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## From the Principal

### Annual Re-enrolment Process

Letters and the relevant documents for the College's annual re-enrolment process for current students have been sent to all parents and guardians this week. The re-enrolment process provides parents with the opportunity to indicate to the College their enrolment intentions for their child(ren) going into next year. It is important for the College to have solid data on which to base our planning for 2015 so I ask that all parents/guardians please return the re-enrolment forms to the College by the due date, which is Monday, 25 August.

I thank all parents and guardians in anticipation of their cooperation in this important process!

### BOSTES Five Year Accreditation and Registration Process

Every five years non-government schools in NSW must undergo a thorough process to maintain and renew their accreditation and registration to operate as a school. Without accreditation and registration schools like Trinity would legally not be able to operate within the state of NSW. The Albury campus of the College last went through this process in 2009 and did so very well and received positive feedback from the process at the time.

Since about this time last year teachers at the Albury campus of the College have been preparing for the inspection process which is conducted by the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES), formerly the NSW Board of Studies. Towards the end of Term 1, the College had to provide BOSTES with all curriculum and assessment documents for all year levels (K-12), as well as a range of policies and protocols. These documents were assessed by BOSTES staff during the course of Term 2 and the final step in the process was a

visit from an Inspector from BOSTES on Friday of last week. During the day last week, the Inspector spent time with myself, Mr O'Neill (Deputy Principal), Ms Armstrong (Director of Studies) and a number of other staff discussing operational protocols, curriculum and assessment matters. The conversations had last week were overwhelmingly positive but reflected the very thorough preparation undertaken by BOSTES in the lead up to their visit.

As Principal of the College I will receive a report from BOSTES in a few weeks' time indicating formally the outcome of the five year inspection. At the end of the day last Friday, the Inspector provided me, Mr O'Neill and Ms Armstrong with some very positive feedback and indicated that indeed, the College will receive full accreditation and registration for the next five years. The feedback included some constructive advice which will enable us to further strengthen our policies as well as our teaching and learning, and we will take this advice on board and act on it accordingly.

I take this time to thank all staff who contributed to this important five year process. It involves an enormous amount of work from the entire teaching staff and it was very pleasing to see the quality of their preparation recognised last week at the inspection. I wish to place on record my thanks to Ms Kym Armstrong and Mr Peter O'Neill who led the charge behind the scenes in the months leading up to last Friday. Their eye for detail and professionalism in preparing the College for inspection was fantastic – many thanks!

### **Albury-Wodonga Eisteddfod**

The annual Albury-Wodonga Eisteddfod – the Festival of Sight and Sound - is taking place as this newsletter is published. I am aware that many Trinity students are participating in this year's festival, either in College based ensembles and/or as individual participants. I take this time to say 'Well done' to all students who have taken up the challenge and opportunity to perform in front of audiences and adjudicators! The festival is highly regarded and provides students with a wonderful performance opportunity! I know that many College students and ensembles have performed with great success this year and these details will be recognised in another section of this newsletter. Well done to all and thanks to the staff who continue to prepare our students for these performances as part of our co-curricular programs!

### **Staffing Update**

I wish to inform the College community that Ms Amy Wilson and her husband are expecting their second child in a few months' time. Consequently, Ms Wilson has commenced maternity leave and I take this time to wish Ms Wilson all the very best as she prepares for the arrival of baby number two!

As a result, I have asked Mrs Kate Armstrong to take on a full-time role at the Wodonga campus and have appointed Mr Russell Parkin to cover the remainder of Ms Wilson's classes at both campuses. Mr Parkin will not only take these classes for the remainder of the year but he has been asked to work with all staff to improve their use of ICT resources in their teaching. Mr Parkin has a strong background in information technology and has already commenced his work with teachers in this area.

## College's Second Annual Art Exhibition

The College's Art Exhibition and Acquisitive Art Prize is fast approaching with the gala opening to be held in the College's Multi-Purpose Hall from 7:00pm on Friday, 5 September. I would encourage all parents to come along to this great event and to support us as we continue to promote and support the arts in the local region. Last year's exhibition was a great success and the opening night was a great social and cultural event! Details about tickets for the opening are available from the College – I hope to see you there!

**Steven J O'Connor**

Principal

## From the Deputy Principal

### Parent/Teacher Interviews

- Junior School Albury interviews will be conducted on Monday, 11 August, 3:30pm-7:00pm and Tuesday, 12 August, 3:30pm-5:30pm. The booking code is 4CFZJ.
- Junior School Wodonga interviews will be conducted on Monday, 11 August, 3:30pm-6:00pm and Tuesday, 12 August, 3:30pm-5:30pm. The booking code is 4CFZJ.
- Years 7-10 interviews will be held on Tuesday, 26 August and Wednesday, 27 August, 3:30pm-8:00pm for both evenings. The booking code is 3JTCU.

