Dear Parents,

**New Building Program**

Last week we were provided with wonderful news that our building application had been successful and we can commence the process of organising the tender. It will be funded via a local school contribution and a capital loan through the Catholic Development Fund. This is fantastic news for Trinity! It will be very exciting as we create more contemporary and collaborative learning spaces for our students. The objectives of the building program are as follows:

- To build more contemporary, open, collaborative and welcoming 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 an open collaborative environment that 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.
- 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 and 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 keep parents updated as to the progress of this very exciting initiative as it continues to develop. 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/bXBZZUN0Q1JUWUMwYjhUOw](https://www.hightail.com/download/bXBZZUN0Q1JUWUMwYjhUOw) Please note that colours and finer details are still to be decided upon. Virtual Tours of the new learning areas are currently being created. I will forward the links on when they are completed. Plans of the new buildings will be put on display in the atrium.

**Final Assembly / Thankyou Morning Tea**

Next Friday, the 11th December, at 10.00am we will be holding our Final Assembly and Thankyou Morning Tea for parents. At this assembly we will farewell leaving staff. We would also like to acknowledge after the assembly the assistance we receive from all parents throughout the year by providing a morning tea. It would be great to have a large number of parents attend.
Grade Allocations and Transitioning of Students to their 2016 grade
Parents will receive notification of your child’s 2016 classroom teacher within your report package on Tuesday the 15th of December. I encourage you to be positive about your child’s grade in 2016. A large amount of effort has gone into the compilation of the 2016 class lists. Students will be given an opportunity to transition to their new grade and meet their 2016 teacher on Tuesday 15th from 11.30 – 12.30 pm. Students will then share a special canteen lunch order (if parents have ordered for their child through the canteen) in their 2015 levels.

Curriculum updates
Library lessons will conclude this week so students have time to return all Library books they have borrowed throughout the year. Other specialist classes PE, ART, Performing Arts, ICT and Japanese will conclude at the end of next week.
As part of meeting AusVELS Physical Education requirements, our Junior students participated in Swim Safety lessons at Paul Saddler Swim School this week. Our Prep students will be attending their Swim Safety lessons next week.

Final Week Dates
- **Friday 11th December**
  - **10.00 am** Final school assembly
  - **10.45 am** Thank you Parent Helpers Morning Tea
- **Saturday 12th of December**
  - **7.00 – 9.30 pm** Parish Christmas Carols at Don Bosco School Hall
- **Monday 14th December**
  - Grade 6 Incursion, Bubble soccer
- **Tuesday 15th December**
  - **9.00 am** Christmas Play in the Hall
  - **11.30 pm** New Grade Orientation
  - **12.30 pm** Shared level lunch (if having the special canteen lunch pack it must be pre-ordered)
  - **3.15 pm** Reports and Portfolios are sent home
- **Wednesday 16th December**
  - **11.00 am** End of Year Mass
  - **3.15 pm** School concludes – final day for students
- **Thursday 17th December**
  - Staff Planning Day – STUDENT FREE DAY
- **Friday 18th December**
  - Staff Planning Day – STUDENT FREE DAY

Regards,
Simon Dell'Oro—Principal

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2015 SCHOOL FEES
Accounts for Term 4 fees any arrears are now **overdue and must be paid as soon as possible.** Since it is the end of the school financial year all accounts must be finalised **If you are leaving Trinity, including all year 6 families, your accounts must be finalised otherwise your debt will be handed to the debt collection agency.** If you are having difficulties please make an appointment to see the Principal.
Payments can be made by Cash, BPay ($50 min amount), Cheque and EFTPOS. Payments can be made in instalments. Direct Debit facilities are available.

LEAVING TRINITY??
If your child is not in Year 6 and **NOT RETURNING** to Trinity next year, could you please pick up a Transfer form which needs to be filled out and returned to the office as soon as possible.
Year 6 Graduation Mass and Dinner
Thursday 10th December (next week)

Preparations are well and truly underway for our Mass and Dinner. If you have paid, we thank you very much, if not, could you please send payment into the office by Friday 4th December.

A reminder of details for the night:

**MASS FOR ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES**
When: Thursday 10th December 2015
Time: 6.00pm - students to arrive by 5.30pm
Where: Our Lady Help of Christians
496 Princes Hwy, Narre Warren

**FOLLOWED BY DINNER FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS**
When: Thursday 10th December 2015
Time: 7.30pm
Where: Trinity Catholic Primary School, Readman Hall
Cost: $15.00 per person including students
B.Y.O. Drinks and glasses

*Please notify the office of any special dietary requirements*

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**2015 SRC Photo**
The SRC photo was taken on 20th October and is now on display in the school office. Please come and have a look.
If you would like to place an order, they are $8.00 per copy. Payment must be received when placing the order.
The photo will be on display until Thursday 3rd December.

