Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School

It is with pleasure that we welcome new and returning families to the 2013 school year. This is always a special time of the year and one where students and teachers alike wonder about each other and work hard to get to know one another and build positive relationships. For the first two weeks of school each class runs the Successful Start program which has a focus on developing a positive class culture and supporting each child to recognise what is unique about themself while at the same time learning to get along with classmates. Each class develops their own purpose statement and code of conduct. In a few weeks time these will be displayed in the office so don’t forget to come in and have a look.

At this time of the year there always seems to be a multitude of media articles about children and schooling and most of them offer some good advice. There is a focus on the child’s emotional needs, cost of uniforms, what to pack for healthy lunches and how much it costs to educate a child. Although it is fun, sometimes it is both. Children come to school to learn and school to have fun and make lots of comments about being glad the and the expectations you/we hold. The value you/we place on schooling especially of young children, in wonder if more could be made about how much it costs to educate a child. I what to pack for healthy lunches and and most of them offer some good articles about children and schooling purpose statement and code of Each class develops their own themself while at the same time focus on developing a positive class environment that is organised and tidy and where children will quickly feel valued and where they can belong. Your child’s teacher/s will soon send home a class letter outlining some class news. It is important that you get to know your child’s teacher/s but this cannot be done all at once. While you are encouraged to introduce yourself to the class teacher/s please allow the before school time to be kept for the teacher and children. After school is a more appropriate time to chat with the teacher. If you are a first time parent and it is a long time since you were at primary school you may notice things are different from what you previously knew. Please do not hesitate to ask staff, perhaps the class teacher, school office staff or a school leader for clarification of anything of which you are unsure. Most classes have a communication book or diary and you can email the teacher if there are messages you need to share. Our annual Acquaintance Night is on Tuesday 12 February so please mark this date in your personal diary. On this night the teacher will speak about class matters and you will have a chance to ask questions. Your

Term 1 Week 1
31 January 2013

Diary Dates
12 February Tuesday
Pancake Tuesday
Acquaintance Night
Governing Council AGM
See inside for details

20 February Wednesday
Governing Council Meeting 6.30pm

22 February Friday
School Assembly

26 February Tuesday
Yr 6/7 & Parent Bike Maintenance

1 March Friday
Student Leaders Assembly

8 March Friday
Possible Pupil Free Day, TBC

11 February Monday
Adelaide Cup Day Public Holiday

Virtues for Week 1 & 2 — Respect
Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves, others, and the world around us. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful we treat others as we want to be treated. Respect includes honouring the rules of our family or school, which make life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.

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As you walk around the school you will note some action with facilities. Our Governing Council takes the lead in this and we eagerly await its completion as we need the space. The Devitt Oval fitness track has been prepared and its completion is being held up by the new classrooms. The two new classrooms designated for our most senior students are not yet ready for occupancy. They will be at least another two weeks yet. This means that we have had to locate two classes in other parts of the school. The short period of inconvenience will be worth the wait.

During the summer break a large limb fell from the old River gums on the bottom of the Devitt Oval, near OSHC. The trees have been checked and trimmed and we are waiting for a detailed arborist report before deciding if the trees present a risk to safety. While this is happening there is an exclusion zone marked off with bunting. Please do not go into this area. An audit of all of trees will be undertaken as safety to students and their families is paramount.

Each school year brings new opportunities and this year a parent initiative is exploring the possibility of establishing a ‘Walking School Bus’. It may seem a strange name but describes so well this initiative. The success though does require parent volunteers. The positives are many. Please look out for further information in later newsletters.

Two more quick requests... please note that our Governing Council has clear expectations for our school uniform. Pride in our school is expressed through adherence to the uniform and behaviour codes. Your support to ensure your child is safe at school and free from competitive influences is appreciated. Please read about the uniform code in this newsletter.

Secondly, we are investigating new ways of communicating and request an email address and up to date mobile phone numbers for parents of each child. You can email these to the school office:

Again, thank you for your co-operation.

The staff at TGS very much look forward to a wonderful year. A school year goes so quickly we aim to make the most of it and we invite you on this journey too.

Kind regards
Vicki Stokes

SCHOOL UNIFORM CODE

Governing Council believes the correct wearing of school uniform shows pride in our school. Please support this by:

- Ensuring hair longer than shoulder length is tied back and that your child’s face is clearly visible.
- Keeping school day wear free of jewellery of all kinds. Gold or silver studs are the only earrings to be worn.
- Nail polish, fancy head bands and tattoos are not be worn and are only for home or holiday wear.

