Dear Families of Trinity Gardens School

It was wonderful to see so many families at our school last night for Showcase Evening. As I walked around the school I felt so proud to be a part of a school where individual student work is highly valued and excellence promoted. It was also great to see families visiting our specialist teachers who work hard to provide comprehensive programs in their area of specialisation.

Congratulations to our choir who performed at the Festival of Music last week. Thank you to Blair Price for his work preparing the choir for this special event. Congratulations also to Lucy Hoare, who was selected to be a compere at one of the concerts and to Stella Love who was chosen to be part of the troupe. Lucy and Stella did a wonderful job and proudly represented our school.

Next term our school embarks on a new journey with Kids Matter. Kids Matter Primary is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. Kids Matter Primary provides the proven methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents, carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids. If you would like further information please go to http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/.

With the school holidays fast approaching it is timely to remind parents about the need to check on children's safety in using various technological devices. In many households the internet has become an integral part of life for people of all ages. It provides access to a myriad of information and enables people to research, create and communicate in new and exciting ways. The following is an excerpt from the Kids Matter website.

**Strategies for screen time.**

Children take their behavioural cues from the world around them. Screen time is the time spent watching television, playing computer games, and being on the internet - is a big influence on kids' understanding of right and wrong and the way they develop socially. Think of all the TV shows and theme songs lodged in your subconscious from childhood!

For families, it can sometimes feel like a massive task to ensure children aren't coming into contact with bad language, overly-mature content, or inappropriate role models through the media. Studies linking excess screen time to childhood obesity and impaired brain development in babies and toddlers is also concerning.

The upside is that with effective limits and adult guidance, school-aged children can generally learn to take an element of responsibility for their TV, internet and gaming habits. Here are some ideas you might like to try at home.

**Choose appropriate programs, computer games and websites together.**

Talking through why some content is acceptable and why some isn't involves kids in the decision-making process. Choose a list of acceptable programs, games and websites together and show them that you trust them to stick to it. This way there are no surprises for them if they deviate from what has been agreed on.
Set a time limit on their daily or weekly screen time habits. For example, you could introduce an ‘hour of power’ once a day or several times a week during which they are free to choose from your preapproved games, programs and websites. Being upfront about the time frame means fewer arguments when it’s time to switch off and go outside.

**Treat screen time as a privilege, not a right.** You wouldn’t feed kids chocolate and sweets for every meal as they’re not the healthiest foods around. Yet you may not exclude them entirely from the pantry either. You could treat screen time in the same way with children - as a privilege, not as a given, and one that is linked to their behaviour.

**Teach good online behaviours.** It’s really important to talk about what is and isn’t acceptable online conduct with your child, and show them that they can come to you with any questions or problems. If you feel like cyberspace isn’t your strong suit, fear not. Parents and carers can get up to speed with a host of free cybersafety resources for families from the Government’s Cybersmart website.

**Avoid advertising where possible.** As you know, ‘pester power’ works. Children are very literal beings, and ads can impact on their values, sense of the world, and even self-confidence. Look into content without ads or that is pre-recorded so you can fast-forward through the commercials. You could even talk to your children about the realities of advertising.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our children a relaxing and fun school break. Vicki Stokes will be continuing as Assistant Regional Director until the end of the year so I will remain in the Principal's position.

Kind regards
Marg Erwin
Acting Principal

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**Tuesday 24 September 2013**

**Disco & Folk Dance - $5 tickets**

We are very excited to announce a disco will be held on Tuesday 24 September in the gym for our students to enjoy.

Footsteps Dance Company will be conducting the disco with music, dances and activities for children to participate in and enjoy. Children are only permitted to attend at their allocated time to ensure there is enough space for lots of dancing and fun.

**Staff will be supervising children meaning that it will not be necessary for parents to attend the disco.**

*From previous years we have found that if parents stay for an extended period of time inside or outside the Gym that children can be unsettled, therefore we are strongly advising the ‘kiss and drop’ action esp. for R–2 students.*

We request that you are punctual in collecting your child/children at their finish time so the next group of children can enjoy their activities.

**Times for the disco are:**
- **Rec to Year 2** from 5.30 to 6.30 pm
- **Years 3, 4 & 5** from 7.00 to 8.15 pm
- **Years 6 & 7** from 7.00 to 8.45 pm

Ice creams and water will be available for sale at the disco – these items will not cost more than $1.50.

All tickets for the disco will be sold from Monday 9 September for $5 through the class teacher who will record the names of children who purchase tickets. No disco tickets are available through the office.

