attend the Assembly.

TRINITY ATHLETICS DAY

On 23rd April we will be having our Athletics Day. Thank you to the people who have already volunteered to help on the day, it is very much appreciated. For the day to be a successful one we still require more volunteers. If you can help please fill out the form attached to the newsletter or see the ladies in the office.

THANK YOU TO ALL STAFF this week for their support, team work, commitment and dedication – for the giving of their time, talents and consideration to each other. I will finish with the words of Winston Churchill – I think he sums up my thoughts on the week and I am thankful for everything Trinity staff have given this week and always.

Regards,
Liz Jones
Deputy Principal
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

It is the Auditor’s requirement that we have a record of any absences and therefore we require a written note for any absence from school stating the reason and date/s of the absence. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

2016 PREP ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN
FOR EXISTING SCHOOL FAMILIES ONLY

Please call into the office and pick up an Enrolment form if you have a child starting Prep in 2016.

Thank you!

Trinity and Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion. If you have donated loose change to our class Project Compassion box, you are providing vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need to establish sustainable food sources for life.

Don’t forget that all of the money raised goes to Project Compassion and that we will be making a money trail with the money on the 25th March, 2015. For more details please refer to the Caritas-a-thon we are running this year!

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion  1800 024 413

2015 SCHOOL FEES

Accounts have been sent home and are now overdue. If you have not already done so please make your payment as soon as possible. Thankyou to the families who have already done so. Payments can be made by Cash, BPay, Cheque and EFTPOS. Payments can be made in instalments. Direct Debit facilities are available.

SACRAMENT LEVY APPLIES TO ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED AT TRINITY

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.

This levy is to be paid irrespective of your child celebrating a sacrament in 2015. the levy will be charged annually for the duration on your child’s primary school years.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Are due on TUESDAY 24th MARCH

Please make sure you put your child’s name on the top of the order form, it makes it very difficult when the order comes to know who has an order if the name is not on it.

Please place payment in an envelope and write your child’s name and class on the front. If you wish to pay by credit card, go onto the scholastic website and there is a section where you can make a payment. Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.
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2.30pm Parent Helper Workshop  
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|     | **5 7.30pm Eucharist Enrolment Mass**  
Mother’s Day stall | **6 7pm First Reconciliation Celebration** | **7 Yr 4 Camp to Sovereign Hill** | **8 Yr 4 Camp to Sovereign Hill Mother’s Day Breakfast** | **9 10.30 First Reconciliation Celebration** | **10 Mother’s Day** |
Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthdays next week.

24th MARCH   Dylan and Matthew
25th MARCH   Mitchell, Khayley and Sierra
26th MARCH   Mark and Amber
27th MARCH   Caitlyn
28th MARCH   Jayla and Bianca
29th MARCH   Logan, Cameron, Harper and Zachary

CANTEEN ROSTER

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

THURSDAY 19TH March
+ Liz Davie
# Tracy Lukin

THURSDAY 26th MARCH
+ Kathy Harman
# Mariane Mikhael

TUESDAY 24th March
+ Allison Hellier
# Mary Amalraj

THURSDAY 16th APRIL
+ Tracy Hynd
# Leonie Kelly

TUESDAY 21st APRIL
+ Luisa Locandro
# Lisa Cini

TUESDAY 14th APRIL
+ Melissa Moore
# Anastasia Barker
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.
WE CONGRATULATE: Mr and Mrs Hallaji (Steven Kovac 5D) on the birth of their baby daughter Ava; we continue to pray for those in our community who are unwell at home, in hospital or in care.

CRAFT: I forgot to put out on the Carnival Craft Stall our footy one-eyes!! They will be available from me or the Office staff for $1.00 each. All the AFL teams are represented.