The online booking system is now available and open for parents to make bookings. Please use the code supplied and follow the link to the booking service which is available from the College website.

**Peter O'Neill**

Deputy Principal

## From the College Chaplain

### Compassion

Compassion was demonstrated by Jesus throughout his ministry. An example is when he raised from the dead the only son of the woman at Nain. Jesus not only raised the young man up, but also consoled the woman. The compassionate Jesus wasn't so distracted by the supernatural healing of the son that he missed the hurting heart of the mum. To be on mission is to have a heart full of compassion for people—to see them the way Jesus did.

I love the invention of Foxtel, which makes total commercial avoidance possible, because I hate most commercials. But have you ever noticed how uncomfortable it is to watch those 'feed the children' commercials? It is so uncomfortable – I confess that I rarely watch one in its entirety, and not just because of Foxtel. There is a deeper reason why I avoid watching commercials highlighting the hunger of real children with their bloated, malnourished stomachs: I don't want to look at desperate human need when I am desperately trying to escape from human reality. To look on a hungry child would take me out of consumer mode into compassion mode. As a Christian any time you look at someone who is hurting, you *will* (as in, must) feel compassion, unless you make a choice to turn your head and harden your

heart. The Gospel writers describe Jesus compassionately looking at people nearly forty times, indicating that it was a regular practice.

In the parable of the good Samaritan, we see how easy it is for religious folks to avoid looking upon the pain of another. Both the Levite and the priest refused to look because they were drained of compassion. The Samaritan, on the other hand, took pity on the hurting person; he saw the man and didn't look away.

When we look – not glance, but look – we see the person, not the problem. When we look at the person, we see that he or she matters to God and ought to matter to us. When we look, we see a person to be loved, not a problem to be handled. Only when we look can we experience compassion. Being on mission means having open eyes that are looking for the hurting – the married couple living next door struggling with fertility, the college student who disguises their alcoholism with the statement, “Hey, this is what college is all about”, the single mother who waits on you at the restaurant even though she has no idea how she and her child will eat tomorrow after tonight. To open your eyes is to risk losing your life and living with a broken heart for the sake of the lost. As C.S. Lewis reminds us, the alternative to a compassionate heart is a dead heart:

*To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to be sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket – safe, dark, motionless, airless – it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable.*

The motive for mission is compassion. We join Jesus on his mission not because we want to grow our church or because we like to dispense apologetic insights to sceptics or even because we like to hang out with unbelievers. We go on the mission of the Saviour because we share the compassionate heart of the one who sees people as sheep without a shepherd.

**Rev Lee Weissel**

College Chaplain

Archdeacon Peter Macleod-Miller, Rev Christine Moi Moi of St Davids Uniting Church and Fr Kevin Flanagan of Sacred Heart Catholic Parish will invite all churches and politicians on both sides of the Border and people of all faiths or with an interest in humanitarian issues to join in a screening of an award winning film highlighting the issue of nations turning their back on refugees in times of need.

The award winning drama *Voyage of the Damned* (1976) is based on the real story of MS St. Louis, a German ocean liner carrying Jewish refugees on an ill-fated journey to Cuba in the weeks before the start of World War II. It illustrates the human cost of a successful Sovereign Borders Operation, successfully turning back boats and shutting out international humanitarian obligations.

*Voyage of the Damned* – Tuesday, 5 August at 6:30pm at St Matthews, Albury. Light supper provided. Entrance is free. All welcome.

## From the Director of Studies

**Parents of Year 8 Students:** Year 8 students have the opportunity to have their questions about Year 9 subject choices answered at the Year 9 2015 Subject Information Evening from 7:00pm on Wednesday, 13 August in the Multi-Purpose Hall. The students have enjoyed experiences across many different subjects over the last two years and this is their first opportunity to pursue their interests in the choice of elective subjects. Students have received an information booklet that will help them to formulate questions to put to the teachers who will be there. Parents are most cordially invited to attend the evening with their son or daughter and talk to teachers who will be keen to provide information about their specialist subjects.

**Year 10 students: beginning the journey to Year 11:** It was wonderful to see so many parents and students at the Year 11 2015 Subject Information Evening last week. The Year 10 students are certainly actively engaged by the subjects on offer; this is an exciting time for them as they make their way towards shaping the pattern of study that will characterise their last few years at school.

**Year 12 Trial HSC Exams:** Our Year 12 students have their eyes firmly on the Trial Examination which commenced at the start of this week. These exams conclude Wednesday, 13 August. For all students, these exams figure as significant assessment items that will assist in determining the assessment component of their final HSC mark. The Trial Examination timetable has been distributed to all students and is also available via the College website. Please remember to contact Ms Armstrong or Mr Thomas if illness or misadventure prevents your son or daughter from being at school to complete any of these exams.