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**TOURNAMENT OF MINDS**
**BRAIN STRAIN NIGHT**
Thursday 3rd December 7pm — 8.30pm

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**Advent**
We invite all parents to join with us weekly as we reflect as levels on the Sunday gospels, pray, and turn our attention to how we can go out towards others this Advent to bring Christ into the world.

Preps – Mondays 8.45-9.05 – Joyce Building
Juniors – Mondays 8.45-9.05 – Marian Building
Middles – Tuesdays 8.45-9.05 – Marian Building
Seniors – Mondays – 8.45-9.05 – Multi Purpose Room
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 13 December 2015

The Lighting of the Family Advent Wreath (First, Second & Third Advent Candles)

Leader: God of joy, you speak to us in the songs we sing, the cards we receive, the gifts we set up, the lights on our tree. Help us remember you are with us in the warmth of family time around the tree. We bring you the joy of cakes, carols, and cards. Touch our hearts and help us touch the hearts of those we love. Amen.

All: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus, bring joy to our world.

The Scripture (Philippians 4: 4)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!

The Family Focus

I think the greatest gift to our world so far this century is the election of Pope Francis. In him, the world sees who we truly are - people who rejoice in the Lord, people who love to love both God and neighbour. But it’s not enough to be proud of our intriguing, surprising, loving shepherd. We’re part of the flock too. We need to listen to Francis and follow his example, even when we don’t feel like it. Like Francis, we need to talk, touch, hug, listen, and smile. This week’s Advent theme is joy. How will we joyfully share God’s love and mercy with the world as Francis does?

The Family Prayer (Based on today’s second reading: Philippians 4: 4 – 7)

Parent: Lord, you are always near us. Your kindness is known to all.

All: Rejoice in the Lord always.

Parent: Teach us to have no anxiety as we pray to you.

All: Rejoice in the Lord always.

Parent: Let your peace guard our hearts and minds always.

All: Rejoice in the Lord always. Amen.

(This week’s theme is joy, so as a family, spend some time celebrating the joy that you share.)

The Family Action

Today is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means ‘rejoice’. A bright rose colour appears in place of the dark purple at church. Get in the spirit by singing along at Mass, saying the prayers joyfully, and generally rejoicing.

The Church gives us four weeks before Christmas that seem to run against the grain of excitement that surrounds us at this busy time of year. Advent is a time of waiting and watching. The word Advent literally means ‘coming’. We wait for God’s coming into our midst now, just as the world waited so many years ago. How can we live the season of Advent when everything around us speaks of Christmas? We need to reflect on what God is asking of us during this time and find ways to live out the message of the Gospel each day as a family.
YEAR 5 HELPERS - GRADUATION DINNER
Thank you to all of our Year 5 parents who have offered to help with the setting up or serving at our Year 6 Graduation dinner.
Notes have been sent home today via students with details of times for helping. If you are unavailable for that time please let the office know.
We do know that time is very precious at this stage of the year for everyone, and helping even for 1hr will help make the night an enjoyable and memorable one for our Year 6 students.
Thank You

SPECIAL CANTEEN LUNCH REMINDER
A reminder that the pre-order form for the Special Canteen Lunch on Tuesday 15th December (available to all students) needs to be returned by Friday 4th December. This is due to having to put the order in for the stock early next week so unfortunately late orders cannot be accepted.

DANCE CLUBS PERFORMANCE
All 3 Dance Clubs will be performing at this weeks assembly which commences at 2.30pm. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT TABLE
St Joy has set up the Craft group’s Christmas Table in the foyer of the Office. Come and have a look and maybe pick up a couple of Christmas pressies!

P & F CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
Raffle tickets have been sent home and are due back by Friday 9th December. More tickets are available from the office.
Thank you for supporting the P & F.
Dear Parents,

RE: Fees for completing sacraments from 2016 and beyond.

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.

Further to our letter dated 23rd October 2014, the three Primary schools in the parish began charging a Sacrament levy with their school fees and no sacrament fee was charged on the sacrament enrolment nights.

It has recently come to light that this may not be the most effective way to have the fee passed onto parents. After much discussion between parish, school and seeking advice from the Catholic Education Office, it has been agreed that a sacrament enrolment levy will be charged to students directly from the parish as the student enrolls for each sacrament. There will no longer be a sacrament levy collected by the school.

In regards to the fees charged for 2015, all students who participated in a sacrament will only be charged the $22 levy. For those students that did not complete a sacrament in 2015, all sacrament levies will be reversed and credit applied to your accounts.

Going forward, the enrolment levy for sacraments in 2016 will be $50.00.

