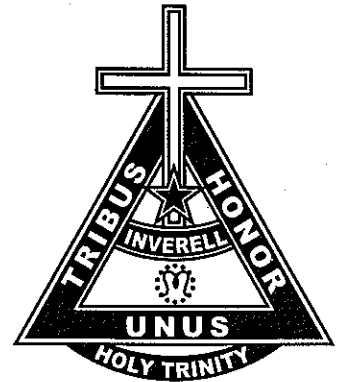


# TRINITY TALKS

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**Dear Parents,**

A teacher in New York decided to honour each of her seniors in high school by telling them the difference they each made. She called each student to the front of the class, one at a time. First she told each of them how they made a difference to her and the class.

Then she presented each of them with a blue ribbon imprinted with gold letters, which read, "Who I Am Makes a Difference". Afterwards the teacher decided to do a class project to see what kind of impact recognition would have on the community.

She gave each of the students three more ribbons and instructed them to go out and spread this acknowledgment ceremony. Then they were to follow up on the results, see who honoured whom and report back to the class in about a week.

One of the boys in the class went to a junior executive in a nearby company and honoured him for helping him with his career planning. He gave him a blue ribbon and put it on his shirt. Then he gave him the two extra ribbons and said, "We're doing a class project on recognition, and we'd like you to go out, find somebody to honour, give them a blue ribbon, then give them the extra blue ribbon so they can acknowledge a third person to keep this acknowledgment ceremony going. Then please report back to me and tell me what happened.

Later that day the junior executive went to see his boss. Who had been noted, by the way, as being kind of a grouchy fellow. He sat his boss down and he told him that he deeply admired him for being a creative genius. The boss seemed very surprised. The junior executive asked him if he would accept the gift of the blue ribbon and would he give him permission to put it on him. His surprised boss said,

"Well sure." The junior executive took the blue ribbon and placed it right on his boss's jacket above his heart.

As he gave him the last extra ribbon, he said, "Would you do me a favour? Would you take this extra ribbon and pass it on by honouring somebody else. The young boy who first gave me the ribbons is doing a project in school and he wants to keep this recognition ceremony going and find out how it affects people."

That night the boss came home to his 14-year old son and sat him down. He said, "The most incredible thing happened to me today. I was in my office and one of the junior executives came in and told me he admired me and gave me a blue ribbon for being a creative genius. Imagine, he thinks I'm a creative genius. Then he put this blue ribbon that says "Who I Am Makes a Difference" on my jacket above my heart. He gave me an extra ribbon and asked me to find somebody else to honour.

As I was driving home tonight, I started thinking about whom I would honour with this ribbon and I thought about you. I want to honour you. My days are really hectic and when I come home I don't pay a lot of attention to you. Sometimes I scream at you for not getting good enough grades in school and for your bedroom being a mess, but somehow tonight, I just wanted to sit here and, well, just let you know that you do make a difference to me. Besides your mother, you are the most important person in my life. You're a great kid and I love you!"

The startled boy started to sob and sob, and he wouldn't stop crying. His whole body shook. He looked up at his father and said through his tears, "Dad, earlier tonight I sat in my room and wrote a

letter to you and Mom explaining why I had run away and asked you to forgive me. I was going to run away tonight after you were asleep. I just didn't think you cared at all. The letter is upstairs; I don't think I need it after all." His Father walked upstairs and found a heartfelt letter full of anguish and pain. The envelope was addressed, "Mom and Dad."

The boss went back to work a changed man. He was no longer a grouch but made sure to let all his employees know that they made a difference. The junior executive helped several other young people with career planning and never forgot to let them know that they made a difference in his life.... one being the boss' son.

And the young boy and his classmates learned a valuable lesson. **Who you are DOES make a difference!**

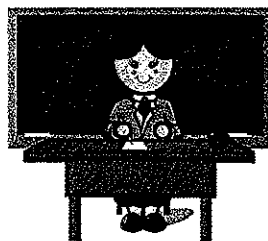
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### NAPLAN RESULTS

Parents should have received an envelope yesterday containing the results of the National Testing undertaken in May of this year. The initial analysis of our student's results is very pleasing – good results in all year levels and good growth from one year to another. Teachers will analyse the results now to look at where and how we can improve the results for the children even more!

