Transmitter

Term 1 / Week 3

Friday 16th February. 2018

News From Mrs Hey

Dear parents,

Welcome to week 3. We have had a terrific start to the school year, despite the very hot weather we have been experiencing over the past two weeks. We had a beautiful Opening Mass last Friday where we also commissioned our new Year 6 leaders. Congratulations to the following students:

	Mission	Hospitality	Sport	IT	Environment
Leaders	Chloe Massimo	Giselle Katarina	Jaida Benjamin S	Alexa Tristan	Olivia Stephania
Team members	Adeng Cody Thomas Lara Liam Nikolina	Ameliya Shania India Claire Logan Benard Sophia Benjamin T	Callum Loredana Ryan Christopher Joshua Jason Zachariah Deegan	Angelina Dominic Ryan Darren Elizabeth Cherisa Aluel	Jayden Kizito Edmond Jordan Adam Cian
Teacher mentor	Miss Nielsen	Mrs Rowley and Mrs Phillips	Ms Harris	Ms Carroll	Mrs Caruana and Mrs Micallef

Family Picnic

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News from Mr Bond

Dear Parents

I have already witnessed the great work that the teachers are doing to improve the learning outcomes of the children by providing engaging and challenging learning opportunities, particularly within Literacy and Numeracy. I regularly visit classrooms and will share some of the great learning I see in the Transmitter.

Literacy and numeracy are essential skills that people need to succeed in their everyday lives. As a parent or carer, you will have already made a significant contribution to supporting your child's learning from an early age through to their schooling years.

Your role as a parent or carer is vital in teaching Literacy and Numeracy

You might not realise it, but you are already contributing to the development of your child's literacy and numeracy skills through regular and simple activities.

For example in literacy; discussing the meaning of new words and phrases, the main ideas in books or events in a newspaper story.

For numeracy, examples such as talking about saving pocket money, having a budget for shopping and estimating the time it will take to travel from one place to another.

Improving your child's understanding and the use of these skills will help to increase their enthusiasm to actively participate in the classroom. It will effectively build on the foundation of numeracy skills they have already gained in earlier years.

Ensuring that your child feels confident talking to you and their teachers about their school work will enhance their opportunity to thrive in the 21st century.

What is literacy?

Literacy is the ability to read, view, write, design, speak and listen in a way that allows us to communicate effectively and to make sense of the world.

Why is literacy important?

Literacy is vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and everyday life. Literacy allows us to make sense of a range of written, visual and spoken texts including books, newspapers, magazines, timetables, DVDs, television and radio programs, signs, maps, conversations and instructions.

What is numeracy?

To be numerate is to confidently and effectively use mathematics to meet the everyday demands of life.

Why is numeracy important?

Numeracy enables you to develop logical thinking and reasoning strategies in your daily life. We need numeracy to solve problems and make sense of time, numbers, patterns and shapes for activities like cooking, reading a map or bill, reading instructions and even playing sport.

Each publication of the Transmitter I will provide some Literacy and Numeracy tips that you can use at home, so Watch This Space!!!!

Literacy Hint –

It all starts with reading aloud to your child. You cannot overestimate the importance of this. The more words your child hears from the beginning of their life, the bigger their vocabulary will be — which will pave the way when they learn to read for themselves. Listening comprehension comes before reading comprehension.

Numeracy Hint –

Look for opportunities to talk about numbers. For example, read speed signs as you are driving along the road, talk about the patterns in house numbers, look at and read phone numbers. And number plates on cars.

Encourage your child to count often. Count forwards and backwards and begin at various numbers, not always zero.

Homework Survey

Thank you to the parents who took the time to complete the homework survey sent out last week. Your feedback, along with student and teacher feedback will be used to revise our homework policy.

There were a lot of positive comments and ideas shared of student and parent attitudes towards homework. Even with many challenges for parents and students to complete homework, there is significant agreement that homework should be given from Kindergarten to Year 6. The many challenges suggested in the survey by parents will be considered by the teachers when they are setting the work.

The teachers are happy to answer any questions you have about homework and will discuss it further at the information night on Monday 19th February.

In giving we receive

Mr Matt Bond

Sacred Space

The Church season of Lent began this week with an Ash Wednesday liturgy held in our school hall and led by Year Six and Fr Peter. We reflected on a reading:
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.
"Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.
Take me for your model, as I take Christ."

You may like to use the following questions to open a discussion about what it is that your child has been learning this week in their RE lessons.
Think about the promise you have made to make a positive change in your life this Lent.
Have you chosen to include others in your games or to leave others out?
If others follow your example, will they become closer to Christ?
To follow Jesus, means that we are to be accepting and caring of others?
The following are some of the things that the children have heard in the liturgy and in their classrooms.
Everyone is loved by God, just as they are. But we can choose to be better.
We can work to overcome bad habits and selfishness.
We can make a difference for people supported by CARITAS through our generous giving to Project Compassion. Each class will have Project Compassion boxes that they will take home today and that they can fill and return to school as part of their Lenten effort.

Let's make a positive change in our life to help others and be the 'face of Jesus' to each other.
This Lent make the choice to become more like Jesus every day.

