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From the Principal

Education Tax Refund

I provide for eligible Trinity families some information regarding the Federal government's programme to assist families with the costs of educating your sons and daughters. Further details about this program, including information about eligibility is available via the following website: www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au



**WE'RE PULLING
UP OUR SOCKS
WITH THE
SCHOOLKIDS
BONUS.**

The Australian Government announced in the 2012 Budget that the Education Tax Refund (ETR) would be replaced by a new payment called the 'Schoolkids Bonus'.

This new cash payment will help families with the costs of education. Starting from 1 January 2013, this new payment will help 1.3 million Australian families with children at school pay for expenses such as uniforms, books, school excursions, stationery and other costs like music lessons and sports registration fees.

Eligible families will be paid the bonus automatically in January and July.

Each year, families will receive:

- \$410 for each child in primary school (two instalments of \$205) and
- \$820 for each child in high school (two instalments of \$410).

What does this mean for some Trinity families?

As part of the transition to the new Schoolkids Bonus, the ETR for 2011-12 was paid as a lump sum in June 2012.

All eligible families will receive the maximum ETR entitlement for 2011-12, without having to claim through their tax return.

Eligible families will automatically receive the payments into their bank account of:

- \$409 for each child in primary school
- \$818 for each child in secondary study

If you did not receive a one-off payment in June, you can contact Centrelink to check whether you may be entitled to a payment for the 2011-12 financial year. For more information about the Schoolkids Bonus [go to fahcsia.gov.au](http://fahcsia.gov.au)

You can still make a claim for the ETR for 2010-11 and earlier years if you are eligible. Read below for more information. The Education Tax Refund provides up to 50% back on a range of children's education expenses.

For the 2010-11 tax year refunds may be as much as \$397 for every child at primary school, and up to \$794 for every child at secondary school.

HSC Preparation

For the last few weeks of this term Year 12 students and their teachers continue to work towards the formal Higher School Certificate exams across all subjects which are now only a matter of weeks away. The Year 12 students have recently completed their trial HSC exams, which significantly contribute to their school based assessment results for each subject. Importantly on top of these many students have been very busy finalising major works for assessment in Design and Technology, Music, Visual Arts and Drama. The major works or performances of students in these subjects contribute significantly to their final result and many Year 12 students have already completed or are in the throes of completing this aspect of their formal assessment at this time of the year.

Much of this takes place without much notice. I take this opportunity to acknowledge our Year 12 students in these subjects and to wish them every success in this part of their HSC programme.

Our Year 12 students are currently in their last few weeks of classes. The College will formally farewell them on Thursday, 20 September at a Farewell Assembly. I take this time to pay tribute to them and to acknowledge them for their approach to their HSC programme. I know that the staff involved in the HSC

process have been pleased with their work ethic and their commitment to their studies. I will say more at their Farewell Assembly but I take this time to acknowledge the many Year 12 students who are currently undertaking and finalising formal aspects of their HSC assessment across numerous subjects.

Father's Day

On Friday of this week the College conducted its annual Chapel service to commemorate Father's Day. This is a simple but important way to recognise and celebrate the significance of the relationships between Dads and their kids. I thank Rev'd Lee for his service, the staff and parents of the Wodonga campus who cooked some breakfast for those who attended and of course, the students and their fathers who were able to make the service.



I also wish to acknowledge the P&F for the work they did behind the scenes to prepare and conduct the Fathers' Day stalls at both campuses of the College. This service allows students in the Junior School to buy something to let their Dads know that they love them. This gesture is important in many ways and it is terrific that our P&F provides our students with this possibility! Many thanks!

As we head towards Fathers' Day on Sunday I include the following excerpt from Michael Grose's Parenting Ideas website (www.parentingideas.com.au). In this excerpt, Michael explores the relationships between Dads and their daughters, which can be incredibly rewarding and sometimes challenging! I hope that it is of interest and some use to Trinity parents, particularly our Dads.

The father-daughter relationship is precious, and needs to be carefully nurtured. Girls learn many things from their dads including how they should be treated by other males.

