

TRINITY GARDENS SCHOOL



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Our school values:

Respect
Responsibility
Learning



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Dear Parents / Caregivers,
WORLD KINDNESS DAY



A huge thank you to the SRC (Student Representative Council), the School Ambassadors and Senior Leader, Natalie Carling for their initiation and organisation of World Kindness Day on Monday this week.



Kindness is an important virtue for our children to learn and practise.

Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is being thoughtful about people's needs. Kindness is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. Kindness is treating yourself and others gently. It is caring about the earth and all living things. There were many acts of kindness around our school and it was wonderful see children in their



cultural dress or colour agreed upon by the class. There was lots of food shared from around the globe - all this contributes to better understandings about who we are and where we come from.



Parents have an important role to play in influencing their children's attitudes to other cultures. The Kids Matter website has a few ideas to help talk to children this which are attached to this newsletter (Check out the full article at www.kidsmatter.edu.au).

EXCITING NEWS - BUILDING BETTER SCHOOLS

As part of the State Government investment in school infrastructure, Trinity Gardens School has become one of the more than 90 public schools to be upgraded as part of the Building Better Schools program.

More than \$690 million will be invested improving, refurbishing and expanding capacity. We're receiving \$6M to revamp our school facilities through the State Government's Building Better Schools program. More information to come soon! #OurPublicEdPlan.

Kind regards
Marg Erwin
Principal



Term 4 Week 5
16 November 2017

Diary Dates

Week 5

Rm 11D Mylor Camp

17 November Friday

Rm 25A Monarto Zoo

Week 6

SAPSASA State Cricket Carnival

21 November Tuesday

Fundraising Mtg
Community Connections Mtg
OSHC Mtg

22 November Wednesday

After School Market

Week 7

Aquatics & Swimming Skills Lessons
Please check - have you returned your forms and made payment? Forms were sent home via classroom, email and available on skoolbag.

27 November Monday

Governing Council Mtg,
6.30pm

29 November Wednesday

Rm 22A Piccadilly Cinema Exc

6 December Wednesday

End of Year Celebration

8 December Friday

Volunteer's Morning Tea

11 December Monday

Year 7 Graduation

AFTER SCHOOL MARKET Last market for the year! Don't miss out, Wed 22 November

Please come to the School Office if you wish to hold a stall.



Diary dates
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Diary dates cont'd

13 December Wednesday
St Morris Unit Year 7 Graduation

15 December Friday
Steiner Rose Ceremony
End of Term
Early dismissal, 2.05pm

18 Dec 2017 - 26 Jan 2018
School Holidays

29 January Monday
School Term starts, 8.45am

Term 1 2018
Events to look out for and mark your diary.....

Reception students finish at 12.30pm during week One only;

Acquaintance Night/s

3 Way Interviews

NEWS FROM THE FOREST

1. Thanks for the plant donations
2. Spread the message: care for our plants!
3. Caper White Butterflies have arrived
4. Evette Sunset's Open Garden this weekend

1. Our nursery shelves are starting to fill as donations of plants have arrived and some willing workers pot them up. Thank you for the plants!

We will be focussing on propagating native seedlings in the coming months, so if you know anyone with expertise in this area, please get in touch.

2. Caring for our plants is in everyone's interest. Please gently remind students to care for plants and remind them that if the fruit stays on the trees they may even get to eat some when they are ripe!

3. Class 7W (Rec /1) had a treat on Tuesday morning during their 'Forest Explorers' session when they discovered some lovely butterflies fluttering around the caper bush. The *Caper White Butterfly* LOVES capers and travel. The total migration of these butterflies can be up to several thousand kilometres as they often migrate down from Qld or NSW! You may notice groupings of eggs on the underside of the leaves - they start out white and later turn yellow. According to our research, the caterpillars shouldn't do too much damage to our caper bush, as they munch on the leaves and get ready to pupate!

4. If you feel like a trip down south this weekend, I recommend a visit to Evette Sunset's final Open Garden for this year. (Evette designed and managed the establishment of Portrush Forest.)

