Dear parents and families

Welcome to the 2015 school year at Trinity Gardens School.

I would like to give a special warm welcome to the 112 new students (and their families) who began with us this week. I know you will all enjoy your time here in our amazing school and community.

We have had a terrific week with students settling in very well to the routines and procedures of their new classes and reacquainting themselves with friends and staff. It really has been a smooth start.

Successful Start / Every Face has a Place at Trinity Gardens

During the first 2 weeks, all classes are focussing on setting up their class for a successful year ahead. This program will include a strong focus on introducing or re-visiting the Virtues, developing safe classroom and school expectations, teaching explicit strategies for successful social development and interaction with others, setting learning goals for the term ahead and getting to know each other better. This learning will have a major focus over these weeks.

To celebrate our ‘Successful Start’ to the year- we are planning a whole school event for **Monday 9 February at 2.15pm** on the newly re-designed Devitt Rd oval. This will also give our students and community a chance to see the fantastic changes that have been made to this green space and the future developments planned. All parents and families are invited to join us. More details soon.

Our 2015 staff

We were very fortunate to be able to announce nearly all our staff at the end of 2014, however we have a few extra notifications to add. Congratulations to Tonia Doody who has been appointed as the Senior Leader for Terms 1 and 2 this year, Ruth Busby in the role of Wellbeing Coordinator, and Cathryn Irvine who will be our ICT Coordinator for this term. Great appointments to our leadership team! We welcome back all returning 2014 staff and welcome Jacqui Fenlon, Genevieve Mudge, Leanne Wheaton, Tim Reid, Cosmo Antenucci and Kathryn Lymberopoulos to our teaching staff.

Grounds enhancement …what incredible progress! You would already be noticing the amazing progress being made on our school grounds re-development (currently being known as ‘Classroom 2030’). The Devitt Rd oval is almost complete with a large sandpit with blige pump for water and sand sculpting, a multitude of beautiful shrubs and trees currently being planted and the preparation for 9 fitness stations around the track. We hope that the security fences will be removed by next Friday, so that students can enjoy this delightful space.

At the moment, students are using the Portrush oval space for play even though some areas of grass have been sprayed and prepared for the new changes. This is completely safe. This oval will only be used for 2 weeks until the Devitt Oval is complete, then the security fences will be re-installed so that construction can begin on Portrush oval. Students have been very excited to see the progress and have been flexible in using alternate areas for play. They are also enjoying the opportunity to play with students across all year levels in our school (which we would like to continue in 2015 if it is successful). The grounds works are still scheduled to be completed by the end of April.

Note: A complete list of the beautiful features we are creating on the oval spaces is attached with the newsletter. Large maps of the grounds plans will also be placed at locations around the school.

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**Term 1 Week 1**

**29 January 2015**

**Diary Dates**

- **26 January Monday**
  Public Holiday Australia Day

- **27 January Tuesday**
  First day Term 1,2015

- **9 February Monday**
  Governing Council Meeting
  2.15pm Successful Start, Devitt Oval

- **10 February Tuesday**
  Acquaintance Night

- **11 February Wednesday**
  Acquaintance Night

- **6 March Friday**
  Pupil Free Day

- **9 March Monday**
  Public Holiday Adelaide Cup Day

- **16 March Monday**
  Yr 6/7 Aquatics

- **17 March Tuesday**
  Yr 6/7 Aquatics

- **3 April Friday**
  Good Friday

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**Virtues of the Week**

**Week 1 Respect**

**Week 2 Respect**

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**Acquaintance Night**

**Mark your diary**
school. Once complete our grounds will provide an incredible outdoor learning area, as well as green space for fitness and enjoyment for all the community. Please take the time to have a look.

I look forward to an exciting and productive year ahead with all our students, staff and community members.

Warm regards

Jan Carey
Principal

Changes to Jones Ave Parking and 'Pick up/ Drop off' Zone

As advised previously, changes have now been made to the on-street parking provisions around the school. These changes were introduced as a result of a review of safety adjacent to the school, which has been undertaken by the Council.

