Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Trinity for our third school term of the year. The cold weather has certainly arrived after a surprisingly warm start to winter this year. Could I ask that you check this week if your child has a school jumper or jacket in their bag with their name clearly marked on it? With the cold mornings, the kids really need the jumpers but by lunchtime it is warmer and we are finding jackets and jumpers left on the playground without names. This makes it very hard to get them back to the children before the next cold morning.

Next Tuesday is our Mamre Team meeting for this term. After expressions of interest from the community, we are again trying an evening session. We will continue with the evening session as long as there is consistent attendance at the meeting. At this term’s meeting we will focus on the following areas.

- ‘Case Management Approach’ – Helping kids that are a bit stuck. (Scott)
- ‘Extending Mathematical Understanding - a new approach to mathematics at Trinity (Matt).
- Fundraising – Movie Night, Zone Athletics Carnival and Father’s Day.

These items will fill the majority of the time at the meeting but we will also try to make some room for general business. Our Mamre Team meetings are a great way of being connected with what is happening at Trinity and we are always looking for the perspective of our parents as advice on how to get the best improvement from such initiatives. Please come along and lend your support to the work we are doing for our kids.

MOVIE NIGHT - See below

Next week we have our annual ‘Trinity Movie Night’. It will be held in the school hall on the evening of Friday 1st August. Please make sure that you purchase your tickets through the school office before the 30th July and remember to bring your tickets along. It is always a good night for the kids and parents get to mix and meet.

Take care – “In giving we receive”.
Scott
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Wow we are half way through the year! Welcome back to Term 3. There has been excellent learning taking place at Trinity as you would have heard about during Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of last term, and there is still more to come in the two terms ahead. The teachers have been planning and meeting regularly to provide the best learning opportunities for all the boys and girls.

The upcoming Mamre Team meeting is an opportunity for parents in the community to do some more learning. Each Transmitter I give some information about the way Mathematics is being taught in school and provide Numeracy and Literacy tips. I will be providing a workshop at the Mamre Meetings on the Numeracy Block and focusing on Warm-ups and the Rich Learning Tasks I have often spoken about. I will also demonstrate the use of some of the new resources and equipment that has been purchased with the support of the Mamre Team. I look forward to seeing you there.

**LITERACY HINT**

If your child has trouble reading words, you can help in several ways:
- have your child skip over the word, read the rest of the sentence, and ask what word would make sense in the story;
- have your child use what is known about letters and the sounds they make to "sound out" the word;
- or supply the word and keep reading: enjoyment is the main goal.

**NUMERACY HINT**

Discuss different shapes in the environment. Talk about the number of sides, edges and corners a shape has.

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**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.**

Today we have launched the Trinity St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Year One would like to ask everyone to go through their cupboards at home over the next two weeks and see if there are Winter clothing items and blankets or doonas that could be donated to our appeal. There are people who are struggling to provide winter clothes for their children and who do not have enough blankets on these cold nights. It would be wonderful if you could send in anything that you would like to donate.

The Year One children will collect everything together and invite St Vincent de Paul to collect our donation from the school at the end of Week 4.

Let’s make a difference to our community by sharing what we have with others.

Thank you, Year One

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**PAVe Preventing Anxiety andVictimisation through education**

Your school principal has agreed for your school to take part in PAVe, an exciting new research project taking place in NSW and WA primary schools. The purpose of the project is to evaluate two interventions that enhance students’ social and emotional learning and foster the prevention of bullying behaviours (Friendly Schools Plus and Cool Kids: Taking Control). Grades 3 and 4 students are being invited to participate by completing a confidential survey on four occasions over the next three years. Your school will implement Friendly Schools Plus.

A parent and student information letter and consent form for the project has recently been sent home with students in Grades 3 and 4. Parents in these grades are asked to discuss this project with their son or daughter and submit the consent form online via [PAVe Parent Information and Consent Form](http://www.centreforemotionalhealth.com.au/pages/PAVe.aspx).

OR return the completed consent form to their child’s teacher by Friday 8th August 2014.

[Read about the PAVe project in the Daily Telegraph](http://www.centreforemotionalhealth.com.au/pages/PAVe.aspx)

Further information can also be found at [http://www.centreforemotionalhealth.com.au/pages/PAVe.aspx](http://www.centreforemotionalhealth.com.au/pages/PAVe.aspx)
Year 3 - Excursion

Last Thursday Year 3 had a great day of learning at The Lakes at Penrith. They discovered what happens at The Lakes, they went hunting for yowies, bugs, birds and leaves. They tried to stay dry scooping and searching for "Wigglies". A huge pat on the back for all of the children for their wonderful behaviour and to the supportive parents who came along.

