Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School,

There are a number of exciting events coming up this term including Science Week and Book Week culminating in our Grandparent’s and Friend’s Day on Thursday 22 August. Despite the rain on Tuesday the children from room 19A did a wonderful job planting trees near the Devitt Ave fence for National Tree Day. Thanks to Anna Kakoschke for organising the event and those parents who came along to assist. The trees will be a great addition to our school perimeter.

The Music Room is now up and running for music lessons with Blair Price and strings lessons for the upper primary Steiner classes. You will have noticed some fenced trenches near the Music Room. This is due to the need for an electrical upgrade and we anticipate its completion soon. Our junior primary students are enjoying the use of the Play Pod. It is wonderful to see the creative play they are engaging in at play times.

At our Pupil Free Day last Friday our teachers participated in a keynote address focussing on National Professional Standards for Teachers with experienced educator, Jo Mason. Staff then participated in sessions relating to the teaching of literacy. In the afternoon our VLCs (Visible Learning Communities) worked together on the next part of their action plans. Staff and Morris Unit staff spent time reviewing and reflecting on their programs, discussing conductive education and participated in the THRASS (phonological awareness program) session with Vicki Stokes. The ELC participated in a session relating to Speech and Language development. This term a number of our staff will continue to work with our Australian Curriculum facilitator moderating student work samples to develop consistency with achievement levels.

Our new attendance recording system is up and running. If students are absent from school for any reason it is the responsibility of parents/carers to notify the school. This may be done by notifying the class teacher, by phoning the school on the morning of the absence, or sending an sms on 0416 906 256. All students must be at school by 8.45 am daily. Lateness needs to be explained by a note in the student diary/communication book, phoning the school or messaging us through the above sms number. For convenience you can leave a message. Save the sms number in your phone now. This way you can advise the school of absences or lateness early in the day. Please leave name, room number and reason, eg John Smith 9J late due to car breakdown.

Kind regards
Marg Erwin
Acting Principal

http://www.trinitygardens.wikispaces.net/

TG E-Connect is a new online portal for staff, students and parents of the Trinity Gardens School community. Here you can find information from the School Office, website links, class blog links, Resource Centre information, recent newsletters and other helpful resources that will continually be uploaded on a regular basis. Have a look today!

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**Term 3 Week 3**

**8 August 2013**

**Diary Dates**

9 August Friday
School Assembly 2.15pm in the gym
Rm 8W & Rm 21A

12 August Mon–16 August Fri
Science Week–A Century of Australian Science

13 August Tuesday
ICAS Mathematics

15 August Thursday
Steiner Parent Lecture, 7pm in the Resource Centre

16 August Friday
Rm 6W & Rm 8W Road Safety Centre

19 August Monday–23 August Friday
Book Week Read Across the Universe

20 August Tuesday
Parliament House Tours, student leaders 9.15am-1.15pm

22 August Thursday
Grandparent’s/Friend’s Day, whole school event

30 August Friday
School Assembly 2.15pm in the gym
Rm 9J & Rm 14J

3 September Tuesday
SAPSASA Athletics 9.30-2.30

6 September Friday
School Closure Day

11 September Wed
After School Market
Our sustainability theme: Healthy Living

Trinity Gardens School has chosen the theme ‘Healthy Living’ to begin our sustainability journey. This theme centres on food and considers the positives as well as the issues we should be aware of. Future newsletters will feature aspects of this theme including the direction we hope we can all head. Healthy Living is about changed behaviour and better choices which benefit us as individuals, members of the community and our environment. We hope you can come on this journey with us.

First step is a Healthy Living logo – design one for the Book Week competition.

National Tree Day planting - Portrush Oval

The Built Environ Committee, together with Room 19A, Year 4s, have taken the first step towards establishing nature play areas which will eventually border both ovals. This first area will provide a range of separate play spaces and an outdoor seating space large enough for a class to enjoy. We thank the parents and carers for their support on the day and Coles-Landcare for the grant which permitted us to begin this important development.

Science Week, August 10 – 18

Trinity Gardens School is celebrating Science Week, 12 Aug–16 Aug. Check out the National Science Week website for a great range of free, family friendly events beginning this weekend and extending into the next to celebrate a century of Australian science. From the Stockport Observatory StarParty to a 3D printing and design workshop for 8-12 year olds there is an inspiring choice to introduce himself, the science he uses, the scientists and organisations he works with and why he finds science rather exciting. The following is a response to this visit from two of our students.

I enjoyed hearing from Dr. Dominic Thewlis and what he had to say about science. I liked finding out about what he does as a bio-mechanical engineer and how he works with different companies including shoe companies. It was really interesting and entertaining learning about what a modern day scientist does for a job with all the new electronic devices that can be used usefully in science. He changed what I thought about a scientist and inspired me a little bit to be scientific. Lucy Hoare Rm28A.

I found Dr. Dominic Thewlis’s session with us wonderful. He is a bio-mechanical engineer, I am interested in various fields of science such as biology, nanotechnology, genetics, chemistry and physics so I found his speech very interesting. I am looking forward to exiting school to master in these fields. I thank Dr. Thewlis for his time in coming here. Shayan Burki Rm27A.

Anna Kakoschke
Science Teacher

At Trinity Gardens School we take enormous pride in our school uniform as it is a visual symbol of our collective responsibility to our school. During the Canberra Year 7 tour, numerous comments were made to our staff by the general public about how smart our students looked and what a credit they were to our school community.