If you have any queries about either of the Subject Information Evenings, or about the Trial HSC Examination, please contact Ms Kym Armstrong at the College.

**Kym Armstrong**  
Director of Studies

## From the Senior School

### Europe Trip 2015

Unfortunately due to lack of numbers, the trip to Europe that was planned for 2015 has been cancelled. We looked at a number of options to reduce the cost of the trip, but were unable to do so. Parents who paid the deposit by cheque should have received their cheques back from their son or daughter. Credit card payments were not processed by the College. We hope to offer the trip to Europe in 2016 and will be calling for expressions of interest next year.

## **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

The interviews will take place on 26 – 27 August. Please see Mr O'Neill's article re the booking process.

## **Year 9 2015 Information Evening**

Hopefully, Year 8 students will have passed on the information from Ms Armstrong regarding the information evening next Wednesday, 13 August at 7:00pm in the MPH. Ms Armstrong will explain the process for selecting subjects and teachers will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have regarding specific subjects that will be available in 2015.

## **Year 12 Trial Examinations**

The Year 12 Trial Examinations are underway and all students travelled to our Wodonga Campus for their first English Examination on Monday. This gives the students an opportunity to experience the environment in which they will sit their HSC examinations. The feedback I have received from students has been positive; they certainly appreciated the quiet that is difficult to achieve at the Albury Campus.

## **Year 12 Farewell**

It's hard to believe that we will soon be saying farewell to our eighth Year 12 class to graduate from the College. Year 12 leave on Thursday, 18 September. We will celebrate the day with a Chapel Service and Final Assembly. More details will follow closer to the date. At the completion of the Trial Examinations Year 12 will receive invitations to their Graduation which takes place on Saturday, 22 November.

**Malcolm Thomas**

Head of Senior School

## **From the Junior School**

### **“Learning is experience, everything else is just information”**

Albert Einstein was not only a great thinker in Science but he also recognised, via his own frailties as a student, that learning is something that we take part in rather than observe. All people will learn differently at different times in their lives. As we work with students as they learn to read, write, become numerate and think about the world it is important to recognise that their experience of the learning, their active involvement in the learning, is the most important thing to foster. There is so much information that is readily available but we need to focus on ideas that spring from each individual student in order to ensure they gather deep meaning from their world. Sometimes the experiences that we learn from are difficult. If we are resilient and able to think through these times then our understanding becomes a positive. Learning at school should take place in an environment that is safe. Not safe from challenge but safe in the sense where children are willing to take a chance with learning. Safe to step outside the known and explore new ideas, new concepts and new ways of thinking. This is the challenge of all parents and teachers alike. It is a wonderful challenge.

## **Respect**

At assembly each fortnight the three R's are often alluded to by the speakers: Respect for self, respect for others and respect our environment. It is an important aspect of any community to ensure we are able to fulfil all three. I encourage all students, staff and parents to highlight these to any students as this will ensure we all have a sense of security when working or playing at school.

## **PSSA**

The extensive PSSA program continues this Friday. The students approached the games in a positive manner. This is a large undertaking and the support of all staff and students is appreciated.

## **Parent Helpers**

Thank you to parents who sent an email. I will organise a time to run through this as soon as possible.

## **Junior Production**

The Junior Production involves a wide range of students. This is a wonderful way to learn about Drama and the important place this art form has in our society. The Production will require extensive costuming and it would be great if parents could help with this. If you are able to lend a hand, please contact Kathy Walsh.

## **Public Speaking Finals**

Ariel Halford (3SO) is to be congratulated on an outstanding speech at the final of the Lions Club Public Speaking last Monday. She achieved first place and will move on to the next round in the Regional Final.

## **Parent/Teacher Interviews**

The staff are looking forward to this important level of communication. This is the formal round of interviews and the focus in the time is the academic and social requirements of each student.

## **Book Week**

There are two major events that will celebrate all things literal in Week 5. On the Wednesday morning Kindergarten to Year 4 classes will be presenting a special program which relates directly to the books that have been selected from the short list for Book Week. On the Friday morning we encourage all students to dress as their favourite character from a book they have read. The students in Year 3 to 6 will need to bring their sports gear to change for PSSA after lunch.

## **Science Week**

Week 5 is a busy week for all students. During the week each class in K-6 will take part in a class experiment to discover the exciting aspects of all things scientific. Year 5 will also attend a special morning at CSU.

## Tournament of Minds

The teams are now working on the challenge that they will present on 23 August in Wagga. The program is very interesting and we wish the students well as they search for a solution.

