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## From the Principal

### Many memorable moments

I always say that I remember the character and personalities of my teachers much more than I do the content of the subjects they taught me! Sure, the dates, the concepts, the skills and the formulas that they attempted to teach me were important but the lasting impression came from their heart and soul and spoke more to me about who they were as a person and how this might inform my own development and outlook as someone heading to adulthood.



This view of the impact that teachers can have on their students continues to contribute to the basis of our mission as a values based learning community. Productive and meaningful relationships with our students is an important starting point for us; if we can get these relationships right, than most other things should fall into place for a school.

In recent times I have relished some wonderful examples of excellence which reflect in part, the strength of positive relationships in play at the College, as well as the talent and the general excellence of our students.

To see so many students involved at the College stand at the Wodonga Children's Fair and performing publicly in front of a large crowd was inspirational! Some students spent up to 4 hours on that Sunday welcoming people to the College stand and painting faces of hundreds of children; all with a

smile, patience and a genuinely pleasant disposition. I admired the generosity and disposition on display in our students on this day – well done! As well as this, the enjoyment on the faces of the crowd as they listened and watched our students sing and dance at this major event said much of the talent of the students and the positive relationships shared with their teachers!

Like many people, I enjoy a really good dining experience. Having great choices on the menu, friendly and effective service and really good quality food is a combination of elements to which many restaurants aspire! “Trinnies” restaurant achieved all of these elements and more over two nights this week and last! I thoroughly enjoyed the entire dining experience and pay tribute to the Year 11 Hospitality students who prepared and presented such a professional and high quality meal to paying customers! Well done to all of these students, to the students who assisted as wait staff (and did so with a smile!), to Ms Millan, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Kelb, Mr Chris O’Connor from ‘Adamshurst’ and of course to Ms Widdicombe. It was another great success and example of excellence here at Trinity!

Last weekend I was inspired and touched by the generosity and commitment shown by our Year 11 students who formed the College’s Relay for Life team. Their willingness to contribute 100% to this great community event in partnership with their Pastoral Care Tutors – Mrs Haymes, Mr Leary and Mr Larsen – along with the Head of the Senior School, Mr Thomas was sensational! I managed to spend some time with the team on Saturday evening and went away knowing that both students and staff were there to work together to achieve something really worthwhile! Inspirational! And at the end of the weekend the Year 11 team raised approximately \$8,700 for the cause! Well done!

I am also very aware that many Trinity students supported the Relay for Life with parents and friends in many other teams. I don’t think I saw all Trinity students there but noticed dozens – again, another example of memorable moments amongst our fine body of students! Well done to all who participated and supported last weekend’s Relay for Life!

Each week there are so many moments and examples which indicate to me that the lessons being learnt at Trinity are formative rather than simply summative. Sometimes my job as Principal can involve difficult circumstances and tough decisions but when I see the many examples of excellence around the College all of the unpleasant and onerous tasks are easily and quickly forgotten. I continue to be enormously proud of the College, the work being undertaken by

students, teachers and parents and the tremendous achievements and progress being made!

## International Trips

*“They say travel broadens the mind; but you must have the mind”*

*G.K. Chesterton (1921)*



The College’s international study tours are designed to broaden the mind and enrich the cultural and educational experiences of Trinity students.

Following the wonderful success of this year’s inaugural study tour to Europe, I am pleased to announce that the College plans to offer the following international study trips:

- A French study trip to New Caledonia in September 2013
- A study tour of Europe in the June/July break of 2014

The focus of the trip to New Caledonia is to provide students studying French as an elective study in Years 8, 9, 10 or 11 a chance to immerse themselves in a French speaking culture and setting. The College last sent students to Noumea in 2009 and knows that culturally and educationally such an experience is very beneficial for students wanting to extend their French skills. There will be two options for this wonderful trip and these are outlined below:

**1. *Hotel-stay option. 8 nights stay - \$ 2,692.00 approx.***

This figure includes:

- air travel from Albury to Sydney to Nouméa and return
- transfers to and from the airport
- accommodation in the hotel for **8** nights, shared room
- half-day guided city tour of Noumea by coach
- eight two-hour French lessons
- travel insurance

**2. *Home-stay option. 14 nights stay - Two students with each family. \$3,933.00 approx.***

This figure includes:

- air travel from Albury to Sydney to Nouméa and return
- transfers to and from the airport
- accommodation with a family for **14** nights, shared room, all meals
- half-day guided city tour of Noumea by coach
- eight two-hour French lessons
- travel insurance

Madame Bennett plans to take the students to Phare Amadée as part of the trip in 2013 – an island about an hour’s boat ride off Noumea, where the snorkelling is magic and they are taught how to tie pareos and climb coconut trees.