If you have any enquiries, please contact your school principal.

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

Yours Sincerely
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.

7th DECEMBER    Grace
8th DECEMBER    Ashmit and Isabel
9th DECEMBER    Giselle
10th DECEMBER   Jonathan, Tyrell, Thea and Kevin
11th DECEMBER   Ally
12th DECEMBER   Michael

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Thursday 3rd Dec**

- Naomi Sanchez
- Kerryn Stow

**Tuesday 8th Dec**

- Kerran Abu-Jaber
- Adele Pettenuzzo

**Thursday 10th Dec**

- Liz Davie
- Mariane Mikhael

**Tuesday 15th Dec**

Special Lunch Order Day

Helpers will be sent a reminder text
**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 THANK GOD FOR: the success of the surgery prayed for last week; WE PRAY FOR: all expecting new babies; those who are undergoing treatment and tests; those who are mourning for loved ones; those finding the coming Christmas Season painful.

LOST PROPERTY BOX: is full! So please have a look in this box if your child has lost an item of school clothing. There are still children in the Junior Grades whose jackets and jumpers are still missing. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO CHECK THAT YOUR CHILD HAS HIS/HER CORRECT ITEM OF CLOTHING AND IS NOT WEARING SOMEONE ELSE'S CLOTHING. (If you are sick of reading this then I am tired of putting this notice in week after week but that is just how it is!)

THE LATEST COPY OF MELBOURNE’S CHILD (December) is available for you to take from the table just inside the doors to the Readman Building/Hall.

PLAYGROUP NEWS On 9th December, we are going on an excursion! We will have a bus ride to Fountain Gate (many of the playgroup children have never been on a bus!) and hopefully we have a ‘nice’ bus driver who does not mind us singing ‘the wheels on the bus’ as we go. Those Parents who have yet to sign the permission form please call in and do so before the 9th please. The week after, 16th December, a Special Visitor will visit Playgroup and we will finish early (10.15am) so as to enable us all to get to the Parish Church for the 11am Mass for the closure of another Year of Learning here at Trinity.

ON THE NOTICEBOARD OUTSIDE THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM: An interesting article on Andy Griffiths, author, whose latest books, the Tree House Series, some of your children may have read. Originally a teacher, Andy started to write because he realised that there was a huge gap in the literary market aimed at children – and that gap was HUMOUR! So if you are looking for a good book for the children at Christmas have a look at Andy Griffith’s books or ask Mrs.Healy, in the Library, for some suggestions.

This weekend we hear of a strange young man - John the Baptizer! Son of Elizabeth (Mary’s cousin) and her husband, Zechariah, who served in the Temple as a member of the priestly clan. John was a member of a sect called the Essenes who lived in caves and lived a very austere lifestyle. It was a lifestyle of study of the Scriptures and prayer. John came preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. This had been written years before in the Old Testament by the prophet Isaiah – remember Prophets were people who listened to the Voice of God and passed on the messages gained from their listening to the people, (not as in popular literature those who foretold the future). This is the first time we hear of John! We are told, elsewhere in the Gospels, that John wore a garment of camel hair and ate locusts and wild honey – signs of his austere living. So John comes “to prepare a way in the wilderness (of sin) for the Lord. Did he have an understanding of what he was really on about? Scholars would think not, because much later he would send his own disciples to Jesus to ask if He, Jesus, was the messiah. So from hearing of ‘the end times’ last week from Luke we are catapulted right into the preparation for the coming of Jesus! We all understand the preparations that are going on at present – buying and wrapping presents in secret for the children; baking the Christmas cake and goodies; writing and sending the cards to friends we perhaps only catch up with at this time of the year because of distance or family commitments. And don’t we get tired! I used to think it was because it was the end of the academic year but the same feelings were with me when I worked in Ireland and we were only at the end of Term one there. I now tend to think that we take on some of the tiredness and emotion of Mary, heavily pregnant, and Joseph as they packed and journeyed to Bethlehem for the census. Maybe fanciful on my part!

And so Lord, we ask you to gift us with patience at this time of our tiredness and the tiredness of our husbands and children which we see on their little faces. May we sit with them as a family and read/tell the story of Christmas so that they are aware that Jesus is the reason for the Christmas Season.
Hello everyone,

**Christmas Raffle**
Raffle tickets have been sent home Friday and are due back on the 9th December. The raffle will be drawn on the 11th December at the Christmas Assembly.

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**Next P & F Meeting -**
**MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2016**

at 7pm in the Staffroom.
ANOINTING MASS AND LUNCHEON FOR THE ELDERLY, SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
Mass will be held on Saturday 5th December 2015 at 11am followed by lunch. If you are able to attend please ring the office and leave your name and contact number. If you require transport please let the office know. **Please note there will be NO 9.15am MASS on 5th December.** Thank you.

