Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Welcome back to Trinity for Term 4!

We also welcome this week, our newest students and their families, as our kindergarten children for 2015 come to orientation sessions this week.

With our school motto “In Giving We Receive” being a guide to hospitality, I am sure that we will all help make the new families welcome as you were made to feel welcome when you joined our community.

As you would be aware, Scott has been on a pilgrimage of formation and learning with a group of leaders from across the Diocese of Parramatta led by Bishop Anthony Fisher. They have travelled through Greece, Turkey and Italy, tracing the four journeys of St Paul in his evangelization of the early church. We hope that his encounters have been spiritually enriching and look forward to his return next week. Hopefully we have the opportunity to share in his experiences and discoveries.

Please be aware!
As the weather gets warmer, please supervise your children in the afternoon when you pick up from school. Occasionally at this time of year, small (and not so small) legless reptiles sun themselves during the day, usually away from the paths and in the grass or near bushes. If you’re having a chat on your way to your car, ensure that your children are in a safe area.

Please be aware!

Social Media, Cyber Bullying, Cyber Safety
The internet, mobile phones, iPods and iPads and instant messaging provide wonderful opportunities for children to learn, be creative and socialise online. They also provide opportunities for inappropriate behaviour, bullying and harassment to occur — causing pain and suffering to the targets of such behaviour. Unfortunately there have been cases of this in our community.

Please ensure you are aware of the software and app features installed on your child’s mobile phone, music or tablet device. Many apps have age suitability recommendations and require age confirmation prior to downloading/use. Additionally, many devices support parental controls which prevent access to specific features or content. These controls can be enabled in the settings menu on your child’s device. Please read the strategies in “How can I promote my child’s cybersafety?” on the back page of this transmitter.

Enjoy Term 4
“In Giving We Receive”
Matt

Car park Safety

Again we are reminding parents about the importance and safety in our car park for our children and parents. Please ensure you follow our school car park rules.

Parking
Parents are asked to park only in the parent car park when dropping off and/or picking up their children. Each afternoon, children will wait in the supervised school courtyard, until parents collect them. No child will be permitted to walk up to the car park or Emmaus College unsupervised. Any change to your child’s normal routine needs to be communicated to your child’s teacher by written letter. Trinity school buses enter the site each day to ‘drop off’ and ‘pick up’ children. For safety and to ensure the efficient movement of vehicles, the following requirements must be adhered to:

Speed Limit 20 km’s per hour at all times

Mornings
Vehicles are only to stop in the Kiss ‘n’ drop zone (not park and get out of the car) If you wish to park, use the parking area.

Afternoons
There is to be NO PARKING on both sides of the roadway. You must use the car park area. Iss ‘n’ drop is not provided in the afternoon. You must collect your child from the classroom or parent pick up.

Crossings
Please use the crossings provided and do not cross the road at any other point to ensure student safety at all times.
SPORT NEWS

PARAMATTA DIOCESAN SPORTS TRIALS - 2015

As per last year we started the process of obtaining the students information who wish to trial for the Parramatta Diocesan Representative teams. We will begin this again soon via an ONLINE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST on the Parramatta Primary Sport website. (http://www.primarysportparra.catholic.edu.au)

Four sports will have their trials this term: cricket, tennis, basketball and softball.

TOUCH FOOTBALL / BASKETBALL / CRICKET GALA DAYS

We have many great days and sporting opportunities coming up over the first few weeks of this term. This Friday 17th October is the Stage 2 Touch Day at the Kingsway. Please meet Jo near the canteen area at 8:30am.

On Wednesday 22nd October - Diocesan Basketball Day. Please be aware that this will be a possible early start and late finish for some teams (a draw will be sent home as soon as it is available). Meet Leah and Hayley at the Basketball Centre.

Our next round of Mark Taylor Shield will be held on Thursday 23rd October at Monfarville Oval against OLOL, Baulkham Hills. We are into the final 8 teams. Go Trinity!

The Stage 3 Touch Gala Day is on at the Kingsway, on Friday 24th October. Please meet Leah and Hayley near the canteen.

SWIM SCHOOL

Please ensure all swim school notes and deposits are paid by Friday at 9:00am.