**Europe 2014:** The study tour to Europe will encompass rich experiences across a number of subject areas for students, including English, History and Visual Arts. I am not sure that the 2014 trip will use exactly the same itinerary used as the basis for this year’s tour but feedback has indicated that the itinerary was very worthwhile and enjoyable across many areas. Europe holds a vast array of opportunities to explore and therefore the College may look to vary the itinerary to take in a couple of new experiences and places for those involved. Certainly, the College would look to run a trip of 2.5 – 3 weeks and take in significant places of interest to maximise the cultural and educational opportunities for students. Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 in 2014 are those students who would be eligible for this proposed trip. The estimated cost of such a trip would be in the vicinity of \$5,500.

Of course, before the College gets ahead of itself with any commitments and planning, we need to determine if we have the numbers to make the trip viable. At least 10 students would be required for the trip to New Caledonia to go ahead and 20 students for the trip to Europe. Therefore I would ask that students and their parents discuss these opportunities and if they are interested in pursuing the idea, please do so by emailing an initial expression of interest to the following email addresses:

French tour: [Noumea@trinityac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Noumea@trinityac.nsw.edu.au)

Europe tour: [Europe@trinityac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Europe@trinityac.nsw.edu.au)

Expressions of interest can also be delivered to the front office of the Albury campus of the College and should be received by Monday, 19 November.

**Steven J O’Connor**

Principal

## From the Campus Coordinator - Wodonga

### Prep Orientation

It was great to welcome all of our new Preps to the College for their first orientation visit in preparation for 2013. This visit was the first of 3 for the term, where they begin to familiarise themselves with the Campus and spend some time with their new teacher, Ms Tilbrook. All did a tremendous job and we are really looking forward to them joining the Trinity community.

The subsequent visits will be on the following dates:

- Wednesday 14 November 9-1pm
- Wednesday 21 November 9-3pm

The Wodonga Campus is still taking enrolments for 2013 with positions still available in all year levels as well as the Early Learning Centre. For families wishing to enrol at the College I encourage you to make contact to receive an information pack or schedule an interview with the Principal and Campus Co-ordinator.

### **After School Pickups**

I have noticed that on a number of occasions parents are not picking their children up until well after the last bus at 4.05 pm has left. School finishes at 3.10 pm and we would expect that parents are collecting their children shortly after this time. The Active After School sports programme finishes at 4.30 pm so we would also expect parents to be here at that time also. If parents are running late, a courtesy call to the College is appreciated to advise of late pickup.

This also includes the Senior School students catching the College bus. This College bus gets to the Wodonga campus at 3.45 pm so we would expect that parents are collecting their children at this time.

The staff at the College has a duty of care and will remain with students until collection, but this has, at times, been taken advantage of by parents who have been busy at work or held up doing other things. I do ask that parents adhere to collection times and support our staff who have had to miss appointments and schedules due to late student collection throughout the year.

On a side note, I have also noticed that some parents have been exceeding the speed limits leading up to the College. The speed limit on Ellen McDonald Drive is 40 kph. Adhering to the limit is not only law, but imperative to the safety of students before and after school.

### **Upcoming Sports Dates**

- Tuesday 20 November YR 2-6 Kanga Cricket Carnival at Willow Park
- Friday 30 November P-2 Swim Carnival at Albury Swim Centre

**Simon Fairall**  
Campus Coordinator

### **Snake Awareness**

Students across the Wodonga Campus have been learning about snakes; and what to do when seeing or confronted by one. As it is





snake season and with such a vast campus, the students know to stay away from buildings, bushes and other places where snakes may hide. Hopefully we don't see too many around this year.

**Kane McGregor & Chelsea Tilbrook**

## Senior School News

### Relay for Life

Last weekend Year 11 took on the challenge of the Relay for Life. This is the fourth year that Trinity has entered a team and each year students amaze me with their drive and enthusiasm to help others. Keeping our 'baton' (this year a light sabre) moving around the oval for 24 hours is the culmination of the huge fundraising effort that our students commit to when they join the team. Each year, the amount of money raised increases as each team tries to beat the fundraising efforts of the previous Year 11.

After last year's effort of donating over \$5,400, I thought there was no chance of this year's team beating that total, especially as we had only banked just over \$3,000 with a week to go. Year 11 was confident though, and how right they were. The final total is in excess of \$8,700!

