



TRINITY COLLEGE

Albury • Wodonga

Newsletter 30

19 October 2012

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

421 Elizabeth Mitchell Drive
Thurgoona NSW 2640
Telephone: (02) 6049 3402
Facsimile: (02) 6049 3490
Email: heather.watson@trinityac.nsw.edu.au

ALBURY

421 Elizabeth Mitchell Drive
Thurgoona NSW 2640
Telephone: (02) 6049 3400
Facsimile: (02) 6049 3490
Email: office@trinityac.nsw.edu.au

WODONGA

34 Ellen McDonald Drive
Baranduda VIC 3690
Telephone: (02) 6049 3480
Facsimile: (02) 6020 9125
Email: officewodonga@trinityac.nsw.edu.au

WEBSITE

www.trinityac.nsw.edu.au

AFTER SCHOOL CARE ALBURY

0423 845 646

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE WODONGA

6049 3485

From the Chairman of the Board

A Message from the Chairman of the Board, Dr John Pryor Annual Appraisal of the Principal

Have you ever bought a hand-crafted Persian rug? If you have, you've probably had the experience of noting a minor fault in the pattern, only to have the suave salesman tell you that the weavers deliberately put the fault there, as only God can be perfect!

I was reminded of that experience as I drew up this report to you of the annual appraisal of the Principal, Mr Steven O'Connor, that the Board recently undertook. Using the expert resources of the Association of Independent Schools, the appraisal process involved detailed interviews with the Principal's senior staff and each member of the Board. As well, a randomly selected number of parents were invited to respond anonymously to a set of questions.

The appraisal process took place over several weeks, culminating in two days of interviews at the school, conducted by our outside facilitator. Finally, a report was produced and the Principal, the facilitator and I met and discussed its results and recommendations. The report was then received and considered by the Board.

The Board was delighted with the outcome of the review, and I would like to thank those parents who contributed by completing the on-line questionnaire.



Mr O'Connor is now completing the fourth year of his five year contract as Principal of Trinity. I am pleased to report that, resulting from the very positive nature of the report, the Board unanimously resolved to offer a further five year term of appointment to Mr O'Connor at the conclusion of his current contract. In response, Mr O'Connor has indicated his desire to remain as Principal after 2013.

We look back over the last four years in the life of the College with much satisfaction and thankfulness. The appearance of the grounds and the new buildings are outward indicators of the inner strengths and character of Trinity, its staff and students. Truly, we have a school that we can be proud of.

(Rev Dr) John W Pryor

Chairman of the Board

From the Principal

Trinity College Twilight Fete: – Albury Campus, Friday, 19 October 2012

As this newsletter is published and being read by the College community, the P&F and College staff will be gearing up for the annual Twilight Fete on Friday evening. I hope to see as many members of the College community – students, parents, friends and staff – at the fete at the Albury campus from 4:30 – 7:30 pm on Friday!



The fete promises to be a terrific occasion for the community and we look like being blessed with good weather. The P&F are looking to further their commitment to assist the College in purchasing and installing more interactive whiteboards in both Junior and Senior School classrooms in 2013. Having a successful fete on Friday night will assist many students in 2013 and beyond. So, I hope that people come to the fete looking to enjoy the beautiful spring weather and with a generous frame of mind! There are lots of interesting stalls, fund rides, music, dance, good coffee and delicious food for all to enjoy!



Staffing News

I am pleased to announce the following appointments to the academic staff of the College for 2013:

Mrs Gemma Broad – Mrs Broad has been appointed to the Junior School staff and will teach one of the three Kinder classes at the Albury campus from the beginning of 2013. Mrs Broad has several years teaching experience and has

also been appointed to positions of responsibility in her Sydney-based schools. Mrs Broad grew up in Albury and is looking forward to returning to the region with her husband in the New Year.

Mrs Michelle Campbell – Mrs Campbell has been appointed to the Junior School staff and will join the team looking after the three Kinder classes at the Albury campus in 2013. Mrs Campbell has been teaching in local primary schools for the last few years and most recently has been teaching at the Kinder level. Mrs Campbell has done some casual teaching at the College and is looking forward to working with the staff in this full time capacity next year.

Mr Glenn Mancer – Mr Mancer will join the academic staff in 2013 as an experienced teacher of Drama. Mr Mancer comes to Trinity from Gippsland Grammar School. During his career in the Gippsland and Melbourne areas Mr Mancer has taught Drama and English to VCE levels (Year 11 and 12), been involved in numerous major school dramatic productions, as well as successfully fulfilling numerous positions of responsibility and leadership at his schools. Mr Mancer and his family are looking forward to moving to the region and to joining the Trinity community in 2013.