## Junior School Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received Junior School Awards at Assembly for making a significant difference inside and outside the classroom:

Ella Bishop (KDP)	Odin Cooper (2TD)	James Smith (4KS)
Elizabeth Dale (KMC)	Libby McDonald (2TC)	Lucas Bladwell (5SM)
Banjo Flower (KKH)	Ruby Taylor (2TC)	Clem Hunt (5SM)
Georgia Kelly (KDP)	Ronan Willis (2TD)	Lucy McDonnell (5JH)
Olivia Smith (KMC)	Abby McDowell (3SO)	Olympia Modra (5JH)
Emily Solomon (KKH)	Jamie-Lee Nicol (3JT)	Josh Sanderink (5JH)
Ella Di Stefano (1SM)	Jack Quirk (3JT)	Maggie Elliott (6KW)
Owen Fitchett (1MD)	Rosie Willett (3SO)	Sarah-Jane Male (6SF)
Phinn Morey (1SD)	Fletcher Clarke (4KS)	Lily Quirk (6KW)
Nathan Reid (1MD)	Brigitte Ford (4CS)	Caleb Reid (6KW)
Taylah Way (1SM)	Will Reid (4CS)	Carlee Ryder (6SF)
Evie Willett (1SD)		

Congratulations to the following students who received a Deputy Principal Award recently in recognition of excellent application to studies, community service and positive behaviour:

Capri Achillea (KDP)	Flynn Bridges (1SD)	Harry Solomon (2TD)
Grace Adams (KKH)	Singyu Ching (1SD)	Bree Vandersluis-Christie (2TD)
Charlie Dalitz (KKH)	Tiffany Monte (1SM)	Emma Hope (3SO)
Jasmine Davidovic (KKH)	Thais Murray (1SD)	Blake Elliott (4CS)
Blake Fairall (KDP)	Dannan O'Sullivan (1SD)	Tihara Fernando (4KS) (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Lachlan Fairall (KDP)	Riley Piltz (1SD)	Cruze Hassgall (4KS)
Chloe Lewis (KDP)	Ben Quirk (1SD)	Lana Heer (4KS) (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Beau Melgaard (KMC)	Kit Senini (1SM)	Nylah Kovacs (4CS)
Mase Murray (KMC)	Amelia Williams (1SM)	Avie Liley (4KS) (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Stella O'Connell (KKH)	Josef Bradbury (2TC)	William Roberts (4KS)
Jovian Ong (KKH)	Harry Maddock (2TD)	James Smith (4KS)
Nate Pigdon (KDP)	Ben McNay (2TD)	Sanjay Breheny (5JH)
Sienna Weissel (KMC)	Zoey Ong (2TC)	Byron Bridges (5JH)
Becky White (KMC)	Georgia Pigdon (2TC)	Courtney Fagence (5JH)
Skye Vanderhoek (KKH)	Harley Purkis (2TD)	Ella Trevaskis (5JH)
Penelope Alker-Jones (1SD)		

**Steven Armstrong**

Head of Junior School

## Wodonga Campus News

### Kids on Stage 2014

Kids on Stage is being held again this year with all students from Years 3 – 6 performing at 11:30am on Wednesday, 13 August. To accommodate the number of schools looking to participate, the event is being held over Tuesday, 12 and Wednesday, 13 August at Victory Lutheran College, 28 Drages Road, Wodonga. Kids on Stage is a wonderful opportunity for Independent schools in the region to come together to celebrate the amazing talents of our students in the Arts, both visual and performing. Parents and friends are most welcome to attend. **ENTRY FEE:** Gold coin donation.

### New Resources for the Campus

I am delighted to have recently signed off on the purchase of resources for the Wodonga campus, including:

- \$1,800 worth of Maths resources (P – 6)
- a complete set of Fitzroy Readers and support materials.

### Lions Junior Public Speaking Finals

Congratulations to the combined campus public speaking team for their outstanding efforts at the recent Lions Junior Public Speaking Finals. The team was made up of Junior and Senior Divisions. All the students presented their speeches with confidence and clarity. The judges on the night praised the team for being so well prepared and representing Trinity with such distinction. The students in the Junior Division were Ariel Halford (Thurgoona), Penrose Delcour (Wodonga) and Toby White (Thurgoona). The Senior team consisted of Regan Jeffs (Wodonga) and Isabelle Delcour (Wodonga). Further congratulations must go to Ariel for winning the Junior Division.



Penrose Delcour



Regan Jeffs



Isabelle Delcour

### After School Activities

I remind parents that the after school activities have started for the Term. The program includes: **Basketball (Mondays)**, **Cooking (Wednesdays)** and **Multi-Sport (Thursdays)**. Should you be interested, do not hesitate to contact Karen at the Office.

### NAIDOC Day hand prints on display

I invite all parents to view the NAIDOC Day handprint display that is now on display in the

Hall. As part of the NAIDOC Day events that were carried out in Term 2, each student placed their hand print on prepared panels. The symbolism of the hands speaks of respectfully stretching out the hand of friendship to indigenous Australians.