Parents of Year 11 students, as well as the rest of the College community can feel justifiably proud of our students. Their enthusiasm throughout the fundraising effort as well as their exemplary behaviour at the relay was outstanding. To everyone in the College community who supported the team, whether by making an online donation, supporting the staff v students' basketball game, buying a cake, participating at the coin line challenge or just giving a word of encouragement to the team, I would like to say a huge thank you.

A special thank you must also go to Mrs Haymes, Mr Larsen and Mr Leary, the Pastoral Care Tutors of Year 11, who supported the students throughout the fundraising effort and the twenty four hours of the relay.

Over the last four years, Trinity has now donated over \$21,000 to the Cancer Council through our participation in the Relay for Life. Well done!

**Malcolm Thomas**

Head of Senior




*Relay For Life*

*Celebrate Remember Fight Back!*



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## Homework Club – Senior School

Homework club is being offered again this term. This runs in the Library from 3.30 - 4.30 pm and is a wonderful opportunity to complete tasks that students may not be able to complete at home due to sporting, working and family commitments. Students are able to use the internet for research or ask for assistance with writing tasks and assignments. This is also a great opportunity for our students at Trinity to learn to manage their time and complete tasks within the set time. With end of year exams coming up, it is also a great idea to use this hour a week to complete some valuable study and revision. Please contact the College if you have any further queries.



**Kate Millan**

## Coffee Shop - Albury

Remember 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!



## Pastoral Care News



It's that time of year again! Christmas time is fast approaching and our annual class food hampers for St Matthew's Church has begun. This year, we would like to focus on helping the new refugee families in particular, that are living amongst us. Christmas is a difficult time for many families and it is a wonderful tradition that the students at Trinity give so generously to this cause.

Could I ask that all food items sent in be non-perishable and that their use-by date has not expired. Also, could I ask that items such as toiletries, kitchen items, coffee mugs, towels, washers etc be considered. Small gifts for girls and boys such as hair bands, lip gloss, craft items, matchbox cars, puzzles, colouring books are also appropriate.

I am hoping that over the next couple of weeks, each class will have a hamper organised and that class members can start bringing in items to contribute. We thank parents and students once again for their generosity. This is definitely a tradition that we would like to continue here at Trinity.

**Kate Millan**

Hamper Coordinator



# 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

*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.*

**Tanya Carroll**  
SRC

## Junior School News - Albury

### Trinity Science Fair

This year we had our first Trinity Science Fair. Year 5 and 6 students participated by making either a marble run or a science experiment. We all had a lot of fun constructing and testing them out. On the day of the Science Fair everyone was really excited and ready to show their wonderful creations.

Before the exhibition, Kindergarten through Year 6 took part in other scientific experiments across the Junior School. We really enjoyed making mini lava lamps with Ms Pitsch and learning about acids and bases with red cabbage juice indicators taught by the Year 12 chemistry students. Alicia from Kinder said that she really liked watching the making of Flubber. Ariel from Year 2 said that she enjoyed watching the sparkly volcano erupt and mixing milk with food dye.

Teachers, parents and students were all amazed to see what the students had made for the Science Fair. There were many exciting and educating projects like: Boo Bubbles, Elephants Tooth Paste, Space Junk and Magnetic Boats. During the fair Mr Larsen came around and carefully judged each project. At the end of the day, everyone had a fantastic time and is looking forward to doing it again next year.

**Alice Bradford**  
6EP

## English News - Albury

### River of Stories Competition

Recently, students from Years 7 and 8 submitted entries to the annual River of Stories Competition. This is an event which celebrates and rewards students for their creative writing in the form of either short story or poetry. Trinity has enjoyed great success in the competition in the past and we are thrilled that we had three winners again this year! Year 7 student, Matthew Forrest and Year 8 students Rebekah Sheely and Caitlin Bishop were all announced as winners in their age groups. Matthew and Rebekah were awarded prizes for their short stories, while Caitlin took out the prize in the poetry section. The students were presented with their \$50 vouchers at a ceremony held at the Albury Library Museum. Congratulations on a fantastic effort - and keep up the writing!



River of Stories winners: L - R, Rebekah Sheely, Matthew Forrest & Caitlin Bishop

**The Murky Swamp – Caitlin Bishop, Year 8**  
**Write Around the Murray - Trinity Poetry winner**

It's a perfect sunny day

To go outside...

I slip down a cliff

It's almost like a ride

"Where am I?" I call

As I start to look around

There is mud everywhere

I hope I get found.

