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From the Principal

Parent-Teacher Interviews

The College has seen parent-teacher interviews taking place this week and rolling into next. I always view these conversations as great opportunities for parents and teachers to catch up, discuss what's going well and what areas, if any, need addressing in relation to their son and/or daughter.

It is important that no-one encounters any nasty surprises during these meetings and I hope that if teachers have any significant behavioural or educational concerns, that they would have raised them prior to parent-teacher interviews.

Teachers take care and time to prepare for these conversations; we are aware that we have to meet with large numbers of parents and therefore we need to focus on key areas concisely and constructively.

Parents can also prepare for parent-teacher interviews. Below is a brief article from Michale Grose's *Parenting Ideas* website and I hope it might assist some with how they approach and prepare for scheduled meetings with teachers.



Making the most of your parent-teacher interview:

It makes sense for you as a parent to be prepared and ready to make the most of the brief time you have with teachers.

Parent-teacher interviews provide a great opportunity for you as a parent to find out how your child is progressing at school.

Many parent-teacher interviews are tightly scheduled and can seem a little rushed. Teachers are generally highly organised so they can make the most of the time you have together. It makes sense also for you as a parent to be prepared and ready to make the most of the brief time you have with teachers.

Here are some guidelines to make the most of these interviews:

1. Prepare well. Before the interview, list any questions that you want to raise. Keep questions short and to the point.
2. Attend with a partner or friend particularly if you are nervous or unsure. It is easy to miss a point and often difficult to relay information to a partner.
3. Give the teacher a chance to make an assessment of your child's progress. This may seem obvious but some interviews never get off the ground because enthusiastic parents take over.
4. Take notes and clarify information that you don't understand. "What do you mean by 'he needs to spend more time reading'...?"

Make sure you have a good understanding of the messages your child's teacher is giving.

5. Be prepared to give an assessment of your child's performance. You may be asked how you think your child is performing so give an honest, but realistic assessment.
6. Ask how you can help your child if there are any areas that need to be strengthened. No doubt your child's teacher will have some strategies for you to assist your child, so make sure you have a clear understanding before you leave.

If there are unresolved issues or you wish to discuss your child's difficulties in greater detail, consider asking for another interview. This is being respectful of the teacher's time and of those parents who are to follow.

Once the interview is over consider how you will discuss it with your child.

Avoid giving generalisations or simplistic appraisals such as: "The teacher says

you are a good girl.” Discuss areas that need work in positive terms. Talk about strengths or successes first before discussing areas that may need more work.

A clear message such as: “We talked about your reading and the teacher suggested that we should try...” is far more helpful.

Involve your child in discussing any plans for improvement. Avoid making big plans for your child to improve in a subject area without consulting him or her. By involving children and taking notice of their ideas, plans are more likely to be successful.

Sporting Successes

Many students continue to enjoy success in numerous sporting arenas in recent weeks.

Congratulations to:

- Chloe Wise-Chalker (Year 6) who has been selected in the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Basketball team.



- All students who represented the College and swam so well at the BIPSA Swimming Carnival in Wagga this week; many Trinity students either won or placed in their events and the team did well to finish in second place at the end of the day. Special congratulations goes to those who were announced BIPSA Age Champions: Will Elgin, Gemma Fenn and Claudia Ziebarth (pictured).

- Boys from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 who represented the College in the inaugural Albury Steamers 7-a-side Rugby Union Gala Day at the Scots School last Friday. I had the pleasure of coaching both the teams (Year 9-10 and Year 11-12) and was very pleased with how they threw themselves into a new game and the event. The Year 9-10 team was unlucky not to make the final having lost to Scots 'A' team and then winning against the 'B' team from Scots and the Albury High team; the Albury High team went on to win this age group! The Year 11-12 team won their age group with two solid wins over the senior team from Scots. Therefore we were lucky enough to bring the trophy home and look forward to the next stage of the competition. Well done, boys!

Year 7 Expo

On Monday, 18 March the College will conduct its Year 7 Expo and Information Night for those students continuing on to Year 7 next year or those families who are considering enrolling into Year 7 in 2014.

The Year 7 Expo will commence in the Multi Purpose Hall at 5pm and will provide an opportunity for students and their parents to walk around and see the diverse curriculum that lies ahead in Year 7 and beyond.

The Year 7 Expo and Information Night is designed for our current Year 6 students and Year 6 students from other schools who are thinking of coming to Trinity next year in Year 7. Please mark it in your diaries: 5-7pm on Monday, 18 March in the Multi-Purpose Hall at the Albury campus.

