Dear parents and families,

Welcome to the 2016 school year at Trinity Gardens School. We have had a terrific start, with our students settling in very well to the routines and procedures of their new classes and reacquainting themselves with friends and staff. This year, we welcome 124 new students and their families to our school. I know you will all enjoy your time here in our amazing school and community.

**Are you ready?**

During the first 2 weeks, all classes will be implementing our whole school program called ‘Are you ready?’ This program aims to build a positive and supportive classroom culture where students feel safe and have a sense of belonging, identity, independence and mastery. All teachers, including specialist and classroom support people, are involved in the program. The program includes many hands on activities, and fun games to introduce the ‘Play is the Way’ key concepts and Virtues. Games are used to initiate a process of self-awareness. They create a shared body of experience that is used to build relationships within the group and to develop the group. They are an engaging way for the group to reflect on behaviour of themselves and of others providing a great opportunity to reflect back on Key Concepts and Virtues in open discussion time.

You will see new signs around the school saying ‘Welcome to the Unknown. Be brave’ and ‘Are You Ready?’ Ask your child what these mean for their learning ahead?

Note: Later in the year, we will be offering a parent workshop about our Play is the Way program.

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**Reminder about Jones St Parking and ‘Pick up & Drop off’ Zone**

- The parking in this area is 2-minutes only as required under the Australian Road Rules.
- What this means is that parents are 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, or pick up your child.
- Teachers are on hand to assist during pick up and drop off times.
- 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: Traffic inspectors have already been active in this area to support this procedure. Thank you.*

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**Term 1 Week 1**

**4 February 2016**

**Diary Dates**

15 February Monday
Governing Council 6.30pm

16 February Tuesday
Acquaintance Night see flyer

17 February Wednesday
Acquaintance Night see flyer

26 February Friday
Reception Family Breakfast

29 February Monday
Pupil Free Day

4 March Friday
Year 6/7 Aquatics, West Lakes

7 March Monday
RAN Volunteer Training
11.30am-1.30pm
Governing Council AGM 6.30pm

**Weeks 6-11, Tuesday**
Footsteps

10 February Thursday
Year 6/7 Aquatics, West Lakes

14 March Monday
Adelaide Cup Day, Public Holiday

25 March Friday
Good Friday, Public Holiday

28 March Monday
Easter Monday, Public Holiday

15 April Friday
End of Term, early dismissal, 2.05pm

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**PUPIL FREE DAY**
**MON 29 FEBRUARY**
### ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

**TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY & WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2016**

*Mark your diary now - All parents/caregivers welcome*

Come and meet your child/children’s teacher and other parents/caregivers in your child’s class.

Please note supervision of children remains the responsibility of parents.

Science, Music, Italian, Gym Areas will be open 5.00 – 6.00 pm Tuesday

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FINANCE NEWS

Materials & Services Invoices
Materials & Services Invoices for all students went home this week. Please contact the School Office if you did not receive your invoice. Reminder that this is a 14 day invoice. Payments received in full, no later than Friday 19 February, receive a $10 Uniform Shop Voucher. Vouchers need to be redeemed before end of Term 3, 2016.

If you require a School Card Application, forms are available from the School Office.

SCIENCE NEWS

Nature Play is not just for kids
Reconnecting with nature during the school holidays, a Trinity Garden’s parent helping his children with the finer art of cubby building was having the best fun.

Portrush Forest has provided a great place for families to spend time in a safe and familiar environment.
The forest is growing well and will be a focus for lessons over the coming weeks but we are looking parents to help us to care for this space.

Come & garden in Portrush Forest
We need parents to help care for this play and learning space.

Wednesdays between 8:50am and 9:30am
A great way to start a day, a little fun and fitness and supporting your school to provide nature play and learning opportunities.
A bit of weeding, tree guard removal or replacement and the joy of being in a great place – all too easy.

Meet out in Portrush Forest.
Jacqui Hunter: parent organiser.

Accessing the School On-line

Use this to access the school online and keep up to date with all school info!

Skoolbag app – have you downloaded the free app? Skoolbag.com.au
(Please do NOT use the skoolbag app for absences)

Tge-connect go to www.trinitygardens.wikispaces.net

School Website www.trinitygps.sa.edu.au

Remember – all forms are available to download from tge-connect

Absences

SMS 0416 906 256 or telephone the School Office 8431 4170
Leave name, room number and reason for absence
Save this number in your phone now.
(Please do NOT use the skoolbag app for absences.)

Contact Details
To update any contact details or to request the newsletter to be emailed, please email the school on dl.0474.info@schools.sa.edu.au
Trinity Gardens School

AFTER SCHOOL SPORT NOMINATION - CRICKET & BASKETBALL 2016

Please read the following information carefully. Please nominate for basketball and/or cricket by completing all personal and payment details below and returning your nomination form to the School Office by Monday 8 February 2016.

Please note that Cricket is term 1 only - new competitions will begin for cricket in term 4, 2016 and this year only Basketball is term 1, 2 & 3 - Please note the information on the back of this form regarding the change to BASKETBALL.

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

***Late nomination forms will only be accepted if there are not enough players to make up a team.***

PLEASE submit your nomination form by the due date - Monday 8 February 2016 so your child does not miss out!