### **Performance Evening**

A Performance Evening will be held in the Wodonga Campus Hall on 4 September, commencing at 6.30pm. The proposed evening replaces the annual Parent Dinner. Some parents will be aware that, in past years, parent dinners have been held at the campus. These occasions provided an opportunity for parents to enjoy a light meal and be entertained by the students. However, with the pleasing growth of student numbers at the campus (now more than 100), the logistics of catering for a dinner for parents and extended family members would be particularly difficult.

At Trinity, we believe that all our students should have the opportunity to perform in front of an appreciative audience and the campus wholeheartedly encourages and supports this endeavour. The evening will involve the students presenting a range of performances appropriate to their Year level. Further information will be provided closer to the date.

### **Winter Sports Carnival**

Students from Years 4 – 6 participated in the Annual Winter Sports Carnival in Soccer and Netball, held at Kelly Park, Wodonga on Monday, 4 August. All the students enjoyed a great day in the beautiful sunshine and represented the College in an outstanding manner. Special thanks to Mrs. Jodie House and Mrs. Janelle Chase for coaching and assisting with the Netball.



Please keep in mind **some of the events for the Term** which include:

- Parent Teacher Interviews 11 and 12 August
- Kids on Stage, 13 August
- Wodonga Ski Trip, 15 August
- Book Week Character Parade, 22 August, 10:15am
- Year 7 2015 Step-Up Day, 2 September
- Wodonga Performance Evening, 4 September, 6:30pm
- Fathers' Day Chapel Service, 5 September, 8:00am (Wodonga)
- Fathers' Day Stall, 5 September
- Trinity Art Show, 5 – 7 September
- K/P to Year 2 Swim Program, 11 – 18 September
- Junior School Production, 11 and 12 September, 6:00pm
- End of Term Assembly, 19 September, 11:50am
- Classes Finish, 19 September, 2:10pm (Wodonga)

### Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:

NAME	YEAR	MERITS	NAME	YEAR	MERITS
Tyson Marengo	P	30	Amelie Masaoka	2	60
Eamonn Boyle	P	60	Lauren Brawn	2	75
Baidan Ross	P	60	Sari Lyons	2	75
Dylan Teague	P	75	Isaac Delcour	2	105
Clare Brereton	1	75	Maeve Boyle	3	30

Congratulations to the following students who have received Deputy Principal Awards in recognition of excellent application to studies, community service and positive behaviour:

NAME	YEAR	AWARD	NAME	YEAR	AWARD
Sara Halligan	3	1 <sup>st</sup>	Jessica Baker	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Paris Morgan	3	1 <sup>st</sup>	Isabelle Delcour	6	1 <sup>st</sup>
Daniel Kondacs	4	1 <sup>st</sup>	Shelby Vincent	6	1 <sup>st</sup>

**Chris O'Loan**

Head of Wodonga Campus

## From the Director of Sport & Co-curricular

Forty College sporting teams took to the court over the first fortnight of Term 3. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of the coaches, managers and all the College staff for assisting with the smooth transition into another season. It is a big job collecting registrations, organising uniforms and managing teams, all this being done before the first whistle is blown. As we continue to develop our co-curricular and sporting programs, continual changes are being made.

This season we introduced division 1 basketball teams and program. Age groups which had well developed teams in division 2 last season were identified and students were given the opportunity to trial for our division 1 teams. As it is quite apparent the College is very fortunate to have some highly qualified coaches who have assisted in the further development of our basketball program.

All students who trialled were offered a position in a College basketball team; participation and fun will continue to be a priority. We aim to develop a more structured pathway for those students who wish to play at a more competitive level. To ensure the selection process was transparent, an impartial selector was chosen. Additionally, I spoke to all coaches to ensure student's capabilities were not missed throughout the trials. Training schedules were developed to ensure students of similar skill sets were placed together, meaning some age groups do not train together, though all teams have been allocated a weekly training session.

I have also had additional discussion with our current coaches and have asked that they continually keep me up to date with the teams' performances. As explained to the students, if a student in another team deserves an opportunity to train and play in a higher grade, they will be given this opportunity.

The programs offered at the College are a testament to the commitment our students have made to their teams; this is evident in the following reports compiled from recent competitions College students have competed in.

### **AWSSNA**

Four College representative netball teams were selected to compete against 30 other local schools on Wednesday, 23 July at JC King Park. The College had a team from Years 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12. After initial trials, girls practised their skills in weekly training sessions. Their result highlights the success of the College Netball Club and program offered at Trinity. The day proved to be very tiring, with most of the teams playing at least seven, 12 minute half games throughout the day. The College was proudly represented and came away with a range of results.