Class Sizes at Trinity

The College has experienced steady growth in enrolments over the last couple of years and continues to do so as we head into 2013. In fact, Trinity will be the largest independent school in the Albury region next year with an enrolment of approximately 730 students at the Albury campus and an additional 75 at the Wodonga campus; a combined total of just over 800 students.

To accommodate the demand for places in recent times, some class sizes have grown to make way for many new students. The slight increase in the size of some classes has not been done without detailed conversations amongst the Senior Leadership Team at the College and careful assessment of relevant educational research on the often contentious issue of 'class size'. The College has also consulted with other 'like' schools via various networks in determining the guidelines which now are in place at Trinity.

As Principal of the College, I am conscious that the size of the group of students a teacher is working with in any class is an important consideration and that this can have an impact on the educational outcomes for this class. I do not accept however, that it is the most important aspect in determining good educational outcomes! The most significant factor in determining excellent educational outcomes from my point of view, is the quality of the teacher standing in front of and working with the class. There are other important factors as well in this

equation – how parents support the education of their children at home, the health and well-being of each child, the effective use of relevant educational resources etc but from an educational organisation point of view, quality teaching is far more important than the number of students in a class.

In this context the Grattan Institute (based in Melbourne) over the last couple of years, has completed significant world-wide research into the impact of class size on educational outcomes. Professor Ben Jensen of the Institute writes:

“International evidence shows that important debates in Australia about school funding are generally misinformed, and that our focus should be on teacher quality rather than class size”. Jensen continues: “If we want to improve performance, we need to change the way we spend money rather than simply spending more. Policies to reduce class size have largely driven increases in education expenditure. These are not supported by international evidence but do substantially increase costs. The highest performing systems generally have larger classes than low performing countries. Teacher quality is the key to improving performance. The international evidence consistently shows that teacher quality has the greatest impact on student performance. A student who spends a year with an effective teacher can learn at least double what a student learns with a less effective teacher”.

At Trinity over the last few years we have been using the following guidelines in relation to our enrolment process and the organisation of our classes: in Kinder/Prep, Year 1 and 2 we like to cap classes at 24 students. We feel that this is a good number educationally and socially for students at this age and stage of development. Once students move into Year 3 and above, we are comfortable with class sizes growing to a maximum of 28 students if there is demand for places in these year levels. Again, we are confident that this is a reasonable number for students and staff and a number of year levels happily operate with some classes of 28. Of course, the College reserves the right to modify these guidelines from time to time.

I hope that this brief overview provides parents and the wider College community with some clarity about our view of class size, particularly in the context of our steady growth in recent years. One parent asked me earlier this year whether I planned to run classes of 30 or more – the simple and clear answer to this question is “No, I am not planning to timetable classes of 30 or more”! The class size guidelines outlined in this brief article are what we have used to guide our organisation and the management of our growth in recent

times. At the end of the day, the College is committed to producing the best possible educational outcomes for all students. Therefore the relevant and recent research which indicates that there has been no measurable increase in educational outcomes in school systems which have spent enormous amounts of money in reducing class sizes in the OECD has certainly been considered carefully by the Senior Leadership Team in determining our guidelines.

Of course, parents are very welcome to bring questions about this or other issues to the College. Please feel free to make contact with me or any member of the Senior Leadership Team to discuss the College's approach to class size in recent times and into the future.

Wodonga Children's Fair

Last Sunday the College had a stall at the annual Children's Fair, run by the Wodonga City Council. I take this time to thank the members of the College's Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Helen Wade and Ms Chelsea Tilbrook for giving up part of their Sunday to help promote the College to the many people who attended the event. In particular, I thank Mr Simon Fairall, the Coordinator of the Wodonga campus for the leadership he shows in relation to the Fair. We enjoyed meeting many new people and the opportunity to talk to them about the possibility of enrolling their child(ren) at either campus of the College.

As part of the Trinity stand, students from the Wodonga campus did face painting across nearly five hours for the many young children who called in with their parents to enquire about the College. I was very proud of our students as they offered a friendly welcome to these children and their families! The students also performed on stage during the day presenting numerous choral items and an item from the recent Junior School production. These performances were warmly received by the crowd and again, I was very proud of all students who performed and represented the College so well last Sunday.

Congratulations!

Steven J O'Connor
Principal

Coffee Shop - Albury

Don't forget that the Coffee Shop is open every Tuesday, Thursday 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!



From the Deputy Principal

Today the Year 11 reports are being sent home. These reports look at the performance of the students throughout the Preliminary course and outline some suggestions and strategies for students to implement as they start the HSC course this term. Students and parents will have the opportunity to discuss these reports and the progress of their child with staff at the Year 11 Parent/Teacher interviews. The booking for these interviews is open and can be accessed via the College website. The code for booking is **APU5R**. The interviews will be held in the MPH on Thursday, 25 October, 3.30 pm-7.30 pm.