Our next social event is THE MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST ON FRIDAY 8TH May. Again I’m looking for some Dads to serve our gracious ladies. So if they can let me know as soon as possible that they are available that would be terrific. Anyone new to the school will be surprised at what a fantastic job they did last year. The Breakfast for the Mums consists of croissants/toast/coffee (from the Coffee van) and fruit. I know it is a little way off yet, but we had a great time last year and it will be just as good this year! So put it in your diary now please.

LOST PROPERTY BOX This box, situated outside the hall door, now has a few items. So please look and see if your child’s lost jumper/jacket is there before the holidays. The mornings are chilly Autumn mornings at present SO THEY WILL BE NEEDING THESE ITEMS.

TEA TOWELS: I have 3 tea towels from the Carnival. Please see me if they belong to you. Thank You.

GARDEN GROUP: Last week the Grade Two Garden Group planted seeds and plants of Silver Beet, and seeds of peas. We looked around and saw what beds had been cleared and where the soil had been renourished. If you have sweet pea seeds they need to go in NOW. (An old wives’ tale says to plant them on St. Patrick’s Day which was yesterday!)

The Parish Lenten Retreat is on this Friday 20th March from 7-9.30pm; Saturday 21st March 6 – 8.20pm(includes Mass) and Sunday 22nd March 6 – 8.20pm(includes Mass).

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT We are over the hump and running towards Holy week! Now is the time to ask ourselves how we are going on our Lenten Journey? So stop, listen to your heart and hear what Jesus is saying to you. He DOES NOT ASK YOU TO BE PERFECT, ONLY TO TRY! This week in the Gospel we hear some Greeks (presented to Jesus by Philip and Andrew) say “we should like to see Jesus”. Jesus goes on to tell the story of the wheat grain dying and bearing abundant fruit. We gardeners know what this is like: we plant seeds and with good nourishment, rain and sunshine we receive flowers, fruit or vegetables. BUT THE SEED MUST BE BURIED FIRST! What is Jesus trying to say to us? What must be buried in us? by us? through us? Only we can answer this!

Lord Jesus, open my eyes (like you did to the blind man in last week’s Gospel) so that I may see. And when this has happened open the ear of my hear so that with insight I may be ‘alive’ with abundant fruit. Amen.
Hi All,

We are excited to share with you, that after the fantastic response to our Easter Raffle Donation last Friday, the P&F have been very busy putting together 38 raffle prizes, giving many families the opportunity to win a prize to take home and enjoy over the holidays.

Don’t forget to sell your raffle tickets, they are 50c each or a book of 10 for $5.00, then bring the sold tickets and money and drop them off in the P&F box at the office by Wednesday 25th March 2015. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday 27th March.

*If you would like more tickets, please see the ladies in the office to collect some more.*

**Mothers Day Raffle**

We are looking forward to celebrating Mothers Day, and what better way then to have a Mothers Day Raffle. We would greatly appreciate donations towards our Mothers Day raffle in term 2, if you have any new items you would like to donate, please drop them off at the office.

**Welcome**

We would like to welcome Marlene Johnson (Isaac 2S and Ava Prep N) and Allison Hellier (Toby 4I, Ryder 2T and Tate Prep N) to the committee. We look forward to having the new additions to the team.

**Join our Committee**

We welcome any new members to the P&F Committee, it’s never to late to join us. 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, especially if you are a new family to our school. Contact Melissa on 0416025494 or Kerryn 0408364909 if you are interested.
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

TRINITY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
~ PREP – YEAR 6 ~

Thursday, April 23rd, 2015
Casey Fields Regional Athletics Centre, Cranbourne East

Dear Parents,

Here is your opportunity to be involved in our 2015 Athletics Carnival. As mentioned in the newsletter 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 by Wednesday, March 4th, 2015. 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
P.E. Teacher/Sports Co-ordinator

TRINITY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL – Thursday 23rd April, 2015
~ PARENT HELPER ~

Name: ___________________________ Child’s Name: ___________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Child’s Class/House e.g. Red ______ / ______

WWC No: ___________________________ Contact Phone No: ___________________________

Email Address: ___________________________

Area of Expertise/Experience (If any, but not required) ___________________________
6/3/15
Dear Parents,

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in this year's Australian Maths Competition. The competition will be held on Thursday the 30th of July.