Interactive Whiteboards

This week more interactive whiteboards have been installed in classrooms at both campuses of the College. This will mean that teachers and students will have increased access to these powerful resources as part of the teaching and learning that takes place routinely at the College.

I take this opportunity to thank the commitment and generosity of the College's P&F in supporting the roll-out of these ICT resources. The P&F committed to this in 2011 and has made a significant contribution to the purchase of more than 20 interactive whiteboards during this time. The College is very thankful for the enthusiastic commitment shown by the P&F to developing these resources for our students.

Steven J O'Connor
Principal

Senior School News

Parent Teacher Interviews

A reminder that next Tuesday and Thursday (March 12 and 14) we have Parent Teacher Interviews taking place in the MPH starting at 3.30pm for students in Years 7-10. Mr O'Neill has been advertising the booking procedure for a number of weeks. (A link to the booking service is on the College website. **The booking code is XLFNU**). The interviews give teachers and parents an opportunity to discuss their child's start to the year and any strategies that need to be put in place to ensure success this year. Year 11 and 12 interviews will take place on 29th May.

Albury Lions Club Garden Party

We are very fortunate at Trinity that students are prepared to give their time freely to support a community event. I would like to thank Catherine Nielsen, Tom Coates, Annie Petts, Adele Trebilcock and Maddison Liston who assisted at the Garden Party last Saturday. The students attended in their College uniform and spent a significant amount of time serving food and drink to Marie Bashir, NSW Governor, and other invited guests. I was very proud of the example they set – Well done!

Malcolm Thomas

Head of Senior School

From the College Chaplain

Bearing Fruit

Jesus told his disciples that they were branches and that he was the vine. If a branch isn't attached to anything it cannot produce fruit. Have you wondered about what fruit your life will bear?

The Bible tells us that it is only through your relationship with Jesus that you can find out who you really are. The Apostle Paul writes to the church in Galatia asking them whether the fruit they produce is rotten (Galatians 5:19-21) or super fruit (5:22-24). Paul tells us that our true strength and success is found in Jesus. But that is not the end of it.

We all know that not all the fruit we produce would meet with God's tick of approval. Some branches need to be cut down – pruned.

God even can take away things in your life which can seem as an investment in your security or self-esteem. This can feel like God hacking away at you rather than looking after you. But God is preparing and shaping you for greater things to come. How is your relationship to the vine progressing? Remember the vine loves the branches.

Rev Lee Weissel

College Chaplain

Junior School News - Wodonga

Working Bee

The Wodonga campus is holding a Working Bee on Saturday 16 March, from 8am – 12pm concluding with a BBQ lunch. The aim of the working bee will be to complete some maintenance in the grounds, especially gardening works in the

P-4 Junior area. Any parents and friends of the College are invited to attend and I encourage all to support the work we are completing, as well as to take advantage of the opportunity to meet members of our College community.

Parent Teacher Interviews

The Parent Teacher interviews were again a success and a great opportunity for staff to meet parents for the 2013 year and discuss their child's education. I was pleased to see a large number of our parents attend. If parents were unable to attend these interviews and would still like to meet with teachers, please organise this by communicating with the teacher they wish to see and arrange an appointment.

Assemblies

I would like to make a quick note to acknowledge the parent attendance at our recent assemblies. It has been great to see a large number of parents attend and support our students being recognised for their efforts at the College. The students really enjoy being able to perform at assemblies and especially in front of their own parents. This year we are adding class performances to the assembly.

This week the Y5-6 class did public speaking. Isabelle Delcour and Keegan Pratt spoke to the assembly and each did a tremendous job. A reminder that assemblies are held on a B Week Monday from 11.50am – 12.30pm followed by our campus Chapel service with Rev Lee. I welcome and encourage parents to attend.

Woolworths Earn & Learn and Coles Sports Programs

Last week the items arrived for both Little Tackers and the Junior School from the Woolworths Earn and Learn and Coles Sports programs. The College received a range of sporting, music and play-based items which will be great additions to our programs. Thank you to all parents who supported this program.

Scholastic Book Club

We have two orders in the office from the last Book Club that don't have a name on them. If you ordered books and didn't receive them, please see Mrs Phillips in the front office.

Bus Travel Application Forms

We recently sent home new forms for children who use the Dysons and Falls Creek bus services. These forms should have been returned to the front office

by now. If you haven't completed yours, could you please do so at your earliest convenience.

