

TRINITY GARDENS SCHOOL



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

Our school values:

Respect
Responsibility
Learning



Principal: Marg Erwin
160 Portrush Road Trinity Gardens SA 5068
Phone 8431 4170 **Fax** 8332 3041 **SMS 0476 857 210**
www.trinitygps.sa.edu.au
E: dl.0474.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School,

SHOWCASE MORNING MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 8.15 - 9.15AM

The staff and students are looking forward to seeing you all bright and early next Monday morning from 8.15-9.15am for our Show Case Morning. Your child will have a passport they can use as a checklist to show you around the school. Children enjoy having their families see what they do at school.

Festival of Music

Congratulations to our choir who performed at the Festival of Music on Wednesday night last week. Thank you to Blair Price for his work preparing the choir for this special event.



Vandalism

Our school had some damage from vandals over the last few weekends. Some gates around the school will be locked to counteract this however, families are still welcome to use the track and Portrush Forest on the weekends. If you do see any suspicious behaviour or groups who you feel shouldn't be at our school please contact the police immediately on P: 131 444.

Strategies for screen time

With the school holidays fast approaching it is timely to remind parents about the need to check on children's safety in using various technological devices. In many households the internet has become an integral part of life for people of all ages. It provides access to a myriad of information and enables people to research, create and communicate in new and exciting ways. The following is an excerpt from the Kids Matter website. Children take their behavioural cues from the world around them. Screen time - the time spent watching television, playing computer games and being on the internet - is a big influence on children's understanding of right and wrong and the way they develop socially. Think of all the TV shows and theme songs lodged in your subconscious from childhood!

For families, it can sometimes feel like a massive task to ensure children aren't coming into contact with bad language, overly-mature content, or inappropriate role models through the media. Studies linking excess screen time to childhood obesity and impaired brain development in babies and toddlers is also concerning.

The upside is that with effective limits and adult guidance, school-aged children can generally learn to take an element of responsibility for their TV, internet and gaming habits. Here are some ideas you might like to try at home. Talking through why some content is acceptable and why some isn't involves kids in the decision-making process. Choose a list of acceptable programs, games and websites together and show them that you trust them to stick to it.

Term 3 Week 9 21 September 2017

Diary Dates

21 September Thursday
Steiner Spring Festival
Rm 21A Woodhouse Camp

22 September Friday
NetSetGo, 2.30-4.15pm

24 September Sunday
Working Bee, see flyer info

25 September Monday
Showcase Morning, 8.15-9.15am, see flyer

29 September Friday
End of term 3
Early Dismissal
2.05pm

16 October Monday
Start Term 4, 8.45am

17 October Tuesday
Rm 27A & 28A STEM @ NMHS
Education Committee Mtg @ 6pm

18 October Wednesday
Rm 15J Little Sprouts Exc

19 October Thursday
School Blue Light Disco
5.15-6.15pm Yr R-2; 6.30-7.30pm Yr 3-5;
7.45-9pm Yr 6-7

24 October Tuesday
Fundraising Mtg
Community Connections Mtg
OSHC Mtg

30 October Monday
Governing Council Meeting, 6.30pm

Diary Notes cont'd page....

End of Term 3

Reminder

Early Dismissal, 2.05pm
Friday 29 September

Hats! Hats! Hats!

Reminder

Hats must be worn
No hat no play policy takes effect from 1
Sept.

This way there are no surprises for them if they deviate from what has been agreed on.

Set a time limit on their daily or weekly screen time habits. For example, you could introduce an 'hour of power' once a day or several times a week during which they are free to choose from your preapproved games, programs and websites. Being up-front about the time frame means fewer arguments when it's time to switch off and go outside.

Treat screen time as a privilege, not a right. You wouldn't feed children chocolate and sweets for every meal as they're not the healthiest foods around. Yet you may not exclude them entirely from the pantry either. You could treat screen time in the same way with children - as a privilege, not as a given and one that is linked to their behaviour.

Teach good online behaviours. It's really important to talk about what is and isn't acceptable online conduct with your child and show them that they can come to you with any questions or problems. If you feel like cyberspace isn't your strong suit, fear not. Parents and carers can get up to speed with a host of free cybersafety resources for families from the Government's Cybersmart website.

Avoid advertising where possible. As you know, 'pester power' works. Children are very literal beings and ads can impact on their values, sense of the world, and even self-confidence. Look into content without ads or that is pre-recorded so you can fast-forward through the commercials. You could even talk to your children about the realities of advertising.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a well-earned rest over the holidays and I look forward to Term 4.

Kind regards
Marg Erwin
Principal



CASUAL DAY

Friday 29 September

Gold Coin Donation

Money raised for Childhood Cancer

NEWS FROM THE FOREST

The plant nursery is edging towards completion, with the shelving constructed over the last 2 weekends (thanks to Craig, Adrian, Luci and Paul).

We now have the fun job of spreading gravel around the edges of the paving and then setting up the work benches, just in time for spring planting!



So if you have a bit of time this Sunday morning, please join us for a bit of gardening fun. We'll be constructing compost bays for green waste, spreading mulch on the forest floor and gravel in the nursery. Oh and maybe pull a weed or two!

Happy spring!

Jacqui Hunter
(Friends of Portrush Forest)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Peter C-S, Rm 19A for winning the 11yr old boys 12km City to Bay Race last weekend. Well done Peter.