One of the Year 7/8 teams made it to the semi-finals, but were unfortunately beaten by stronger opposition. The majority of girls who played in this team were bottom age and look forward to playing in the same age group next year. The other Year 7/8 team had a mixture of results, winning four of their seven games. For a team who do not play regularly, by all accounts they did a great job. Zoe Clarke and Lora Bonetti led by example, playing confidently throughout the day.

The Year 9/10 team knew the competition was going to be strong. With many teams having O&M players, whilst the girls weren't contemplating it, they were knocked out by Billabong High School. As the day went on things improved and the team gelled, surprising themselves by beating Xavier in the second half of their game, the eventual winners of the day! Without realising it they had qualified for the constellation final. In a race to find the team

and get out on the court they started slow, but in the second half ran away with it and ended up winning, meaning they finished fifth out of 12!

The Year 11/12 netball team was well supported by Year 9 and 10 players. They played four teams including Scots, Albury High, Xavier and St Paul's, unfortunately losing all games. The other schools had very strong players and considering we had quite a few younger players, they did a wonderful job. In the end they played really well and had a great day.

A very big thank you must go to Mrs Pattison, Mrs House and Mrs Adams for giving up their time assisting with coaching, umpiring, running trials and training sessions, and thanks also go to Mrs Bradbury and Mrs Pearce.



### **Rand Netball Tournament**

Trinity College was proudly represented by our Under 13 Trinity Hotshots in the Rand Netball Carnival on Sunday, 3 August. The cold weather and the grass courts didn't stop the girls from playing an amazing day of netball. They played Holbrook, Lockhart, Osborne and Corowa teams in their division twice. Playing so many games was made easier as there was no injuries and Sophie King and Olivia Harris eagerly filled in for the day.

Thank you to the parents for their support. Special thanks must also go to the Rand Netball and Football Association and all the other teams who played; and to Laura Chase for the amazing umpiring, Kimberly Prigg for coaching, as well as Dianna Elliott for making the day happen so smoothly. Congratulations to Corowa for winning the grand final. By all accounts the girls who played enjoyed themselves immensely and had lots of fun.

## NSW Netball Cup Riverina Final

On Thursday, 31 July the cars left the college at 7:25am with a team of eager netball players, travelling to Wagga to participate in the New South Wales Netball Cup, Riverina finals. The College was proudly represented by Sophie King, Bella Dicketts, Hillary O'Connor, Halle Baker, Laura Mamouney, Marilla Modra, Lily Todorovic and Phoebe Ziebarth, who came up against some of the Riverina's best.

Arriving early, having been kindly driven up by College parents, the girls hit the courts for a warm up. Their first game was against St Patrick's Primary School Griffith, which they won. Phoebe was very strong in defence, making it hard for the opposition. The second game against Gundagai Primary School was a close encounter, unfortunately losing by one goal. Marilla had a fantastic game with her great goal shooting. The final pool match was against Young Public School, winning 16 – 2. The best player of the game was Lily with her attacking skills.

With outstanding results Trinity qualified for the semi-finals against eventual Pool A Champions, St Patricks, Albury. Sophie King had saved her best for the final with her great defence in the goal circle. Unfortunately, Sophie and Hillary also suffered injuries. Although the girls lost their semi-final they named runners-up in Pool B, which was a great effort. Thank you must go to Laura Chase for umpiring all our games and Mrs O'Connor for coaching and organising the day.



## Consolation Cup

Trinity College was invited to participate in the inaugural Under 15 Consolation Cup, against local schools who hadn't made the finals in the Xavier Tanner Shield. The day was run by AFL NSW and played at Xavier High School.

The College AFL program continues to strengthen. Though the boys fought valiantly, they unfortunately found the opposition too tough in three close games. The first game was an even match against James Fallon High School. After a close first half James Fallon kicked away winning by a goal. With a good warm up against James Fallon the boys took an early lead

against St Paul's into half time. In the second half the intensity of the game caught up to the boys with St Paul's winning by marginally by 2 points. The boys went into the final match very tired, allowing Murray High School to hold their winning lead over both halves.

With a few key injuries to the Trinity squad the boys did an admirable job. Kyle Magee continued to kick straight and did a great job at full forward. Matt Mutton worked tirelessly in the midfield. Hamish Jasper's inexperience didn't slow him down, leading by example, as did Angus Maconochie, Darcy Harrington, Henry Maconochie and Sam Cavanough. Thanks must go to all the boys for representing the College proudly and to Mr Dicketts for coaching.

**Nash Clark**

Director of Sport & Co-curricular

## Year 9 Immersion Day – Bandiana War Museum & The Great Race



3, 2, 1, and we were off! Year 9 were speeding through the Bandiana Army Museum discovering many interesting facts that we did not know prior to this event. From the dripping gun to the large green spotlight, we were immersed in war facts. There were rows and rows of green camouflage trucks, war clothing exhibitions, weapons galleries, war vehicles and many more items that were to do with the wars. We were given a questionnaire sheet with over 40 questions which we had to find the answers for throughout the museum.

