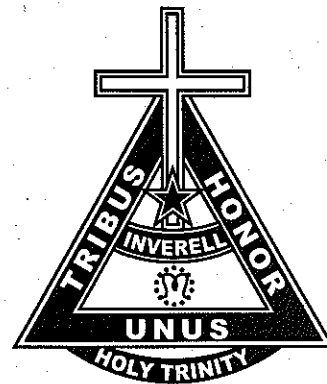


TRINITY TALKS

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL



Phone: 02 6722 4066
Fax: 02 6722 2116

Moore Street
INVERELL NSW 2360

trin_inv@arm.catholic.edu.au
P.O. Box 618 INVERELL NSW 2360

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

(newsletter also available on our website at www.holytrinity.nsw.edu.au)

Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students,

During Lent, one priority for all of us is that we looking critically at our relationships and use this self reflection as an opportunity to work on improving them. Parents, students and staff promote the importance of working well in teams - of caring, forgiving and affirming others for their contribution on a regular basis as a central tenet of the mission of Holy Trinity. In this way, we all strive to model how to be positive contributors to our school and local communities.

This last week has shown us many ways to contribute to the life of the school. Some of these are included elsewhere in more details in this newsletter:

- Mrs Townsend and the Agriculture students represented us at the Inverell Show last week. The students excelled showing their knowledge and expertise in the cattle and goat events and at the same time, supporting the Show as an important community event.
- The Kids in the Garden Project is being enjoyed by an increasing number of primary and secondary students, who are working with Mrs Watchirs and several other staff. Students are appreciating the opportunity to work with others to create and grow the garden.
- Many students will represent the school and the Diocese in upcoming events including swimming, triathlon, netball and later in the year, cricket. By joining new teams beyond
- Holy Trinity, the students link our community with the wider world of sport.

An important way that parents/carers can contribute to the life of the school is through their involvement with school activities. The **Easter Fair on Friday, 19th March commencing 6.00pm** is an

important fund raiser for the Parents and Friends Association. This gives us all the opportunity to work together to give our students the best educational resources and opportunities that we can provide. A flyer on the Easter Fair has been included in this edition of the newsletter.

The Parents and Friends next meeting and AGM will take place next Tuesday, 9th March at 8.00pm in the Newberry Centre. Please come along if you can. It will be preceded by the Easter Fair Meeting at 7.30pm that evening.

Involvement in the School Board is another way of contributing to the life of the school. The following information from the Chair, Mr Mark Palmer, provides an outline of the upcoming **Board AGM on Thursday, 18th March** and the Board's function at Holy Trinity:

The School Board AGM is coming up this month and half the Board (5 members) are required to retire and/or seek re-election. Nominations to join the Board are welcome from those in the School community. Below is a very brief outline on the role and responsibilities of the Board.

Holy Trinity School Board is made up from a diverse group of parents and members of the parish, a teacher representative, Assistant Principals, Principal and Parish Priest.

Whilst formally the Board's role is outlined in the School Board Constitution, its real role is much less complicated than it reads. Quite simply, the Board is there to assist the School to be the very best it can be in all areas.

Working in an advisory role to our Principal and the Executive and providing assistance through Finance and Building sub-committees, the Board contributes not only to the smooth running of the School but also in ensuring that it continues to

provide the very best in Catholic education for the Inverell community.

The wealth of experience of the School Board with regards to the diversity of professions that Board members make up contributes to the depth of knowledge available to the Principal through the Board. Complimenting this experience is local knowledge - a number of Board Members are ex-Holy Trinity students ensuring that whilst we always have an eye to the future, we are proud of our heritage and see ourselves as a vital part of the Sacred Heart Parish.

The School Board is but one of the many ways that parents can be involved in Holy Trinity. The Parents and Friends Association is one of the School's greatest assets and again is yet another way that Holy Trinity School welcomes not just the student, but the whole family into its community.

The School Board is enormously proud of Holy Trinity School, our staff and our students. I know I speak on behalf of all Board members in acknowledging what a privilege it is to serve on the Holy Trinity School Board for the benefit of not just today's students but students for generations to come.

A Nomination Form for the School Board is included in this newsletter and must be returned to the Principal by Thursday, 11 March.

We value the contribution made by so many individuals and families to the school and appreciate the support we receive. We pray that the generosity of spirit that is part of our community will continue and encourage families who are new to Holy Trinity to be an active part of the school. You will be made very welcome.

Publishing Images of Students

From time to time, our students are photographed participating in school activities such as sport, excursions, camps and other learning activities. These photographs are sometimes published in newsletters, newspapers, advertisements, prospectus, website and other school publications.

If any parent/carer does not wish their child's image to be published, please notify the school in writing by next Friday 12 March at the latest.

