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From the Principal

NAPLAN Tests

Next week students across the nation in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will sit the annual NAPLAN tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Rest assured, the teachers at Trinity have been assisting students in these four year levels to prepare for these tests and I am sure that our students will have every opportunity to do well in these assessment items.



Of course, as I have stated publicly before, the NAPLAN tests do have limitations and are narrow in their focus. But for the time being, they are the basis of a number of measures for schools across the schooling sectors. The positive stemming from the NAPLAN tests for Trinity is that we are able to measure the growth and progress of students as they move through Years 3 to 5 to 7 to 9. Happily, I am able to report that our students continue to make very pleasing progress in this regard.

I take this opportunity to wish all students at the College undertaking NAPLAN tests next week every best wish over the course of the three days! Good luck!

Mothers' Day

This Sunday we commemorate the important day of Mothers' Day! On behalf of the College community I would like to thank all of our Mums for their unconditional love, their support, their friendship and their patience and wish them a happy day with family on Sunday.

The College will conduct a Chapel service at 8:00 am on Friday, 11 May in the Multi-Purpose Hall to which all students with their mothers are very welcome to attend.

I also take this opportunity to thank the Parents & Friends for the efforts that went into preparing and presenting the Mothers' Day stalls during the week at both campuses. These stalls continue to provide our students with an opportunity to purchase something small but precious for their Mums without breaking the bank and without having to leave school! Thanks to all involved in donating, wrapping and selling the gifts at these stalls!

I love you, Mum. I love your aliveness,
your joy in living, your understanding,
your giving.

And what I love best of all
is that you love me.

God of all Mothers,
thank you for my mum!



Coaching Kids in Social Conditions

"Kids are born with L plates when it comes to social skills. Boys, in particular, need a little help and prompting about how to act appropriately around other kids."

A mum approached me after a recent seminar with an interesting question about her son's behaviour amongst his peers. She said her son is lovely but loud. He was a little too enthusiastic with his friends. So much so, that his buddies felt downright uncomfortable around him and sometimes gave him the cold shoulder. He also liked to be the boss, and didn't like being a follower in social situations.

Here was a perfect opportunity for this mum to do some coaching to help her son negotiate social situations.

Sure, it's great to get excited but kids from 2 to 22 need to learn that they have to *tone their enthusiasm down around certain people and in certain situations*. That's what the socialization process requires. Besides, popular children generally know when to follow the lead of others, how to share their possessions and that they won't always have their own way. This ability to share comes with maturity, but sometimes children need some gentle parental help in this area.

Here are three techniques to use to help your child to behave well around others, and maintain friendships as well.

✓✓ **Remind:** Be pre-emptive with your teaching. Before they visit their friends give them a couple of pointers that are relevant to them about their behaviour. *“Remember, to say hello quietly and ask them if they’d like to play with you.”*

✓✓ **Rehearse:** It’s useful to practise with kids how they should act in social situations. *“Okay, Jeremy tell me what you will say when you go to Grandma’s. Let’s practice saying hello.”*

✓✓ **Revisit:** Give kids feedback after the event but keep it positive and upbeat. *“That was great the way you let the other kids lead the way. Your friends love it when you let them be boss.”* Kids benefit from being told what works well in terms of their social behaviours, even if their attempts at being good only approximate what you are after.

It takes a little time for some kids to get things right! Effective parents are teaching parents. A lot of the lessons kids pick up from their parents are through mimicry. That’s why modelling is one of your greatest allies. They need to spend some time with you so they can pick up good manners, the importance of sharing and other social niceties. Boys, in particular, need a little help and prompting about how to act appropriately around other kids. There are times when parents need to make sure their lessons hit home and that includes when you coach kids how to be social and consider the needs of others.

The above excerpt is published by Michael Grose, www.parentingideas.com.au For more parenting ideas and articles, please visit Michael’s website.

Please note the photos at the rear of the Newsletter and well done to the students who recently competed as members of the RAS Swimming Team at the CIS Swimming held at the Homebush Aquatic Centre.