After people had found the answers to these questions there were opportunities to dress up and have photos in an army truck and watch a short film on war. Highlights of the Bandiana Army Museum for us were the independence of learning about war, the many different war vehicles and all the different facts that we found out. Overall we had a brilliant time at the Bandiana Army Museum.



After our time at the war museum we headed to the Albury Tiger Football Grounds to get ready for The Great Race, which involved going to five different locations around Albury (Monument Hill, Botanical Gardens, Albury Swim Centre, Oddies Creek Park and Noreuil Park).

We split into our pastoral care groups and separated into teams of 3-5. We then raced around



to the different locations to find answers to the questions we had about these locations. It took us around an hour and a half to complete the race; many of us had ten minute time penalties because for each question we answered wrong we were given these penalties. We all had a great time and Mrs Tainton's Pastoral Care team won. Although it was a cold and wet day, we all had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. We would like to thank Mr Dicketts for organising this enjoyable event.

**Amy Clark, Matt Forrest and Taylah Leathem**

## Music News

On Monday, 4 and Tuesday, 5 August Trinity's music ensembles Blow Your Own Horn, Junior Strings and Trinity Pops Orchestra performed at the 2014 Albury Wodonga Festival of Sight and Sound. On Monday Blow Your Own Horn received 1<sup>st</sup> place, with the Junior Strings taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their categories. Both these groups performed very well and all students enjoyed the performing experience. On Tuesday the Trinity Pops Orchestra received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their category. They performed very well considering they were down on members, with the Year 11 students away on camp and the Year 12 students undertaking their Trial HSC exams. All groups came away with a positive experience of performing in front of peers from other schools, as well as enjoying the music from these schools.

A big thank you to all students in these groups with the efforts they have been putting into preparations for these performances. Also, thanks to Mrs Mordecai, Mrs McMillan, Sonja Dionysius, David Thompson and Scott Mordecai for their support in these ensembles.

**Brett Spokes**

Music Teacher

## 2014 National Capital Dancesport Championships

The Australian National Dancesport Championships were held in Canberra on 28 – 29 June at the beginning of the Term 2 break. Jesse Challis in Year 9 and his dance partner, Stephanie Coghill from Rutherglen, became National Champions after placing first in the Junior C Grade New Vogue Style category. Competing against dancers from New Zealand, Iceland and China, Jesse and Stephanie also placed well in Standard/Modern Style and Latin. Congratulations, Jesse on your achievements. We are proud of your achievements to date and wish you all the best in future competitions.

**Kate Millan**



## The Thailand/Laos Trip

Thomas Edison once said, “opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work”, but when the opportunity arose to experience the side of Thailand and Laos people never see, 13 students, Ms Millan and Mrs Lefevre were quick to take up this wonderful opportunity.

Not knowing exactly what to expect, everyone took up a positive attitude and an open mind to a lifestyle so different to our own. With so many experiences and not enough time to tell them all we will just highlight a few:

- Possibly the most amazing experience we have all encountered was the relationships we formed with people who could not speak our language and vice versa. Instead, we used hand gestures, attempts of charades, and the help of our local group leaders to communicate with the village people. The whole village and particularly the families we stayed with warmly welcomed us into their home and were proud to teach us about their lives. What we all learned from these people you can never fully understand unless you become a part of it, as we did. These people led such simplistic lives and did not need the technology and equipment we use to get the job done. Everyone helped out and the sense of community that these people had was incredible to witness and be a part of.
- A frequently asked question in the last few days was, “What was the food like?” Well, we ate a very large amount of chicken and pork and rice but when it came to meal time there were few complaints as we were always looking for more. The food we ate also provided opportunities for us all bartering with the locals at the market as well as talking to our host families whom we helped cook dinner each night. Helping cook allowed us another level of communication and a better relationship with our host families as well as being able to see a feast cooked up without the use of kitchen appliances.
- In each village we took part in a service project which was helping build and add onto a community meeting hall. Students and teachers were assisted by some local

engineers and everyone gave it their all. We were taught how to construct and get the job finished without the use of technology and with the help of others.

Overall our adventure in Thailand and Laos taught us many things about other cultures but also our own lives. We took every opportunity we could and for some that included eating water buffalo or, for Mrs Lefevre and some of the boys, it was riding an ostrich. All of these memories and experiences will be forever remembered.

On behalf of all the students who attended we would like to thank Ms Millan and Mrs Lefevre for making the trip possible and allowing us such an incredible experience. We would also like to thank our main guide, Tim and our local guides Ali, Supani and Vong, who we sadly had to leave in Thailand and Laos. If you are ever presented with the opportunity to experience a new culture like we were, take it and make the most of it. The knowledge and experience we gained was far more than what we gave.