Thank you to the students who adhere to the school uniform policy and always wear the correct clothing, unfortunately some students are not.

- In particular inappropriate shoes are being worn. Enclosed, secure shoes, not slip-ons, are essential for safety reasons, ensuring your child can fully engage with the PE curriculum during/after school activities and participate safely at recess and lunchtimes.
- There have been various interpretations of school uniform navy pants - this does not include tracksuit pants with stripes or in a torn condition. Some students are wearing casual trousers - similar to denim material which are of a ‘skinny’ style, these are very tight and will restrict your child’s movements during PE activities. Some girls are wearing black leggings/jeggings which are also not part of the school uniform.
- A wide range of windcheaters are being worn during the cold weather. SAPSASA tops can be worn for a week after the sporting event and then the school uniform top needs to be worn again. School uniform tops are plain navy blue with our school logo on or a plain navy top is suitable but no others.
- Excessive jewellery is also being worn including necklaces, rings, bracelets and magnetic earrings all presenting serious safety concerns. Please support us with reminding your child that stud earrings/sleepers and watches are the only appropriate jewellery for school, all the other items are suitable for weekend use.

Our school uniform shop stocks all the necessary uniform with the wide range of garments available in all sizes. Second hand uniforms are also available from the After School Market. Please speak to Belinda at the Front Office or go to our website if you need any information about the school uniform.

Thank you for supporting our school culture by ensuring your child is wearing the appropriate clothing to fully participate in all aspects of their schooling safely and respectfully.

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Week 1 Diligence
Week 2 Resilience
Week 3 Kindness
Week 4 Science Week
Week 5 Book Week

Virtues of the Week
The focus of Grandparent’s and Special Friend’s Day is sharing in a love of books and reading. All students at Trinity Gardens School are invited to join in the celebrations of Book Week by dressing up and are encouraged to embrace the theme of ‘Read Across the Universe’.

DUE TO THE INCREASING SIZE OF OUR SCHOOL, CLASSES WILL BE SPLIT INTO TWO TIMESLOTS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIEND’S DAY ACTIVITIES.

*Please note that in the event of wet weather the dress up parade will be cancelled and grandparents and special friends are invited into classes for activities*

**9.15-10.00**

Group A Parade  
(assemble on courts by 9.10am)

ELC and Reena (7W)  
Eugenia (28A) and Barbara (8W)  
Damien (25A) and Evelyn (10D)  
Anne (5W) and Hayley (14J)  
Francesco (27A) and Sheri (15J)  
Janet (22A) and Kelly (23A)  
Catherine (9J) and Joh (13J)

Group B Activities in Classes

St Morris Unit  
Fiona M (20A) and Tiffany (6W)  
Ros (19A) and Joanne (4W)  
Fran (1W) and Jennifer (16J)  
Mark (26A) and Mera (3W)  
Trish (18A) and Tonia/Fiona (24A)  
Cosmo (21A) and Thea (17A)

**10.15-11.00**

Group B Parade  
(assemble on courts by 10.10am)

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**11.00-11.30**

Grandparents and special friends are invited to the gym for morning tea. Grandparents and special friends can also purchase a book and donate it back to the library collection. Bookmarks made by the children in lunchtime craft activities will also be on sale for $3, with proceeds going to the Fauna Rescue SA charity to help our earth’s creatures as part of Book Week’s ‘Read Across the Universe’ theme.
**Week 3**

Diligence is working hard and doing the best job you possibly can. When you are diligent you take special care to do things step by step. You think and move carefully to make sure things will turn out right. Being diligent is giving all you have to give to whatever you do.

**Week 4**

Kindness is showing you care and 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. It is treating yourself and others gently. Kindness is caring about the earth and all living things.

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**SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

We are looking for donations of second hand Trinity Gardens School uniforms to sell at the next after school market. Proceeds to go to the school. Please place washed uniforms in the box marked “uniform donations” outside the School Office.
The next market is on Wed 11 Sept, Week 8.
Regards
Julie, M: 0408 240 119

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If you are making payments in person, please go to the right desk, marked ‘Payments in Person.’
As you would now be aware our new Absence Manager system for recording the rolls is in place. Parents still need to come to the office for late slips or early departure slips.
Thank you.
School Office

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Monday Afternoon
2.45–3.30pm
&
Thursday Morning 8.30-9.15am

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

We have a small number of Entertainment Books still for sale.
Available at the School Office
$65.00 each

2 Steiner desks still for sale from 3W
$30 each. Enquire at the School Office.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**VIRTUES OF THE WEEK**

**Eastern Adelaide Region**

‘Help your child to become a balanced reader’

Stephen Graham
A free workshop for parents
Thursday 22 August
A.M. 9.30-11.30am or P.M. 4.00-600pm
At Felixstow Conference Room
5-11 Briar Rd Felixstow
Bookings are essential
Shirley Quinn P: 8366 8800
Registrations close Mon 19 Aug 2013

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**ACCM**

The Australian Council on Children and the Media presents:

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

Managing media in families

Mobiles, apps, videogames, internet and social media are everywhere. Managing all these can put unwelcome pressures on families. Hear Michael discuss issues, strategies and more.

Monday 19th August 2013 - 7.30 pm
Immanuel Auditorium
32 Morphett Road, Novar Gardens SA

Tickets $27.50
Bookings online at http://www.trybooking.com/DBVU
Attendance certificates available
For more information, contact
admin@youngmedia.org.au or 04 88 8376 2111

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg appears by arrangement with Sixton Speakers Bureau

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