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

Personal Details (please fill out NEATLY as this is our way of corresponding with you):

Child’s full name:…………………………………………………… Gender:…………………… DOB:…………………………

Class Teacher:……………………………………………………………     Room No: ……………..      Year Level:………

Telephone Hm:……………..…………….… Mobile (Mother):……….....…………………. Mobile (Father):……………….………..…….

Email address:……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Emergency Contact Person (if not above) : ………………………………………………………………………………... Phone:……………………………………………………………………..

Medical Information (eg allergies, asthma, medication management):………………………………………………………..

Please be aware that your contact details will be shared with the Coach/Manager for ease of communication.

Parent/Caregivers Name:……………………………………………………….. Signature:…………………………………….

CRICKET CRICKET CRICKET CRICKET

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ALL MIXED TEAMS TERM 1 ONLY

Cost: $45 - includes game fee
Venue: 4/5 & 6/7 various locations
2/3 Parkinson Reserve, Kensington

** First games for the term are week 3 - 19/20 February

☐ Year 2/3 - Saturday AM
☐ Year 4/5 - Friday 4 - 6pm
☐ Year 6/7 - Saturday AM

I am able to:
☐ Coach the team
☐ Manage the team

Name:_____________________________
Signature:_________________________

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ALL MIXED TEAMS TERM 1, 2 & 3

Cost: $55 - PLUS $6 at the door each week. ($5 for year 2/3) Venues: to be confirmed

First games for the term are week 3 - from Monday 15 February

☐ Year 2/3 - Tuesday PM
☐ Year 4/5 - Wednesday PM
☐ Year 6/7 - Monday PM

I am able to:
☐ Coach the team
☐ Manage the team

Name:_____________________________
Signature:_________________________

NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED WITH PAYMENT TO THE OFFICE BY - MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY

Please note— a nomination fee is not required for the child in the team the parent coaches (please see over for details)

Payment by Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Card No: [Redacted]
Expiry Date: [Redacted] CVV: [Redacted]

Amount: $____________

Cardholder Name:_________________________ Child’s name:_________________________

Signature:_________________________
CHANGES TO BASKETBALL FOR 2016
Basketball has previously been played over two seasons per calendar year - a Semester 1 season (term 1 & 2) and a Semester 2 season (term 3 & 4). The Norwood League has made a change to their seasons from 2016 going forward, to a Winter season (term 2 & 3) and a Summer season (term 4 & term 1 of the following calendar year). In order to transition across, the first Winter season will be extended to encompass term 1 making the season 3 terms in length. If your child nominates to play basketball they will be expected to be committed for a **full 3 terms** (term 1, 2 & 3). If you have any queries regarding this information please do not hesitate to contact me on P: 8431 4170 or E: miranda.jackson160@schools.sa.edu.au

After School Sport Roles Explained
Coaching or Managing a school sport team can be a wonderful way to participate in your child’s primary school experience. Our school, like many schools and sporting associations, relies on the generosity of volunteers from our school community to take on the role of Coach or Team Manager for our various sporting teams.

**We are unable to enter teams into competitions without a coach.**
At TGS we want all interested students to have the opportunity to participate in after school sport. Playing sport gives children the opportunity to experience being part of a team, learn new skills, foster friendships and be physically active.

Some parents/caregivers are unable to volunteer their time to coach or manage a team. We would also like to extend the offer to other members of our school community including grandparents and teenage siblings who might be willing to volunteer their time and expertise. Ideally we’d like for each team to have both a coach and a team manager to “share the load”. This way the coach can focus on coaching and the team manager can provide communication between the team. In a nutshell.....

**Role of Coach**
- The role of the coach is primarily to Coach the team at the games each week of the season/term/semester.
- Provide a training session if possible. Training is not compulsory. It is at the discretion and availability of the coach.
- Create a roster if necessary to roster a player or players on and off the field/court and into positions each week.
- Be responsible for a kit of equipment that is provided by TGS for use at training and games.
- Collect sports uniforms loaned by TGS to players following the final game for the season, wash and return to school. This task may be done by parent/manager from the team.

**Role of Team Manager**
- Create an email and/or text ‘group’ to communicate with each parent/caregiver in the team.
- Advise parents/careers of fixture/timetable when released and/or notify game times and locations each week via email or text.
- Notify all parents/careers when training or the game is cancelled
- Create a roster for who scores, times, captains or brings the oranges!
- Support the coach at games where required. This might include assisting the coach with rotation of players etc.

*Please note that these roles are not rigid and should be negotiated between Coach and Manager as to who performs which task.*
If no-one nominates to be team manager, the coach will still be required to complete these tasks. If these duties are shared between two or more people it makes the overall task more manageable for all involved.

Each sport also has an overall ‘Co-ordinator’ that is there to support the Coaches and Team Managers. The Co-ordinator communicates information from the relevant sporting association eg. fixtures/timetables, changes to the competition etc. to the Coaches and Team Managers. They attend occasional meetings at the relevant sporting association through the year and provide support and guidance to the coaches. We are extremely grateful for the generous parents/caregivers and other members of the school community who take on these roles enabling our children to play after school sport.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please feel free to contact me via email: miranda.jackson160@schools.sa.edu.au or Hugh Ross our PE Teacher on E: hugh.ross283@schools.sa.edu.au

Many thanks,
Miranda Jackson, After School Sport Officer

In order to support coaches and thank them for the support they offer to our students, children of coaches will not be charged the nomination fee to play in the team their parent/career coaches.