Dear parents and families,

What an exciting and productive few weeks we have had. It was terrific to see all the parents who attended the Acquaintance Night sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The overwhelming response has been how informative and welcoming the school and teachers have been. Thank you.

Successful Start Celebration
The school celebrated our ‘Successful Start’ program at a special assembly on Monday. During the past two weeks each class has decorated 2 large wooden letters that would contribute to the phrase ‘Every Face Has a Place at Trinity Gardens’. These letters look amazing! You may have already seen the first set of these letters along the gabion wall on Portrush Rd? If not, make sure you take a look. The other set will appear soon around the school.... I wonder where? Well done to all our students, children and teachers who contributed their ideas and artistic skills.

Devitt Oval opens!
It has been an exciting week in the yard! The students are now able to access the newly re-designed Devitt oval. I spent a number of lunchtimes wandering around in this space chatting to children about what they liked most. The sandpit sure is a big hit, with many collaborative creations being dug and built, but it was so lovely to see many pockets of children sitting, playing and enjoying the rocks, logs, nooks and crannies of the boundary spaces. It will be exciting to see how this area develops and changes over time as the plants grow. We are just waiting for the final pieces of playground equipment (monkey bars, A-frame, parallel bars etc) to complete the activities.

Sports Day delayed
Due to the extensive works occurring on the Portrush oval this term, our yearly Sports Day will be delayed until later in the year. We will let families know very soon.

Parent voice is vital
The improvement of our school relies on the partnerships we have with our parents. We value the voices and opinions of our community, and invite all those parents who may wish to contribute to discussions and actions in the following school committees for 2015: Governing Council, Fundraising, Facilities/Grounds, Sports, OSHC and Education. Would you like to be involved? Please read the attached flier and return to the School Office.

Annual General meeting (AGM)
Are you interested in knowing more about our school Governing Council and the 2015 committees? Do you have an interest shaping the
direction of the school improvements?

Please join us for our Annual General Meeting on Mon 23 February at 6.30pm in the Resource Centre.

**Jan Carey**
Principal

**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 3 and 4**

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.

**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.

E: dl.0474.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Thank you.

**UNIVERSITY OF NSW COMPETITIONS**

In previous years our school has provided opportunities for students to be involved in academic competitions offered by the University of New South Wales. We believe these competitions do not align with our philosophy and approach to student learning over the last few years. Every child is unique and learning is enhanced in a safe and supportive environment not one where there is a competitive approach. The numbers of students who participate are very small and provide limited information to schools about children's development in those subject areas.

As of this year we will no longer be offering these competitions. Teachers gather assessment information using a range of strategies, including standardised tests, observations and work samples.

**MISSING SPORT UNIFORMS**

We are pleased to be able to loan sport uniforms to students at TGS. Unfortunately, there are still a number of basketball and cricket uniforms that have not yet been returned to school.

**PLEASE** make certain you’ve returned all sports uniforms so that we have enough uniforms to outfit our new teams. 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.
Thank you to those families who have paid 2015 Materials and Services Charge invoices promptly.

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

If you have not yet paid the 2015 MandS Charges, please ensure you have completed a 2015 School Card application form or have arranged a payment plan via the School Office.

School Card assistance must be applied for each year, please see School Card income limits below.

2015 Application forms are available from the School Office.

### 2015 SCHOOL CARD INCOME LIMITS

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### SCIENCE NEWS

Trinity Gardens is a Sustainable (AuSSI) School

For those who are new to the school and for our established community, we hope you find this an important aspect of being a member of our school community. As an AuSSI (Australian Sustainable School Initiative) school we are a member of the global United Nations Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) network. Please consider:

What if every person benefited from an education promoting development that is environmentally sound, socially equitable, culturally sensitive and economically just?

What if learning was about knowledge and also about doing, being, interacting with others and the changing world?

What if formal learning was hands-on and relevant to life outside school while addressing the problems of our world?

What if education systems prepared learners to enter the workforce as well as handle a crisis, be resilient, become responsible citizens, adapt to change, recognize and solve local problems with global roots, meet other cultures with respect and create a peaceful and sustainable society?

Then we would be educating for a sustainable future. We hope you can join us in this endeavour, on your child’s behalf.

Our current sustainability focused theme is Healthy Living. If we live a healthy lifestyle it has global benefits with personal and community rewards.

We encourage our students to eat healthy, sustainable food. To consider the food you buy, what it provides your child in terms of development and energy, the waste (and litter) it generates and is produced in a fair way.

Our theme for 2015 is a natural progression from healthy food to active movement. Getting your blood moving to your brain increases learning potential and fitness aids resilience. Set goals, small steps for long term gains - park the car further from school and walk, let them scoot and if you arrive early do a few laps of Devitt oval as people are now doing. The changes occurring in our grounds have a basis in being active and engaged. The benefits are wider than just for you and your child.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**MILO in2 Cricket Program**
Programs will be commencing soon at various locations across Adelaide. For more details www.saca.com.au

**SA Dental provides dental care for free for most children under 18 years.**
For further info www.sadental.sa.gov.au

**Guidelines for Good Gaming**
Thurs 19 March 7.30-9.30pm
Mercedes College, Springfield
For bookings www.trybooking.com/GVCW
AFTER SCHOOL SPORT

Are you interested in playing Netball or Soccer in Term 2 and 3?

If you are in years 2 - 7 you have the opportunity to nominate to play in an after school competition. A nomination form is attached to this newsletter and your child will bring one home from school. Forms can also be found on tge-connect, skoolbag and the school website.