The relationship that a man has with his daughter is very precious. Most dads, by nature, are protective of their daughters. They'll often push their sons and be more critical than they are of their daughters. Daughters can be a soft touch for many dads; that's not so bad.

The notion of a father who is **at home** and **available** affords a sense of **security** for girls, even if the only protective behaviours men actually indulge in are the removal of the occasional spider from the bedroom wall or reassurances that children are safe from things that go bump in the night. There aren't too many hairy mammoths roaming the 'burbs these days, so a man's capacity to protect his brood is severely limited. A man can only do so much!

The real value of fathers in girls' lives is less tangible but more far-reaching. It's from fathers that girls learn their major lessons about the world of males. In a sense, fathers teach their daughters how they should expect to be treated by males when they get older. The message for a father is simple – **be gentle, be respectful** and **allow your daughters to be assertive towards you** (without being a pushover). This will help them form respectful loving relationships with other men throughout their lives.

Fathers can struggle with teen daughters

Fathers often have special relationships with their young daughters, but they can struggle when they move into adolescence. Interestingly, many girls describe how a previously close relationship with their father evaporates at this time. Coming to terms with a daughter's sexuality is a problem for many dads which is often reflected in a lack of physical contact (many dads stop hugging their daughters once they reach puberty) and sometimes sheer panic ('you're not wearing that outside this house!') if his adolescent daughter appears seductive.

Dads need to do two things

The language of fathering is often very physical. Many of the lessons we teach, and our interactions with both boys and girls are through games, play and shared activity. That's great, but you are in trouble as a dad, if all your interactions are basically non-verbal.

Let's face it, you can't tickle your fifteen year-old daughter under the arm pits and wrestle her to the ground like you may have done with a five year old girl. Do that and you'll probably hear the term 'wrack off' sooner than you can shake a stick!

First thing to do: Make sure you get into the habit of talking with your girls before they reach adolescence. That means spending a little one-on-one time with them without being too playful.

Second thing to do: Make sure you have a shared interest so you have something to talk about when they move into adolescence and a whole different world than the one you inhabit. The saving grace for me with both my girls during some turbulent teen years was our shared love of sport, AFL football, in particular. We'd sometimes go to a football game together, but more importantly, we had something to talk about, joke about ('your team is so &#*!') or put a friendly bet on when all my other attempts to connect failed.

A common interest can give a dad an entry point into an adolescent girl's world, and relieve you of the burden of having to find something to talk about.

I also believe that when a dad shares a real passion with his daughter she is more likely to adopt it than a son will. But a girl will only adopt her dad's passions if she respects him and he has played an active part in her life.

Being a dad of daughters can be tricky but active involvement, respectful treatment, the habit of talking as well as playing, and a shared interest are simple strategies that will help you stay in the game when your girls become teens.

Steven O'Connor
Principal

From the Acting Deputy Principal

Year 7 - 10 Parent Teacher Interviews



Book School Interviews Online

You can now book interviews for the times that suit **YOUR FAMILY**.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au/home.code and follow these simple instructions.



Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN SO THAT ALL FAMILIES MAY BOOK AT THE SAME TIME

Interview times need to be strictly adhered to. If you require more time, please ask the teacher to make alternative arrangements. We are very keen to keep the interviews to the required time to ensure teachers and parents are not inconvenienced.

Interviews will take place on the following date and times:

- Thursday, 6 September 3.30 pm – 7.30 pm
(Bookings close on Wednesday 5 September)

Year 11 HSC Textbooks

Early next week, Year 11 will receive booklists for the subjects they are studying at HSC (commencing Term 4). As in previous years, books can be ordered online from Yorke Educational Centre. It is important that students have the correct textbooks for the start of the HSC course. Yorke have assured us that if books are ordered online by Monday, 10 September, they will be available for pick up at the College on Monday, 8 October.

Students who are purchasing their text books second hand must understand that Year 12 students will still require their books in Term 4. The HSC examinations do not conclude until the end of week 5. Year 11 students cannot afford to be without textbooks for this length of time.

Second-hand Textbooks

After the positive feedback the College received last year from parents who sold textbooks at the end of the year through Sustainable School Shop, it has been decided to continue with the same system in 2012.