### CLASS PLACEMENTS

Teachers will shortly commence work on placing infants and primary students into classes for next year. Should parents wish to inform us of any particular needs for next year's placement, please put this in writing to Mr McNeale in an envelope marked "confidential" as soon as possible. Needs may include social, emotional needs (being with or not with a particular child), behavioural needs, personality characteristics, etc. Whilst I cannot guarantee that your request will be acted upon – all requests will receive genuine and open consideration in informing our placements.



### PAST STUDENT

I received an email from a past student, Richard John Newbury (1963-1968), wishing to receive any information and contacts from students of that era. Richard can be contacted on [newbury55@hotmail.com](mailto:newbury55@hotmail.com) should you be able to help him out.

### PUPIL FREE DAY

A reminder that NEXT Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September is a pupil free day. Staff will be involved in faith formation activities throughout the day. Outside School Hours Care will run on the day – nomination form attached and must be returned to the Office!



### POSITION VACANT

Applications are called for the position of ABORIGINAL EDUCATION WORKER, 60 hours/fortnight (Term 4 2009). This is a specialised role offering learning support to students. An Application Package, including selection criteria, can be obtained from the school office. Applications close 3pm **THIS** Friday, 18th September 2009.

### TERM SOCIAL

This Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September will see the Years 3 to 6 dance from 5.30pm to 7.15pm (theme of HORROR!). Years 7 to 10 will have the floor from 7.30pm through until 10.00pm (theme TBA). Supervision is provided by teaching staff. Canteen will operate for both sessions.



### HOUSIE HELPERS

We are desperate for mums, dads, grandparents to help us out at Housie each Friday in particular. This fundraiser is significant for our school both in terms of the income and that the funds are raised outside of our school population. Names and enquiries can be given in to the office.

### SECONDARY BURSARY

Applications for bursaries for 2010 are now open. Grants are allocated on a needs basis, measured by the parents'/guardians' gross family income. Students must be enrolled in year 7 (or other secondary years) in 2010 with assistance continuing until the student completes year 12 or leaves school. Applications forms are available at the front office and close on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Applications must be returned to Mr McNeale.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David McNeale".

David McNeale  
(Principal)

**PUPIL FREE CARE RETURN**

My child(ren) will be attending the Pupil Free Day Care Program on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

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*From the R.E.C.*

**Year 8 Christian Living Day**

On Friday, of this week, Year 8 will participate in a Christian Living Day in the School Hall. The aim of the day is to focus on building relationships, acceptance of others and ways in which the students can support and encourage their peers in all aspects of school life. Part of the day will also be spent in preparation for the annual Year 8 excursion. Students are asked to wear casual clothes, sensible shoes and to bring \$5.00 for a shared lunch.

**Parish Youth Group**

The Parish Youth group will not be meeting for the next three Fridays. Mrs Allcock apologises for any inconvenience.

*From the Secondary*

**Rotary Public Speaking**

Last Thursday night Clare McCosker and Rebecca Cook represented Holy Trinity in the Inverell East Rotary Club Public Speaking competition, held in the RSM Club auditorium. After a tasty dinner, the girls presented their speeches to an appreciative audience of Rotary members and their guests. Rebecca presented her speech on the role and influence of the media on young women. Clare's speech was on the benefits of immunisation. Both speeches were well received, and included references to the Rotary movement's four way test: "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?" While they did not win the competition, both girls can be proud of the way they presented themselves and represented their school.

**Congratulations to our Award Winners**

Maddy Kennedy, Tye Ivey, George Lane, Lachie Brennan, Emily McCausland, Bobby Wighton, Nick Mijic, Taylor Flangan, Heather Adams, Mattea Single, Eloise McNeale, Harry Jorgensen, Bonnie Bremner, Georgie Taylor, Harry Moses, Will McAuliffe, Claire Lennon, Georgia Kennedy, Codi Pike, Jack Murray, Caleb Hamilton, Kate Lennon, Katie Middleton, Tayla Warwick, Bailey Gardner, Talia Crisp, Maggie Thomas, Gabby Davidson and Eliza Bucknell, Makayla Barnes, Matthew Pingthong, Erin Dodd, Bella McIntyre, Harry Scoble, Corey Williams, Wesley Allcock, Will Parsons, Felicia Lawson, Jack Parsons, Holly Perkuhn, Zac Paton Dion Rynne, Bethany Counsell.