Arrangements for Signing out of Students

All students K-10 are to sign out of the main office if they leave the school premises during the day. Students will bring their note (K-6 signed the class teacher and 7-10 by Mrs Ehsman or their pastoral care teacher) to the office when they come to sign out. Parents are to collect all students from the main office.

Resignation

Jane Ditchfield has tendered her resignation from Holy Trinity from the end of Term 1. We wish Jane well and thank her for her contribution to the school over the last 2 years.

Prayers Please

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lin Girle (Phillip's mother and our Office Manager Paula's mother-in-law) who passed away on Friday night. Her funeral was held today. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.* Please keep Phillip and Paula and the family in your prayers at this sad time.

Please pray for all our families and those special people in our lives who are experiencing difficulties such as illness, stress and grief and on a positive note, let's include a thanks giving prayer for the recent rain.

A reminder that the communal **Parish Reconciliation will be held tonight at 7.00pm at the Church.** This is an important part of our Lenten preparations.

Best wishes and God bless,

Valerie Thomas

**Mrs Val Thomas
Principal**

Clean Up Australia Day

This Sunday is Clean Up Australia Day and once again Holy Trinity will be participating. All participants are asked to be at the Town Pool at 8.00am on Sunday to register. Parents are welcome to come along with their children. Students need to bring a hat, comfortable walking shoes and may choose to bring along their own garden gloves. In the past, gloves and a bottle of water have been provided by the Council. The students will return to the Pool at around 11.00am.

A note will go home for any interested students and it needs to be returned by Friday to Mr Baird in the Primary or Mr Koch in the Secondary.

From the R.E.C.

Project Compassion

The first week of support for Project Compassion has achieved amazing results. We raised \$516, what a fantastic effort. Already your contributions can provide a grant for a family in East Timor to start a small business.



This week Caritas brings us the story of Teneille who lives in the Aboriginal Community of Derby, a small coastal town 200km from Broome in Western Australia. Many of

Derby's Indigenous families have low literacy levels and limited job opportunities, and are affected by poor health and housing and these are some of the complex issues underlying truancy and poor school performance among the area's children.

Since 2008 Caritas Australia has supported Jalaris Aboriginal Corporation in establishing and running the Kids Future Club. The program instituted by the 'Kids Club' takes a holistic approach to increasing school attendance and raising academic performance for truanting children, including running an after school session where Aboriginal children and their parents can become familiar with structured education, health and nutrition in a culturally relevant way.

The Kids Club sees the wellbeing of children as embedded in that of their parents and extended family. As well as providing a safe and supportive play environment, the whole family is encouraged to get involved in the women's room, drop in centre and mobile health clinic. Elders and parents run music, story telling and painting activities as well as visits to historical sites and bush medicine trips.

A strong team of Aboriginal child education workers has been built through the program's focus on developing local capacity in child development, education and health. Project staff are now able to demonstrate teaching methods that address participation barriers for Aboriginal children at local schools. Through taking on feedback from kids, families and local agencies, the project staff are providing positive experiences of education, health and nutrition and Derby's Aboriginal children are getting on track with the education system. Your generous support is certainly making a difference in communities such as Teneille's.

Celebrating our Faith

Year 4Z will host the Primary Assembly this week. The theme for the Assembly prayer focuses on the aspects of fasting and almsgiving during the season of Lent.

Our young people are encouraged to share the spirit of fasting by giving up something they enjoy. It might lollies, junk food, some television, or a computer game. They can offer to do extra jobs around the house, join in programs, such as Clean-up Australia, or give some pocket money to Project Compassion. Through these good deeds, done in God's name, they show their love of God and desire to ensure that all may have life to the full (John 10:10).

Year 8K will host the Secondary Assembly this week. The theme for the Assembly prayer focuses on 'Carbon Fast' and is motivated by Micah's words, 'to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

Climate change is hitting the world's poorest people now. They've done the least to cause climate change, but feel the heat the most. Increased floods, droughts and storms are devastating lives as food, homes and livelihoods are washed away. It's difficult to see how our energy-hungry lifestyles cause suffering for people around the world we may never meet, but the Lord invites us to walk humbly with them and to join the fight by acting justly in the face of climate change: fast from carbon, pray and cry out for climate justice.

View www.tearfund.org/carbonfast a great site in providing information on the challenges of climate change.