Simon Fairall

Wodonga Campus Co-ordinator

A reminder to all families that **Monday, 11 March** is a Victorian public holiday and the Wodonga campus will be closed for business on this day.

Vacation Care News

Vacation Care dates have been set for the next break and an inspiring activity program is arranged so get ready for Vacation Care in April.

The program will run for one week of the school holidays, from Monday 15 April to Friday 19 April. The program caters for up to 30 students per day so you will need to get your booking forms in early. Bookings cannot be accepted until all forms have been returned. The forms need to be returned by Friday 12 April.

Vacation care will open from 8am to 6pm in the After School Care classroom located in the Kindergarten pod. Once again, the cost of the program is \$45 per day, per child. This is an inclusive cost and covers all excursions and activities.

Some of the main activities include: A visit by the Albury Wodonga Dog Rescue group, visits to the Bandiana Army Museum, Rev Head Slot Cars Albury, Wodonga Library and the Major League Indoor Sports Centre.

Stace Thompson

Vacation Care Coordinator

After School Care – Wodonga

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that our After School Care program is up and running. We are open from 3.10pm until 6.00pm each school day. During this time children are provided with afternoon tea and participate in a range of activities. So far, the children have been busy creating masks and collages, very artistic drawings, indoor sports and quiet time on the computers.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children and families who have participated in the After School Care program - a big warm thank you for making me feel so welcome and supporting ASC.

We still have vacancies in the program so please feel free to pick up an enrolment form from the front office. I am available to answer any questions or provide any information from 2.30pm Monday-Friday so feel free to pop in or phone 0468 632 104. Alternatively you can email me at louise.mclellan@trinityac.nsw.edu.au

I look forward to seeing you!

Louise McLellan

ASC Coordinator - Wodonga

Community Groups

Gem Mineral and Fossil Show

The 36th Annual Victorian Gem Mineral and Fossil Show is on this weekend, 9 & 10 March, 9.30am-4.30pm, Albury Showgrounds, Fallon Street, Albury North.

It's a great chance to browse or buy gemstones, mineral and fossil specimens, jewelery and gifts, lapidary tools and machinery. There will be demonstrations by Albury Club juniors and gemstone fossicking activities for children. Adults \$6, Students 12-16 \$3, under 12s FREE when accompanied by an adult.

Presented by the Albury Lapidary & Allied Crafts Inc and the Victorian Gem Clubs Association. Enquiries: Joan 0427 535 470.

Book Club

Orders for the first issue of Scholastic Bookclub have been delivered. I hope all the children who received an order really enjoyed their books.

Scholastic Bookclub Issue 2 has been handed out! Please return any orders by the due date so that I can get your order returned to you before the holidays.

Please ensure that you child's name and class are clearly marked on the order form. Phone numbers are only needed if you would like to organise a different collection rather than the order going to the child's class teacher. Please also remember to ensure that payment has been made prior to returning the completed order form or make any cheques payable to **Scholastic Australia**.

Issue 2 (Easter) has been distributed and the due date for return is 18 March 2013.

Helen Trebley

Bookclub Coordinator

Anglicare Victoria and

Two Birds, One Stone Café present:



The Great Girls Café

The Great Girls Café is hosted by Anglicare at *Two Birds, One Stone Café* for Victorian women between 12-18 to assist participants to focus their aspirations and share the challenges they face in realising their educational goals.

The project is funded by the Invergowrie foundation, which enables Anglicare to provide scholarships to those who participate in the program to help them fulfil their aspirations.

For more information, to register as a participant or to offer a helping hand on the day, or potentially volunteer as a mentor please feel free to contact us!

Jill Allen at the Anglicare – Hume Regional Office: 03 5721 9088 or Kasey Holyman Two Birds, One Stone Café: 0405 028 438

When: Wednesday March 20th 2.30pm for 3pm start. **Where:** Two Birds, One Stone Café: 225 Beechworth Road Wodonga

Sports News

On the 4th of March, the College BIPSA swimming team travelled to Wagga Wagga to compete in the BIPSA Swim Championships. At BIPSA we all participated and tried our best in all our events. Everyone cheered and encouraged everyone racing, even if they weren't from our school.

In the relays Trinity did very well: in the boys and girls junior freestyle 4x50m relay we came second and in the girls senior freestyle relay and the boys senior relay, we came first. In the girls medley relay we were second and, in the boys,



first. Overall Trinity came 2nd on 1193 points just behind The Scots School which scored 1299.



The hard individual work of Gemma Fenn, Claudia Ziebarth and Will Elgin led to them being awarded Age Champions.

