Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School,

I wish to advise our school community that I will be undertaking the role of Assistant Regional Director for this term. There is a possibility that this position may continue through to the end of the 2013 school year. It is a pleasure to announce that our Deputy Principal, Ms Marg Erwin, will be the Principal during my absence. The leadership team at Trinity Gardens is strong and collegiate and I have every confidence that the excellent learning and organisation of our school will continue as normal. Marg and I will keep in close contact and our working relationship will continue even though I will not be present at school every day. Please do not hesitate to contact Marg if you need any assistance.

It is such a pleasure to move to a new challenge feeling so proud of our school and the achievements of our students. Here are several examples of Trinity Stars . . . Year 6 student Lucy Hoare has been selected as a compere for a performance of the Festival Choir. This means that Lucy will be speaking to thousands of people as she stands on the stage of the Festival Theatre. By the way, our school choir has been selected for the front row due to its ability! Year 7 student, Stella Love, has won a position in the Performance Troupe and she will be performing during the Festival of Music entertaining many audiences. Ava Dawson, 9J, is in the Primary Schools String Orchestra. To a different area of expertise Hailey Seibert came first in the recent State Cross Country Championships and is off to the National Competition in Tasmanina. Also going to Tasmania is Tess Houtman who came fourth in the same championship. Angus McElroy has excellent eye hand coordination and even though in Year 5 he has been selected as a member of the District SAPSASA Hockey team. Go Angus! Congratulations to these students and we wish you all the best as you undertake your various roles.

I look forward to following the exploits of these students and hearing of even more successes of other students. I hope to be popping in from time to time and will definitely not lose contact with our school.

Kind regards,

Vicki Stokes

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Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School,

Welcome to Term 3! I would like to take this opportunity to wish Vicki all the best in her new role and I look forward to our working together throughout the term. It is a pleasure to warmly welcome our new Reception Class and their teacher, Ms Reena Aftab. The children have settled well into their 7W home.

Last term Vicki advised that we now have an SMS system so please make sure we have your current mobile phone number.

We can send you useful messages such as ‘the bus from camp is running an hour late’ or perhaps ‘reminder, it’s photograph day tomorrow’ and so on. Many schools are currently using this system of communication.

New Attendance System

Teachers will now mark the roll electronically to record attendance data. Teachers are required to mark the roll as soon as possible in the morning, so if your child is late to school or absent this

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This allows for ground preparation to be completed and planting will occur on 13 August at 12:20 pm.

'A Century of Australian Science' celebrating Australian Science Week is fast approaching and will focus on the theme of sustainability. We hope to see some interested supporters/interested parent/carers who come along will plant over 100 native plants to establish a future nature play area along the fence line.

Planting is a focus on future plans, life's connections and the environment. We hope to see some interested supporters/hole diggers on the day.

The beginning of a new term provides an ideal opportunity to revisit some of our school's expectations with your children. Please talk with your child about safety in and around the school. The last newsletter provided a number of useful suggestions about discussing this with your child. If you have not kept your copy you can download it from our website or our edublog page.

Schools and preschools have an important role in promoting healthy eating and physical activity to children and providing an environment that supports a healthy lifestyle. Good nutrition is important throughout life, but particularly in the childhood years, which is a time of rapid growth and development. Healthy eating has a long lasting and positive impact on children's growth, development and health. Please ensure your child comes to school with a healthy and balanced lunch. Excessive amounts of packaged food eg chips, lollies and chocolate are not suitable for school lunches.

Finally, with cold weather here, please follow the school's dress code and ensure your child wears navy and gold colours only. For example, black clothing with white stripes is not part of our uniform. Nail polish and earrings other than studs are not to be worn to school. Long hair needs to be tied back and hair should not obscure faces. Your attention to these matters is important to maintain pride in our school. Thank you for following our code.

Families are advised that there is one Pupil Free Day in Term 3, Friday 2 August. Teachers will be participating in a professional development day focussing on implementation of the Australian Curriculum.

I look forward to working with you in the term ahead. My email address is marg.erwin343@schools.sa.edu.au or phone the school office should you need to contact me.

Kind regards
Marg Erwin
Acting Principal

We have expanded our means of communicating with the school community. Our website is still available at www.trinitygps.sa.edu.au for all information. Currently we have some upgrading being done to our website which may result in the newsletter not being available on the website. (This will be short term only). The newsletter can also be viewed online via our new edublog page. The edublog page is designed for our school community as a quick access to current information and events, including important dates and the newsletter.

Go to www.tgpsschoolcommunity.edublogs.org.
Password is trinitylearning.

A warm welcome is extended to all new students and their families to the school community, including the new receptions in 7W.

The 26 student groups have the opportunity to hear from scientists and their achievements. A major feature has been to connect our class groups to a person who works with science, to share their story and the advantages that a career using science provides.

