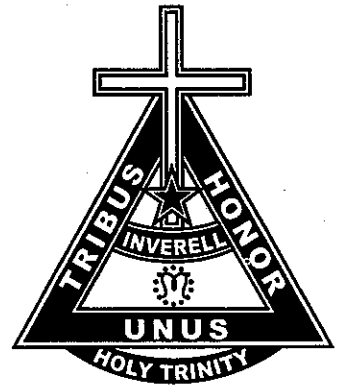


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(newsletter also available on our website at www.holytrinity.nsw.edu.au)

Dear Parents,

Change Your Thinking

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end.

They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation. Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and colour of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every colour and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words...

Days, weeks and months passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window besides the bed.

It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, 'Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.'

Epilogue:

There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations.

If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy.

ART UNION SPONSORS

We would like to acknowledge the tremendous sponsorship of our three main sponsors - **Gaukrogers Holden**, **Country an' Workin' Gear** and **Inverell Retravisioin**. Their support is first class!

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.



TERM SOCIAL

This Thursday (24th September) will see the *Years 3 to 6 dance from 5.30pm to 7.15pm. Years 7 to 10 will have the floor from 7.30pm through until 10.00pm.*

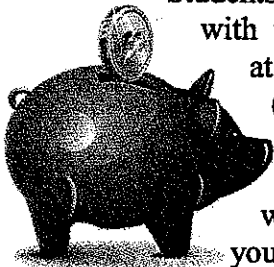
Supervision is provided by teaching staff. Canteen will operate for both sessions. Please collect children from outside the Hall at the appointed finish times!

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 **THIS FRIDAY (25th September 2009).** Applications must be returned to Mr McNeale.

SCHOOL BANKING

Students have the opportunity to bank with the Commonwealth Bank here at school. Simply drop the books (and money) into the Office by 9.00am each Thursday and our wonderful office staff will process it and return it to your child. Applications for student banking can be obtained from the Office too!



NEXT P & F MEETING

Our October meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20th October commencing at 7.30pm** in the Newberry Centre. All welcome to attend. High on the agenda will be the wrap-up of the Race Day and spending lots of money!!!! See you there.



Help

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.

VACATION CARE!!!!!!

We will these holidays once again be conducting our terrific vacation care program. Tiffany Tracy is our wonderful co-ordinator who provides the kids with outstanding activities throughout the day. Child Care Benefits can be claimed too!! You can book in for single days or blocks of days. Return slip in this newsletter!

David McNeale
(Principal)

VACATION CARE RETURN

My child(ren) will be attending the Vacation Care Program on (please circle) –

Mon 5th Tues 6th Wed 7th Thur 8th Fri 9th
Mon 12th Tue 13th Wed 14th Thur 15th Fri 16th

Children _____

Greenhouse News

Now that the weather has warmed up, we need to restock the greenhouse and our new outdoor gardens. If you have any pots, plants, seeds etc. That you can spare, it would be much appreciated. Please send in with your child or leave at the front office. We are also re-establishing our worm farms as we lost some stock during the cold weather. Any old potting mix, compost or manure would be appreciated. Worms too! Thank you.

From the Secondary

Kempsey Debating

Congratulations to our four debaters who travelled to Kempsey last week for the Northern Region Debating Competition.

Year 7 students Emily Adams, Ethan Pamplin, Mikaela Casey-Ransom and Tom Lane won one of their three debates and gained valuable experience from the day.

Congratulations to these competitors. A great day was had by all. *Carrie Watchirs*

From K-6

Congratulations to our Award Winners Chloe Ellis, Brent Ivey, Montanah Stevens, Paddy Kelly, Nash Tome, Emily Johnson, Sienna Smith, Liam Fox, Jake Goldman, Jack McAuliffe, Erin Dodd, Mikaylah Hoyt, Noah O'Neil, Katie Townsend, Sam Gilligan, Ben Caskey, Ben Hobday, Amelia Paton, Jack Lavender, Kyanne McNaughton, Kelsie Dodd, Justin Oakenfull, Beau Monckton, Valentina Cabitza, Georgia Bucknell, Eloise Moore, Ryan Gardner, Jack Dailey and Mikey Cashel.

4W Mass

This Friday at 9:15am 4W will hold their Mass. All families are welcome to attend.

Eisteddfod

Good luck to our groups participating at the Eisteddfod this week. On Wednesday 2D, 4/3L and a 5/6 group will be in the Poetry section. On Thursday Year 1 and the 3/4 Choir will be participating. Remember to wear full school uniform.

Northwest Film Festival

Congratulations to Liam Farrell and Sam Williamson whose film was given a Highly Commended at the North West Film Festival last Friday. Chelsea Thom, Kaileigh Asara and Tarah House's short films were second in their respective sections. Well done girls! All films entered by Year 6 were shown on the day. Thank you to Miss Palmer for her hard work and to our parents who took the students to Bingara.