We all would like to say a big thank you to Mr Clark and Mrs O'Connor for all their hard work and support of the Trinity BIPSA team. We would also like to thank all the parents that came along to support all the swimmers and wish the swimmers who are going to represent the College in the CIS championships in Sydney all the best.

Claudia Ziebarth and Ruby Bradbury

Year 6

Basketball success

Congratulations also to Chloe Wise-Chalker who was selected to represent the Combined Independent School Primary Girls' Basketball team. Chloe will compete in the NSW PSSA All Schools State Basketball tournament in Term 2. We wish Chloe all the best and look forward to hearing how her team competed. Well done!

Senior Athletics Carnival

A reminder to all families that the Senior School Athletics Carnival will be held this coming Wednesday, 13 March at the Alexander Park Athletics Complex. Students will need to wear their correct, full summer uniform to school. Students can change into their house colours once at the track.

Students who are wishing to leave straight from the complex must have a signed note for their Pastoral Care Tutor.

I would encourage parents to speak to their children about participating and supporting their house. We would expect that each student competes in one track and one field event throughout the day.

Community Sports

Rugby: Albury Wodonga (Steamers) Junior Rugby Union registration day is on Saturday 23 March at Murray Field in East Albury from 10am -12 noon. Under 7s, 9s, 11s and under 13s. For all new players please bring a copy of your birth certificate. For further information, please call Bruce on 0466 898 834.

NetSetGo: Thurgoona Football/Netball Club's Registration Day for NetSetGo is tomorrow, Saturday, 9 March, 9am-12pm at the club rooms. The program runs over 11 weeks from Saturday 6 April-29 June, 8.15am to 9.15am (we know it's early!) 5-10 year olds. Learn and improve netball skills with a fun and active group. Parent helpers are required to enable the program to run, so call Tiana on 6043 2529 for more info.

Touch Football: Boys and girls aged between 9-13yrs are invited to touch football training sessions on 13, 20 and 27 March and 17 April at Ernest Grant Park. Bring a drink bottle with plenty of water. Further info: Mandy Wilson on 6023 8295 or 0409 468 848. There is no cost.

Nash Clark
Head of Sport

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	<i>Closed</i>	



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Cathy Katsoolis
Uniform Shop Manager

Canteen News

Thankyou to volunteers Ellen Uniacke, Lou Walmsley, Janelle Cooke and Sam Vitolo.

Roster Week 7, Term 1

Month	Day	Helper
March	Monday 11	Jenny Moyle
	Tuesday 12	<i>Volunteer required</i>
	Wednesday 6	Ellen Uniacke, Angela Jones
	Thursday 7	Lou Walmsley, Joanna
	Friday 8	Sam Vitolo

Margaret Cochrane
Canteen Manager

Junior School News

Growing Boys into Good Men – Years 3 to 6

Following the great success of last year's **Growing Boys in to Good Men** activities afternoon I am delighted to announce that this year's boys' afternoon will be held at the Albury campus after school on Thursday, 4 April.

As we are aware growing boys into good men in today's world is a greater challenge than ever. The afternoon focuses on ways/strategies to help boys develop into healthy men who will contribute to building a strong community.

In this regard, the College is planning the evening for the Years 3 to 6 boys to get together with a trusted male role model (mentor) for activities and fun. There will be opportunities for the boys to learn integrity, persistence, accountability, resilience, getting along, empathy and respect from their mentor through the various activities to promote and demonstrate what is to be a young male in the 21st Century. Trinity teachers will lead the activities.

We encourage all our Years 3 to 6 boys to participate. To do so, you and your son will need to choose a male mentor to engage with him and participate in the activities. Your son's mentor could be his father/grandfather/close family friend etc. Should you have difficulty arranging for a mentor the College may be able to assist. Please let us know via a note on the permission slip (below).

The evening starts at 4pm and concludes with a sausage sizzle about 7pm. Afternoon tea also will be provided for any boy who will remain at school prior to the 4pm start. Students will need to wear their College Sports Uniform.

Please complete the permission slip and return it to Mr O'Loan by 15 March.

Chris O'loan

Head of Junior School

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Director of Pastoral Care

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Growing Boys into Good Men – Years 3 to 6

(Please return to Mr O'Loan by Friday 15 March 2013)

My son _____ Class _____ will / will not be attending the **Growing Boys into Good Men** afternoon on Thursday 4 April between 4 and 7pm. My son's mentor for the evening will be _____.

My son will / will not remain behind after school and require afternoon tea.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone Number: _____