As I walk through the reeds

In the muddy swamp

I swing around a tree

To hear a sudden stomp

I pause in a panic

In case it's a snake

I see no weapon around

Except an old broken rake.

The swamp murks around me

Pulling me down

I am so scared

What if I drown?

I walk around the area

With a fast pace

Walking so fast

I could win a race!

I look for an exit

To get out of here

I pick up a stick

I could use as a spear

I see a dark shadow

I start to run

I hear a distant yell

It is my mum!

I run to her knees

Tears in my eyes.

There are bugs everywhere

Even lots of flies

I hug mum so tight

With joy in my smile

I won't be back here...

At least for a little while.

## T-MAC News

### Tough Mudda at the College Fete

On Friday, 19 October the T-MAC group held an obstacle

course at the College Fete. All of the kids who ran this race had lots of fun and there were some spills, thrills and incredibly fast times. The money

we raised is going towards resources for the classrooms to help students learn. We would like to say a big thank you to Tiani Bonetti for all of her help setting up and organising obstacles, the Scott Family for the donation of the hay bale, Mrs Carroll and Mrs O'Neill for their assistance, Sportspower Albury and the Sportsman Warehouse for the donation of the wonderful prizes.



**Lora Bonetti & Connor Lindegren**

## French News

### Lote Poster Competition

Languages Students from across the Border have recently participated in the BMLTA (Border Modern Language Teachers Association) Poster Competition. Schools supply three entries from each year group and language taught amongst three different sections. I am again delighted to announce that Trinity has won the majority of prizes this year. The winners are the following students:

Secondary - 1 <sup>st</sup> Year of Study	Primary – Years 5 & 6	Primary – Years 3 & 4
1 <sup>st</sup> Ema Souness 	2 <sup>nd</sup> Olivier Daish-Gorge 3 <sup>rd</sup> Alannah Wood Highly Commended Harry Smith	1 <sup>st</sup> Alana Diver 2 <sup>nd</sup> Destiny Shannon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sarah-Jane Male

The quality of the students' work was of a very high standard. I thank all the students for their commitment and good work. This year all the posters will be on display in the Albury Library Museum Community Display section. Congratulations to all the students who had their work selected for the competition and display. Well done to all those who worked hard on their posters. We look forward to more exciting, original student work in the years to come.

**Monsieur Gorge**

### DEL F Examinations

These will be held at Trinity College Albury on **1 December at 9.00** am. Any interested B1, B2 students should attend on a regular basis on Wednesday afternoons in the French room after school or see Monsieur Gorge at lunchtime; A1 and A2 students should see Mme Bennett after school on Thursdays.



The DELF system has 6 levels, in line with the *Cadre européen commun de référence pour les langues (CECR)*. All European countries have put these examinations in place so that workers who move across national frontiers are able to have their language competence assessed effectively. For example, there is an equivalent diploma in English which can be taken by Non-English speakers from other countries.

The levels are as follows:

-  DELF A1/A2 Basic User
-  DELF B1/B2 Independent User
-  DALF C1/C2 Proficient User

Students in the NSW system who are studying French may like to think of it like this: Year 9 students could access A1 level, Year 10 A2, etc. Levels C1/ C2 are more usually taken by students at University level or by students who have returned from a year in France. **In recent years some excellent Trinity Year 8 students have received their DELF A1 certificates!**

These certificates, leading to a Diploma in Communication in French, are recognized worldwide and, as well as being a very satisfactory addition to any CV, are a great aid to finding a job while travelling overseas or applying for work in Australia which demands communication skills. We recommend them to any interested student. Students can collect their Registration form in my office. They will be asked to hand it back to me by Friday **16 November 2012**.

**Monsieur Gorge**

## Food Technology News

Last Thursday, Year 9 food technology students organised a lunch buffet for 25 people as part of their unit of work, 'Production and Preparation of Food for Special Occasions'. The students and some lucky teachers sat down at a beautifully decorated table and enjoyed great tasting food.

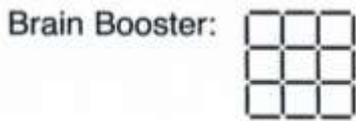
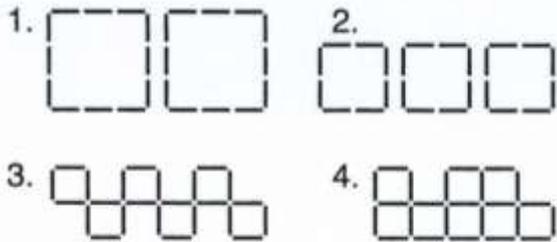
Students had to select a theme and decide on a suitable menu. Every student then decided on a recipe and a class vote was conducted to select the best. Students were then placed in pairs where they worked out quantities for each recipe, wrote a food order, allocated tasks for the event and followed a workflow plan. The buffet party was a real credit to these students as they displayed great teamwork and communication skills to produce all dishes on time and to a very high quality.