Team nominations will only be finalised with appropriate associations if there are adequate numbers of players and a dedicated coach/manager for each team. It is important to understand NO COACH = NO TEAM.

Team numbers cannot be infinite (too many players means less court or field time) so please send your registrations in by FRIDAY 20 February so your child does not miss out!

** All players whose nominations are received by the due date will play.**

** Players whose nomination form is late will go on a waiting list if the team is full. **

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

Liberty Swing

How exciting for the students of the St Morris Unit when they returned to school on January 27.

In their playground was a new Liberty Swing. The students have been taking turns during the day to go on the swing in their wheelchairs. Once on the swing the students can not but smile and laugh to feel the sensation of the wind blowing through their hair and the up and down movement of the swing.

The students and staff would like to say thank you to the Governing Council for this great piece of equipment.

DECEMBER / JANUARY VACATION CARE

What a fantastic Vacation Care we have just had! We welcomed 13 new children with an average of 43 children attending per day.

Before Christmas a small group of children and educators visited Trowbridge House Nursing Home and entertained the residents with carols and other songs. We went to Stradbroke Vacation Care on our Show Day where the children enjoyed playing games, eating soft serve and choosing items for their show bags. Our Excursion Days were again very popular.

We went to Plaster Fun House at Brighton, Wiz Bang Play Café and Balmoral Reserve, Ingle Farm Bowland, Bounce Inc, Amdale Movies, Payneham Pool and watched the Australian Company of Performing Arts perform 'Once Upon a Time’, followed by lunch and fun at Kensington Park. We received a lot of positive comments of how well mannered and behaved the children were, how involved and interactive our educators were and that our supervision was excellent.

The children also enjoyed the craft activities provided. In particular Mosaics with Move It Fitness, Tie Dyeing T-shirts, cooking for afternoon tea and learning Cartooning. We provided lunch one day each week. The children loved the Christmas Feast, Fijian themed foods, Taste of Italy lasagne, chips and salad and our Australia Day sausage sizzle, salads and lamingtons at Tusmore Park. We also arranged for food to be provided on some of our excursion days. The children really liked the drink and popcorn at the movies and the hot dog, chips and drink at Bowling. The hired visitors and equipment were also a lot of fun especially the Caricatures done by Paul Duff, the Waterslide, Face Painting, StreetSUP – large skateboards with paddles and Wheelienet an interactive disability awareness program using wheelchairs.

Thank you to those families who have already given us feedback. If you haven’t had the opportunity to yet, please send us a quick email or jot a note in the white communication folder at the sign in / out table. Please also provide any suggestions for next Vacation Care as this is being planned for now.

Thank you to my great team of educators. Once again your commitment, flexibility and dedication to providing a great program for the children is greatly appreciated.

Edwina
Director - OSHC
Trinity Gardens School
AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS NOMINATIONS
WINTER 2015 (Terms 2 & 3)

Please read the following information carefully. If you are interested in playing Soccer and/or Netball during terms 2 and 3 please nominate by completing all the necessary personal and payment details below.

Team nominations will only be finalised with appropriate associations if there are adequate numbers of players and a dedicated coach/manger for each team. It is important to understand NO COACH = NO TEAM. Team numbers cannot be infinite so please get your registrations in by FRIDAY 20 February so your child does not miss out!

All players whose nominations are received by the due date will play.

** Players whose nomination form is late will go on a waiting list if the team is full. **

Once teams have been finalised, further information will be sent home regarding your child’s chosen sport.

Personal Details:
Child's first and last name: ___________________________ Gender: ______ DOB: ___________________________

Class Teacher: ___________________________ Year Level: ______ Room No.: ___________________________

Telephone Hm: ___________________________ Mobile (Mother): ___________________________ Mobile (Father): ___________________________

Email Address: ___________________________

Emergency Contact Person: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________

Medical Information (eg allergies, asthma, medication management): ___________________________

* Please be aware that your contact details will be shared with the coach/manger for ease of communication.

Parent/Caregivers Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

☐ SOCCER
Cost: $60 - includes game fee
Venue: Various

☐ Year 2/3 - Saturday AM
☐ Year 4/5 - Saturday AM
☐ Year 6/7 - Saturday AM
☐ Girls only 6/7 - Sat AM
(if enough girls nominate a team will be entered - if not, teams will be mixed)

I am able to:
☐ Coach the team
☐ Assist on game day

Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

☐ NETBALL - ALL MIXED TEAMS
Cost: $60 - includes game fee
Venue: Various and times are approximate

☐ NETTA - 9 years and under, with a minimum age of 8
Born 2006 to 2007 * Saturday 11am or 12 noon

☐ PRIMARY - 11 years and under, with a minimum age of 9
Born 2004 to 2006 * Saturday 12 noon or 1pm or 2pm

☐ SUB JUNIOR - 13 years and under, with a minimum age of 10
Born 2002 to 2005 * Saturday 1pm or 2pm or 3pm

I am able to:
☐ Coach the team
☐ Assist on game day
☐ Umpire games

Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

NETBALL AGE GROUPS
* Boys are welcome to compete until the age of 12 - Born in 2003.
* All ages are as at the 31st December 2015 - except for 7 year olds who may start in the summer competition, provided they turn 8 by the 31st December 2015.

NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED WITH PAYMENT BY - FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2015

Payment details: Cash ☐
Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard Card No: ___________________________
Expiry Date: ___________________________ CCV: ___________________________

Cardholder Name: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________