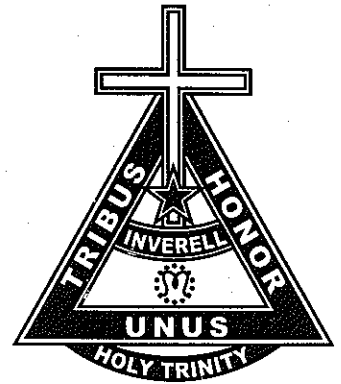


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Dear Parents,

Playing A Violin With Three Strings

(by Jack Riemer)

On Nov. 18, 1995, Itzhak Perlman, the violinist, came on stage to give a concert at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City.

If you have ever been to a Perlman concert, you know that getting on stage is no small achievement for him. He was stricken with polio as a child, and so he has braces on both legs and walks with the aid of two crutches. To see him walk across the stage one step at a time, painfully and slowly, is an awesome sight.

He walks painfully, yet majestically, until he reaches his chair. Then he sits down, slowly, puts his crutches on the floor, undoes the clasps on his legs, tucks one foot back and extends the other foot forward. Then he bends down and picks up the violin, puts it under his chin, nods to the conductor and proceeds to play.

By now, the audience is used to this ritual. They sit quietly while he makes his way across the stage to his chair. They remain reverently silent while he undoes the clasps on his legs. They wait until he is ready to play.

But this time, something went wrong. Just as he finished the first few bars, one of the strings on his violin broke. You could hear it snap - it went off like gunfire across the room. There was no mistaking what that sound meant. There was no mistaking what he had to do.

We figured that he would have to get up, put on the clasps again, pick up the crutches and limp his way off stage - to either find another violin or else find another string for this one. But he didn't. Instead, he waited a moment, closed his eyes and then signaled the conductor to begin again.

The orchestra began, and he played from where he had

left off. And he played with such passion and such power and such purity as they had never heard before. Of course, anyone knows that it is impossible to play a symphonic work with just three strings. I know that, and you know that, but that night Itzhak Perlman refused to know that.

You could see him modulating, changing, re-composing the piece in his head. At one point, it sounded like he was de-tuning the strings to get new sounds from them that they had never made before.

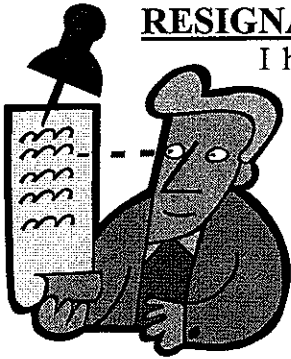
When he finished, there was an awesome silence in the room. And then people rose and cheered. There was an extraordinary outburst of applause from every corner of the auditorium. We were all on our feet, screaming and cheering, doing everything we could to show how much we appreciated what he had done.

He smiled, wiped the sweat from this brow, raised his bow to quiet us, and then he said - not boastfully, but in a quiet, pensive, reverent tone - "You know, sometimes it is the artist's task to find out how much music you can still make with what you have left."

What a powerful line that is. It has stayed in my mind ever since I heard it. And who knows? Perhaps that is the definition of life - not just for artists but for all of us.

Here is a man who has prepared all his life to make music on a violin of four strings, who, all of a sudden, in the middle of a concert, finds himself with only three strings; so he makes music with three strings, and the music he made that night with just three strings was more beautiful, more sacred, more memorable, than any that he had ever made before, when he had four strings.

So, perhaps our task in this shaky, fast-changing, bewildering world in which we live is to make music, at first with all that we have, and then, when that is no longer possible, to make music with what we have left.



RESIGNATION

I have tendered my resignation to the Diocesan Director, Mr Rick Johnston, and will complete term 4 at Trinity before commencing duties as Principal of Ryan Catholic College in Townsville in January 2010. Mr Johnston's letter is attached to this newsletter.

WELCOME

We extend a very warm welcome to the following students and their families –

- **Elly Brookes** (Yr 2L) who joins us from Bundarra with her parents Deanne and Jeremy;
- **Georgie Cannon** (Yr 7P) coming to us from Inverell High together with her parents Greg and Michelle;
- **Zachery Tasker** (Yr 7P) rejoins us from Tormina High with his mum, Donna.

PRAYERS PLEASE



- Please keep my mother, **Angela McNeale**, in your prayers. She is now in Palliative Care in Rockhampton.
- **Mr Harvey Wilkes** (grandfather of Hunter Hollis in Yr 2D) passed away yesterday. His funeral will be held on Thursday at 10.30am.