The 26 student groups have the opportunity to hear from people who work in medicine, engineering and design, biomechanics, water management, geology, radar engineering, environmental management, science communication and agriculture, ecology or native animals.

Each class teacher will arrange a suitable time for their allocated scientist to visit. Rooms 27 and 28A’s scientist will visit in Week 2.

It is with sincere gratitude we thank the people who have volunteered or agreed to come to Trinity Gardens School during Science Week, we look forward to hearing about their science connections.

Thank you
Anna Kakoschke
Science Teacher

WELCOME

SCHOOL NEWS UPDATES

SCIENCE NEWS

Trinity Gardens School has registered for National Tree Day, however our Portrush Oval, Devitt Avenue edge planting will not take place on 26 July, the National Tree Day Schools planting date, but on Tuesday 6 August at 12:20 pm. If raining, planting will occur on 13 August at 12:20 pm.

This allows for ground preparation to be completed and facilitates the involvement of Room 19A - the Year 4 class who will plant out their native grasses propagated during Term 1.

The Built Environments Committee, these children and any interested parent/carers who come along will plant over 100 native plants to establish a future nature play area along the fence line.

Planting is a focus on future plans, life's connections and sustainability. We hope to see some interested supporters/hole diggers on the day.

Science Week Guests
Science Week is fast approaching and will focus on the theme ‘A Century of Australian Science’ celebrating Australian
The universe is vast and although our planet Earth is only one small planet that has a place in the universe, we have to make sure that it continues to support all living things for many years to come.

The Resource Centre is holding a Book Week Competition whereby students can take part in designing a 'Healthy Living' logo that will become the school’s official sustainability logo for us to adopt more healthy practices in our community for the wellbeing of ourselves and the planet.

A4 paper has been provided to all classes and entries can be hand drawn or designed on the computer. Entries must incorporate the following:

⇒ A 'Healthy Living' title
⇒ A range of colours
⇒ A simple design that encapsulates the theme of sustainability, including a picture or two of what healthy living practices might mean at our school

Students should include their name, class teacher and age somewhere on their entry and hand their entry in to the Resource Centre by Monday 19 August (week 5).

The competition will be judged by the Resource Centre staff, Sustainability Team, Year 6/7 Tech Team and Year 6/7 Environment Team and the following prizes will be awarded to winning entries:

Winner (all age groups) - The winning logo will be the face of sustainability practices in the school as well as a book prize and plaque dedicated to the student on the inside cover of a book of the student’s choice on Grandparent’s and Friend’s Day.

Runner up (3-7) - Book prize and plaque dedicated to the student on the inside cover of book of the student’s choice on Grandparent’s and Friend’s Day.

Runner up (K-2) - Book prize and plaque dedicated to the student on the inside cover of a book of the student’s choice on Grandparent’s and Friend’s Day.

Any questions feel free to speak to Amelia or Janet in the library!
We were very pleased to receive a letter from the Education Manager at the Australian War Memorial thanking our Year 7 students when they visited for the Last Post Memorial ceremony. A member of the public who was also at the ceremony contacted the Australian War Memorial commending the students and teachers for their respectful behaviour during the ceremony.

The letter reads “The visitor wrote—The students were a credit to their teachers and their school. They were so well behaved and respectful. When children are so often criticised, I think it is worthwhile to comment positively. - Please pass on our sincere thanks to your teachers and students who visited the Australian War Memorial. They are indeed a credit to your school and a wonderful role model to other schools who visited the Memorial that day. We look forward to your next visit to the Australian War Memorial.”

A Certificate of Appreciation was sent to the school.

**Net Set Go 2013**

If you’re in Reception - Year 2 and keen to learn netball this is for you!

Beginning **Monday 12 August**
6 week program
Mondays 3.15 - 4.15pm
on the outside courts at TGS
Cost $66 which includes a sports bag, netball & t-shirt.
Registration forms to be returned to school office by Thurs 1 August.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The final day for the Premier’s Reading Challenge to be submitted to the library is **Monday, 12 August**. This allows for library staff to process the forms in preparation for delivery of the medals. 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 August. All Trinity Gardens School students were provided a record sheet at the beginning of the year to record the books that they have read over the duration of the year. 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. Please encourage your child to complete the challenge and submit the record by the due date! Happy reading!

Amelia Field
Teacher Librarian

**NETBALL NEWS**

The sub junior netball team had a recent win 16-11. Well done girls.

Sharon Gillson

**VIRTUES OF THE WEEK**

**Week 1** – Co-operation is working together for the good of everyone. It is a willingness to respect others and to follow the rules that keep everyone safe. Co-operation is being helpful to one another and joining others in order to do something that cannot be done alone.

**Week 2** – Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not because you expect a reward or a gift in return. Generosity is being aware that there is plenty for everyone. It is seeing a chance to give what you have and then giving just for the joy if it. Generosity is one of the best ways to show love and friendship.