All children will need to enter the Disco at the front of the Gym. On collection parents/caregivers will need to go to the back of the Gym and wait for their child’s class to be called—this will ensure that all children are collected safely and promptly at the end of the Disco.

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**Thank you**

Thank you to the magnificent shops on Magill Road that have hosted our Year 3 students from Rm 17A and 18A for a second year in a row. This is undertaken by the students to complete their ‘Job Search’ as part of their Inquiry Based Learning Mathematics topic entitled “Making cents of money.” So from all the students in 17A and 18A and their parents a huge thank you for their hospitality and sharing of their knowledge regarding ‘setting up shops.’ Trinity Gardens School looks forward to continuing this tradition.

Thank you to the following business: Inspirations St Morris, Globe Importers, La Casa Del Pane, Chile Mojo, Bling and Ecolateral.

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Unfortunately too many library books are not being returned before the due date. Students are allowed to borrow books for two weeks. Notes are sent out for overdue books. If at the end of term books are not returned invoices will be sent home. As we are approaching the end of term please have a good look at home for any overdue library books to avoid being invoiced.

Thank you
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.

Julie: 0408 240 119

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Monday afternoon 2.45—3.30pm
&
Thursday Morning 8.30-9.15am

WORKING BEE

SAVE THE DATE

3 November Sunday morning

BEE

More info to come in the term 4 newsletters.

Thank you.

STEINER PARENT SEMINAR

Monday 18 November
7pm in the Resource Centre

Part 1—The Temperaments
Presenter Anne Evans

Part 2—Screen Time and Computers
Presenters Mark Molloy, Catherine Banner and Amelia Field

Details on Seminars can be found on school website www.trinitygps.sa.edu.au.

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations

Miju J attained a High Distinction for Grade 2 AMEB theory.

Well done Miju!

REMINDER

EARLY DISMISSAL
LAST DAY OF TERM
FRIDAY 27 SEPT, 2.05PM

TERM 2
BEGINS
8.45AM
MON 14 OCT

WHERE’S YOUR HAT?

Our Sun Smart policy is once again in place. Therefore hat wearing is now a compulsory requirement. Please remind your children of the no hat, no outdoor play policy.

Thank you for your support.

VIRTUES OF THE WEEK

Week 9— Cleanliness means washing often, keeping your body clean and wearing clean clothes. Cleanliness is also concentrating your thoughts on things that are good for you. Keeping yourself clean makes you nice to be around, and protects you from disease.

Week 10—Revision of Virtues—Co-operation, Generosity, Diligence, Kindness, Enthusiasm, Consideration, Honesty, Detachment, Cleanliness.
**SPORTS NEWS**

**SAPSASA GOLF**

On September 5 two of our own Trinity Gardens boys, Lewis E and Oscar M qualified for the SAPSASA Golf Championship played at the Adelaide Shores Golf Park.

With only the top 36 boys out of approximately 40 metro and 60 country (100 total) players going on to play in the State Championship the next day - both boys played very well to make the cut on day one. Oscar shot a 75 on the tricky par 60 executive course and Lewis a 78 to qualify 12th and 20th respectively.

On Friday playing off the back markers and on the full size 18 hole course the boys represented their school with pride with Oscar coming an outstanding equal 3rd in the state with an 83 off the stick and Lewis a very commendable 11th with a score of 91... in the field of 36 golfers.

Well done boys... you conducted yourself very well and did your school proud.

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to the athletics team for winning the shield at the recent Torrens River District Athletics Carnival. The final results were:

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**CRICKET PLAYERS REQUIRED FOR TERM 4**

At this stage we only have 6 nominations for Kanga Cricket (Years 2 and 3 students) for term 4 and NO COACH. Unless we have at least 2 more nominations and a willing Coach we will be unable to enter a team. Kanga cricket is played Saturday mornings.

Our Year 4 and 5 cricket teams also have room for a few more players. Games are played Friday evenings.

Please see the front office for a nomination form if you are interested in playing cricket in term 4.

If you are able to coach please call Hugh Ross ASAP on P: 8431 4170.

Thank you.

**NOYE'S FLUDDE**

Trinity Gardens School

Presents

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

Tickets $20, Conc. $15. Available at www.dramatix.com.au/iv4music or P: 0448 000 433

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

Christ Church North Adelaide

**SPORTS TOPS TO BE RETURNED**

We still have quite a number of sports tops not yet returned from winter soccer as well as a few SAPSASA tops. Please wash and return your loaned tops to the front office ASAP before the end of term. They are needed ready for summer sporting events. Many thanks for your cooperation.