For those parents who like to be organised early, see below.

Sell previous years unwanted Second-hand Textbooks?



Buy and Sell
second-hand
textbooks

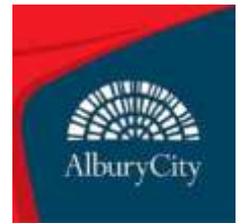
www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

Hurry it is FREE to do this

Now is the time to advertise all those unwanted textbooks via the Sustainable School Shop's Second-hand Textbook Trading System. List your books for sale now, and they will be the first to sell at the busy end of year trading (Ads last 12 months). Simply register at www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au and follow the prompts. Excellent Helplines are provided by the Sustainable School Shop, please call 1300 683 337.

Immunisations

Parents are reminded that nurses from Albury Community Health will be attending the College soon to provide the next series of school based vaccinations, which include:



- **Human papillomavirus Dose 3 – Year 7 female students**
- **Hepatitis B Dose 2 – Year 7 students**

Since it has been some months since their previous visit, please contact the Immunisation Officer at AlburyCity on 6023 8260 or 6023 8751, if there have been any changes to any details previously provided on the vaccination consent form (eg child's address, health status or you wish to withdraw consent).

Malcolm Thomas
Acting Deputy Principal

From the Campus Coordinator - Wodonga

Year 1-3 Class

Murray 1 Power Station

This a special mention to two boys in the Year 1-3 class who decided to complete their own project. Alexander Jacobs and Sam Chase discussed and then used some of their holiday time to visit each other and complete a fantastic project. The project came about as Alexander had visited the Power Station and the boys both decided they wanted to find out a bit more. They made a plan for their project but also decided to make changes as they went along, to make it better. They have told me that they are going to complete another project in the near future. An excellent piece of work!



Kane McGregor

Year 1-3 Class Teacher

Year 9 News

Year 9 Immersion Week – Taking Charge

Last week year 9 students participated in their second immersion week of the year entitled 'Taking Charge'. One of the tasks students participated in was their 'Passport to Independence'. This involved students locating, visiting and obtaining information from various sites within the Albury CBD. Sites included Centrelink to find out about Youth Allowance (availability, access, amount etc.), Hume Building Society (various accounts and loans), Albury Community Health Care Centre (finding out what services were available), and some even visited the Roads and Maritime Services to see what was required to obtain their boat licence. A number of guest speakers also presented during the week, these included:

- Lara Castles the South West Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service
- Police Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Amy Smallpage from the NSW Police Force
- Heather Webster from Albury City Council regarding Alcohol Issues
- Tina Nikolovski from RADIATE, who delivered information on career and personal/life skills

The week culminated in the students preparing a portfolio of the sites visited in the Albury CBD and a group task on a current health issue affecting the Albury/Wodonga region. The openness of the task provided the opportunity for students to select any topic and a format that they were interested in and the quality and variety of the work that they produced was very impressive. Well done, all year 9 students! Please view photos online @ www.trinityac.nsw.edu.au.

I would like to thank the staff and parents who made the effort to view the student's fabulous work on Friday afternoon. A big thank you again to the three Pastoral Care Tutors, Mrs Wise-Chalker, Mrs Tainton, and Mr Graham for their tremendous contribution in making the week such a great success.

Mark Dicketts

Director Year 9 Programme

Junior School News – Albury

Bookweek was celebrated on Monday with Junior School classes presenting a story to the other classes. Thank you to Mrs Trebilcock in the Library for work in organising the morning and M Gorge for taking photos, please look online @ www.trinityac.nsw.edu.au to view these.

Chris O'Loan

Head of Junior School

Grandad's Wardrobe

What is so special about Grandad's wardrobe?