Diary Dates cont'd

Advance notice - Term 4

Aquatics & Swimming Skills Lessons
Week 3 & Week 4

8 November Wednesday

Steiner Seminar, 7pm in the Res Ctre
See flyer on skoolbag/website

14 November Tuesday

RM 14J Little sprouts Exc
RAN Volunteer Training @ 1pm

15 November Wednesday

Education Meeting 6.30pm

Week 6

SAPSASA State Cricket Carnival

21 November Tuesday

Fundraising Mtg
Community Connections Mtg
OSHC Mtg

22 November Wednesday

After School Market

27 November Monday

Governing Council Mtg, 6.30pm

Week 7

Aquatics & Swimming Skills Lessons, AM only

6 December Wednesday

End of Year Celebration

11 December Monday

Year 7 Graduation

13 December Wednesday

St Morris Unit Year 7 Graduation

15 December Friday

Steiner Rose Ceremony
End of Term
Early dismissal, 2.05pm

HEALTH ALERT

As you would be aware from the Skoolbag alerts sent out recently there have been a high number of colds and influenza illnesses across the school community. This has also meant a high number of staff absences. Where possible we try for continuity of relief teachers but this is not always possible. Please remember to alert the school if Influenza has been confirmed by your medical practitioner. A reminder too, of the importance of good hand hygiene washing practices.



School Blue Light Disco

Thursday 19 October 2017

5.15pm-6.15pm Yr R-2

6.30-7.30pm Yr 3-5

7.45-9pm Yr 6-7

Tickets - \$5 -on sale via class teacher in week 10 (not the School Office)

Get your dancing shoes on!

GLYNDE MINI MART

PLEASE NOTE AS OF

TERM 4

SUSHI DAY

WILL BE

MONDAYS

(not Fridays)



SHOWCASE MORNING

MONDAY

25 SEPTEMBER

8.15 - 9.15AM

Please join us for our Showcase Morning.

All classrooms will be open, as well as Italian, Science, Craft, Stokes Centre, Gym, Portrush Forest.

SCIENCE NEWS

Working bee

An occasion when volunteers come together to carry out communal work.

When?

24 September - this Sunday morning - and yes it may rain!

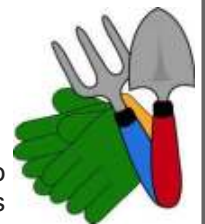
Working bees happen when parents, grandparents and carers in our school community are prepared to give up one Sunday morning, once or twice a year, volunteering to come to school (bring your kids along - they could even help!) and work as a community in the school grounds. It actually feels good to be a part of likeminded group.

This has happened for decades in South Australian schools and it is a way of keeping the grounds in good order.

There is weeding, mulch spreading and stake removal or replacement. The plant nursery area is so close to being finished - many hands make it happen quick.

So bring along some garden tools, wheelbarrow or even just a bucket and garden gloves.

And hopefully someone can sort the weather for us as well - just for the morning!



Accessing the School

To access the school online and keep up to date with all school info.

Skoolbag app—Skoolbag.com.au for parent community school information, including downloading forms etc.

Nominating for After School Sports is available online via the skoolbag app.

School Website www.trinitygps.sa.edu.au

Absences

SMS 0476 857 210 or telephone the School Office 8431 4170, press 1 and leave an absentee message

Leave name, room number and reason for absence

COMMUNITY NEWS

KENSINGTON GARDENS

TENNIS LESSONS

James Partington Tennis Clinics are conducting Hot Shots lessons for children 4 - 12 years old in term 4.

Clinics are held on the corner The Parade and West Tce Kensington Gardens. For more info please phone James on M: 0414 186 033, E: james@tennisclinics.com.au or check out www.tennisclinics.com.au

Mt Barker Waldorf School

Spring Fair

28 October

10am-4pm

All welcome, live music, many food stalls

Children's games and delights

27 Sims Rd

Mt Barker

Taught and Bowled

Taught and Bowled is offering aspiring netballers the chance to be involved in a Netball Academy Program. The program will be held from October-February.

Ages 9-15

For more details contact:

Alice Johnswood at

alice@taughtandbowled.com.au



Trinity Gardens School

SHOWCASE MORNING

Monday 25 September 2017



Please join us for our Showcase Morning

- All classrooms will be open from **8.15-9.15 am**
- This is an opportunity for your child/ren to share with you their learning.
- Your child may show you other areas of our school
Italian, Science, Craft, Music, PE, Portrush Forest
 - We look forward to seeing you there.





Languages Alive!

October School Holiday Program

3rd & 4th October

Discover a new culture and language with the School of Languages!

Children will choose from 8 different workshops where they can make a Carnevale mask, create a Chinese watercolour, learn to dance Bollywood style, play a traditional Korean drum, take a virtual tour around China and more.

In addition, they will come away with the basics of up to four different languages including Korean, Italian, Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, and Japanese.

9.30am-3.30pm. \$30 per child per day.

3rd and 4th October 255 Torrens Rd, West Croydon

For further information and to book tickets visit

www.ticketebo.com.au/languagesalive

Or contact Shontelle Stanyer

8301 4709

shontelle.stanyer341@schools.sa.edu.au



Government of South Australia

Department for Education and
Child Development

Find us on 



GET in2 FUN GET in2 CRICKET

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys, aged 5 - 8, to Australia's favourite sport. It's great fun, kids learn the basic cricket skills and is available for kids of all abilities.



All kids receive a **BONUS PLAYER PACK** when they register!



TRINITY GARDENS SCHOOL

Saturday mornings 8:30-9:30am

Term 4 & Term 1 (or just Term 4 available)

\$125 for Term4&1 (\$100 for Term 4)

Go to the Club Finder on the PlayCricket website to select TGS

Visit PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU to find out more

