News from Scott

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This will be our final Transmitter for this term. It has been a great ten weeks so far with one more week still to go. In talking and working with the teachers and other staff, I can certainly assure you that they have absolutely given everything they have to the school this term. You would know it from the teaching and learning your child has received as well as the love, attention and opportunities that have been provided for them. I can also see it in the long hours that the teachers have given, the quality of their planning and documentation and the passion and commitment in their conversations with each other.

Our students have also been working extremely hard on our focus areas of literacy, numeracy and religious formation. I am amazed by the quality and quantity of learning samples I see as I walk through the classrooms each week.

Fortunately, the school holidays are nearly upon us. A much needed time to stop and rest, to recharge and reflect, to reconnect with family and friends. These holidays also hold the precious season of Easter. As part of our faith tradition and growth as Catholics, Easter is a time for us to reconnect with the person of God in Christ. It is a time for us to make the decisions and choices that move us closer to being like Jesus over the year ahead. We are all made in God’s image – therefore we are all precious. Take the time over Easter to appreciate how wonderful you are and how special you are to those around you. Know that at Trinity we really value you as a vital and supportive part of our community.

Whilst we are on school holidays, ANZAC Day will be commemorated. As is the case each year, the St Mary’s RSL Sub-Branch dawn service at St Mary’s RSL club at 5:30am on Thursday 25th April. If you would like to lay a floral tribute as part of the service and on behalf of our community I ask that you contact the school office before the 11th April (last day of Term One).

STAFFING NEWS

Amy Rowley will be taking maternity leave at the end of this term. She will be taking leave for the remainder of this year. We wish Amy, Paul and Jacob well as they welcome a new addition to their beautiful family.

After advertising, short-listing and interviewing, we have appointed a teacher for the class. Miss Hayley Martin will join us next term as Year 5 teacher. Hayley has worked with us in the past as a casual teacher and is familiar with our culture and routines. After finishing a five term contract at another local school she had become available to join our community for the remainder of the year.

I am sure that you will join in welcoming her to the Trinity community.

On Tuesday 29th April, students will return for Terms 2. Please note that by Week Four of the term we will expect all students to be in their Winter uniform. This is in line with the uniform policy at Emmaus.

Following a recent audit of our school for Work Health and Safety, I would like to make you aware of the following aspects of our uniform policy.

- Jewellery is not part of the school uniform. Therefore, only highly personalised items may be worn, for example, a birth or baptismal ring, and wrist watch. If ears are pierced, studs should be worn.

- Nail polish, acrylic nails or make up is not allowed.

- At Trinity, students’ hair is to be neat, tidy and conservative in nature - No extremes of fashion. All students hair must either not exceed the collar in length or students are to have hair tied back with scrunchies, ribbons or elastic (scrunchies, ribbons, pins, clips must be navy blue). Hair must be of a natural colour.

Unfortunately we have just been informed that the suppliers of girls slacks for Lowes has ceased production. I understand that this is terrible timing for families seeking to purchase slacks for their daughters to wear in Term Two. We have made arrangements for Troy’s Manufacturing to now supply our girls slacks. Troy’s Manufacturing – St Mary’s 44B Sydney St, St Marys NSW 2760. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Take care – “In giving we receive”.

Scott
**News from Matt**

**Dear Parents and Caregivers**

Each day the children participate in a 10 – 15 minutes ‘Mental Warm-Ups’ at the beginning of each Mathematics lesson. This is different from children answering a list of sums called mentals prior to a maths lesson beginning. They are tasks that allow children to deepen their understanding of number and provide an opportunity for students to share mathematical thinking. One task you may have heard of is ‘Number Busting’.

Number Busting is a valuable activity from Kindergarten upwards. It is when students are given a number and the students are then encouraged to list as many questions that equal that given number. The students are challenged to use a variety of operations and more than just two numbers in the questions. For example, if 30 was the number to bust, questions could be; 15+15=?, 100-70=?, 5x6=?, 60+2=?, 10+10+10=?, or (40+20)+2=?.

In Kindergarten it will usually begin with children using materials. Later on the task becomes more complex by adapting the number that children are asked to ‘bust’ by using other mathematical concepts.

The children usually ‘Number Bust’ about 3 times a week. You could try this at home.

**Literacy Hint –**
If your child comes across an unknown word during reading, pause before saying the word. This gives them the opportunity to work out the word. If they can’t work out the word, provide prompts by asking what is in the picture, what sound the word begins with and what would make sense in the sentence. If your child still can’t work out the word, say the word and ask them to read the sentence again. Praise your child’s efforts. This is the “Pause, Prompt, Praise” method of helping your child to read.

**Numeracy Hint –**
Ask your children questions like “What would be one more than….?” “What would be one less than….?” “What would be ten more than….?” “What would be ten less than….?” “How many more do I need to make…..?” As well as some addition and subtraction facts like doubles up to 10 or 20 e.g. 7+7=? or 13+13=? Or near doubles e.g. 7+6=? What patterns can you find in the answers?

**'In giving we receive'**
Matt

**LARC NEWS FROM LIZ**

**Rocket Readers** - Last day Wednesday 9th April 2.30pm It was heart warming to see a large number of parents and family members at our first Kinder “Rocket Reader” session last week and this week. There is one more week remaining next Wednesday 9th April at 2.30 in the LARC. You may come to any or all of the sessions. Thanks to our Year 6 buddies who are reading with children whose families are not able to make the sessions.

