Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School

Last Wednesday our school was externally reviewed under the DECD Improvement and Accountability framework.

Members of the review panel included our Regional Director, three Primary Principals and our Governing Council Chairperson.

The day was structured around the areas of:
- Self review and Improvement Cycle
- Quality Teaching and Learning
- Curriculum Coherence
- Learner Outcomes
- Leading Improvement

Evidence was the order of the day and the best evidence was provided by our staff, students, parents and our leadership team.

We received many outstanding commendations. These I know are well deserved because of the outstanding work our staff undertake to lead learning in our school. Such an outstanding result comes from high level collaboration, commitment and professional pride.

Unfortunately it was not possible to include everyone in presentations on the day but through the presentations we did have it was easy to see the flow on to the work of others not present and some things were talked about even though the people involved were not present, for example, the recent Year 2 play and Steiner Festivals and Class blogs.

A very special thank you is extended to all those who did present on the day as this may have been daunting. Every presentation was professional and each one built upon the other to paint a picture of whole school consistent practices, collaboration, reflection, review and continuous improvement.

I sincerely hope all those involved gained satisfaction and affirmation of their work. There could not have been a prouder school principal than myself and my heartfelt and sincere thanks go to every staff member at our school. There is no doubt that collectively we achieve more.

A big thank you is extended to Harriet Wilmore and Marg Erwin for their work in preparing for the day.

Cause for celebration. Congratulations to our wonderful staff.

Kind regards

Vicki Stokes

Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School Community

This is National Recognition Week for School Services Officers and I wish to recognize the valuable work undertaken by our para-professionals at TGS. These staff members undertake a wide range of activities from grounds and maintenance (Steve and Alison), finance and administration (Karen, Cassi, Belinda, Sharon, Debbie and Sue), early years support in the ELC (Lisa, Peta, Deb and Kaitlyn), support for students in the disability unit (Melissa, Teodora, Jill, Michael, Cerridwen, Karina, Teresa, Marika, Courtney, Debbie, Sue and Mandy) and classroom curriculum support (Serafina, Leanne, Cheryl, Caroline, Lee, Chloe, Bella, Debbie, Jarad and Marie), in the library (Janet and Michelle) and ICT support.

Term 3 Week 5
22 August 2013

Diary Dates
19 August Monday–23 August Friday
Book Week Read Across the Universe
22 August Thursday
Grandparent’s/Friend’s Day, whole school event. Parade & morning tea
29 August Thursday
Rm 3W Urrbrae Farm
30 August Friday
School Assembly 2.15pm in the gym
Rm 9J & Rm 14J
1 Sept Sunday–4 Sept Wednesday
Rm 26A Camp
3 September Tuesday
SAPSASA Athletics 9.30-2.30
Rm 23A&24A Wingfield Waste Depot
5 September Thursday
Rm 4W&14J Urrbrae Farm
6 September Friday
School Closure Day
9 September Monday
SESC Meeting 3.25pm
11 September Wednesday
After School Market
Festival of Music
Governing Council Meeting
12 September Thursday
Steiner Parent Lecture, 7pm
13 September Friday
School Assembly 2.15pm in the gym
18A&15J
In the Children’s Centre we have Emma and Janet and our Occasional Care workers Alison and Heather. We are fortunate to have the services of these people as they give generously of their time and are always keen learners. The pride they take in their work contributes significantly to the quality of our school culture and provides wonderful role models for students. If you get the chance please join us to thank an SSO for all that they do and on behalf of our students and school community, thank you SSOs!

Families are reminded that our school day finishes at 3pm and you are asked to ensure that all children are collected at this time or make arrangements for attendance at OSHC. While there are staff members supervising in various parts of the yard until 3.20 we ask for your promptness in collecting children to ensure their safety at all times.

Kind regards

Marg Erwin
Acting Principal

**Student Leader visit to Parliament House**

**Tuesday 20 August**

On Tuesday this week, sixty-one of our student leaders went for an educational welcoming excursion to Parliament House. We were all very fortunate to have Mr Steven Marshall, local member and leader of the opposition as our tour guide; He was very entertaining and had a lot to say about Australian history. We also went for a FUN-TASTIC stroll down North Terrace acknowledging all the brave men and woman who had a part in Australian history as well as leadership, not to mention the beautiful view at the Festival Theatre. Overall it was an inspiring and enjoyable experience for all the student leaders involved.

**The Ambassadors**

Mr Marshall even said he would like to become a kiosk leader!

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**SCIENCE NEWS**

**Science Week**

Science Week celebrated Australian scientists and Australian science.

We were privileged to welcome the following visiting scientists to our school:

- Maggie Basedow
- Amy Blaylock
- Heather Bray
- Anne Cawley
- David Cook
- Alison George
- Julia Hanna
- Dianna Haralabakis
- Melanie Hutton
- John Mignone
- Matt Reilly
- Katherine Ryan
- Ron Sinclair
- Trudy Watson

Each scientist kindly volunteered their time, sharing their science story in various fields including: engineering, ecology, medicine, environmental science, geology, psychiatry, industrial design, agriculture and microbiology. They provided a true picture of where science can take you and we sincerely thank them all.

We also thank the Australian Science Teachers Association who supported us with a $350 grant for signage, displays and materials for lunch time science activities.

Anna Kakoschke
Science Teacher

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**Aussie Schools**

**Healthy Living**

**Food to Sustain Us**

Some observations:

- Most children enjoy a variety of healthy, fresh food
- Most children eat well and enjoy their food
- A few children have all prepackaged dry foods – nothing fresh
- Some older children do not come with lunch
- Some sneak their food into the bin
- Some have trouble keeping cling wrap out of the environment

Eating is a shared experience: social, sustaining and nurturing.
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Noye’s Fludde

Conducted by Dr David Kram, Directed by Ian Vayne

Students from Trinity Gardens School, Fulham Gardens School, Students of the Elder Conservatorium, Brighton Secondary School and members of the Unley Symphony Orchestra

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September 26 and September 27 at 7.00pm, September 28 at 6.00pm

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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

SCHOOL OFFICE
Did you know you can ‘post’ payments or notes through the mail slot located at the left office desk in the School Office? 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

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Monday afternoon 2.45–3.30pm & Thursday Morning 8.30-9.15am

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

A reminder that animals are not allowed on the school premises between the hours of 7am-7pm

As spring is nearly here the magpies are busy building their nests. They will swoop at people walking by. Please be aware particularly near the ovals.

For all edublog pages the password is trinitylearning.

SPORTS NEWS
Congratulations to the year 6/7 silver netball team who won their 3rd game for the season on Saturday. A real team performance, everyone played well. Final score 16-2

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

VIRTUES OF THE WEEK
Week 5- Enthusiasm is being inspired and full of spirit. It is being cheerful and happy. It is doing something wholeheartedly, being keen and eager, and giving 100% to what you do. Being enthusiastic is being excited about something and looking forward to it. It comes from having a positive attitude. Enthusiasm makes life much more enjoyable.

Week 6- Consideration is being thoughtful about other people and their feelings. It is thinking about how your actions affect them and caring about how they feel. It is paying attention to what other people like and don’t like, and doing things that give them happiness. When we are considerate, others know that they are important to us.