Sacramental Dates for 2010

Confirmation (Year 6)

Parent Information Meeting –

Tues 27th April, 6.00pm, Sacred Heart Church

Parent Information Meeting –

Wed 28th April, 1.00pm, Sacred Heart Church

Confirmation Enrolment –

Sat 1st May/ Sun 2nd May, Sacred Heart Church

Confirmation Enrolment –

Sat 8th May/ Sun 9th May, Sacred Heart Church

Enrolment Mass times –

Sat, 6.00pm/Sun 9.00am

Sacrament of Confirmation –

Sun 20th June, 11.00am, Sacred Heart Church

First Reconciliation (Year 2)

Parent Information Meeting –

Mon 7th June, 6.00pm, Sacred Heart Church

Parent Information Meeting –

Tues 8th June, 1.00pm, Sacred Heart Church

Reconciliation Enrolment –

Sat 12th June/Sun 13th June, Sacred Heart Church

Reconciliation Enrolment –

Sat 19th June /Sunday 20th June, Sacred Heart Church

Enrolment Mass times –

Sat, 6.00pm / Sun 9.00am

Sacrament of First Reconciliation –

Mon, 23rd August, 6.00pm, Sacred Heart Church

First Eucharist (Year 3)

Parent Information Meeting –

Mon 9th August, 6.00pm, Sacred Heart Church

Parent Information Meeting –

Tues 10th August, 1.00pm, Sacred Heart Church

Eucharist Enrolment –

Sat 14th August/ Sun 15th August, Sacred Heart Church

Eucharist Enrolment –

Sat 21st August/ Sun 22nd August Sacred Heart Church

Enrolment Mass times –

Sat, 6.00pm/Sun 9.00am

Sacrament of First Eucharist –

Sun 7th November, 11.00am, Sacred Heart Church

For your child to receive the Sacramento a parent **must** attend **one** of the Parent Information Meetings. At the meeting the program will be explained and parents will be issued with an enrolment card. Parents must then present their child to Father Joe at **one** of the enrolment masses.

A letter will be forwarded to parents of eligible candidates two weeks in advance of the meeting dates. If you have any queries please contact Jo Peel at school.

From the Secondary

Inverell Show

Last week I had the pleasure to take seventeen students from Years 8, 9 & 10 to the Inverell Show. The students exhibited ten Cattle and three Goats and participated in the various competitions with great success.

In the Cattle section the students and their animals came away with 4 trophies, 20+ ribbons including 8 broad ribbons. Below are some of the highlights from the cattle section.

- Champion Led Steer both the Open class and the School section. In the last 10 years our school has won this section 8 times. Our students are consummate professionals in their preparation and exhibition of steers, as reflected in the consistent results they achieve at both local and national shows.
- Grand Champion Murray Grey bull
- Grand Champion Murray Grey female
- Junior Champion Murray Grey female
- Senior Champion Murray Grey female
- Junior Reserve Champion Murray Grey female



Other stud breeders at the show recognised our student's dedication and asked them to lead their stock with impressive results. The students looked fantastic in their cattle uniforms, their manners were impeccable and the way the students presented their cattle was outstanding. They are a credit to our school.

The Goat showing was new for our school. It was a steep learning curve and the students involved enjoyed the experience, as did myself, and the

parents. The South African judge was very patient and encouraging with the students. For first time exhibitors the students and the stock did exceptionally well with all the students involved receiving medallions and some students received placings in the Handler and Judging classes. We now hope to build on this experience and continue with the Boer goats.



The parents from Holy Trinity and MacIntyre High ran a successful BBQ at the cattle section as a fundraising activity for

the 9/10 Agriculture student's 2010 trip to Brisbane Show. The parents' dedication and generous support were greatly appreciated by the Agriculture class and myself. We would like to thank the Droughtmaster Cattle Society for the donation of steak and sausages and Brumby's Bread Shop and the Devlin family for supplying the bread. The money raised will make a big difference to the cost of the trip for our students.

I would also like to thank the following people for their support:

- Mrs Fletcher for transporting the goats to the show.
- Mr. Peter Butcher for donating the use of his truck to transport the cattle.
- The parents for transporting students and their steadfast support of the cattle team.
- Mr & Mrs Rae for a generous donation towards the Brisbane trip.

The student participation and professionalism was another example of just how good our students are at Holy Trinity School.

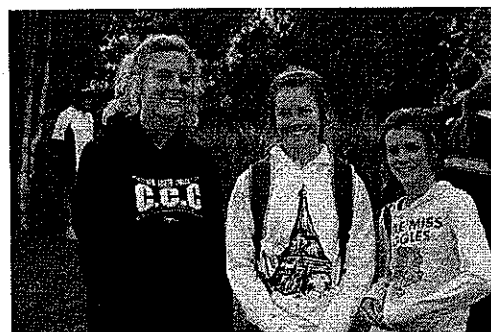
Mrs Kathy Townsend (Agriculture Teacher)

Secondary Sport

Sport for this week will be Novelty events at the Pool. Cost will be \$2 per person or a season ticket. Please have swimmers, water, hat and sunscreen.

Sport for weeks 7 and 8 will be Super 8's Cricket.

Congratulations to the following students who



attended the All-school's Triathlon in Sydney on Thursday and Friday 25th and 26th