**LARC Borrowing For the Holidays** - Please remember your LARC bags next week! We really encourage the children to borrow books for the holidays and would appreciate family support. Holidays can be a great time of sharing books. It is great if children can read for even 10-20 minutes most days depending on their age and interest level to maintain the standard that they have reached this term.

Public libraries are a great place to visit in the holidays and many of them have many varied activities for children.


The 26 -Storey-Treehouse, for older children, will also be coming to Sydney Opera House in September. Live performances of books are an enriching experience for children are highly recommended.

**LARC Top 5**

**Week 8**
Sharon (close to 100%)
Mary (close to 100%)
Michelle
Jo/Matt
Amy

**Week 9**
Michelle - (close to 100%)
Belinda (close to 100%)
Sharon (close to 100%)
Mary (close to 100%)
Kelly
Sacred Space

As next week is the last week before the school holidays we are celebrating Holy Week as a community throughout the week.

We will begin with Year Two leading us on Monday, 7th April with Palm Sunday.

Wednesday, 9th April will be the Last Supper (Holy Thursday) led by Year 3.

Good Friday – Stations of the Cross will be led by Year 4 on Thursday 10th April.
The children will be praying the Stations of the Cross in their Learning Groups leaving from the back of the hall. If you would like to join your child’s Learning Group please gather at the back of the hall just prior to the time on the schedule below. If the weather turns inclement the Stations will be placed around the hall and verandahs so the First Station will be at the back of the hall whether it is fine or wet.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 teachers for preparing these liturgies with their children and thank them and the children for leading our community during this special week of our Church Year.

We will celebrate Easter on Wednesday, 29th April in our school hall at 9:15am with Mass which will be led by Year One.

Wishing everyone the blessings of the Easter season.

Olga

Stations of the Cross Schedule

(Leave from Station One at the back of the hall (wet or dry weather)

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Olga

NRL Visits

Over the past three weeks years 3-6 have participated in a skills program run by the development officers from the Panthers. The children really enjoyed the experience.

The past 2 weeks Year 3 had a NRL visit from Ben and Kieran. It was challenging doing the 2 versus 2. It was easy doing 1 versus 1. By Elie

My class went to NRL. We were catching and running with Ben and Kieran. By Alexis

I thought it was a great experience because I learnt new skills. By Ryan

We did footy with Kate and Matthew at the rugby league clinic. We learnt how to catch footballs and how to score a try. It was fun. By Tayla

We learnt some skills at the NRL clinic with Matt and Kate. We learnt how to side step and how to attack and defend with the football. It was fantastic and fun to do. By Major

When the Panthers players came we had to listen to Kate and Matt to learn how to score a try. We had to touch the other team with two hands on the back to stop them from scoring a try. It was awesome, cool and lots of fun. By Mia

Jo

Pedestrian Crossings

At Trinity we are very fortunate to be one of the only schools in the diocese with a designated parent carpark. With this wonderful asset come some responsibilities for parents.

To get our children safely to and from school we provide three pedestrian crossing points. I am upset to hear that at times our children are not feeling safe on them. Whilst we would drive slowly and carefully at all times on school property, extra care is needed around these crossing points. An error in judgement with such small pedestrians could literally be a matter of life or death.

In particular I would ask that you do not park vehicles on or near these crossings. The minimum penalty is a $344 fine and the loss of 2 demerit points. It also stops other motorists being able to see our children approach and use the crossings, therefore putting them at risk.

Thank you for your support in using our carpark correctly.

Scott
Year 5 Antarctica Incursion with Chris Olsen

On Friday 14th March, Year 5 had their Antarctica Incursion. The children had the opportunity to touch a piece of ice all the way from Antarctica, hold a piece of Mawson's Hut and try on clothing worn by Chris on one of his expeditions.

The incursion was filled with lots of great information and photos of the Antarctic wildlife.

Andre’s Track State Championships in Dubbo

On the 7th of March my family and I departed for Dubbo for 2 action packed days of state level bike racing.

On Saturday my first race was the 1 lap time trial. This is where all riders individually ride flat out for 1 lap. As I started I was nervous. When I finished I knew that it was a pretty good time . . . . .6th place.

Next were the scratch race heats, where I came 2nd. Since I had qualified in the top 5 in the heats, I was in the scratch race final. After a long wait the race was on and I ended up in 9th place.

On Sunday I was determined to race hard and bring back a gold medal. In order to qualify for the sprint derby final (an 800m bike race) I had to come 1st un my qualifying races or else I had to do it the hard way - go to another race where all the people that never won their heat compete for a place.

Nervous and excited I began my first race. I looked over my shoulder and saw a boy that had beaten me in the time trial and the scratch race. With full force on my pedals I sprinted right around the boy and won my heat. I had caused an upset victory!

My next race was in about an hour and a half. In this race I finished 1st again. So there I was in the last for the medals . . . . The final. Filled with confidence and expectation I surged around a rider from Dubbo and sped to the finish line when two other riders came over the top of me and I finished 3rd. I had worked very hard and was proud of medal as I stood on the podium to receive it.

By Andre
Jessica’s Learning Group

Congratulations Andre for this amazing achievement!

Diocesan Quality Catholic Schooling Project

Thank you so much to the many families who participated in this year’s Quality Catholic Schooling project. Your completed surveys have been forwarded to the organisation in Melbourne who will collate the responses.

Please know that your voices will be heard and listened to as we analyse the data later this year. It will help us to make informed decisions regarding the direction we take the school in years to come.

Scott

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Lara 6
Mia 6
De Andro 7
Gabrielle 7
Samual 7
Joshua 8
Lauren 8
Olivia 9
Kody 9
Paige 9
Heather 10
Cameron 10
Wyneth 10