Dear families of Trinity Gardens School,

We have just completed two successful weeks of swimming lessons for our R-5 children. This forms an important part of our health and physical education program. While children may not learn all the intricacies of swimming, it is a wonderful opportunity for the children to be with their peers learning skills of water safety, confidence and independence.

With this in mind there are other ways parents can assist their children to become responsible, independent children—this can be tough because our natural instinct is to care for and nurture them. However, parents shouldn’t wait until children are ready to leave home before they give them responsibility. Training for independence needs to start from a young age and continue into the teenage years. Encouraging independence in children is not just good training for adulthood. It is one of the best ways to promote self-confidence. When we teach children to do jobs for themselves we demonstrate our faith in them and send a powerful message that they are capable. Our actions definitely speak louder than words.

SOME USEFUL IDEAS

• Encourage them to do routine household and family activities e.g tidying bedrooms before school, clearing away dishes, preparing after-school snacks.

• Encourage them to take responsibility for their own homework tasks. Put young children in charge of their reading and get them to remind you that it is reading time.

• Children can do quite difficult tasks if we show them how. Break complex jobs, like making a bed, into simple tasks like arranging teddies and the pillow, progressing to smoothing out a doona and so on.

• When children can tell the time, teach them how to use an alarm clock so they can get themselves up and regulate their own morning routine.

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• Encourage them to prepare their own breakfast and put their own lunch in their schoolbag.

• Show older children how to operate the washing machine and microwave. These are two essential time-savers for busy working parents.

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learning about the virtues, great friends and engaging learning programs. It is important however that we continually review our school processes and programs. Over the last few weeks a random sample of our parents and students were selected to provide feedback through the National School Opinion Survey focussing on school satisfaction. We will analyse the survey results and make recommendations for inclusion in our Site Improvement Plan.

I look forward to sharing many celebrations with you over the next few weeks. Please make sure you update your diaries to include the Volunteers Thankyou morning tea on Friday 29 November and the End of Year Celebration on Wednesday 4 December.

Kind regards
Marg Erwin
Acting Principal

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This note is to advise you that after ten years as principal of my much loved Trinity Gardens School I have decided to retire at the end of first term 2014. I have made this decision with a heavy heart as there are still things I would like to achieve at our wonderful school but something tells me I could be saying that forever!
The last ten years have been the highlight of my career and I am proud of our school. It is in a strong position in every way to hand over to a new principal to develop even further.
I know that it is people associated with the school that I shall miss the most - our beautiful children, their supportive parents and the dedicated and professional staff whether teachers or ancillary.
The position has been advertised and the process of selection will begin soon. I am confident that a good person will be selected and they will be so lucky to take over the principalship of Trinity Gardens School.

I hope to attend a few end of year events and I look forward to seeing you there.
Kind regards
Vicki Stokes

MARK YOUR DIARY

4 Dec
End of Year Celebration
13 Dec
Last Day of Term
Early Dismissal
2.05pm

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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HEALTHY LIVING

Healthy Living - Respect for food (and what we feed our children)

It is good to see the change occurring in how our children, and their carers, are viewing food. There is definitely less food in the yard bins but some children are still throwing almost whole sandwiches away. Ask your children to return uneaten food home - changes can be made to what is packed - healthier for your child and your budget.

Food packed in boxes has increased - easier to manage, with better quality, healthier, tasty food appearing.

Could you eat packet chips, crackers and cheese spread, fruit wrap and muesli bar washed down with a fruit squeeze pack? Energy dense, nutrient poor, expensive, high in preservatives such as sugar, salt, fat or chemicals - and when you unwrap them all and have a good look at what 'food' they actually are - they aren't so appealing. Some children consume a range of these 'foods' each day. Convenient, but how many would you want to eat in a week?

AFTER SCHOOL MARKET WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

If interested in holding a stall, please register at the School Office by Tuesday 19 November. Come along and enjoy local hand-made crafts, cakes, fabulous coffee and a sausage sizzle - at the same time supporting our school community. For enquiries please ring Anna 0409 695 940 after 4pm. Thank you.

VIRTUES OF THE WEEK

Week 5 - Orderliness is being neat, and living with a sense of harmony. It is being organized and having a place for things when you need them. Orderliness is planning something so that it works, doing it step by step instead of going round in circles. Orderliness is putting first things first, and taking care of things you need to do.

Week 6 – Confidence is having faith in something or someone. It is a kind of trust. When you have self-confidence, you trust that you have what it takes to handle whatever happens. You feel sure of yourself and enjoy trying new things. When you are confident in others, you rely on them and confide in them.
A huge thank you to everyone for their involvement with the Virtues Walkathon fundraiser. This has been a hugely successful event with a total raised so far of $11800. Thank you to those families who have sent in their donations. If you are still collecting your donations please send them to the School Office as soon as possible.

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsor McKay Business Services and we look forward to receiving outstanding Corporate Sponsorship monies.

The team of Registered Conveyancers at McKay Business Services are highly qualified in all property transactions and pride themselves in providing a very personal conveyancing service that is not found just anywhere. It is that personal touch and availability that really makes all the difference!

Regards

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TG E-Connect is a our 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!
Please note in the previous newsletter a leaflet was included stating the wrong open days for the Kiosk.

Below are the correct days and times.
The Kiosk is open during Term 4 & Term 1.
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
Lunch time from 1.30–1.50pm

Please remember one ice-block per child only and no buying ice-blocks for other students.

Prices range from 50c to $1.50
Parent Volunteers appreciated.

We have just a few Entertainment books left.
These make great Christmas presents.

Available from the School Office
Still only $65

Ms Patsis’ class were invited to attend the Remembrance Day service with the Payneham RSL. The students were asked to do a reflection upon returning from the service.

“I believe the Remembrance Day Service held at the Payneham Memorial Park to be a meaningful and incredibly beneficial experience because of some extremely deep passages delivered to the audience. The ceremony really meant that the service made a lasting impression on me.

During and after the service there were many interesting points, one of which being, the articles of history on display at the RSL club. Accompanied by period weaponry was a Red Cross flag, flown over a field hospital from 1914 to 1918. Riddled with bullet holes the flag was an exceptionally powerful image, especially on such a day as Remembrance Day.”

As a community we are thinking of those people in the Philippines at this most difficult time who have suffered immensely from the devastation of the typhoon this past week.

Congratulations for AMEB November 2013 results.
Patrick Baldwin  Gr 2  A
Brianna Gotting  Gr2  A
Miju Jeong  Gr5  A+
Ethan Wright  Preliminary  A
Keeley Wright  Gr3  A

Do you leap out of bed in the morning, looking forward to the day? Or do you lie there and worry about the many challenges you will face? We all see the world through the glass of our temperaments. Rudolf Steiner gave helpful descriptions for educators, which they have used to understand the temperament of the children in their care. The temperaments can be a key to addressing children’s needs and assisting their journey in learning through life.

Part 2: Screen Time and Computers - Mark Molloy, Catherine Banner and Amelia Field.
How does the absence of screens and computers in early Steiner Education affect their early learning and their readiness for High School? Two Steiner teachers and the ICT Coordinator will speak and lead a discussion on this topic. Ex - students from the Steiner Education stream will share their experiences.

18 November 7pm in the Resource Centre
Part 1: The Temperaments - Anne Evans

STEINER PARENT LECTURE

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