The changes in Jones Avenue are summarised as follows:

- The indented parking area has been turned into integral parking with new kerbing and a new footpath to enable a larger area for student pick-up and drop-off. The parking in this area will be strictly 2-minutes only as required under the Australian Road Rules.
- What this means is that parents will be permitted to park for no more than 2-minutes for the immediate pick-up or drop-off of children.
- Parents can exit their vehicle to assist their children getting into or out of the vehicle but must remain with the vehicle at all times.
- If your child is not present, then you must circle and come back around or park further away and walk to the drop off area to pick up your child.
- Teachers will be on hand to assist during pick up and drop off times.
- Individual parking spaces will be line-marked to ensure the new parking area is efficiently used.
- Fines will apply for non-compliance with the new parking controls so let’s all work together for the safety of our children.
- A caution: - Parking inspectors have already been active in this area to support this new procedure. Thank you.

VIRTUES OF THE WEEK

Week 1 & 2  Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves, others, and the world around us. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful we treat others as we want to be treated. Respect includes honouring the rules of our family or school, which make life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.

FINANCE NEWS

2015 Materials & Services Charge invoices have been sent to all families and are now due for payment.

Thank you to those families who have paid promptly.

A $10 Uniform Voucher is available when fees are paid in full no later than Friday 13 February 2015.

School Card assistance must be applied for each year. Please complete & return a 2015 form to the School Office as soon as possible if you feel you may be eligible.

You can telephone or come into the School Office to Pay School Fees

Pay Instrument Hire Fees

Pay for Excursions

Collect a 2015 School Card assistance form

Thank you, Karen.

CONTACT DETAILS

From the School Office

Have your details changed recently?

Have you let the office know?

Mobile numbers,
Address details,
Emergency contacts,
Medical information.

Please inform the School Office to update your details.

Thank you.

KEEP UP TO DATE

Accessing the school online - Three Locations

School Website www.trinitygps.sa.edu.au for all school information

TGE-Connect www.trinitygardens.wikispaces.net for all school information, resources, excursion forms etc

Skoolbag As previously mentioned, the Skoolbag app will be used from Term 1. The Skoolbag app is an excellent way of keeping up to date, particularly for users of smart phones. The download instructions for both android and apple users is included with this newsletter.

Thank you.
OSHC NEWS

Site Works Update - Please be aware that over the coming weeks work will be undertaken in the immediate areas surrounding OSHC. A new Pergola for the OSHC students will be installed.

Temporary fencing will be installed shortly. This may mean the main entrance door will be not accessible. Please use the rear entrance during this time. Thank you.

SCHOOL BAND

Monday Lunch Time
Stokes Centre 1.30 -2pm

Open to any Year 4-7 students. Instrument and percussion players welcome. Ring Sarah on M:0434 930 626 to register your child’s interest, or students can turn up with their instruments next Monday.

Thank you

RESOURCE CENTRE VOLUNTEERS 2015

New friends are welcome to be part of our ‘Friends of the Library’ for 2015. ‘Friends of the Library’ volunteer their time to help cover books and perform other duties to help keep our library performing to a high standard and looking fantastic. It certainly reflects what a supportive school community we have at Trinity Gardens School! Please come and visit me in the library if you would like to become a “Friend of the Library’ for 2015.

Regards
Janet Grimes
Resource Centre

AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

Are you interested in playing basketball or cricket? If you are in Year 2 - 7 you have the opportunity to nominate to play in after school competitions.

A nomination form, sent home with your child today, is attached with this newsletter and is also available via TG E-connect and Skoolbag.

Please return forms by next Monday 2 February so your child does not miss out.

We apologise for the quick turn around time but games begin in week 3 of term so teams, coaches, and uniforms need to be finalised next week.