**Trish Pearce**  
Food Technology

## Tutorial Centre

### Answer Question Week 3 - Toothpick Squares



Congratulations to Week 3 winner Charlie Luke who worked out all the possible combinations. Charlie has won a \$2 voucher to spend @ the Canteen.



### Question Week 4 – Sudoku

7		4		1			
	2						
9	1	6			7		2
8		9	1				
2			5		6		7
					9	8	5
4			2			7	1 6
							2
				6		5	4

**Lyn Maxwell**

Head of the Tutorial Centre

## Uniform Shop



**6049 3440**

### Uniform Shop Operating Hours during School Terms

<b>Mondays</b>	8:30 – 10:00 am	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Cathy Katsoolis
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<i>Closed</i>		
<b>Wednesdays</b>	8:30 – 10:00 am	2:30 – 4:30 pm	Cathy Katsoolis
<b>Thursdays</b>	8:30 – 10:00 am	2:30 – 6:00 pm	Cathy Katsoolis
<b>Fridays</b>	8.45 – 9.30 am		Sue Smith

**Please check your summer uniform requirements now – remember that all girls summer dresses need to be pre-ordered.**

**Cathy Katsoolis**

Uniform Shop Manager

## Canteen News – Albury

### Roster Week 5, Term 4

Month	Day	Helper
November	Monday 5	Jenny Moyle
	Tuesday 6	Vanessa Mathews
	Wednesday 7	Ellen Uniacke
	Thursday 8	<i>Volunteer Required</i>
	Friday 9	Samantha Vitolo

Thank you to volunteers Jenny Moyle, Raelene Weissel, Ellen Uniacke and Maree Lamond.

**Margaret Cochrane**

Canteen Manager

## P & F News

### Year 3 Coffee Shop Stall

I would like to share with Trinity the fantastic job Mary and the Year 10 boys did at being the Baristas on the Year 3 Coffee Shop Stall.



It was much appreciated and a huge help on the night. The boys showed maturity and politeness; their parents should be very proud.

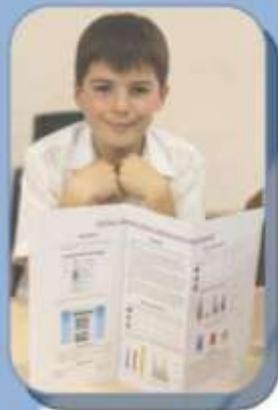
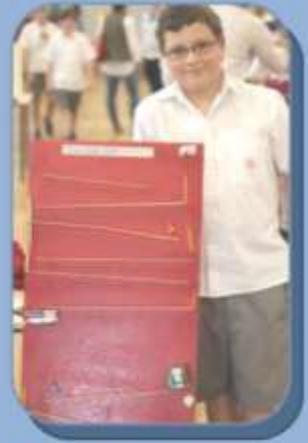
**Kylie Bridges**

Coffee Stall Coordinator

## Upcoming Dates

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Week 5</b> 5-9 Nov	Kinder Orientation Mornings	Kinder Orientation Mornings	Kinder Orientation Mornings	Kinder Orientation Mornings		
<b>Week 6</b> 12-16 Nov			Prep Orientation Morning Wod	Yr 7 – 10 Exams	Yr 7 – 10 Exams	
<b>Week 7</b> 19-24 Nov	Yr 7 – 10 Exams	Yr 7 – 10 Exams	Prep Orientation Day Wodonga		Kinder Orientation Day Senior School House Swimming Carnival @ Lavington Pool	Year 12 Graduation Dinner
<b>Week 8</b> 26 – 30 Nov	Yr 7 (2013) Orientation Day Yr 7 (2013) Parent Information Night - 7pm	P & F Meeting Albury			Kinder/Prep Swimming Carnival (Lavington)	
<b>Week 9</b> 3-7 Dec	Prep/K-2 Presentation Assemblies	Junior School End of Year Assemblies	Senior School End of Year Assembly	Term 4 classes finish 9.30am: Junior School Speech Day & Annual Prize Giving (MPH) 12.30pm: Senior School Speech Day & Annual Prize Giving (MPH)		

Office closes for the year 12.00 noon 19 December, 2012



# Junior Science Day - October 2012