PUPIL FREE DAYS

Please note that the last 2 days of this term (17th and 18th December) are pupil free days in line with public schools.

LEAVING FOR 2010?

To assist our planning for next year (classes, teachers, resources, etc), if you are anticipating leaving us next year to attend another school or to move away from Inverell we would like to know ASAP. Simply drop a line to Mr McNeale to let him know!

CALENDAR

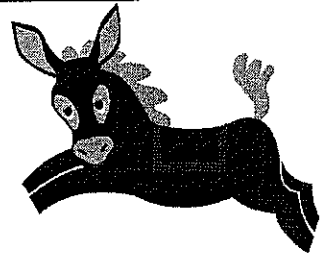
Term 4 is a very short term (9 weeks) and the calendar is already very full. Please find attached the dates as we know them! Keep an eye out for weekly updates and changes.

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 (by the end of next week!)**. 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 agreed to – all requests will receive genuine and open consideration in informing our placements.

MELBOURNE CUP TRIFECTA

The P&F will roll out these tickets later this week. Tickets are 50 cents each and a bundle of 20 will go home to each family. First prize (numbers in correct order) is \$1600.00 and there are 5 consolation prizes of \$100.00 each (correct numbers but not correct order). Money should be returned to the Office.



P&F MEETING

The October meeting will be held **TONIGHT commencing at 7.30pm** in the Newberry Centre (behind the front office). High on the agenda will be wrapping up the Race Day, allocating some more of our funds and planning for 2010. Come along and have your say!

David McNeale
(Principal)

Sapphire City Festival Parade

This year we will be having a float in the parade with the theme "Living life to the full". Students are asked to participate if possible. Please return the slip below if your child is going to participate. When we know the numbers a note will go home with what the children need to wear on Friday with final details. Students need to be at Rivers Street (exact location to be finalised) by 3:15 this Saturday.

My child/ren

are allowed to participate in the Sapphire City Parade on Saturday 24th October 2009.

Signed: _____

From K-6

Year 2 Speech Finalists:

2L

Erin Dodd, Jack McAuliffe and Josh McLachlan

2C

Jackson Daw, Darcy Goddard and Angus Walsh

2D

Hunter Hollis, Harry Scoble and Mary-Grace Dolbel

Congratulations to all Year 2 Speech Finalists

Winner: Hunter Hollis

Awards:

Tara Gardner, Holly Perkuhn, Ryan Sutton, Marli Gobbert, Mikaila Spencer, Noah Hilton, Will O'Brien and Jessica Moore.

Touch Carnival

Students who were selected to participate in the Diocesan Touch Carnival in Tamworth next Friday need to return their note and money as soon as possible.

Apology

My apologies to Eloise McNeale, who was not included in the last newsletter, for her "Credit" in the ICAS English Assessment. Well done Eloise!

Mime Performance

Next Tuesday, students from Years 3 to 6 will watch a mime performance called "A Mime for all

Reasons". The show will commence at 2:10 in the hall.

Transitions

On Friday October 30th students will be involved in transitions to the next years classrooms. Kinders for 2010 will be here, Kinder 2009 will visit Year 1, Year 1 will go to Year 2 and Year 2 will go to Year 3. During the term Year 2 students will have time on the Primary playground. The transitions will occur again on Wednesday November 4th.

Primary Dancers

The primary dance groups who were going to be performing early in the term will now be performing their dances at the beginning of the K-2 Christmas Concert on Tuesday December 8th.

From Secondary

The year 8 excursion that took place last term was an enthralling and challenging excursion. The great Aussie Bush Camp provided a range of outdoor activities, including high ropes, giant slide the very cold and lost island. This was a very valuable educational and social experience for the students who showed great courage (for those scared of heights) and compassion (for their friends scared of heights). It was a pleasure to take such a thoughtful and positive group of students away and we hope that they gained as much confidence from their experience as they had fun.

