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From the Principal

NAPLAN Tests

As students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 across the country complete the NAPLAN tests this week, some parts of the media have enjoyed reporting that various bodies and groups have been calling on parents and schools to boycott these assessment measures. The Federal government has invested significant money and time in establishing NAPLAN over several years and whilst I would argue that it is important to recognise that these literacy and numeracy tests are quite narrow in their scope, they do provide all schools and parents with data which is in some ways, informative and useful. Being able to track a student's progress every two years is potentially very useful and NAPLAN provides schools and parents with the opportunity to do this.



I cannot foresee however, that a student's NAPLAN results could possibly be part of any measure for their Year 12 results and their entry into various university courses. This prospect was raised on more than one occasion by various members of the Federal government over the last 12 months and to me, it appears like their way of justifying the tests rather than anything else. The Minister for School Education, Mr Peter Garrett when he suggested in 2011 that students who do not perform to certain levels in their Year 9 NAPLAN tests should not be considered for certain university courses and degrees at the end of their Year 12 studies, failed to acknowledge the significant growth and development which occurs in so many students during the three years of study

they complete in Years 10, 11 and 12 and the amazing work that teachers do throughout this formative period!

I have never been a great fan of the NAPLAN tests; they are limited in what and how they measure students' skills and growth and they will never be able to measure the impact of so many other elements of the educational journey being experienced by students in their respective schools. But they are the measure in place for the time being and there would be no point in Trinity refusing to allow students to complete the tests. Rather, I prefer to encourage our students to approach and complete them to the best of their ability. And with the assistance of the College's Director of Studies, Ms Kym Armstrong and Head of the Tutorial Centre, Mrs Lyn Maxwell, we are able to measure some of the growth our students experience over a two year period.

I congratulate all Trinity students on how they approached the NAPLAN process this week. We now wait for these to be assessed and processed over the next few months and we look forward to receiving the results in the spring!

10 Year Celebrations Weekend

After many months of planning and anticipation, the weekend of events to mark the milestone of the College's 10 years of operations is virtually upon us! Over next weekend (Friday, 25 May to Sunday, 27 May) three key events will take place, commemorating and celebrating the College's first decade of achievement and growth!

I take this opportunity to again, warmly invite and encourage all parents, friends and students to join us as we come together to celebrate this special milestone. The events are scheduled as follows:

- **Friday, 25 May** – 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Hall: a performance evening showcasing current and past student talent, followed by supper and a display of archival photos and material.
- **Saturday, 26 May** – 7:00 for 7:30 pm – the 'Blue & Red Ball' at the Albury Convention Centre. A gala celebration evening for current and past parents and staff and past students to enjoy a lovely meal, great company and fantastic music! Tickets are available at the College's Uniform Shop and I would encourage people to make their bookings as we will have to confirm numbers with the Convention Centre early next week.
- **Sunday, 27 May** – 11:00am – 10 Year Commemorative Chapel service to be held in the Multi-Purpose Hall, followed by a BYO family picnic in the grounds of the College. The College Chaplain, Rev'd Lee Weissel is preparing a special celebration for this gathering and I am thrilled that he

will be joined by Rev'd Bryn Jones, who is coming up for the weekend's celebrations from Bendigo!

As our invitation suggests, these celebrations only occur 'once in a decade' and I am looking forward to the three events across the weekend! Please join the College community at one or more of these events – it is always a very special milestone for any new school to reach double figures and it is certainly worth marking and celebrating!

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

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

2012 Ride to School Day

On Friday, 4 May, the Junior School held a Ride to School Day. Starting at a refreshing 7:00 am from East Albury, the cycling juggernaut wound its way to Thurgoona gathering students, teachers and parents along the way.

This year a staggering **107** riders took part with our youngest rider being just 5 years old and our oldest a mature 83 years. Many students took up the opportunity to ride from school with a number of riders even completing the entire 17km with the two rides.



I would like to thank:

- The teachers, who rode, served breakfast and assisted with the smooth running of the day.
- The many parents who helped with road safety and acted as support crew driving along the way.
- The Holbrook Bakery who baked our delicious fruit muffins.
- The Bicycle Superstore for the kind donation of prizes.

Scott Melgaard

Woolworths Earn and Learn

The Woolworth's Earn and Learn programme is running again! This year, instead of collecting docket, students are asked to collect token



**Help Woolies to help our School.
Start collecting Woolworths
Earn & Learn Points today!**

stickers for their Earn and Learn Cards. For every \$10 spent in one transaction at Woolworths, you will be given a sticker from the checkout operator. These stickers can then be placed onto your child's Earn and Learn Card. Once the

cards are full they will need to be placed in the big green cardboard collection box, which is situated in the front Office. Students/parents can collect new Earn and Learn Cards from the front Office.