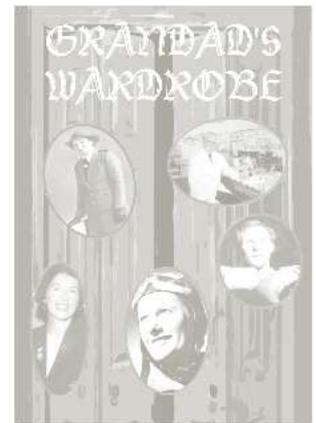
Every Sunday is the same. Boyd, Harmony and their three children, Rose, Daisy and Jimmy visit Grandad at the nursing home. Jimmy loves visiting Grandad but the girls are not at all happy! The nursing home is full of OLD people! Rose thinks old people are forgetful. Daisy says old people are smelly and boring! But Grandad has a secret that might just change their minds. Grandad has a special wardrobe, as do all the other residents, that will teach this family a few lessons.

Come and join them as they step back in time, and back to the music from the 1930's through to the 1970's. There's something special for all of us in Grandad's Wardrobe!

Matinee: 12.30 pm 13 September

Evening: 7.00 pm 14 September

Admission:
\$12.00 Adults
\$5.00 Seniors & Children
\$30.00 Per Family



Online Booking information for Grandad's Wardrobe

Matinee Performance – Thursday 13 September @ 12.30 pm

www.trybooking.com/BVTX or www.trybooking.com/32289

Night Performance – Friday 14 September @ 7.00 pm

www.trybooking.com/BVUB or www.trybooking.com/32293

Coffee Shop - Albury

Don't forget that the Coffee Shop is open every Tuesday and Friday from 7.35 am – 8.30 am. Come and get your delicious coffee, chai, or hot chocolate from The Coffee Team. By the way, we have Soy!



