Reflection

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Ashes are what remain after a fire has gone out. They are symbols for us – of death and grief. Many Christians will, on Wednesday, receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads. This cross of ashes signifies that we are not perfect and that we are ready to change and to make efforts to set out lives firmly on the way of Christ.

Let us Pray:
Merciful Lord,
You called us from the dust of earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism. Look upon us as we enter these forty days bearing the mark of ashes. Bless us as we journey through the season of Lent.

All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus, for in His cross you proclaim your love now and forever.

Amen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED HOUSE CAPTAINS

LOYOLA HOUSE: Jordan and Diana
MANRESA HOUSE: Hemal and Caitlin
MONTserrat HOUSE: Makuc and Giulia
IGNATIUS HOUSE: Kan and Hakelo

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY THIS TERM:

In preparation for our external review in June, we as a staff will be working with Catholic Education Melbourne consultants to prepare for the review.

To this end, we will have a pupil free day on WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH.

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are eligible for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) (see last week’s newsletter), please remember to sign the form and attach a copy of your Health Care card.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

This week we enter the Church’s Season of Lent. This week’s Gospel tells us how Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. (Luke 4:1-13)

Jesus trusted in the power of God’s Spirit when He was alone and afraid in the desert. Just as the Spirit led Jesus, so will the Spirit lead us.

Sometimes we need to stop and reflect on our lives. Reflecting is like looking in the mirror. During Lent we can ask ourselves:

- What needs changing in me?
- What can I do to better the way I speak to others, the way I act and treat others?
- When I am frightened or worried or anxious do I invite the Spirit of God to help me as Jesus did?

The Spirit is always there to help us. We can talk to God in prayer at any time and in any place, just as Jesus talked to God in the desert.

PARENT / TEACHER CONVERSATIONS:
Thank you to everyone who attended our Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday. It was great to see so many families around the school. If you did not attend these conferences, we ask that you contact your child’s teacher to make an alternative time.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PRACTISE
This Monday we held our first practise evacuation for this year. I am pleased to report that it went very well, with all children following instructions in a quick and orderly manner. Well done to all the children and staff.

Have a great week and term.
Yours sincerely

Licia Marchese
Principal

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Dear Parents,

YEAR 3 FIRST RECONCILIATION
Year 3 and Year 5 students preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Confirmation will be receiving an information pack about the Sacrament. Please ensure they are returned by the due date with all the necessary documentation.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AT TRINITY
St Vincent De Paul Society Mini Vinnies
This term the Mini Vinnies Core team will be focusing on a plan of different ways to encourage the school community to support our local St Vincent de Paul Conference. As this term is a short term our fundraising focus is to support Project Compassion. We encourage the Trinity Catholic school community to donate to the annual Project Compassion.

“Please put your compassion into action this Lent by supporting Project Compassion 2016.”

PROJECT COMPASSION 2016
“Learning more, creating change.”
Yesterday the season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, which also marked the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion appeal.
Caritas Australia is celebrating 50 years of Project Compassion with the theme “Learning more, creating change”, by demonstrating how education, training and sharing knowledge is empowering individuals and communities in six countries around the world to transform their futures and create lasting change.

WEBSITE OF INTEREST
http://www.caritas.org.au/ Follow the 2016 Caritas Australia stories from Malawi, Laos, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Cambodia and India which demonstrate how education, training and sharing knowledge empowers individuals and communities to transform their futures and create lasting change.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...
“Education is an act of hope” Pope Francis

Have a great week!
Maria Neill
Education in Faith Leader

FOR TERM 1 OUR IGNATIAN VALUE IS COMMUNITY
OUR IGNATIAN AWARD FOR LAST WEEK WAS PRESENTED TO AVA (YR 1/2MG)
A warm welcome to the new Parents of our Prep children as well as to all other families at Trinity Catholic School. My name is Gabrielle Richardson and I am our school's Family Engagement Leader.

In the next few days your teachers will be asking you for email addresses as well as whether you could help in the classroom. Please consider this as it is an amazing way to be part of your child's educational journey at school. A Parent Class Representative is also needed to help organise activities and meet occasionally. Do you have a working with Children’s Check? This is needed by all Parents that would like to help in or out of the classroom. Please see Julie Boffa (Administration) if you seek further assistance in this area.