As the current Year 11 students begin their HSC course we will be holding an information session for students and their parents on Wednesday 14 November at 7.00 pm in the College Drama Room. Mr Thomas and I will give an overview of the expectations of the HSC, how it works and is calculated and tips on how to work with your son/daughter as an HSC student.

The final exams for students in Years 7 - 10 will be starting on Thursday, 15 November, with the following groups sitting exams on these dates:

- Year 7 Monday and Tuesday 19 and 20 November
- Year 8 Thursday and Friday 15 and 16 November
- Year 9 Thursday 15 – Tuesday 20 November
- Year 10 Thursday 15 – Tuesday 20 November

The students will receive their individual exam timetables shortly and they will be available on the College website from Wednesday, 24 October.

Peter O'Neill

Deputy Principal

From the Campus Coordinator - Wodonga



Wodonga Children's Fair

The 2012 Wodonga Children's Fair proved to be Trinity's most successful to date with a number of families enquiring about the College and the programmes we offer. This certainly is a positive as our name and reputation within the community continues to grow and strengthen. The students who did the face painting and performance items throughout the day deserve special mention as they were fantastic ambassadors for the College. The students involved were courteous, well mannered, engaging and provided a great example of what sets Trinity students apart. A big thank you to all students, staff and parents who were involved in making the day a success.

Active After School Sports

The Active After School sports programme will start up again for Term 4 next Monday and Wednesday. This term the Monday sessions will be conducted by Mr Fairall and Mr Lindner (late in Term 4). The Wednesday sessions this term will involve karate as the focus. I remind parents that these sessions aren't about being the 'best athlete', but about participation and being active.

HSC Examinations

This week the students from the Senior School began their HSC Examination at the Wodonga campus. For these students the next three weeks will see the culmination of their time at Trinity and help shape their future ventures. During the examination timeline the top section of the College (Science labs forward) will be out of bounds so that the senior students have a quiet environment to sit their examinations.

2013 Prep Orientation

Wednesday night saw the first of our 2013 Prep families have their official visit to the College. During the evening our staff went through a range of topics about what it is like to be a student at Trinity. Over the coming weeks the 2013 Preps will join classes and start to transition into the Wodonga Junior School. I encourage parents to give our new families a warm welcome and help them settle in to the Trinity community.

Sports News

On Monday four of our students represented the College at the second stage of Athletics, the VPS District carnival. Alexander and Adelaide Jacobs, and Mackensey and Blaynee House all took part in competition on the day and did very well. Mackensey (200m and discus) and Blaynee (800m and 1500m) both won their events and will now advance to the Regional Championships in Shepparton. I congratulate all these students and wish Mackensey and Blaynee all the best in their attempt to make it through to State representation.

Simon Fairall

Campus Coordinator - Wodonga

SRC News



A huge thank you to all who donated all their coins to the 'King of Coin' Line Competition last term. In total the College raised \$1,208 for Relay for Life. Special mention to all Year 9 students, as their coin line was the longest and had the most money raised across all year levels!

Junior students, remember the fun you had at last year's disco? Well, this year's disco is on! The music and DJ will be supplied by our very own Trinity College students – C&R DJ Entertainment.

SRC Disco

When: Friday 23 November, 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm.

Where: MPH

Who: Junior students (Kinder to year 6)

Cost: \$2.00 ea



Tanya Carroll

SRC

Sports News

Trinity College Championship Tennis

What better way to spend a perfect Spring morning than a spot of tennis, punctuated by a companionable morning tea?

Last Sunday, Year 7 tennis players took to the courts for competition and not a little hilarity. The competitors achieved the perfect pitch in their tennis whites (aka Trinity Sports Uniform), and were fresh faced to meet the challenges of the morning. After initial knock-out rounds, Matthew Forrest came head to head with Tom Freire for the title match. Tom was valiant in his persistence, but Matthew had his eye firmly on the prize and won through to claim the title. For the girls, Anastasia Anderson-Race demonstrated much improvement in her serve across the morning and took Shaylah House on for the final. Shaylah – focused and consistent – won through to honours for the competition.

The morning was a wonderful display of social and competitive tennis and, along with Mr Nelson, I look forward to the competition for these keen players when they are in Year 8 next year. I thank them for the morning; they were great fun.

The tennis continues next weekend with Year 9 and Year 10 on show from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. The details are as follows.

When: Week 2 Term 4

Where: East Albury Tennis Courts: Short St, East Albury (at the corner of Schubach St and Borella Rd near the roundabout)

Who: **Students Year 9 and Year 10**

Competition: Sunday 21 October, 2012 (from 10.30am to 12.30pm)

Equipment: Tennis racquet
Joggers, tennis shoes
Sports Uniform
Water bottle / hat / sunscreen

Cost: \$3 – to cover court hire

Morning Tea supplied!