Steven J O’Connor

Principal

Homework Club



A weekly homework club is offered to all students in Years 7 to 12 as part of the co – curricular programme here at the College. The purpose of this is to enable students to complete homework tasks with teacher assistance when needed.

With our busy lives today, it is an opportunity to complete some homework and/or assessment tasks before the students get home... this then takes some of the pressure off parents and also allows students a bit more freedom to

continue to participate in work or sporting activities, knowing that some of their homework has already been completed.

During this hour, students have the chance to ask for assistance with any written tasks that they may be struggling with or simply to sit in a quiet environment and complete homework tasks given throughout the day. I encourage students to come along on either Wednesday or Thursday afternoon and get started on some of those tasks that you may have been avoiding! It is amazing how much better you will feel when you get home, knowing that the dreaded homework is done! To use an old saying ... Be there or be square!

TIMES: Wednesday and Thursday afternoons 3.30 to 4.30 pm

Students will be notified via the daily notices if for some reason Homework Club will not be on.

Kate Millan

Yr 9 – Adventure

Last Thursday and Friday twelve of our Year 9 students ventured to Woomargama National Park for a two day hike. The students planned the hike late in term 1 and had complete 'ownership', organising all aspects ranging from departure and arrival times, food, leadership roles and equipment allocations.

During the two days the students hiked 24km and spent 4-5 hours exploring the Basin Creek where they came across many wonderful waterfalls and swimming holes – many even completed the final 'initiation' and swam despite the invigorating water temperatures.

These students have now successfully completed the Adventure section of their Discovery Award. These trips are an integral part of the Year 9 Programme and students develop many important intrapersonal and interpersonal skills that not only assist with their studies but also many areas outside of the classroom. I would like to congratulate this first group of Year 9's for 2012 for accepting and overcoming the many challenges that these activities present, and I am sure they will benefit greatly. I would like to thank Mrs Ren Lefevre, Mr Joshua Dicketts, and Ms Priscilla van Brummelen for their participation and enthusiasm over the two days.

All activities associated with the Year 9 Programme are on the College calendar. It is expected that all Year 9 students attend these activities. See photographs included in the emailed and website versions of this Newsletter.

Mark Dicketts

Director Year 9 Programme

English News

English Help Classes

English Help classes will run again in Term 2 every Friday morning before school from 8.00 – 8.30 am. Any student in Year 7 – 12 who would like to come along for additional help or support with their English studies can come to the English room during this time. Students may wish to attend regularly to work on particular areas they wish to develop or may wish to come along once or twice to help work on specific tasks.

Are you Crazy about Comprehension?

Throughout Term 2 we will be running Comprehension Classes for students in Years 7 – 10 after school on a Thursday each week. These classes will specifically focus on developing comprehension skills in a range of tasks. All students are welcome to attend – there may be some significant benefit for students preparing to sit the NAPLAN tests.

For more information on either of these classes, please contact Mrs Willis.

Junior School News – Albury

You Can Do It! Education

YCDI Education teaches students how to be successful

You Can Do It! Education is teaching students how to be successful learners. Students begin to identify with the “foundations” or “keys” for success (Confidence, Organisation, Getting Along, Persistence and Resilience). We want students to know that the purpose of what we teach from the programme is to learn skills that will help them be successful in everything they do. *Success is finishing something you set out to do. Being organised is one key to success!*



Organisation – Organisation is a very broad embracing foundation within the programme. It provides students with their destination (goals), how to get there (time management), and what is needed to assist this (materials/supplies). Students who set goals (short term and/or long term) tend to be more committed to working to achieve them. Planning time to focus on and achieve these goals is an integral part of the programme.

Can I remind parents that YCDI keys are presented after Chapel on a Week B Tuesday. (Year 3-6 at 12:00 and Years K-2 at 1:50 pm) I commend the programme to you and encourage parents to discuss the YCDI education with your children.



Life Education Van Visiting the Albury Campus

Life Education will be visiting the Junior School on 7, 8, 14, 21 and 22 May. Each class is scheduled to visit the Life Education van for 1 session at a time suitable to your son or daughter's class timetable. Life Education supports the Trinity values, including learning how to make good life choices. The College sees the programme as providing a strong support to the Health Programme that is taught in each classroom.