Open Garden at Etre

Saturday 18 November and Sunday 19 November

10 Delany Ave, Willunga

<http://saweekender.com.au/places/etre-garden>

<http://www.evettesunsetsculptor.com/>

Part proceeds from the gate will go towards landscaping a kindergarten in Myanmar.

It is such a pleasure to wander along the Forest paths and see beautiful arrangements of stones and fallen flowers!

Yours in spring flowers and quenching rain!

Jacqui Hunter

(Friends of Portrush Forest)



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PLEASE NOTE AS OF

TERM 4

SUSHI DAY

WILL BE

MONDAYS

(not Fridays)



For complete menu go to Parent School Office information on skoolbag app or, click "For all the latest in our school news please click here..." on the home page of the school website

UNIFORM SHOP

School Uniform items are available from Uniform Management Services

6 Montrose Ave, Norwood

P: 8363 5255

ANNUAL PARENT SURVY - Closing soon

Thank you to the families who have already completed the Parent Survey.

You still have time to complete, survey closes Wed 22 Nov.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZNVKZ8>

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Parents/caregivers of students in Year 5, 6 and 7
Please join us for a session on:

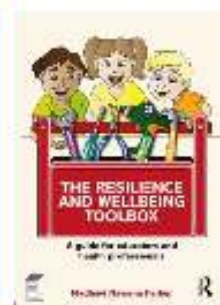
'Transition to high school: Supporting your child with resilience tips from Madhavi Nawana Parker'

Thursday 23 November 2017
6.00 – 7.30pm

Trinity Gardens School Resource Centre

'Madhavi will offer practical ways to build overall emotional resilience and wellbeing in young people with a particular focus on preparing your child for High school.'

Madhavi Nawana Parker Behaviour Consultant and author of What's the Buzz? series and The Resilience and Wellbeing Toolbox.





Five ways to address racism

<https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/families/enewsletter/five-ways-address-racism>

Unfortunately, there is still racism that seems to be socially acceptable or that goes unchallenged in our country. And one study showed that 70 per cent of young people in our culturally diverse community experienced outright [racism on the playground](#). As children are not born racist, parents have the privilege of influencing their children's attitudes to racial discrimination. Here are five ways families can address racism:

1. Expand your understanding of racism

Information is power, and making an effort to [understand racism](#) means you can better recognise it in all its forms and help your kids to do the same. Racism isn't just a direct act, like the unfair treatment, harassment, or abuse of someone from another culture. It can also be subtle and often unintentional, for example, jokes and insensitive remarks. Racism can even occur in governments and organisations, when a seemingly neutral policy or practice has a negative impact on a minority group, for instance, banning headwear. [Cyber-racism](#) has also emerged as a pervasive way for people (and children) to spread messages of intolerance.

2. Teach kids about positive cultural difference early

Children are born free of discrimination and grow to develop a strong sense of justice, if guided. Help kids to value diversity early in life, and look for opportunities to teach them to value cultural difference. Even very small children notice physical differences, like clothing or skin colour. Show them how to appreciate such differences, perhaps saying, "Isn't the lady's colourful scarf beautiful?" Draw non-cultural analogies to help them understand, like how strange it would be to treat someone differently because they are left-handed, or have curly hair. Read stories like "Black like Kyra, white like me", by Judith Vigna, which explores prejudice and racism.

3. Have a zero tolerance of racism in your household

As they grow, children will almost certainly make an uncomfortable remark (or three) about cultural differences, like the way someone speaks or looks, but it doesn't mean they are racist. Kids are wildly curious and are in the process of developing their own value judgments. You can, however, correct these comments in a useful way and set the tone at your place. For instance, if your child tells you a racist joke they heard on the playground, you could respond accordingly: "Well, I know you like jokes, but that one makes fun of people [from/with xyz] which we don't do. Do you understand?" Limiting their exposure to racism through the media is another good idea so that subtle forms of discrimination (eg through movies and video games) are not normalised.

4. Talk about racism

No one has all the answers all of the time, but being open about these issues is really important. Don't be afraid to talk frankly about racism, even before kids bring it up, and try to field their curly questions with (age-appropriate) honesty. Even if you are trying to teach your child to be 'colour blind' by avoiding any mention of race, chances are they will notice differences anyway. It is much better that they voice their thoughts to you rather than cement any misguided