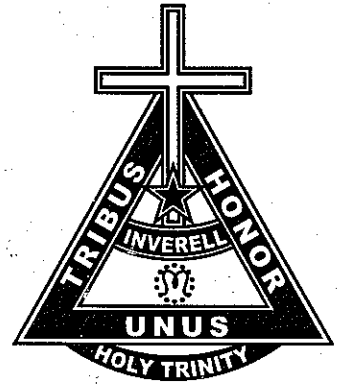


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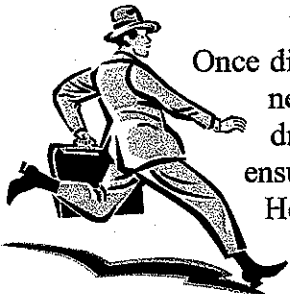
Tuesday 27th October 2009

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

Dear Parents,

Everyone nowadays seems to be in a hurry and life has become one great mindless rush – to nowhere. People race about, as if every split-second counts. But they don't all know where they are going. At this time of the year, everyone is busy. School is definitely no different in that respect although I hope that we know just where we are heading!

A story is told of Thomas H. Huxley, the famous English naturalist, who was scheduled to give a lecture in Dublin. His boat was delayed in docking and he was concerned that this would make him late for his important address.



Once disembarked, he jumped into the nearest cab, urging the driver to drive as fast as he could to ensure that he would arrive in time. He then sat back and concentrated on the notes he had prepared for his lecture.

When, after some time, the taxi had not arrived at the destination, a dreadful thought dawned on Huxley. Turning to the driver, he apprehensively asked, "Did I tell you where to take me?" "No, sir," the cabbie replied, "but, as you asked, I'm driving as fast as I can."

It seems quite a laughable situation and possibly typical of an absent-minded professor. However, don't many of us follow this same practice in our daily lives? Speed is everything, but do we know where we are going? Have we a definite aim and a plan? Training future executives, a Board Chairperson impressed upon them that "a bad plan is better than no plan at all". Very good advice indeed!

As the year 12's started their HSC exams, it struck me that they would still be rushing about. It may be the rush of school life at present but I can guarantee that they will still be rushing after the HSC! Do they have a plan for next year? Will they still be rushing? Do we give them the skills, knowledge and tools to make a plan?

It worries me at times when we are constantly pushing our children to do more and more, to achieve more and more and to do it all quicker! I find myself telling my very young daughters to hurry up, get a move on and to rush. I tell them that because I am the one in the hurry! I am the one who is in this mindless rush at times. I try to stop myself saying it to them at times simply. What is important? It is important to be somewhere at a specific time (as opposed to a few minutes late)? Is it important that the children be allowed to take some time to explore, to do it at a more relaxed pace and not be rushed? Of course we want both don't we ... but isn't it a delicate balance!

So as you read this in the car as you take the children to three different venues for sport, dance and friends and you are thinking about what to cook for dinner as well as planning the next activity and worrying about the ... take a deep breath, slow down, relax and take some time for yourself!



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.

WELCOME

We extend a very warm welcome to **Mr Luke Berger, our new Aboriginal Education Worker.** Luke's role is to promote the Aboriginal culture to students and provide information and resources to staff. Luke commenced last Friday and has already made a big impact in classes and playground. Welcome Luke!

FESTIVAL THANKS

A huge thanks to three of our teaching staff, Cathy Lane, Trish Dal Santo and Carrie

Watchirs, for co-ordinating and organizing our first entry into

the Sapphire City Festival parade. Thanks to Nick Baird for walking with the children! We had a large number of our K-6 students and a smaller number of secondary students come along with us. Thanks also to Peter Lane for loaning us the truck for the float. Your assistance was really appreciated!

THANK YOU

MELBOURNE CUP TRIFECTA

A bundle of 20 tickets has gone home with each family today. Tickets are 50 cents each and a bundle of 20 costs \$10.00. 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 by Tuesday of next week (Melbourne Cup Day).*

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!