Life Education is the largest non-government provider of health education to children and young people, Australia wide. Its mission is to empower children and young people to make informed choices for a safe and healthy life.

Life Education builds the capacity of young people by challenging their values and attitudes, expanding their knowledge and developing their skills. Life Ed motivates, encourages and empowers children to exercise real choice – and make informed healthy lifestyle decisions.

The cost of the visit is incorporated within the School fees. If you have any concerns with the programme do not hesitate to contact me through the School Office.

Chris O'Loan
Head of Junior School

Science Expo CSIRO Visit

Before officially starting his presentation, Scot from the CSIRO told the watching students: *"This is going to be a dull show."* He proved himself wrong however as he proceeded. Experiments began quickly, starting off with Scot performing an old trick with water in one of three cups. Students were baffled as he poured water out of each cup in turn. He then went on to explain how it worked and told us how the water-soaking *Hydrogel* he had prepared in the cups can be used in many different aspects of our lives. eg. Nappies. Next he poured cups of different coloured liquid out of the same jug, used *Dry ice* and sent up smoke, produced colourful flames, created a fluorescent glow in a test tube and much more. Throughout the presentation, Scot had students come up to help, he was quite impressed with their behaviour and remarked on the politeness of all. The final experiment of *Elephant's Toothpaste*, left everyone far from disappointed as blue foam shot over the side of a large conical flask.



Mairead Horsfall

Library News

Important notice about passwords Years 3-6

The Department of Education and Training has changed all Premier's Reading Challenge passwords. This is unfortunate but cannot be helped. Your child can collect their new password from me. It has been good to see many children borrowing Challenge books regularly and the Challenge finishes at the end of August.



Library Hours on Monday 14 May

Our Library will not be open before or after school on this day. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Tanya Trebilcock
College Librarian

Careers News

Gap Programmes: Lattitude Information Night

May 21 for placements in 2013. Register online www.lattitude.org.au
Application deadline is Friday, 22 June, 2012.

Umat Registrations Now Open

If you are considering applying to Medicine, Dentistry, Physio, and other health sciences, you may be required to complete the UMAT Test. Registrations are open at <http://umat.acer.edu.au> You MUST check the poster in the Year 12 area of the Library to see if your course requires you to have completed the UMAT. Registrations close Friday, June 1.

Mary Widdicombe
Careers

Sports News - Albury

Basketball

On Tuesday afternoons the Bandits Basketball club imports Jazzmar Ferguson and Mohammed Ntumbo will run weekly basketball clinics for Trinity students. This is free for all Trinity basketballers. These clinics will run every week throughout Term 2.



Time: Tuesdays 3.15 to 4.00 pm

Upcoming Events

- BISSA Cross Country 14 May
- BIPSA Cross Country 18 May
- Bushrangers Cup AFL Girls and Boys 18 May
- Scots School Equestrian challenge 19 May
- Senior Girls AFL 28 May
- PSSA Sport Start 1 June

Our Under 15 netball team, the Cheerios, deserve special mention. The girls have been improving solidly over the season but without the results to show for it. That all changed 2 weeks ago with their first win of the season playing their best netball yet. The thrill of that first win however, was eclipsed on the weekend. The girls played a team who had previously defeated them 39-2 but this time they won 19-17 in a superb display of team work, good sportsmanship and great fun!

The Cheerios are:- Keira Fee, Shannon Fenn, Gabby Fortini, Tayla McCallum, Grace Morris, Elyshia Poidevin, Bek Sheely & Bec Sweeting. Well done to the Cheerios!

Paul Sheely

Volleyball Reports

This week in volleyball, our Trinity Tempers Year 12 team, played a very competitive energetic game. Everyone played their best throughout the match and although we were two players down, each set ended up being very close, losing to team Nova. It was a very good game, and in fact could be one of the best we have played as a team, in which we were all very proud of each other's efforts and hope to continue this way so we can have better luck next game. Keep it up Tempers!!!!