One of the largest annual events on the Australian education calendar, the AMC was the first competition of its kind in Australia and is now one of the largest of its type in the world. More than 40 countries participate each year. The competition aims to be accessible to all students from Years 3 to 12, not just the mathematically gifted.

There is an emphasis on problem solving, a valuable life skill, and the questions are designed to be fun for the student. The AMC consists of two separate papers, each with 30 questions in the Middle Primary (Years 3 and 4), Upper Primary (Years 5 and 6). Time allowed is 60 minutes for the primary papers.

Over 1,000 students share the prizes and around 50% of participants qualify to receive a Certificate of High Distinction, Distinction or Credit. All other entrants in the competition receive a Certificate of Participation or a Proficiency Certificate. All students are also provided with a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with wider statistical rankings.

Although it is aimed at all students, the AMC also identifies gifted students. A prestigious Australian Mathematics Competition medal is awarded to students with an outstanding result, both within a region and overall in the competition.

The AMC is administered by the not-for-profit Australian Mathematics Trust (AMT), which is under the Trusteeship of the University of Canberra. The problems created for AMC papers are set to the highest possible standards by volunteer teams of the most experienced mathematics teachers and academics in the country. The Australian Mathematics Trust has an unparalleled, unblemished record for the integrity and reliability of its papers.

More information and practice material will be sent home next term. There is a $6 charge for the competition. I understand that the competition is a long way off, but the closing date for entries is early next term. Could you please send the money and permission form back to the office by Friday the 27th March.

Thanking you

Andrea Berryman

________________________________________
I _______________ give permission for my child ____________________________
in grade_______ to participate in the 2015 Australian Maths Competition. I include the entry fee of $6.00.

Signed ____________________________________________
18th March, 2015

Caritas-a-thon Fundraiser Luncheon, 25th March, 2015

Dear Parents / Guardians,

On Wednesday the 25th March, Trinity will be fundraising for Caritas Australia whilst celebrating our thankfulness for the plentiful food we share every day.

Caritas is a Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development and is part of a global network that spans over 200 countries and territories. For over 110 years, Caritas has worked towards the creation of a just world. Caritas is Latin for love + compassion.

This year, instead of a Lap-athon, the 2015 Social Justice Team have decided to run an obstacle course and a money trail followed by a sausage sizzle luncheon, called ‘The Caritas-a-thon’. Your child will be invited to participate in morning activities and then is invited to order a sausage in bread for $2 and enjoy a Zooper Dooper Icypole for $1, with all money raised going towards Caritas Australia.

Or if your child has a specific dietary requirement, you have the option of supplying your child’s own lunch to eat on the oval with their class.

Also in each of our classes, we ask for your support by donating any loose change into our project compassion boxes, no coin is too small! This year the boxes will be emptied onto the words ‘Thankfulness is a gift to be shared!’ to create a money chain. The class who has the most coins will be announced in the Newsletter and at Assembly.

Please complete the permission form below, one for each student, and return it to the office with the correct change, by Friday the 20th March.

We thank you in advance for supporting our fundraiser and look forward to sharing our gift of thankfulness with others.

Samantha Willis
Religious Education / Student Wellbeing

Simon Dell’Oro
Principal
I ____________________________ give my child ____________________________
in class __________ permission to receive the following items on the Wednesday
the 25th of March and have included the correct amount of money required:

☐ Gluten Free BBQ Sausage and bread (2) OR
☐ Gluten Free BBQ Sausage in bread with Tomato Sauce (2)

AND

☐ Zooper Dooper Icypole (1)

OR

☐ I will supply my own child’s lunch on the day

PARENT OFFER TO ASSIST (All parents will be contacted if their help is required)

Name of parent volunteering to assist with the BBQ and giving out of
lunch: __________________________________________

☐ I am able to assist on Wednesday the 25th March 2015 at Trinity Catholic Primary
School.

between these times:

11.15-12.15 [ ]
12.15-1.15 [ ]

☐ I have a current Working With Children Card and my number is

_________________________________________ Expiry Date_____________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
Parenting ideas
INSIGHTS
Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

Lost in concentration

It’s more challenging than ever to be present with our kids, and so easy to get lost in concentration on a device. Here are 5 tips to really impact and make the most of every opportunity you have with your kids.