We thank all the wonderful Parents that have already contributed to the school. I look forward to your continued support as well as welcoming all families at our school events throughout the year.

May 2016 be a wonderful year for all our families at Trinity Catholic School.

Gabrielle Richardson
Family Engagement Leader

NEXT WEEK .... Mr Tai Yanlong – Teacher of Chinese

BUILD A BEAR
Student Leaders and Classroom Student Representatives will attend Build a Bear in Doncaster tomorrow, Friday, 12 February, to create their classroom mascot.

SEL (Social Emotional Learning) AWARDS
PRESENTED TO OUR “STUDENTS OF THE WEEK”

Congratulations to our SEL Award recipients:
P/1 JB  Helena for being a happy and friendly member of Prep.
P/1 ST  Oscar for being a wonderful friend and being very brave.
1/2GK  Jasmine for being organised.
1/2RM  Jayvie for being a helpful class member.
3/4AT  Diesel and Ryan for a great start to their learning at Trinity.
3/4NK  Luca for showing good leadership skills and responsibility.
4/5TR  Emma for being a caring and responsible class member.
5/6FA  Hakelo for making a great start to the school year.
5/6MG  Jimmy and Christina for fantastic co-operation and leadership.
Music/Drama  Amelia (P/1ST) and Maks (P/1JB) for being enthusiastic and happy in music class.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Please return all orders for Issue 1 by Monday, 15 February.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Please note, a change has been made to the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. It will now be held on Sunday, 21 February.
2016 SCHOOL FEES AND TUITION LEVIES

The following are fees and levies for 2016.

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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.

EXTEND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Existing Families
Last year’s bookings do not roll over so log on to the parent portal NOW to secure your bookings for 2016. You can book for the entire term or year or even book specific dates.

New Families
Enrol online – allow 24 hours
Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website.

Enrol now, pay later
The annual enrolment fee per family of $20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn’t matter if you don’t end up using the service, because you won’t be charged.

Please Remember to Slip Slop Slap in Term 1 and Term 4: No Hat, No Play.

Hi everyone,
This week we have enjoyed playing a few new hilarious games, decorating old T-Shirts to be used as smocks, cooking yummy pancake pops (an old favourite) and making beautiful bubble art.

Best wishes,
Caitlin ☺

WHAT’S ON NEXT WEEK AT EXTEND:

| Monday 15 Feb | Monday 15 Feb      | Making Bird Baths/Feeders |
| Tuesday 16 Feb | Tuesday 16 Feb     | Soccer |
| Wednesday 17 Feb | Wednesday 17 Feb  | Cooking Healthy Apricot Muesli Balls |
| Thursday 18 Feb | Thursday 18 Feb    | Tiddalick the Frog Picture Book |
| Friday 19 Feb | Friday 19 Feb      | Making Super Strong Bubble Mixture! |

CHECK OUT THESE DATES ...
AMENDED OR NEW DATES APPEAR WITH **

FEBRUARY
Fri 12 10.00am .... School Leaders to “Build a Bear”
Sun 21 .................. **P&F BBQ at Bunnings
Fri 26 .................. **School Leaders Day

MARCH
Wed 2 .................. SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - Preparation for 2016 Review
Thurs 3 6.30pm ...... Parent Info Night on Info Tech in the School
Wed 9 7.00pm ...... Parent Workshop (Reconciliation)
Mon 14 .................. LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

APRIL
Mon 11 .................. **PUPIL FREE DAY – Staff training for First Aid, CPR and Anaphylaxis
Tues 12 .................. **First Day of Term 2 for children
Wed 13 .................. School Photos

FRI 15 10.30am .... **Archbishop Hart to visit Confirmation Candidates

DON’T FORGET THAT IF YOU HAVE ANY UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD FOR THE SCHOOL REGARDING ALLERGIES, ASTHMA OR ANAPHYLAXIS (including updated plans) PLEASE GET THEM TO THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Do you enjoy meeting people and helping your community?
Can you work locally for a few hours a week?

BE A SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR!

Make sure our children get to school safely each day!

Call Jess at 9325 3200
Uniform and training provided