Last year we were able to receive excellent resources for our school by participating in the Earn and Learn programme, including world globes, compass sets, paint, whiteboard sets and math equipment for each classroom. Let's hope this year we are able to raise even more!

Chris O'Loan
Head of Junior School

Junior School Enviroday 2012 Sustainability Throughout Diversity

On Friday, 25 May, Trinity's fourth annual Enviroday will be held. The purpose of this day is to increase the student's awareness of issues affecting the local environment and participate in activities to improve it.

The students will be involved in the following activities:

1. Wild Action Mobile Zoo Native Animal Presentation
2. Re-vegetation of the College's Gardens
3. Direct Seeding Demonstrations
4. Mini Aquatic Beasts Sampling
5. Artworks - Rock Painting
6. Nest Box Monitoring
7. Walking tour of Wildlife corridors led by Land Protection Management Authority
8. Turn Your Place Green Trailer from TAFE NSW
9. Vegie Gardening



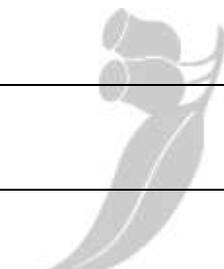
Students are required to wear their sports uniforms on the day. If you are a parent helper and would like to come along and help and enjoy the day, you are most welcome. Can you please complete the form below, indicating your availability and give it to your child's teacher. Thank you.

Scott Melgaard

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Junior School Enviroday 2012 Sustainability Throughout Diversity

Name/s			
Child/Children			
Time	9.00 – 11.00 am	12.00 – 3.00 pm	9.00 am – 3.00 pm



Vacation Care

For those parents that are interested, Vacation Care permission forms will be ready for collection next Monday, 21 May. They can be collected from the Front Office (both campuses) or at the After School Care room located in the Kinder pod. The programme will be operating from 16-20 July, which is the third week of the holidays. We can only accept a maximum of 30 students per day so you need to get your permission form back, either to the Front Office (at both campuses) or to the After School Care room. We have many exciting and engaging activities for the students to be involved in. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Stace Thompson

After School Care & Vacation Care Coordinator

French News - Albury

Language Perfect

All students from Year 7 to Year 12 have been entered in this year's competition. Students will receive their log-in details this week and should spend a little time in 'warm – up' mode before the competition. As the Tapis Volant material from which all students are working is the basis of the competition, it can only help their French marks in Assessment Tasks and Semester Examinations! The competition details are at www.languageperfect.com



Marion Bennett

Head of LOTE

Sports News - Albury

Basketball

Bandits basketball camps Tuesdays 3.15 to 4.00 pm at Trinity.

BISSA Athletics

Well done to all students who participated in the BISSA Athletics Carnival last Wednesday. Trinity finished seventh overall against some very tough competition. Congratulations to Monique Thomas and Ella MacLean who finished first and second in the 12 and Under Age Champion results. Monique Thomas also had an extra special day breaking the 12 Year Long Jump record.

BISSA X Country

It was 7 o'clock in the morning. The cream of Trinity runners clambered into the coach to escape the cold outside. Ahead of them, a three and a half hour gruelling drive to Griffith. Upon arrival, there were a few nerves but despite

these, all students performed well with some particularly outstanding results. These included:

- Ella MacLean 1st Yr 12 Girls,
- Adele Trebilcock 2nd Yr 17 Girls and
- Matilda Trebilcock 3rd Yr 13 Girls.

The day ran smoothly, thanks to Mr Payne, Mr Mudie and Mrs Trebilcock. Everyone had a great day but was glad when the final coach trip was over.

Mairead Horsfall & Adele Trebilcock

BISSA Cross Country Squad 2012

Place	Event/Competitor
1	12 Yr Girls Ella MacLean
3 31	13 Yr Girls Matilda Trebilcock Shani Collins
11 23 13 20	14 Yr Girls Caitlin Bishop Britney Olsson Alex Badman Caroline Lowe
23 24 31 31	15 Yr Girls Zoe Trebilcock Melissa Smith Ella Corbett Latna Williams
5 16 17 14	16 Yr Girls Mairead Horsfall Laura Bishop Kate Lowe Samantha Holland
2	17 Yr Girls Adele Trebilcock



Place	Event/Competitor
18 25 30	13 Yr Boys Oscar Glanvill Thomas Freire Zac Groves
9 8 10	14 Yr Boys Sean Nielsen Harrison Warner Zach Sproule
11 33	15 Yr Boys Alan Sandstrom Daniel Scott
18	16 Yr Boys Liam McAlister
Finished Finished	17 Yr Boys Dominic Newnham Oscar Ramsden





Footy

Last Friday a combined Trinity/St Paul's team travelled to Walla to take on James Fallon High School. Both teams were victorious on the day.