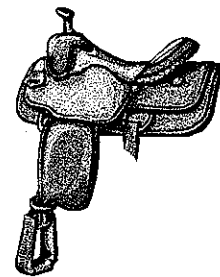
PARISH PICNIC

The Sacred Heart Parish will hold their picnic this coming Sunday (1st November) following mass at 10.00am. The picnic will be held in Victoria Park (opposite the Church). There will be plenty of activities (Karaoke, games, jumping castle, lolly scrambles, etc). BBQ will be available but bring your own food. Soft drinks will be on sale. BYO chair. See you there!



BUNDARRA HORSE SPORTS

This event will be conducted on Friday 6th November at Bundarra Showground. We must have a team of at least 15 students in order to compete. Forms and notes are available from the school office and **MUST be returned by THURSDAY of this week (29th**



Nov) to Mr McNeale. This is our final Horse Sports event for the year.

CLASS PLACEMENTS

Teachers have commenced 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. *Please have all requests in by Friday of next week (6th November).*

 David McNeale
(Principal)

From the Secondary

North Coast National Show

Ten Agriculture students from Years 8 and 9 competed at the North Coast National Show last week with their steer, Stud Murray Grey bulls and poultry. The cattle competition had record entries in all classes and there were 94 school students in the Paraders competition. Each Holy Trinity student gave a creditable performance with some gaining places in their age group classes.

Steers:

There were 98 steers entered in the various steer classes. Our Black Limousin steer, "Mr Jelly" who was bred by Mr Colin Brady, was the Champion School Steer. Our school has competed twice in this competition and twice won Champion School

Steer, a great effort. Mr Jelly placed 5th in the heavy weight Open Led Steer class that had 46 entries.

Murray Grey bulls:

1st Junior Murray Grey Bull, "Disney" led by Briony Looker.

2nd Senior Murray Grey Bull, "Casey" led by Lilly Driver.

Poultry:

Mr Brett Higgins and Ryan Marks were very generous with their support lending the students some birds to enter in the poultry classes with great success. Each bird gained a card (placing) and some achieving champion and reserve champion awards.

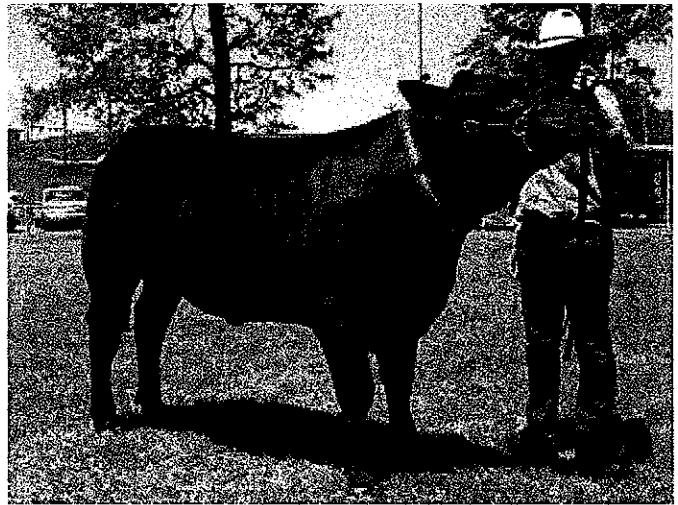
I would like to thank:

Ryan Marks and Brett Higgins for the poultry.
Daryl Marks and Andrew Looker for helping transport and feed the students!!!

The students enjoyed their time at the show and represented the school with distinction.

The students were:

- Ryan Marks,
- Briony Looker
- Lilly Driver
- Greg Pearce
- Sam Baxter
- Max Jorgensen
- Joseph Caskey
- Nathan Hogan
- Fiona Rose
- Mikayla Camp



Champion school steer Held by Lilly Driver



From K – 6

Please note change of date of Christmas Concert – will now be Wednesday December 9th.

Congratulations to our Award Winners

Chloe Harris, Thomas McFarlane, Harry Scoble, Riley Murrery, Logan Cox, Amber Lavender, Mitchell Stevens, Emma Harmon, Ben Cox, Gabbie Barratt, Phoebe MacLachlan, Eloise Watchirs, Kyle Chilcott, Alex Daw, Olivia Adams, Katie Middleton, Kate Biddle, Nik House, Mikayla Dal Santo, Elayna Browett, Brady Mather, Claire Lennon, Rhyce Hyatt and Jonty Pike.