Year 3-6 Speeches

Congratulations to all our students who have presented speeches last Wednesday! Mrs Roxanne Schumach from Inverell High School was impressed with the quality of the finalists. Our winners were:

Year 3 Bonnie Bremner

Year 4 Kate Biddle

Year 5 Hannah McNeale

Year 6 Gabby Davidson

Overall winners

Junior Primary - Bonnie Bremner.

Senior Primary - Gabby Davidson

Year 2 Gym Visits

Year 2 will be travelling to the Inverell Boys Club for Gymnastics starting on Friday.

Cricket

Graham Kent will be running cricket coaching for Years 1-3 tomorrow. Children may bring their joggers.

Social This Thursday for Years 3-6

Time: 5:30 - 7.15

Theme. Horror

Cost: \$2 per child \$3 per family

Polding Athletics

On Wednesday, 13 students will travel to Newcastle for the Polding Athletics Carnival on Thursday. Students will be competing in 100m, 200m, 800m, relays, shot put and discus. Attending will be Alex Ziesemer, Mikayla Dal Santo, Georgia Bucknell, Hamish McLachlan, Connor Ridley, Mitch Lennon, Kate Lennon, Tegan Higgins, Eliza Bucknell, Angus Bird, Richard Wilson, Will McAuliffe and Brady Mather. We wish all these students good luck and a safe return to Inverell.

Community Notices

The Australian Youth Orchestra is having a camp in Armidale and following it up with three free concerts. A wonderful opportunity for young musicians to see possibilities not too far down the road for them. Concert dates and times are as follows:-

Friday, October 2nd at .30pm

Saturday October 3rd at 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Sunday October 4th at 2.30pm.

Inverell Junior Touch nominations for the 2009/2010 season are now available from Sapphire City Meats, 71 Byron Street. This season all nominations are teams (no individual nominations) and the competition is mixed. Maximum of 12 players per team. The cost is \$25.00 per player this must be paid with nomination form on registration night to be held upstairs at Inverell RSM club on 23rd of September at 7pm. Any enquires phone President Peter Myhill 0427211592 or Jenny Thomas 0447225776.

Several junior touch teams are looking for girls who are in Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 and who would be interested in playing junior touch this season. The girls will be placed into these teams and the cost is \$25 for each player. Registration night is this Wednesday, 23rd September. Please contact the following:-

For Kinder girls – Robbie Wighton on 67222715 or mobile 0438289411 tonight.

For Year 1 & 2 girls – Jenny Thomas on 0447225776.

BE PART OF LOCAL FUN CLUB

What: Inverell Swimming Club is calling swimmers of all ages to sign up and join this dynamic swim club.

Where: Inverell Swimming Pool

When: Tuesday 22 & 29 September 2009 - 6.00pm to 7.00pm

FIRST INFORMAL CLUB NIGHTS with fun racing events–

Tuesday 22 & 29 September 2009 - 5.55pm to 7.00pm.

Cost: Club fees for 2009/2010 have been set at: \$65.00 for first child (this includes non-swimmer membership for one parent), \$55.00 for second child, \$45.00 for third child.

Membership of swimming NSW provides insurance cover for members, and a 10% discount at the Speedo shop at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre!

Club Season: 22 October 2009 to March 2010, Tuesday nights, 5.55pm to 7.00pm.

Members compete in events against your ability– not age.

Most members come to have fun!

To find out more contact – Wayne Fowke 6721 4672 or Dom Gibson 6722 2556

Housie

Wed 23/9: D.Allan, B.Hilton, S.Taylor
 Fri 25/9: J.Coote, Mandy Powell, Cathy Murphy

This Week at Holy Trinity

Tues 22/9: Eisteddfod – Speech & Drama
 Wed 23/9: Eisteddfod – Speech & Drama
 Polding Athletics – Newcastle
 Kindergarten Orientation 9am to 10.10am (1 of 4)
 Thurs 24/9: 7H Reconciliation in AV Room at 9am
 8G classroom visit with Fr. Joe
 Eisteddfod – Music
 Polding Athletics – Newcastle
 Fri 25/9: Primary Mass – 4W leading 9.15am at the Church
 Eisteddfod – Music
 Polding Athletics – Newcastle

Next Week at Holy Trinity

Mon 28/9 Year 7 Christian Living Day
 Year 9 Excursion – Sydney
 Tues 29/9: Year 9 Excursion – Sydney
 Wed 30/9 Year 9 Excursion – Sydney
 Year 8 Excursion – Tea Gardens
 Kindergarten Orientation 9am – 10.10am (2 of 4)
 Thurs 1/10 Reconciliation – 7W– AV Room at 9am
 Classroom Visit with Fr. Joe – 7H
 Year 9 Excursion – Sydney
 Year 8 Excursion – Tea Gardens
 Year 7 for 2010 Orientation Day
 Fri 2/10 Year 8 Excursion – Tea Gardens
 KM Prayer Celebration at 9.30am at the Church.