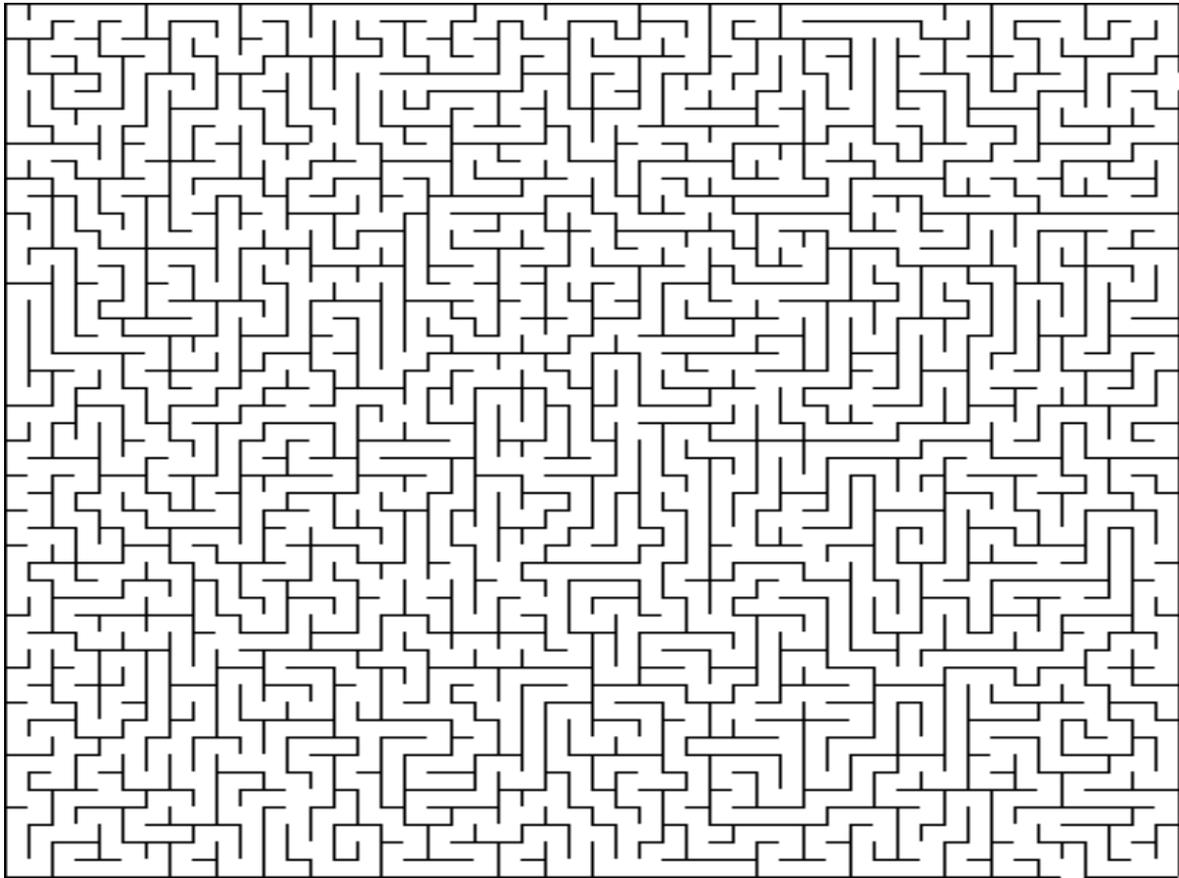
Tutorial Centre

Answer Week 5 - The man is a very short. He can't reach the upper elevator buttons, but he can ask people to push them for him. He can also push them with his umbrella.



Congratulations to Lora Bonetti, Yr 6 & Oliver Young, Week 5 winners!

Question Week 6 - A Difficult Maze



Lyn Maxwell

Head of Tutorial Centre

Canteen News - Albury

Thank you to volunteer Ellen Uniacke for her help during Week 6.

Roster Week 7, Term 3

Month	Day	Helper
September	Monday 3	<i>Volunteer Required</i>
	Tuesday 4	<i>Volunteer Required</i>
	Wednesday 5	Ellen Uniacke
	Thursday 6	<i>Volunteer Required</i>
	Friday 7	<i>Volunteer Required</i>

End of Term BBQ

Can you help? I need a few volunteers to assist from 8.45 am with setting up through to serving the food at lunchtime. We will be finished by 12.00 noon. It's a fun morning and children love to see parents helping out. Please contact me at the Canteen or via the Front Office to register your interest.



Margaret Cochrane

Canteen Manager

Uniform Shop

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	Sue Smith

Summer Dresses for Term 4

If you are requiring a new dress for Term 4, these need to be **pre-ordered**. Please check your child's uniform requirements and place your order. No guarantee of delivery for Term 4 unless the order is placed by **Tuesday 4 September**.



We now have new sports bags available in the uniform shop. Great for sport uniforms, swimming etc. Cost \$15. Also now available, larger art smocks suitable for up to year 6 students. Help protect their uniforms \$18.00.

Lost property is overflowing! Please come and check for lost items. Uncollected lost property is disposed of at the end of each term.



Cathy Katsoolis

Uniform Shop Manager

P & F News

Scholastic Bookclub – Albury

All ordered books for Issue 5 have been given out and I hope that they are being enjoyed. Issue 6 catalogues have been distributed to all the classrooms and some orders are coming in.

Please Please Please remember to write the child's name and class on the order form. If the order is to be a surprise, please write a parent's name and a contact number.

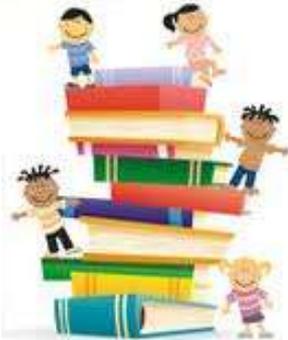
There are always extra order forms in the office, should other levels of catalogues be required or if your child's one goes missing. Payment can be made via Credit Card (follow directions on order form), cheques (made payable to SCHOLASTICS AUSTRALIA) or cash required with order form.

Due Date for orders for Issue 6 is: **6 September** (orders should be back before end of Term 3).

Thanks to everyone for their assistance in ordering books.

Helen Trebley

Bookclub coordinator – Albury



2012 Trinity College Twilight Fete

*Please keep the
yellow response
forms coming in,
Thank you!*

Trinity P&F will be holding a Twilight Fete on **Friday 19 October** as its major fundraiser for the year. We will need everybody's support (large or small) on the day and also in the planning stages. The funds raised from this year's fete will go towards purchasing additional interactive whiteboards for both campuses.

If you can be of assistance, please email your details, including what stall/event/idea you would like to assist with to:

office@trinityac.nsw.edu.au



Book Week 2012





**Year 9
Immersion Week —
Taking Charge**



Week 5, August 2012