Reflection

I Am The New Year

I am the New Year.
I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.
I am your next chance to practice what you have learned about life in the last twelve months.
All that you sought and didn’t find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it out with more determination.
All the good that you have tried for and didn’t achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.
All that you dreamed but didn’t dare to do, all you hoped, but did not will, all the belief that you claimed, but did not have – these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.
I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said: “Behold, I make all things new”

I AM THE NEW YEAR
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome Back to Trinity Catholic School and the 2016 School Year. I would like to welcome all our new families into the life of Trinity Catholic School. We hope your time at Trinity is a happy, successful and fruitful one. It was great greeting existing and new students into the life of Trinity Catholic School. The term has begun very smoothly, with all year levels and staff settling in and preparing for the challenges that the year will bring.

Once again, welcome back to what I hope is a very happy and successful 2016 school year.

PARENT / TEACHER CONVERSATIONS
Our Parent/Teacher Conversations will be held on Tuesday, 9 February. These chats are an opportunity for you, the parents, to tell the classroom teacher about your child.
Forms for these sessions were sent home on Monday, 1 February. You will be notified of your appointed time on Friday, 5 February.

EVERY DAY COUNTS
A Herald Sun front-page headline, Our Gen Wag, highlighted a concern that Catholic education has previously addressed through its support of the Every Day Counts family education campaign. The Herald Sun reported that a teacher survey found more than a third of Victorian teachers consider truancy to be a major problem in their schools. Laws introduced in 2014 mean parents can be fined for unreasonable absences.

Catholic Education Wellbeing Manager, Dennis Torpy, says that having too many days out of school is definitely associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

“Engagement is a critical precursor to providing the best possible outcome for children of all ages at any level, but particularly in formative years”.

2016 SCHOOL FEES AND TUITION LEVIES
The following are fees and levies for 2016.

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Accounts will soon be sent out. Payments can be made (cash, cheque or eftpos) as follows:
- **Lump Sum** – when fees are due
- **Instalments as agreed by parents and the school**. (weekly or fortnightly)

You may also credit directly to our Bank Account. Please contact the office for details.

Please contact us immediately if payments become a problem and we will set up an “Instalment Plan” to suit each situation. Also we ask that if you are having difficulties meeting your financial obligations to the school, you contact us immediately and not leave it until the last few weeks of the school year.

AN UNEXPECTED VISIT
On Monday this week, we not only had our newest students commence, but also a most unexpected visit from two past pupils of our school (from when it was still St James)!

Fr. Joe McMahon and his sister Mrs Pat Caddy attended the school in the 1940s. I am sure they noticed a huge change.

Past students are always welcome!
TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2016 STAFF MEMBERS:

PARISH PRIEST
FR. HUY NGUYEN VIET, SJ

PRINCIPAL
MISS LICIA MARCHESE

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL / STUDENT WELLBEING
MR PETER BARTLEY

EDUCATION IN FAITH LEADER
MRS MARIA NEILL

LITERACY LEADER
MRS JOAN KRAUT

MATHS LEADER
MRS ANNABELLE O’CONNELL

STUDENT SERVICES LEADER
MR PETER BARTLEY & MRS LINDY SMITH

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
MR PETER BARTLEY & MRS LINDY SMITH

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT LEADER
MRS GABRIELLE RICHARDSON

YEAR 5/6FA
MR FRANK ANANIA

YEAR 5/6MG
MS MARYANNE GORMAN

YEAR 4/5TR
MRS TERESA RECCE

YEAR 3/4AT
MRS ANTONELLA TSAKMAKIS / MS OLIVIA SMITH

YEAR 3/4MN
MRS MARIA NEILL / MS ANNABELLE O’CONNELL

YEAR 1/2MG
MRS MARY GREENE / MRS JOAN KRAUT

YEAR 1/2RM
MRS RACHAEL MANDARANO

YEAR PREP/1JB
MISS JEMIMA BURKINSHAW

YEAR PREP/1ST
MISS SARAH TRAPANI

DRAMA
MR DAMIAN O’BREE

MUSIC
MR DAMIAN O’BREE

MANDARIN
MR YANLONG TAI

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER
MRS EWA BUKIN

LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR
MRS BARBARA SHAW

READING RECOVERY TEACHER
MS PATRICE EVANS

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR
MS ALEX FELIX-FAURE

VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER
MRS THUY NGUYEN

INTEGRATION AIDE
MRS MARY RICIUTTI

ADMINISTRATION
MRS JULIE BOFFA / MRS LORRAINE CAPPOZZO

Over the next few weeks we will be practising our Emergency Evacuation procedures. If your child mentions we have had to evacuate, these are just drills. In the event of an actual evacuation or lock-down we will always notify you immediately.