2013 Materials & Services Charge invoices are due for payment by Friday 15 February 2013.

A $10 Uniform Voucher is available when fees are paid in full by the due date.

School Card assistance must be applied for each year.

Please complete & return a 2013 form to the School Office as soon as possible if you feel you may be eligible - see School Card Income Limits below.

Thank you, Karen.

2013 SCHOOL CARD INCOME LIMITS

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FINANCE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

AMEB Theory of Music
Elicia B  Grade 2 High Dist 97%

AMEB Piano Results
Keeley W  Grade 2 A+ High Dist
Shaylee G  Prelim A (Hons)
Brianna G  Grade 1 A (Hons)
Patrick B  Grade 1 A (Hons)
Mi Ju J  Grade 4 A (Hons)
Elicia B  Grade 4 A (Hons)

Elicia B  Grade 2 High Dist 97%

SPORTS NOMINATION FORMS ARE DUE TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE
NO LATER THAN TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY
Welcome to the new school year. I hope that everybody had an enjoyable break and took part in lots of reading for pleasure!

OVERDUE BOOKS
It is timely to remind students and parents that any books overdue from last year need to be returned asap. Students will not be able to borrow until overdue books are returned and will be invoiced for any overdue books that are unreturned.

SENIOR FICTION COLLECTION
A senior fiction collection has been developed to accommodate readers who are ready for books at a middle school level. Due to these books not generally being suitable for the majority of our school population, they have been specially labeled with a Senior Fiction label and are only available for year 6/7 students with parental permission. All year 6/7 students will be provided with a consent form in the coming days.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The Premier’s Reading Challenge has now begun for 2013. The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that aims to encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading and improve literacy levels. It requires students to read at least twelve books between the beginning of the school year and early September. All Trinity Gardens School students will be provided with a record sheet to record the books that they read. Our library collection holds books specific to the Premier’s Reading Challenge and these are indicated with red circle stickers for Rec-Year 2, green circle stickers for Years 3-5 and yellow circle stickers for Years 6-7. To qualify for a certificate/medal, students need to record twelve books specific to the Challenge whilst the other books can be any other book read. Students must also return their record to the library by the due date which will be announced later in the year. Please encourage your children to participate and enjoy the Challenge!

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS
Present and future friends are welcome to be part of our ‘Friends of the Library’ for 2013. I would like to extend a warm thank you to the parents who have already kindly offered to be part of it. These parents will be volunteering their time to help cover books and perform other duties to help keep our library performing to a high standard and looking fantastic. It certainly reflects what a supportive school community we have at Trinity Gardens School! Please come and visit me in the library if you would like to become a ‘Friend of the Library’ for 2013.

Regards,
Amelia Field
ICT Coordinator / Teacher Librarian

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**ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT - TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2013**
All parents/caregivers welcome
Come and hear your child/children’s teacher share their routines and plans for the year. Please note supervision of children remains the responsibility of parents.

**PROGRAM**
Early Learning Centre, St Morris Unit & Science, Music, Italian, Gym Areas will be open 6 to 7 pm

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RESOURCE CENTRE

Please join us for the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING after/before attending Acquaintance Night. During this meeting the 2012 Annual School Report will be presented. Voting for the Governing Council for 2013 will be undertaken and the new Council will be formed. Light refreshments will be provided for this meeting.

Parents/caregivers who wish to attend this meeting will be able to access the AGM crèche. (Please complete the attached form and return to the Front Office as spaces will be limited).

You will be notified if your child/ren have secured a place in the crèche.

The crèche facility will finish at 7.30 and parents/caregivers will need to collect their children from the Gym.

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I /We...................................................................................................................(Parents/caregivers names) will be attending the AGM on 12 February 2013 from 7 – 7.30pm.

I/We would like our child/ren .................................................................(Names) to attend the crèche provided in the Gym from 7 – 7.30pm.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 12 FEBRUARY 2013

It’s time for our first wonderful Community Event of the year - Pancake Breakfast. Pancakes, which the community have kindly donated will be cooked and served to all the students from 8.15 onwards. There will be six pancake serving areas this year where the students can collect their pancakes and choose their topping. This will be explained to your child/ren by their teacher. Please see below.

Thank you in advance for all the donations of pancake mix, condiments, cutlery and help with this enjoyable event.

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