If you have any questions regarding after school sport, please feel free to contact Miranda Jackson via the school P: 8431 4170 or E: miranda.jackson160@schools.sa.edu.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

Health Alert

Please be aware there has been a student in the school diagnosed with a case of Chickenpox.

Some precautions need to be taken if you are in contact with the disease, especially in the case of pregnancy and newborn children.

Please contact your medical practitioner if you have any concerns.

Thank you

Kiosk News

The Kiosk will be open every Friday lunch, starting next Friday, 6 February

School Dental Service

All dental care is free for most children.

For information regarding the SA School Dental Service please contact:
W: www.sadental.sa.gov.au
T: 8222 9013.

Local Sports available...

Grasshopper Soccer
W: grasshoppersoccer.com.au

Tranmere Lawn Tennis Club
ANZ Tennis Hot Shots
FEATURES OFFERED BY ‘CLASSROOM 2030’ at TRINITY GARDENS SCHOOL

DEVIIT OVAL
- A multifunctional, all-age sports, fitness and relaxation play perimeter upgrade.
- 9 fitness circuit stations around the run track which are also play equipment, including natural log step ups and balance beam, a carved jump up pole and handmade wooden sit up bench.
- Multiple nooks and crannies suitable for private and fantasy play, collecting, creature and plant treasure searches, quiet resting or social get together, in a varied terrain of mounds, logs, and rocks amongst sensory plantings that provide food, scent, texture and colour all year round.
- 80 advanced trees providing shade, foliage contrasts, aerial blossom gardens and autumn colour.
- Copse and spinneys of butterfly and bird attracting shrubs that provide play and educational resources in resin, seeds, leaf and flower.
- A large sandpit with bilge pump for water and sand sculpting, and an edge that invites climbing and balancing, cooking and rock grinding play.
- An improved ambience for run track users with shady and scented tree tunnels and hedges, wayside seating and artistic path intrusions underfoot, featuring insects and creatures.

PORTRUSH OVAL
- St. Morris students will be included much more in outdoor play activities- under the corner veranda a natural wood screen with puppetry and shop shelf window for interacting with passersby; a sensory garden of perennial shrubs within hands reach of a wheelchair and a short walking circuit of the garden with bird bath and a blackboard on the outside wall at wheelchair height.
- A fruit and nut orchard of twenty hardy and popular tree varieties for browsing, preserving and learning about pollination, pruning, budding and grafting.
- A half acre of Adelaide Plains indigenous open woodland over varied terrain for unsupervised and creative nature play, and a huge variety of cross disciplinary educational activities.
- A labyrinth surrounded by a circle of golden trees.
- A miners quarry with rocks and flat wood rounds for grinding and splitting.
- The "ruins" - 2m x 3m remnants of a forest cabin, recalling old pioneer cottages with a peppercorn tree nearby, a dreamy and private ambience for quiet play, social gathering, drawing or outdoor study activity.
- Inside the child safe fenced area, three linked frog ponds with weaving reeds, wetland plants and weeping trees, logs and rocks for lizard habitat.
- Two small ovals - standard under 11's and under 9's size - with shade trees and raised grass rolling mounds in the run off zones.
- An extensive 500m wheelchair negotiable, compacted stone cross country track that winds its way between and over mounds, through shady groves and a rocky gorge, between the ovals and past the orchard- sometimes big loops giving choices of easier or more challenging terrain.
- "The log Jam" - an area of amazing climbing logs arranged over regulation softfall and meeting playground safety standards.
- A wide variety of bark, wood rounds rocks and branches for cubbying all along the gabion wall.
- A large sandpit with bilge pump for water.
- A 60 meter winter wet, summer dry creek system with lots of pebbles, reeds and stepper logs and rocks, a bridge and at the end- digging and mud play area.
- 1400 staked and gro guarded grasses, ground covers and shrubs as sensory, propagating, microclimate and environmental studies resource and creature habitat.
How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone & iPad Users

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps"; your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "Install".
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Android Users

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

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