The new lunch order menu is attached.

Have a great week and term.
Yours sincerely

Licia Marchese
Principal

Dear Parents,
A very warm welcome back to the 2016 school year!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS
You are invited to join us on Wednesday, 10 February 2016 at 9.00am to mark the beginning of Lent.

SACRAMENTAL DATES 2016
First Reconciliation: Tuesday, 22 March 2016 at 7.00 pm in St James Church. First Reconciliation is for those students in Year 3 who have been baptised Catholic.

Confirmation: Please note that as from 2016 Confirmation will be celebrated each year for the Year 5 students who have been baptised Catholic. This year the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Friday, 15 April 2016 at 7.00pm Mass in St Ignatius Church. The parents of our Year 5 Confirmation Candidates will receive more information in the coming weeks.

First Holy Communion: Sunday, 23 October 2016 at 10:30 am Mass in St James Church. More information will be sent closer to the date.

The students in Year 3 and Year 5 who will be preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Confirmation will receive an information pack about the Sacrament.

HELEN CARBOON FAMILY EVENINGS
• Reconciliation Family Night - Wednesday, 9 March, 2016
• Confirmation Family Night - Wednesday, 13 April, 2016
• First Holy Communion Family Night - Wednesday, 12 October, 2016

WEBSITE OF INTEREST

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

Have a great week!
Maria Neill
Education in Faith Leader
LEARNING & TEACHING

PHYSICAL EDUCATION TIMETABLE

Make sure your children are in sport uniform on these days:

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY

LOOKING FOR MR VO?
WHERE’S MR VO?
Have you been wondering why Mr Vo hasn’t been at our Crossing?
He has gone to Viet Nam and all is well.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Welcome back to all our parents and a special welcome to our new parents. We’re looking forward to a fantastic year at Trinity and to meeting you all.

Our biggest fund raising event is coming up at the end of this month and we just wanted to let you know so you can pop this date in your diaries.

We’ll be holing a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Sunday, 28 February and will be looking for volunteers to help on the day.
A roster will be going home with your child in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye out for it and let us know if you can help for a shift or two.
Thank you
Trinity Parents and Friends Committee

DE LA SALLE COLLEGE

Applications for Year 7, 2017 are soon coming to a close.
All application due back to the College by Friday, 26 February, 2016.

College Registrar: Rachel Cicala
Contact: (03) 9508 2186

EXTEND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

All families are asked to return their enrolment form for Extend After School Care whether or not you hope to use it. There are always those circumstances when you may need it in an emergency and without the necessary enrolment, your child will not be able to participate. NO FEE UNLESS YOU USE IT. Enrol by visiting extend.com.au
Contact 1300 366 437

CHECK OUT THESE DATES ...

FEBRUARY

Mon 8 .................. Chinese New Year of the Monkey
Tues 9 .................. Parent/Teacher Chats
Weds 10 9.00am ..... Ash Wednesday Mass
Fri 12 10.00am .... School Leaders to “Build a Bear”
Sun 28 .................. P&F BBQ at Bunnings

MARCH

Wed 2 .................. SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY –
Thurs 3 .................. Preparation for 2016 Review
Wed 9 7.00pm ...... Parent Workshop (Reconciliation)
Mon 14 .................. LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
                        Catholic Education Week commences
Tues 22 7.00pm ...... Celebration of First Reconciliation
Mar 21 .................. Harmony Week commences
Thurs 24 1.00pm ...... Holy Thursday
                        TERM 1 ENDS

APRIL

Mon 11 ............... TERM 2 COMMENCES
Weds 13 ............... School Photos
                        Parent Workshop (Confirmation)
Fri 15 7.00pm ...... Celebration of Confirmation at
                        St Ignatius with Archbishop Denis Hart
# LUNCH ORDER MENU – 2016

 ORDERS MUST BE IN AT 8:55AM SHARP  
 CORRECT MONEY ONLY ---- NO CHANGE CAN BE GIVEN

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<td>Yoghurt Pot (Gluten Free and Fat Free)</td>
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Four things you need to write on your lunch order bag are:

1. Your name
2. Your grade
3. Your order
4. Amount enclosed
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 - Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one or;
- on the first day of Term two;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder; or
  b) Be a temporary foster parent; and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27 January 2016) or term two (11 April 2016).

Closing Date

Parents are encouraged to lodge the application form by 29 February 2016, so that payments can be made from March 2016. However schools can accept parent applications up until 03 June 2016.

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veterans Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold Card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name: ___________________________  School REF ID: ___________________________

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname: ___________________________

First name: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________

Town/suburb: ___________________________  State: __________  Postcode: __________

Contact number: ___________________________

Centrelink pensioner concession OR  Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant: ___________________________  Date: __________ / __________ / __________