**Georgia Gogoll, Year 11**

### **Comments from other students**

“The trip was incredible; we could become friends with people and not even speak their language!” Matilda Trebilcock

"My experience in Thailand/Laos was insane; the culture is very humble and the people themselves are very kind, caring and patient. I learnt a lot through this trip, but mostly that life doesn't have to be complicated, happiness is a choice and it's not created from iPhones and computer games, but through people, new experiences and food." Ammber-Louise Hulm

“The whole trip was a once in a lifetime experience, the people were amazing.” Zac Rolfe

“10 out of 10; would do again. This experience will stay with me forever”. Max Barter

“A great way to find out more about you and your friends. Thailand was some of the best days of my life.” Max Meares

“Everyone in the villages were so close and community orientated that they relied on each other – it was a nice change.” Taylah Leathem

“Staying with a Thai family on my journey made me realise what we take for granted! It showed me we don't need the little things in life.” Bella Warner



Left to right: Luke Davis, Georgie Cavanough, Max Meares, Ammber-Louise Hulm, Georgia Gogoll, Isabella Warner, Max Barter, Zak Rolfe, Taylah Leathem, Oskar Gardner, Melissa Smith  
Not present: Matilda Trebilcock and Britney Olsson

## Tennis Championships

What better way to spend a perfect Spring morning than a spot of tennis, punctuated by a companionable morning tea? Do you want to shrug off the sluggishness of Winter? Are you keen for a get together with good company, superb morning tea and social tennis? Or, do you want to test your competitive edge on the tennis court?

The Trinity Tennis Championships are fast approaching for students in Years 7 to 12 and will take place later this term. Watch this space! Please see Miss Armstrong for notes, details, questions, recipes...

## Fathers' Day Stall – Albury Campus



The Annual Fathers' Day Stall for the Junior School will be held on Wednesday, 3 September from 9:00am to 11:00am, with gifts ranging from \$1 - \$10. Please note it down on your calendar.

We are seeking volunteers to assist with wrapping, as well as assisting on the day with the stall. If you feel you can help in any capacity, please contact Michelle Densley on 0438 214 691 or email [mldensley@hotmail.com](mailto:mldensley@hotmail.com).

To ensure there are enough gifts for all the dads or special people, we are asking for donations of gifts for the stall. If you are stumped for ideas, the following donations can be left: boxed chocolates/share packs or chocolate bars, liquorice, lollies, bathroom gift sets/deodorants, gardening tools/gloves, mugs, car air fresheners, car cleaning products, crossword puzzles/Sudoku, golf balls and tees, sporting equipment, tools, notepads and pens, gloves, socks, scarves, hats and key rings. Donations, large or small, will be greatly appreciated (no nuts or sharp objects please). Donations can be left in your child's classroom or at the Front Office before Monday, 1 September.

The majority of donated gifts we receive are fantastic and we truly do value the generosity of the school community; however, at times we do receive some items which do not meet the purpose of the stall or aren't saleable. The primary purpose is to allow children to buy an inexpensive, uniquely chosen gift that they can give to their loved one/s. If you are uncertain as to whether your donation is appropriate, please contact an organiser beforehand.

On the day of the stall please ensure you send your child to school with a carry bag and an envelope clearly indicating your child's name, the amount of money enclosed and how many gifts are to be purchased. Please note, a maximum of two gifts per child may be purchased.

**Michelle Densley**

## Canteen Roster - Albury

Thank you to volunteer Ellen Uniacke. If you are interested in volunteering in the Canteen in Term 3, please get in touch – we would love to have you!

<b>AUGUST – WEEK 4</b>	<b>HELPER</b>	<b>AUGUST – WEEK 5</b>	<b>HELPER</b>
Monday 11	<i>Volunteer required</i>	Monday 18	<i>Volunteer required</i>
Tuesday 12	<i>Volunteer required</i>	Tuesday 19	<i>Volunteer required</i>
Wednesday 13	Ellen Uniacke	Wednesday 20	Ellen Uniacke
Thursday 14	<i>Volunteer required</i>	Thursday 21	<i>Volunteer required</i>
Friday 15	<i>Volunteer required</i>	Friday 22	<i>Volunteer required</i>

**Margaret Cochrane**

Canteen Manager

## Uniform Shop Operating Hours during Term

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<b>Mondays</b>	8:30 – 10:00 am 2:30 – 4:30 pm
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<i>Closed</i>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	8:30 – 10:00 am 2:30 – 4:30 pm
<b>Thursdays</b>	8:30 – 10:00 am 2:30 – 6:00 pm
<b>Fridays</b>	<i>Closed</i>

**Cathy Katsoolis**

Uniform Shop Manager