I can’t help but admire my young colleague Sonia, mother of a 4-year-old boy and a seven-year-old girl. She is an avid user of social media and other electronic devices, but she is disciplined enough to set them aside when she is with her kids. Sonia chooses to focus her attention on her children, so she limits her use of communication devices to the times when she is alone – which she admits is less often than she’d like.

Electronic devices such as tablets and mobile phones are ever present. They are heaps of fun, the source of so much knowledge and a great way to stay in touch with others. The flip side is that their hypnotic effect is powerful so that frequently all our concentration is directed at them rather than our kids. When this happens you’re more than likely miss some wonderful opportunities to really impact your child’s world.

There are five BIG opportunities available to you as a parent if you, like Sonia, choose to be in the moment when you have children.

When you are fully present you can:

1. Build their language
Recently, I saw a mother walking side by side with a young toddler playing a simple language game. She would make a sound with her mouth and her young son would mimic her. She changed or added to the sounds and her son tried to replicate the sounds. This is language building at its most natural and finest, and wouldn’t have happened if this mother was on the mobile phone rather than being present with her child. Whether you are with a toddler, primary aged child or a teen the language building opportunities are endless. You just have to focus on the one you are with and let things happen naturally.

2. Teach your children about their world
Most children are naturally curious and will ask lots of questions. “Why do dogs bark?” “Why is the sun round?” “Where do babies come from?” Yes, some are simple, some are hard to answer and some you are just not ready for. But it’s through these simple interactions that you become your child’s first and most important teacher. My hunch is that most kids will stop asking these questions of you if your attention is focused elsewhere, such as on a mobile phone or other electronic device.

3. Impact their thinking
Influential British educator Charles Des Forges says, “If you want to influence your child’s thinking then you need to talk to him. If parents want more influence then they need to talk more to their children.” According to Des Forges it’s through the conversations that parents have with their children that they impact the way they think, as well as influence their values. Nothing kills personal conversation with a child or young person like a mobile device.

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... Lost in concentration ...

3 Build relationships
Relationships are built through common interest, good intent and respectful behaviour. I can think of no better reason for being in the moment with your child than the opportunity it presents to build some common interest and rapport. Time spent giving attention to your child is like putting money in the bank for the future. You never know when you are going to withdraw some of the deposits that you’ve made, so it’s reassuring to know that you’ve made plenty of deposits of goodwill to draw on, particularly in the tricky teenage years.

3 Build memories for you
As a parent of adult children I now treasure the memories of times I was fortunate to have spent with them as young children. It’s strange how these memories resurface at the most unexpected time. Recently, I was in a supermarket and I remembered the time when I enthusiastically asked my youngest, who was three at the time, to get the box of cereal with the big red K. Off she went feeling all important and returned with a triumphant smile armed with a box of dog food. “Thanks darling. Nearly!” was my reply desperate not to quell the enthusiasm to help that only a three year old can have.

Yes, there are million memories such as this available to parents who are willing to focus attention on the children rather than be distracted by the lure of communication devices.

As a parent you have competing demands on your time, and the allure of communication technology can be overwhelming. However, as Sonia is so aware, the time for parents to really impact on kids is limited so you want to make the most of every opportunity you have with them.

The key to positively influencing your kids, building strong relationships and building enough fond memories to last a lifetime is to make sure that your mind is where your body is and be fully present when you are with your kids.

Michael Grose