What's happening at Trinity

2018 Dates

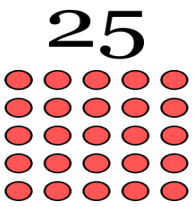
Monday 19th February	6.00pm Parent Information Evening
Friday 2nd March	5.30pm – 7.30pm Family Picnic and Social Evening
Thursday 8th March	9.00am – 12.00pm New Enrolments Open Day
Monday 12th March	School Photos
Thursday 15th March	Cross Country
Friday 16th March	St Patrick's Day – MUFTI
Monday 19th March	7.00pm 2019 Enrolment Information Evening

Parent Information Evening

The Parent Information Session is being held next Monday 19th February (Week 4). This session will begin at 6pm in the hall for all parents. We will have a general overview of the updated PBS4L plans, co-presented by Anoushka Houseman (from Catholic Education Office) and our very own Hayley Martin.

There will then be two repeated 30-minute sessions in the classrooms at 6.30pm and 7.10pm. This allows parents of children in several classes to attend multiple sessions and also allows some time for movement between sessions. These classroom-based sessions will give you important information about class routines and upcoming events. This is not a time for individual parent- teacher sessions. You are welcome to make an appointment with your child's teacher for another time if needed.

Anniversary Committee



On Tuesday night we held our first Anniversary Committee meeting. This was attended by a small but enthusiastic group of parents.

Thank you to Skye Halovic, Lisa Grima, Jennie Dunn, Francesca Rinaldi and Olga Blom who are helping out with various aspects of our celebrations. We discussed many exciting initiatives to celebrate this significant event.

More details will follow in the coming weeks, but the most important date to lock in is Wednesday 23rd May where Bishop Vincent will preside at Mass here at Trinity.

Attendance

Our attendance for this week is 94%. This is a fantastic result! Well done everyone!
We are fortunate this year to have Mrs Brenda Hughes working in an administrative role to help improve our attendance rates. Mrs Hughes will be following up with families in regards to absenteeism, lateness and leave notes. Regular and on time attendance is important to success at school. You are asked to avoid making appointments during school time wherever possible.

Child Protection

We are looking forward to welcoming parent helpers into the school for various things and require that you have completed the following online module prior to any voluntary work within the school.
http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers

Bunnings BBQ

SUNDAY 8th APRIL

Bunnings BBQs are a great fundraiser and we have been fortunate in securing a date for a BBQ at Bunnings Minchinbury. In order for this to work we will need a team of volunteers. Firstly, we need one or two people to co-ordinate the purchasing of food. Bunnings provide a very clear list of the requirements so it is just a matter of sourcing what we need. Then we will need a roster of people to work on the BBQ on the day. Please be ready to put your hand up and help if you can. If you feel that you are able to co-ordinate this event, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Coles Sport for Schools

We are collecting vouchers for every $10 spent at Coles so that we can order some new sporting equipment. This is a great way to support our school so please ask grandparents, colleagues, neighbours etc to help.

Chinese Students

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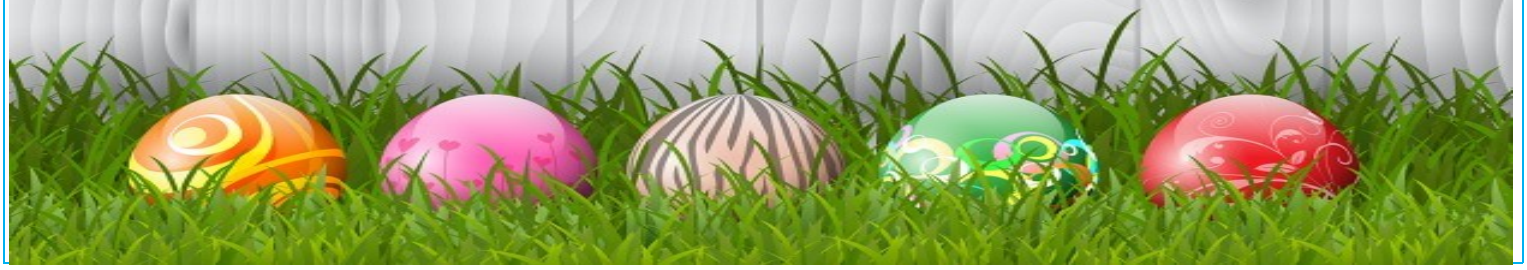
We had a great week with our visiting Chinese students last week. Their Principal described our school as a 'child's paradise' due to the open spaces, the environment and the engaging learning happening. Many students have exchanged email addresses so that they can continue to stay in contact.

Easter egg collection for Mama Lana's

As we did last year, we will again be collecting Easter Eggs to donate to Mama Lana's Foundation. Mama Lana's will distribute these to vulnerable people in our community. There will be a collection box in the office for you to drop your donations into. Thank you to Roxy Anderson for suggesting and organising this outreach initiative.