**ICAS Spelling Results**

Congratulations to Lachlan Brennan, Eloise Moore, Harry Moses, Kate Biddle, Nick McInerney, Sam Beard, Kaileigh Asara and Claudia Mallory who received participation certificates. Well done to Emily McCausland, Molly Saunders, Joe Smith, Ellie Kable, Nick Moore, Grace Moses, Sam Swan, Georgia Brennan, Abby Fittler, Billy Higgins and Mitch Lennon who received Credits.

Congratulations to Tom Scoble who received a Distinction.

**Northwest Film Festival**

Congratulations to Liam Farrell, Sam Williamson, Chelsea Thom, Kaileigh Asara and Tarah House whose short films have made it to the finals of the NorthWest Film Festival. The films will be screened at the Festival next Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> in Bingara.

**7's League**

Success awaited the U/10's Rugby League players who competed in a "7's" Gala Day in Inverell last Tuesday. With wins against Ross Hill, Tingha, Inverell Public and Warialda Schools the boys once again acquitted themselves very well. Zac Schuman was awarded 'Most Improved' on the day, however all boys tackled and ran strongly with excellent sportsmanship displayed at all times.

**Chess**

Congratulations to our three chess teams who competed in Armidale last Friday. The participants were Ross Jane, Alex Daw, Sam Williamson, Liam Farrell, John Goodwin, Jeremy Irons, Lydia Ferris, Tom Scoble and Sam Beard. Competition was

fierce but all enjoyed the day. Thank you to our parents who transported and supported the students.

### **Year 3-6 Speeches**

Congratulations to all our students who have presented speeches in classes over the last two weeks. Our finals will be held tomorrow, Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> in the Hall from 9 am. Mrs Roxanne Schumach from Inverell High School will be our adjudicator. Finalists include George Lane, Emily McCausland, Lachie Brennan, Bonnie Bremner, Eloise McNeale, Clare Lennon, Beau Monckton, Kate Biddle, Molly Saunders, Mikayla Dal Santo, Hannah McNeale, Sam Swan, Sarah Lennon, Kate Lennon, Talia Crisp, Pip Kelly, Gabby Davidson, Eliza Bucknell, Paddy Corcoran, Giorgia Brennan and Ross Jane. Parents are welcome to attend.

### **4W Excursion**

Today 4W will be going on an excursion to the Council Chambers. We hope they have a good time.

### **P.S.S.A. Touch**

Congratulations to Mitch Lennon who competed in the Polding team at the PSSA Touch Championships in Nelson's Bay last week. Mitch's team made it to the semi finals but unfortunately went down by 1 point to Sydney East. Mitch had a great four days, made some new friendships and learnt many valuable skills.

### **NSW State Catholic Netball Championships**

Congratulations to both the 10's and 12's netball sides who travelled to Sydney last Monday to compete at the Catholic Netball Championships. Both teams were placed in the championship division and played against teams from the Central Coast and Sydney. The 12's played six games, winning five and drawing one. The 10's played seven games winning six and drawing one. Both teams should be commended on their sportsmanship and excellent behaviour. A big thank you to all parents who came and supported the girls.

### **Paul Kelly Cup State Finals**

Yesterday, 16 Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Paul Kelly Cup State Finals held in Blacktown, Sydney. The finals involved 24 teams from across the state, with HTS and a school from Coffs Harbour the only two teams representing the region north of Newcastle. Despite the majority of players having only experienced AFL football for the first time last term in the Zone Finals, the team performed extremely well and were more than

competitive against teams that were well drilled and very experienced.