PARISH INFORMATION EVENING ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PARISH CENTRE
After thoughtful planning and prayerful discerning the Parish Centre Building Committee would like to share the results of this process and the journey so far. We invite all parishioners who are interested in the proposed building project to attend an information evening on Monday 7th December 2015 at 7.30pm in the Church. This would be an opportunity to meet with the committee, the architects and view the proposed plans. Please keep our project in your prayers as we take this important step to the future.

VOLUNTEER THANK YOU MASS & REFRESHMENTS
A Parish the size of ours would not function if not for the dedicated volunteers who support us. You are cordially invited on Sunday 13th December 2015 to attend Mass at 11am followed by light refreshments at the Don Bosco Hall. We hope you will join us and let us personally THANK YOU for your valuable contribution to this Parish. Please RSVP by Wednesday 9th December for catering purposes on 9704 7935 or olhc@olhc.org.au

YEAR OF MERCY
December 8th Mass for the beginning of The Year of Mercy in conjunction with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be at 7.30 pm following the Tuesday night rosary and novena. Please come and celebrate this special liturgy.

OLHC PRAYER GROUP
The Prayer group have secured a Special Screening (Limited numbers) of the Faith Inspiring movie "War Room", to be screened at Village Cinemas, Fountain Gate, to which you and your family/friends are invited. Tickets will be sold on first come basis, so please make bookings/purchases as soon as possible. Date of Screening: SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2016 Time: 5pm Venue: Village Cinemas Fountain Gate, Cost: $20 per seat (includes small popcorn & soft drink). For bookings or further information, please contact Linda on phone 0432-435-402 or Email lindadaddazio@yahoo.com.au Make this a great outing with family/friends, and also a chance to invite someone who may need a bit of inspiring from our Lord, through this movie. You could even give these tickets out as Christmas gifts for the family!!!

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal
Our Parish Conference is again seeking support for our Christmas Appeal. Last year goods and money collected enabled us to deliver 65 Christmas hampers to families in our community. We expect there will be at least as many this year. Hampers generally consist of special Christmas foods items that most of these families would not normally have. The type of things that most of us have at Christmas. We have lists and “tags” of items we would like to include at the Christmas tree in the Church foyer. Cash donations are also very welcome as this will enable us to include vouchers where people can purchase perishable food of their choice. There is a special collection box in the foyer or you can always leave donations in the Poor Box. Receipts are available where requested. Thank you again for the continued support to enable our Parish conference to help those who are less fortunate at this very special time of the year.
It’s time of year again! The school year is almost over. The Christmas holidays are just around the corner.

"Where did the last twelve months go?" That’s the adult viewpoint. Kids think, “What took so long?” Different ages, different perspectives.

Kids generally want to plunge into holidays, leaving schoolwork, timetables and teachers behind. That’s only natural.

But before they get too far into holiday mode, consider how you’ll round out the year, and bring it to a close. If your child is finishing primary or secondary school then there will be a graduation ceremony that signals the end of one phase of their school lives.

The greater importance given to school graduation ceremonies over the last few decades is recognition of the human need to bring closure to one stage of life, and prepare for the next.

Kids of all ages benefit from parental recognition of their achievements and successes as it sets the stage for the coming school year.

Here are a few ideas to help you close off the old year to prepare for the year ahead:

1. Discuss the highlights and the lowlights of the year:
   Ask kids to name their highlights, favourite times or most memorable moments of the year just gone. Use age appropriate language and questions that will open them up, rather than shut them down. At the year’s end I would ask my school-aged kids to rate the year from 1 to 5, and to identify their best memory, their favourite subject and something new that they encountered. These questions worked for me, but each parent needs to find their own approach.

2. Celebrate Improvement and success:
   Identify one or two areas where they excelled, improved or overcame some challenges. Broaden the focus away from just academic performance and recognise achievement in social, sport or arts areas. It’s important for kids who struggle academically to understand that you value success in a variety of areas.

3. Show appreciation:
   Consider how they can show appreciation to teachers, coaches or other people who may have assisted them during the year. Not only is it good manners to show gratitude, but some kids need reminding that other people contribute to their achievements.

4. Look forward
   It may be beneficial to give your kids a chance to vent about some aspect of the year that they didn’t like, found difficult or challenging. Try to limit this type of discussion so that it doesn’t end in a whinge session and point them toward a better future next year.

5. Now relax
   It’s time for them to set the previous school year aside, put their feet up and chill out over the school break. Remember, if the previous wasn’t one of your child’s best, the five to six week break gives him or her a chance to make a fresh start next year.

So it’s a wrap! The slate has been wiped clean. Enjoy the break and see you next year!

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