L - R: Rebecca Lane & Maddison Stein

7 May Volley Ball Report

This week it was 'Bilsons' vs. 'The Pirates' and we found ourselves having improved immensely as we focused on doing the things that we weren't so good at as a team. The Bilsons had an amazing game and The Pirates found themselves actually having to play their best. This made us try even harder and I think this was our best game yet.

It seems that the new addition to our team, Cung has found a hidden talent of Volley Ball and was best player on court this week and hopefully for many more

Canteen News

Thank you to volunteers Linda Garoni, Karen McLean, Michelle Densley, Ellen Uniacke, Judd Waters and Terri McKenzie. Please check price changes in the new Menu.

Canteen Roster - Week 4 Term 2		
May	Monday 14	Ruth Gormly
	Tuesday 15	<i>Volunteer Required</i>
	Wednesday 16	Kylie Bridges
	Thursday 17	<i>Volunteer Required</i>
	Friday 18	<i>Volunteer Required</i>

Margaret Cochrane

Canteen Manager

Uniform Shop

You may ring the Uniform Shop directly on 6049 3440

Uniform Shop Operating Hours during School Terms			
Mondays	8:30 – 10:00 am	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Cathy Katsoolis
Tuesdays	<i>Closed</i>		
Wednesdays	8:30 – 10:00 am	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Cathy Katsoolis
Thursdays	8:30 – 10:00 am	2:30 – 6:00 pm	Cathy Katsoolis
Fridays	8.45 – 9.30 am		Sam Baker

Cathy Katsoolis

Uniform Shop

Community Announcements

The Slopes2Summit (S2S) partnership and the Woolshed Thurgoona Landcare Group invite you to the inaugural THURGOONA BIOBLITZ 2012 Friday 18 & Saturday 19 May.

This is a FREE community event where members of the local community are being encouraged to join expert ecologists from Charles Sturt University, Australian National University and elsewhere in WILDLIFE SURVEYS being conducted throughout Thurgoona over two days. The event base will be the Charles Sturt University campus off Elizabeth Mitchell Drive, Thurgoona.

We will be looking for and recording BIRDS, BATS, REPTILES, SMALL MAMMALS, FROGS, SQUIRREL GLIDERS, and anything else we come across! All the data collected will be fed into the Atlas of Living Australia, and will help improve our knowledge of our precious local biodiversity.

Friday will be a 'Schools only' day, and the Friday evening and Saturday will be the broader community's opportunity to get involved.