Senior Boys

22 – 21 - 153 to 2 – 1 – 13

15 and Under Boys

15 – 19 - 109 to 2 – 3 – 15

Nick Payne

Head of Sport

Trinity Rubies ... U14 Girls Basketball

Congratulations to the girls for their great play in the season so far. They have continued to work as a team and have been determined to improve each week. This has resulted in them winning their last two matches, both of which were very close in scores. The girls in the team are Lora Bonetti, confident and fiesty and a great runner of the ball; Cassie Davis who is fast and determined to take a shot when the opportunity arises; Mackenzie Lawson who continues to help move the ball down the court; Claudia Eames, a great defender; Madeleine Millan able to run the ball and take rebounds and Morgan Mamouney who is great at running the court and not afraid to have a shot at goal. The girls are playing against Mr Hillary's team this week, so will have to be playing their best! Good luck to both teams!

Extension Question from the Tutorial Centre

Answer Week 2 Rebus Puzzles

- Crossroads
- All Around the Houses
- All Over Again
- Red Herring



Question Week 2 - Saving Up

Emma is saving up to buy a guinea pig. Every day she puts in half her age in cents. She has already saved a total of one hundred and forty four cents, and the number of days she has saved is double her age. How old is Madonna?

Knitting



The Trinity students are knitting blankets to send to babies in Cambodia and Laos. We'd love to have you join us for the afternoon. We will meet fortnightly for an hour. Our first afternoon will be Wednesday, 23 May. You can knit, help a child learn to knit, and enjoy a chat. For more information, contact Lyn Maxwell: lyn.maxwell@trinityac.nsw.edu.au



Tournament of the Minds



**Does your child enjoy a challenge
think creatively
work well in a group**

The Tournament of the Mind national problem solving challenge is a great opportunity for such children to thrive in a creative, pressured and challenging task solving environment. Students must be self-motivated as no teacher or parent assistance is allowed. What a great opportunity! Please encourage your child. Please encourage expression of interest to class teachers. For more information please contact: Lee Weissel, Kathy Fletcher, Lorraine Willis or Lyn Maxwell.

Canteen News

Thank you to volunteers Jenny Moyle, Ellen Uniacke, Trudy O'Connor and Terri Mackenzie.

Now that the cold weather has set in, the Canteen has Pumpkin Soup for sale on Tuesdays. It is gluten free, dairy free and also suitable for vegetarians. Served with a multigrain roll, \$3.00.

Please ensure you are using the current menu, which has been published several times in recent Newsletters and is on the College Website. Prices have changed on items across the menu, particularly hot food.

Canteen Roster - Week 5 Term 2		
May	Monday 21	Linda Garoni
	Tuesday 22	<i>Volunteer Required</i>
	Wednesday 23	<i>Volunteer Required</i>
	Thursday 24	<i>Volunteer Required</i>
	Friday 25	Terri Mackenzie

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

Thank You - Thank you to those people in the Trinity community who donated in support of my walk for Oxfam. I completed the 100kms in 28 hours and it certainly was a challenge. The last 30kms were mentally challenging and all about putting one foot in front of the other to finish. Apart from rain in the first two hours of the event, the weather was mild and provided comfortable conditions.



Our motivation to keep walking even when we were in a lot of discomfort was the thought that we were helping other people who have less than us. Sometimes people walk kilometres every day just to get water, or go to school or buy food.

We raised over \$2500 and donations are being taken until the end of May via the website www.oxfam.org.au/trailwalker Click on *Find a Walker – Shara Knobel*. Again thank you for your support.

Shara Knobel

Year 1

Drama Announcements

Arts Space Wodonga are going to be exhibiting short videos during the month of



July, which are all filmed by Wodonga's young people. We are putting a call out to youth across the city to take part in this project and submit their ideas!

Thousands of people visit the gallery every month so this is also a great chance to showcase some creative talent to the community. Videos need to be sent in by Wednesday 30 May. Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from Wodonga's young creative minds!

Adam Hollis

Youth Participation Officer - Youth Services



HotHouse Theatre presents - Generate – a Theatre Festival

Four local high schools are participating in this new festival, where their students have group-devised 10-15min plays based around a different set of stimuli. Trinity's Year 11 Drama students are performing *Four Seasons In One Play* - an exciting piece of theatre built on the idea that your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Come and enjoy some quality student theatre on **Friday 18th, starting at 7:00pm**. Tickets are available HotHouse box office T 02 6021 7433. \$15 conc. \$20 adult.

P & F News

Mothers' Day Stall – Albury Campus

The Annual Mothers' Day Stall was held on Wednesday, 9 May, and we are happy to say it was a great success. We wish to thank the very generous families who donated gifts for the stall.

Special thanks go to Jenny McMillan, Tanya Trebilcock, Hilary Petts and Chris O'Loan for their assistance, and the wonderful parents who donated their time by assisting with the stall.

We hope all Mothers' had a relaxing day and enjoyed receiving their specially selected gift/s.



The Mothers' Day Stall Committee



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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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