In the first game, the team played Wainora PS and when kicking into a strong breeze, trailed by 20 points at half time. However, after the interval, the team showed great character and took the lead with less than a minute to play. However a late Wainora goal was enough to put them back in front and HTS went down in their first game 3.5.23 to 4.1.25. In the second game, HTS started very strongly and never relinquished the lead, beating Canley Vale Heights PS 4.5.29 to 1.3.9. The team headed into the third game knowing that a win would be good enough to make the Semi Finals, however they were to face St Michael's Wollongong who were previously unbeaten. The match was very close for the majority of the time, with the defensive pressure of HTS restricting many attacking forays. A late disallowed goal would have put HTS in front, however it wasn't to be and they went down 2.3.15 to 3.1.19.

As a teacher at HTS, I could not have been prouder of this group of young people who showed tremendous sportsmanship and demonstrated a great attitude. A big thanks to all the parents and especially to Mr Scott Wilson for giving up his time to drive the bus. *Nick Baird*

### **FROM THE LIBRARY**

If you bought a copy of the book "*The Big Little Book of Happy Sadness*" at the Book Fair would you please check that it is not a library copy. We think we may have accidentally sold our own copy by mistake! It was very busy that Wednesday! If it is the library copy it should be covered and it will have a Holy Trinity Library Barcode on the back. If you have this book please contact Mrs Dale ASAP so a replacement copy can be arranged.

### **Art Union News**

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Tickets are now on sale for the major fundraiser. First prize is a Holden Barina valued at \$14490.00 from Gaukrogers. Second Prize is \$400.00 open order from Country an' Workin' Gear. Third prize is an 80cm LCD Television from Retravisation. Tickets are \$10.00 each and available from most businesses in town, many families in school and from the school office.

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**Please start sending your sold art union books in to the School Office as soon as possible We need ticket sellers for the school holidays. If you can help, please contact 0429 232280.**

### From the Canteen & Uniform Shop

Roster for next week is:

Wed 16/9: Anyone who can

Thur 17/9: J. Higgins, N. Asara, R. House

Fri 18/9: Anyone who can

Mon 21/9: pupil free day

Tues 22/9: R. Kirk, K. MacLachlan

Wed 23/9: K. Kelly, T. Newmarch

**Claiming the Date:** Canteen Christmas Party has been set down for Friday night 6<sup>th</sup> November. More information as the date gets closer. Also - Happy Birthday to Kerry Kennedy for the 22 September.

*Janelle Kimmince Canteen Manager*

### Community Notices

#### **Inverell Junior Cricket - Registration**

Inverell Junior cricket will be taking registrations for the upcoming season on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at Varley Oval.

The registration times will be from 9.00 a.m to approximately midday on these days.

Fees are as follows:

In2Cricket (under 8's) \$45.00 includes a pack for each player at the commencement of the season.

Under 10's and under 12's \$75.00

Colts \$85.00

\*\*\* Any under 16's who wish to play junior representative cricket only will pay a reduced fee of \$20.00

For more details contact Simon Smith or visit the website

<http://idjca.nsw.cricket.com.au>

### **This Week at Holy Trinity**

- Tues 15/9 Principals' Executive Meeting  
Wed 16/9 Clergy / Principals Conference  
Years 3-6 Speech Finals in the Hall at 9am  
SC Prac Tests 10.10am – 11.40am  
Thurs 17/9 No Reconciliation or Classroom Visits with Fr. Joe.  
Clergy / Principals Conference  
Maths Olympiad – Inverell High  
Fri 18/9 No School Mass  
Principal's Retreat – Armidale  
Diocesan Library Presentation – Narrabri  
Year 8 Christian Living Day – Hall  
North West Film Festival – Bingara

### **Next Week at Holy Trinity**

- Monday 21/9 PUPIL FREE DAY  
Tues 22/9 Eisteddfod – Speech & Drama  
Wed 23/9 Polding Athletics – Newcastle  
Kindergarten Orientation 9am – 10.10am (1 of 4)  
Thurs 24/9 Reconciliation – Year 10 – AV Room at 9am  
Classroom Visit with Fr. Joe – 8G  
Eisteddfod – Music  
Polding Athletics – Newcastle  
School Social  
Board Meeting – 8pm – Newberry Centre  
Fri 25/9 Primary Mass – 4W leading – 9.5am at the Church  
Eisteddfod – Music  
Polding Athletics – Newcastle  
Mon 28/9 Year 7 Christian Living Day  
Year 9 Excursion to Sydney – Monday – Thursday