See Miss Armstrong for information, questions, recipes . . .

Kym Armstrong
Trinity Tennis Coordinator

Tutorial Centre

Extension Question Week 1

More Cheese

A grocer has a large cube of cheese that she wishes to divide into twenty-seven smaller and equal-sized cubes. To cut the twenty-seven blocks, she uses two cuts to divide the cube into three slices. She stacks these slices atop of each other and makes two more cuts. Finally, she rotates the cube a quarter-turn and makes the final cut. The result is twenty-seven identical cubes with six cuts. Is it possible to get the twenty-seven cubes with fewer cuts? If so, how?



Lyn Maxwell
Head of the Tutorial Centre

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 |

 **6049 3440**

Cathy Katsoolis
Uniform Shop Manager

Careers News

Trinnies Restaurant

Tuesday 23 October & Monday 29 October, 6.00 pm

Bookings for Trinnies Restaurant are open. Trinnies features a new three course spring menu prepared for you by the Year 11 Hospitality Class. The cost is \$30.00 pp. Pay at the door. Vegetarian Options are available. Get a group together and come along to what is normally the Maths Room, but for two nights becomes the exquisite venue for Trinnies Restaurant. Menu details in next week's newsletter.



Waiters for Trinnies Restaurant

A number of Year 10 students have indicated they would like to be waiters for Trinnies restaurant. A note will be going home next week with details.

Please Book your Place for Trinnies at our School Interviews Site:



Book School Interviews Online

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



Enter THIS school event code. Then follow steps 1 & 3.



When you click **finish**, your booking 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 booking - until bookings close.

Mary Widdicombe
Careers & VET Coordinator

Canteen News – Albury

Thank you to volunteers Ellen Uniacke and Trudy O'Connor.

Roster Week 3, Term 4

| Month | Day | Helper |
|---------|--------------|---------------------------|
| October | Monday 22 | Linda Garoni |
| | Tuesday 23 | <i>Volunteer Required</i> |
| | Wednesday 24 | <i>Volunteer Required</i> |
| | Thursday 25 | Maree Lamond |
| | Friday 26 | Samantha Vitolo |

Margaret Cochrane

Canteen Manager

Community Announcements



“BOVINE”..... Creators Artspace 23rd Oct- 28th Oct - A Tasmanian

Artist / Printmaker Luisa Romeo translates her work into a collaborative exhibition with Textile Artist Abi Thompson. The combination of felted endangered species and the confident drawings of Luisa Romeo make an interesting blend of cultures and skills in this new exhibition. Romeo says “Drawing is my medium. I direct my line with confidence and purpose: minimal lines to provide maximum information”. The lines are not random but each mark bears importance in creating a weighty subject. “The Animals are on stage”. The harsh shadows accentuate the spotlight that they are under as their expressions are of apprehension and caution for the approaching course of events. Romeo is a Tasmanian travelling artist who has set out to travel the country to explore the experiences and people along the way. She is learning and refining her craft as she encounters new horizons. Abi Thompson on the other hand has been a well known resident of Albury /Wodonga for 35 years. Abi Practises a broad range of skills and enjoys the collaboration of other artists that she comes into contact with. Luisa is currently Artist in Residence at Stronsay Cottage Wodonga where after an intensive period of activity, it has resulted in an exhibition for the two artists.

The exhibition will be held at Creators Artspace and will be opened on Tuesday 23rd October and will be open in conjunction with Hothouse Theatre new production **Zombatland**

Opening Hours 11.00am to 8.30pm Tuesday 23rd to Sunday 28th October

P & F News

2012 Trinity College Twilight Fete



Junior School Drawing Competition

Please note: correction to last week's Newsletter



Congratulations to our joint winners, **Penrose Delcour** and **Jarni Nehme**

Trinity Twilight Fete

Friday 19 October 4.30 - 7.30 pm

In the grounds of the
Albury Campus

421 Elizabeth Mitchell Drive

Thurgoona NSW 2640



Fun @ the Fete

Amusement Rides; Pony Rides, Music & Dance Performance, Displays, Cupcake decorating, Face painting & Crazy Hair

Food @ the Fete

Coffee & Cake, Sorbet, Hot potatoes, Fairy Floss, Popcorn, Cold drinks' Ice creams, BBQ, Slushies, Dim Sims & Hot dogs

Fab Stalls @ the Fete

Show bags, Lucky Jars, Play dough, Lunchboxes with Love, Pre-loved books, Craft, Cakes, Plants, Raffles, Glow sticks, Lollies & Tupperware



On this evening - don't miss out!