Student initiated fund raising

It is always exciting when our students are really passionate about a cause and act on this. Olivia, one of our Environment Leaders, has prepared a presentation (link below) about protecting turtles and has asked our community to support this by collecting plastic bottles and cans, bringing them into school and she will take them to a recycling centre and donate the money to the Cairns Turtle Research Centre. To help with the organisation of this we have set two dates for you to bring the plastic bottles and cans into school – Friday 9th March and Tuesday 27th March. If you would like to see Olivia's presentation, please click on the link below.
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-T2zcygI4OiBNlDKpR1pmktxoyCmB4fHlXfs6tZqxfU/edit?usp=sharing

Benard is also in Year 6 and is raising money through Shave for a Cause for the Leukaemia Foundation. Below is the link if anyone would like to donate.
http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/benardkodsy

There are many causes that are worthy of donations and it is often difficult to decide which charities to support, so it's good when students have a connection to a cause and we can encourage their sense of social justice. Well done to both students for their initiative.

Growth Mindset

A focus area for all classes this year is developing a growth mindset. We have done some professional learning and reading around this as a staff and are using the language of growth mindset with the students. The following graphic gives a good illustration about growth mindset and will help you to know and understand the language we are using with your child.

Second Hand Uniforms

Thank you for your donations of second hand uniforms. There are many items in excellent condition. We will be holding a second hand uniform sale in the hall prior to the parent information meeting on Monday night.

Sales will start from 5.30pm - 7.00pm and will be cash only.

Zone Swimming

We wish our zone swimming team good luck for next Tuesday 20th. We know you will represent Trinity with pride and compete in the spirit of friendship, fairness and fun.

Chess Club

During Term One we have a Chess Club in Year 3 on Thursday lunchtime. It's open for students in Years 3 to 6. Students will be engaged in a knock out competition as the term progresses.

Chess is an engaging activity that helps develop students' skills. The focus with our Chess Club is on improving Thinking Skills such as Problem Solving, Memory, Critical Thinking, Analysis, Decision Making, Concentration, Visualisation, Lateral Thinking and Creative Thinking.

Having a Chess Club ensures our students are getting a real mental work out!
If you enjoy a challenge and are looking to have some fun, we look forward to seeing you at the Chess Club.

Trinity Merit Awards

Learning Group	Term 1, Week 3
KM	Mila Stipic
1A	Rylie Anderson
2N	Chanel Morched
2W	Emily Daw
3HL	n/a
3T	Samy Farag
4C	Alexa Garcia
5B	Summer Halovic
5C	Teegan Upton
6MB	Logan Kirby
6P	Elizabeth Wilson

2019 Enrolments

2019 Enrolments open on the 8th March, 2018.

Please let the office know if you require an enrolment pack and we can send it home with your current child closer to the date.

Get on and Rock!
At your School!

THE MUSIC BUS

The Music Bus brings music education and fun to your school.

About The Music Bus

The Music Bus visits over 250 schools a week, bringing music into the lives of over 4,000 students across Australia.

The Music Bus is the classroom (the bus!), teacher, instruments and curriculum all in one complete package – and it's at your school.

Made up of weekly half hour lessons, The Music Bus is fun, engaging and will inspire your child each and every week..

Our programs

The Music Bus offers modern and rock-style courses, using well-known songs to engage students at all ability levels. High quality instruments are provided and our experienced teachers use extensive backing tracks, developing confidence, rhythm and teamwork.

Keyboard
Kindy/Prep – Year 6

Drums
Year 1 – 6

Ukulele
Kindy/Prep – Year 6

Singing
Kindy/Prep – Year 6

Guitar
Year 2 – 6

Rockband
Year 1 – 6

Cost: $16 per weekly 30 min lesson (Drums $18)

Why we're different

1. **We come to your school:** We offer all students, regardless of background or prior experience, specialist instrument lessons right on school grounds. That means less travel time for busy families.
2. **We're affordable**: Our lessons are around half the price of private tuition. We also supply all the instruments during class, taking the burden off having to buy one right away.
3. **Learning is fun:** The customised curriculum is set in a fun environment, focusing on music reading, playing, arranging and performing to help build skills and self-esteem - with lots of fun competitions and awards throughout the term.
4. **Glowing reviews:** The award winning Music Bus program has received positive feedback from the Dept of Ed and NSW Creative Arts Department – not to mention from countless parents and Principals in your community.

What others are saying

"The Music Bus is fun, exciting and engages students in a wide variety of musical experiences at all ability levels and areas of interest including instrumental and vocal." Marie, Principal, NSW.

"The teacher is a highly motivated and extremely professional." Principal, QLD

"My daughter loves The Music Bus. It's an activity she can do in school hours – otherwise she probably would not be able to attend. It's such a great asset to have at school." Jade, Parent, QLD

"My son comes home enthusiastic about learning and practising his instruments." Naomi, Parent, NSW

"It's so great being at school. They are learning something new each week and the rapport the teacher has with the kids is wonderful." Sarah, Parent, NSW

*All testimonials have been genuinely sourced from parents and school Principals regarding The Music Bus, however, some names may be changed for privacy reasons.

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THE MUSIC BUS

If you like what you hear and would like to book lessons for your child contact us today.

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Not at your school yet? No problem – get in touch regardless and we can help get you started!

Note: Music Bus lessons are also available at Vacation Care, OOSH, and Home School.

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