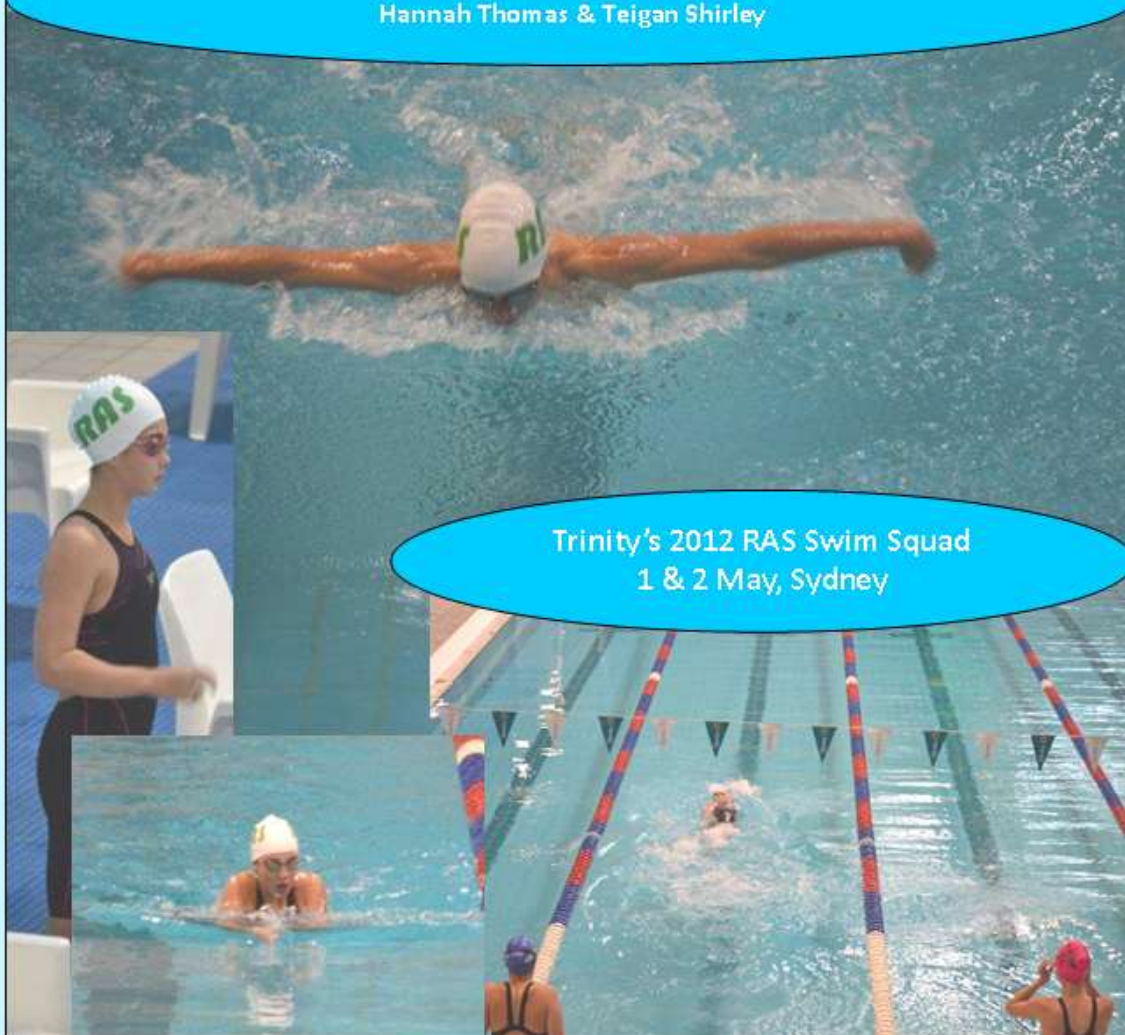
Please contact [Sam Niedra \(Nature Conservation Trust\)](mailto:sam@nct.org.au), sam@nct.org.au

Ph: **02 6051 9924** or **0448 806 256** and register for catering purposes.

This event is being made possible through the Federal Government's Caring For Our Country programme, and the generous support of many organisations.



L—R Brianna Dawson, Justin Harris, Kira Dawson, Hannah Thomas & Teigan Shirley



Trinity's 2012 RAS Swim Squad
1 & 2 May, Sydney



TRINITY COLLEGE

Albury-Wodonga

Once in a decade celebrations

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING AND OPERATIONS OF TRINITY ANGLICAN COLLEGE, ALBURY-WODONGA. OUR THREE DAY CELEBRATION OVER THE WEEKEND OF 25, 26 AND 27 MAY WILL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE EVENTS.



PERFORMANCE EVENING

FRIDAY 25 MAY

An evening showcasing current and former students' talents in a number of areas – music, drama, public speaking and dance. Also a large display of archival material and the launching of the Old Collegians' Association.

Time 7.00pm followed by supper at 8.30pm
Venue Multi Purpose Hall at the Albury campus

BLUE AND RED BALL

SATURDAY 26 MAY

Time 7.00pm for pre-dinner drinks followed by a sumptuous meal
Venue Albury Convention Centre
Entertainment The Night Owls
Dress Formal
Cost \$80 per person (tickets available via the Uniform Shop)

CHAPEL SERVICE AND FAMILY PICNIC DAY

SUNDAY 27 MAY

Time 11am Chapel service followed by BYO picnic
Venue Multi Purpose Hall and grounds of the Albury campus

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
YOUR COMPANY AT SOME
OR ALL OF TRINITY'S
ONCE IN A DECADE
CELEBRATIONS**

RSVP

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or telephone 6049 3400




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