Mrs McLachlan

SECONDARY SCIENCE COMPETITIONS

Rio Tinto Big Science Competition

Nineteen secondary students entered the Rio Tinto Science Competition, competing against 37 000 students from 532 schools worldwide. The following students gained merit certificates:

Distinctions: Max Davidson (Yr 7)

Credits: Joshua Murray (Yr 7)
Grace Brennan (Yr 8)
Matthew Winter (Yr 7)
Molly McNeil (Yr 8)
Ben Saunders (Yr 7)
Cameron Keightley (Yr 8)
Matilda Watters (Yr 8)
Kirsty McCormack (Yr 10)
Sam Saunders (Yr 8)

Canteen / Uniform Shop

Australian National Chemistry Quiz

Thirty secondary students entered the Australian National Chemistry Quiz, competing against 120 000 students from 1 400 schools (251 NSW schools). The following students gained merit certificates:

Distinction: Jake Asara (Yr 8)
Susan Benton (Yr 10)
Molly McNeil (Yr 8)
Bec Cook (Yr 10)

Credits: Joe Murray (Yr 8)
Clare McCosker (Yr 10)

Congratulations to all participants. These are fantastic results.

The Science Staff.

Art Union

Holy Trinity held their annual Race Day on Saturday 17th October 2009 at the Inverell race course and it was a fantastic day. There was a huge crowd and a great atmosphere.

The prize winners:

- 1st Prize: Montanah McCormack
- 2nd Prize: Peter & Sharon McLachlan
- 3rd Prize: Danny Sheehan

Huge thanks to our major sponsors for the day:

- *Gaukrogers*
- *Country n Working Gear*
- *Retravision*

We would also like to thank all the volunteers that help throughout the day and the lead up to the day including all families who purchased a ticket, people who took time to sell tickets down the street and all the helpers on the day. Once again thanks to everyone for their help and another fantastic effort from our School community.

A mammoth effort also by our Art Union Organiser, Alethea Gleeson, who has brought it all together with sheer determination, enthusiasm and insightfulness!

Roster for next week is:

Wed 21: T. Myler, J. Pamplin. **Thurs 22:** K. Ziesemer, L. Counsell. **Fri 23:** L. Lennon, D. Ehsman, K. Beard. **Mon 26:** K. Palmer, D. Miller. **Tues 27:** L. Gilligan, N. Bell. **Wed 28:** J. Coote, N. Baird.

Desperately seeking helpers to fill some spots on Fridays and Tuesdays. Some days I have people backing up to work twice.

Price change for the Slushie to \$1.80

Still trying to sort the menu out I will now trial the following change to the menu:
Monday and Tuesday will be Nacho and Spaghetti Bolognese day. **Wednesday** will be hotdog day and **Thursday** due to the popularity of the chicken and Gravy Roll I will keep on the menu.

With the end of the year fast approaching the Canteen Christmas Party will be held on Friday night 6th November – Kristy's Restaurant Royal Club Hotel - \$20 per head. This is my chance to thank everyone for their support throughout the year and to farewell our volunteers who have their babies finishing year 10. Please RSVP Monday 2nd November. Everyone welcome past and present canteen volunteers and friends.
Janelle Kimmince Canteen Manager
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Community Notices

Parish Youth Group will meet at Holy Trinity Hall from 6-8pm and each Friday of this term. Ph Janelle on 0413834828 for details.

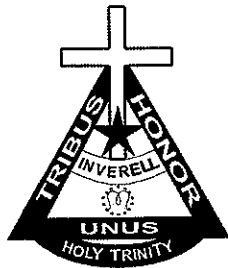
Movie Marathon – Youth Council

Friday Night 23rd October 2009 at the Majestic Cinemas Inverell commencing at 7.30pm and concluding at 11.30pm.

Two back to back Movies will be played there are **limited seats**. Tickets will be **Pre-Sold** from the Inverell Shire Council, Administration Building, 144 Otho Street Inverell.

Only \$15 for Two Movies and Bottomless Popcorn!!!!

So come along and get involved in the Telstra Country Wide Sapphire City Festival. Great activities on the night, lucky door prize and freebies. Age 13 to under 18's only.