LARC News from Liz

Book Club due tomorrow!
Thanks for your support of Book Club. Orders close tomorrow and should be given to the LG teacher. Late orders cannot be accepted. Please check that the correct money is enclosed and that the order is complete with child's name and LG and is legible. Thank you to Amanda Pilarowski, our wonderful Book Club Organiser.

Winter Holiday Reading Challenge Congratulations!
Congratulations to all the children and families who participated in the Reading Challenge. Many children have told me how much they enjoyed the experience and that is wonderful to hear. Over the coming weeks, the children will receive their certificates. Dates for specific years will be announced in advance in the Transmitter so that families can attend if they are available.

Book Parade - Change of Date to Wednesday 27th August!
Our Book Parade will now be on Thursday 28th August after Recess so you have an extra week to be ready to wear your costume! All children in K-6 will participate in the hall. Family and friends are very welcome.

Author Visit - Tristan Bancks- Monday 4th August
Thank you to all the children who have already brought their $5 to their LG teacher in an envelope. It is very important that this money is sent as quickly as possible.

Room to Read Book Swap - from Monday 11th August
Tristan Bancks, our visiting author is an ambassador for "Room to Read", an organisation that believes in literacy and in helping children throughout the world to become literate by providing books and libraries. Year 5 are undertaking a mission activity to help support the provision of 20,000 books in 2014. They are holding a Book Swap in the week of 11th August. Books need to be brought during the week before the Swap. A separate note will be sent shortly with more details.

Each child will be able to bring in one book that they have finished reading that is suitable for their grade and a gold coin. They will then be able to choose another book that has been brought to school by another member of their grade. Please note that although children may only receive ONE book, if you have extra books that you are willing to share, these will be used for children who may not have a book to bring or to be added to the LARC's collection if they are not needed. There will be a form that parents will need to sign to give permission for the book to be swapped. Children need to be prepared so that they know that they will not receive their book back. Please help us by explaining this to your child. This is the first time that we have had a Trinity Book Swap!
School Fees

School Fees have been sent out and are due for payment on 19th August unless you have a payment plan. If you have not received the statements by the end of July please contact Michelle in the office.

Michelle

Sacred Space

Religious Literacy Assessment 2014

The Religious Literacy Assessment project will occur in both Year 4 and Year 6 this term. Being religiously literate requires children within a Catholic school to be able to communicate with and be at home in Catholic society and religion in general. Thus, assessment of religious literacy focuses on students’ knowledge and understanding of the key concepts that are being addressed by the RE program and the student's ability to communicate within their religious tradition.

The Religious Literacy Assessment project, managed within the Evangelisation and Religious Education Service Area of the Catholic Education Office provides, at a diocesan level, a sustained and systemic approach to the documentation and reporting of students’ learning in the key learning area of Religious Education (RE), specifically religious literacy. Celebrating and sharing the good news about students' learning in RE is an important component of this initiative and enables the story to be told on a continuing basis.

The Religious Literacy Assessment is placed in Year 4, at the end of Stage 2, Year 6, at the end of Stage 3, in Year 8 at the end of Stage 4 and in Year 10, at the end of Stage 5. Its intention is to influence learning and accountability and drive a culture of reflection on learning and pedagogy in the domain of RE.

There is an Online Practice assessment for Years 4 and Year 6 which will be completed between Wednesday 30th July and Friday 8th August. The practice test will take approximately 25 mins.

The actual Religious Literacy Assessment for both Year 4 and Year 6 will be held online between 18th August and 5th September.

Year Four complete a second part to the assessment which is a student task based on the unit ‘Reconciliation : God’s Forgiveness and Healing.’ This unit is currently being taught in the Year 4 learning groups. The task gives Year 4 students an opportunity to express their religious literacy in a personalised and creative way.

Finally, there will be report sent home to parents in November, 2014 which will provide parents with a copy of their child’s results.

Should you have any questions about the Religious Literacy Assessment please make an appointment to discuss them with your child’s teacher.

Olga

Last Call - CAN YOU HELP?

Zone Athletics Carnival

This year Trinity is in charge of running the Zone Athletics Carnival at the Blacktown Olympic Park Athletics Centre. It is a big undertaking and we would love any help we can get. Whilst it is a little way off, please note in your diary:

Friday 8th August. If you are free you may be able to donate some time to help us. (even for an hour or two)

As well as the carnival, we are allowed to run a barbecue and sell sausage sandwiches to the many parents that attend. This would be a wonderful opportunity to raise some additional funds for the school. Please see Amanda in the front office or call her to let her know your availability.

Scott & Jo

Junior Indoor Soccer

STARTING: Monday 1st September, 2014

- Times: from 4:30, 4:55, 5:20 and 5:55pm
- 5 A Side
- U/6 - U/16 Boys and Girls
- $7 per game per child
- Individuals and teams welcome
- $65 Rego includes a playing shirt and shorts

Accepting Registrations : Weekdays 4-6pm