SACRED SPACE

Every morning, for the first three weeks of this term, each Learning Group is leading us in praying the Rosary as a school community. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honor the Mary whose name is commonly known as the "Mother of God". This is primarily due to the fact that Our Lady of the Rosary is the special intercessor of the Church for the propagation of the Faith.

If you are able to do so, please come and join with us down on the concrete area at 9:00am. It is a wonderful way to begin our day and seek for His protection.

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The results of the 38th annual Australian Mathematics Competition held on August 7 in primary and secondary schools are now available. Hundreds of thousands of students from over 40 countries entered. Students from Year 3 to Year 12 competed on the same day. This competition tests everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving.

37 students competed from Trinity this year. Today, at assembly, these children received certificates of participation. Particular congratulations to the following students:

**Credit:**
- Ryan (Year 3)
- Andre (Year 4)
- Matthew (Year 4)
- Jayden (Year 5)
- Arkhirra (Year 5)
- Teone (Year 6)
- Andrew (Year 6)
- Zachary (Year 3)
- Matty (Year 3)
- Neelja (Year 4)
- Robert (Year 3)
- Fumiko (Year 3)

**Proficiency:**
- Kyanah (Year 3)
- Allegra (Year 3)
- Zachery (Year 3)
- Annalise (Year 4)
- Petar (Year 4)
- Bailey (Year 4)
- Jamie (Year 4)
- Benjamin (Year 4)
- Chelsea (Year 4)
- Heather (Year 4)
- Zoe (Year 4)
- Alex (Year 4)
- Ruth (Year 4)

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FUNDRAISER
News from the LARC

Our 2014 Book Fair is coming on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th November!

At Trinity, we have our Book Fair in November. It is a great opportunity to buy books for Christmas and to help build the resources for children in the LARC as well. The LARC receives 30% in commission when we choose resources so it is a great boost to our school.

Thank you to our Year 6 students who have volunteered to read, prepare and share information with the children about some of the books in our upcoming Book Fair.

We have decided that there will be no borrowing during the Wish List sessions so it is important that children borrow next week.

LARC TOP 5

Liz Jenkins
Teacher Librarian

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How can I promote my child’s cybersafety?

Parents can use a number of simple strategies to enhance cybersafety, such as:

- place computers in spaces which are visible and open, like a family room
- monitor or supervise your child on the internet and conduct some “shoulder surfing” or “spontaneous” observing when your child is online. Be aware of what your child is doing on the internet and display an interest in their cyberspace knowledge and experience
- discuss a plan with your child to address cybersafety and cyberbullying. Ensure they know you will be supportive if they report something to you
- reassure your child they will not lose access to their technology if they report anything to you. Many children see this as punishment
- review the age suitability of any social networking sites your child joins
- review your child’s contacts, followers and page content on social networking sites/apps to help you manage their safety and reduce the risk of them associating with inappropriate contacts and content
- educate yourself on the latest threats facing children online
- try to keep communication with your child open and positive so they trust you viewing their profile
- create an account on the social networking site/app your child is using and request to become friends or follow their account. Even if your child resists your request it can still be positive for you to have your own account on the social networking site/app. This can increase your familiarity and understanding of the online environments your child is using
- reinforce the need to keep passwords private and updated regularly, but consider having access to your child’s password yourself
- ensure your child understands the implications of posting images and other content on the internet
- educate your child about appropriate online behaviours. Take time to sit with your child and participate together on the internet. Assist in developing the knowledge they need to communicate responsibly and respectfully with friends, family and other internet users
- set clear rules about your child’s mobile phone and online activities. Talk with your child about which websites and internet activities they are allowed to access
- consider installing appropriate software which has the ability to limit internet usage times and monitor/restrict website activity

Literacy Hint –

Use TV as a bridge to reading. Be quick to capitalise on favourite programs by using them to spark off new reading interests. If the children are mad on cartoons, turn first to comics. If they show interest in a documentary on animals, hunt for books about them in the library.

Numeracy Hint –

Regularly practise counting by 2, 5 and 10. This can be done both forwards and backwards. For children who master this quickly, count off the decade. This means instead of counting 10, 20, 30… start at 13 and continue 23, 33, 43. This helps them to see the patterns in numbers.