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TERM FOUR CALENDAR

WEEK	DAY	DATE	WHAT'S ON
1 (Oct)	Monday	19	P & F Meeting – 7.30pm – Newberry Centre Year 7 Parent Information Night – 7.30pm – Hall No Reconciliation – Fr Joe away North Coast Ag Competition – Ag students away No School Mass – Fr Joe away North Coast Ag Competition – Ag students away Sapphire Festival Parade – 4.00pm – School participation
	Tuesday	20	
	Wednesday	21	
	Thursday	22	
	Friday	23	
	Saturday	24	
2 (Oct)	Monday	26	Kindergarten Parent Information Night – 7.30pm – AV Room Year 3 to 10 Mime Performance – Hall – 2.10pm Reconciliation – Year 2C – AV Room – 9.00am Infants Prayer Celebration – KMC and KW – 9.30am - Church Diocesan (Primary) touch trials – Tamworth
	Tuesday	27	
	Wednesday	28	
	Thursday	29	
	Friday	30	
3 (Nov)	Monday	2	Melbourne Cup Northern Steer Competition – Ag Team away Brain Olympia – Hall – all day Reconciliation – Year 2D – AV Room – 9.00am Northern Steer Competition – Ag Team away First Eucharist practice and Reconciliation – Church – 9.15am Secondary Principal Meeting – 9.30am “Beach to the Bush” – K-6 lifesaving sessions First Eucharist – Sunday mass at 11.00am
	Tuesday	3	
	Wednesday	4	
	Thursday	5	
	Friday	6	
4 (Nov)	Monday	9	School Certificate – English and Science – Hall – 9.00am School Certificate – Maths, History and Geography – Hall – 9.00am P & F Meeting – 7.30pm – Newberry Centre School Certificate – Computing No Reconciliation – Fr Joe away Secondary School Social – 7.30pm - Hall No mass – Fr Joe away
	Tuesday	10	
	Wednesday	11	
	Thursday	12	
	Friday	13	
5 (Nov)	All Week		Year 5 Excursion to Tea Gardens (Sunday to Wednesday) Year 6 Excursion to Brisbane (Monday to Friday) Year 10 Work Experience Reconciliation – Year 2L – AV Room – 9.00am Board Meeting – 7.30pm – Newberry Centre No School Mass
	Monday	16	
	Tuesday	17	
	Wednesday	18	
	Thursday	19	
	Friday	20	

6 (Nov)	<i>All Week</i>		
	Monday	23	Year 10 Camp to Copeton Dam
	Tuesday	24	ESSA Test – Year 8 students - Hall Year 10 Camp to Copeton Dam
	Wednesday	25	Year 10 Camp to Copeton Dam
	Thursday	26	Reconciliation – Year 4W – AV Room – 9.00am K- 6 School Social - Hall
	Friday	27	Year 10 Graduation Mass – 9.15am – Church Year 10 Graduation Dinner – RSM – 7.00pm
7 (Nov / Dec)	<i>All Week</i>		
	Monday	30	Year 8 Christian Living Day – Hall from 9.00am
	Tuesday	1	
	Wednesday	2	
	Thursday	3	Reconciliation – Year 4/5Z – AV Room – 9.00am
	Friday	4	Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass – 9.15am – Church
8 (Dec)	<i>All Week</i>		
	Monday	7	Summer trials for Primary schools – Inverell
	Tuesday	8	K-2 Concert – Hall - P & F Meeting – 7.30pm – Newberry Centre
	Wednesday	9	
	Thursday	10	No Reconciliation – Fr Joe away
	Friday	11	K-10 Thanksgiving Mass – Hall – 9.15am Commendation Assemblies – Primary @ 12.00pm Secondary @ 2.00pm Report Cards sent home to parents
9 (Dec)	<i>All Week</i>		
	Monday	14	Presentation Night – 7.30pm - Hall
	Tuesday	15	
	Wednesday	16	
	Thursday	17	Pupil Free Day
	Friday	18	Pupil Free Day

This Week at Holy Trinity

Wed 21/10: RYAG Students away
Year 7 Parent Information evening
in the Hall – 7.30pm

Thurs 22/10: North Coast National Competition
Ag team away

Fri 23/10: North Coast National Competition
Ag team away

Next Week at Holy Trinity

Mon 26/10: Kindergarten Parent Information
Night – 7.30pm AV Room

Tues 27/10: “Minds for all Reasons”
Performance – Hall 2.10pm

Thurs 29/10: PSSA Athletics – Sydney
Reconciliation – 2C Av Room

Fri 30/10: Diocesan Touch Trials – Tamworth
(Primary)



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13th October 2009

Dear Holy Trinity School Parents,

I wish to announce that David McNeale has been appointed to the position of Principal at Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan in the Diocese of Townsville. He will take up the appointment in January 2010.

On behalf of the Diocese of Armidale I congratulate David on this appointment and thank him for his leadership of Holy Trinity School since Term 4, 2005.

We wish David, his wife Debbie and children Hannah, Eloise and Thomas every success as they make this move to Townsville.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R W Johnston'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

R W Johnston
Diocesan Director of Schools