ICAS Maths Results

Participation: Eloise Moore, Lachie Brennan, George Lane, Eloise McNeale, Hamish Migheli, Elayna Browett, Claire Lennon, Noah Mallory, Molly Saunders, Kate Lennon, Sarah Lennon, Grace Moses and Giorgia Brennan.



Students with prize winning poultry

Credit: Kate Biddle, Ellie Kable, Maddie Lane, Hannah McNeale, Nick Moore, Tom Scoble, Kaileigh Asara and Chelsea Thom.

Distinctions: Harry Moses, Sam Beard and Claudia Mallory. Well done!

Mime Performance

Today students from Years 3 to 6 watched a mime performance called "A Mime for all Reasons".

Transitions

On Friday October 30th students will be involved in transitions to the next years classrooms. Kinder 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.

Kinder Prayer Celebration

All families are welcome to join in the K-2 Prayer Celebration this Friday at the Church starting at 9:30. The celebration will be led by KMc and KW.

Touch Carnival

Good luck to our students who will be participating in the Diocesan Touch Carnival this Friday in Tamworth. Mr Baird and Mrs Lane will be travelling with the students.

Melbourne Cup – Wear a different hat!

In celebration of the Melbourne Cup the students may wear a different hat to their school hat on Tuesday November 3rd.

Swimming

All students in K-6 will be participating in swimming for sport starting in Week 4 (November 13). It is very important that **all** students participate in swimming and the activities are graded to meet children's level of ability. Could you please return notes as soon as possible (K-2). If for some reason your child is not participating a note explaining this needs to be sent to the class teacher.

Good luck Lenons!

Good luck to Mitchell Lennon who is participating in the PSSA Athletics Carnival in discus this Thursday. Good luck also to Sarah and Kate Lennon who will be participating in Polding Cricket next week.

From the Canteen/Uniform Shop

Roster for next week is:

Wed 28: J. Coote, N. Baird

Thur 29: J. Higgins, N. Asara, R. House.

Fri 30: NEED SOMEONE PLEASE

Mon 2 Nov: 1. Hoynes, C. Felton, D. Fleming.

Tues 3: R. Kirk, K. Maclachlan

Wed 4: K. Kelly, T. Newmarch.

I am desperately seeking helpers to fill some spots on Fridays and Tuesdays some days I have people backing up to work twice. Volunteers keep the prices down.

Change to the menu:

Monday and Tuesday: Nacho and Spaghetti Bolognese day.

Wednesday : Hot Dog Day

Thursday: Chicken and Gravy Roll.

With the end of the year fast approaching the Canteen Christmas Party will be held on Friday night 6th November at Kristy's Restaurant at the 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 by Mon 2nd Nov. Everyone welcome - past and present canteen volunteers and friends. 67224066 / 0427254668 / 67254667

Janelle Kimmince Canteen Manager

Housie

Wed 28/10 L. Williamson, T. Eshman, T. Watchirs, K. White, C. Rodgers

Fri 30/10: R. Kenny

Advertiser wanted

We have one space available on the back of the Newsletter. Cost is approximately \$170 for a year's advertising.

First come, first served. Please see Mr. McNeale as soon as possible.

This Week at Holy Trinity

- Tues 27/10 "Mime for all Reasons" Secondary session 10.20am in the Hall
"Mime for all Reasons" Primary session 2.10pm in the Hall
- Wed 28/10 Year 8/9 Elective Night – 7.30pm – Hall
- Thurs 29/10 PSSA Athletics – Sydney
2C Reconciliation – 9am in AV Room
"Keep Them Safe" workshop RSM
- Fri 30/10 Diocesan Touch trials (Primary) – Tamworth
Kinder Prayer Celebration 9.30am at the Church
Kinder transition – 10.20am – 12 noon

Next Week at Holy Trinity

- Wed 4/11 Northern Schools Steer Competition – 8/9 Ag Team
Primary Brain Olympia in Hall all day
Kinder transition 10.20am – 12 noon
- Thurs 5/11 Northern Schools Steer Competition – 8/9 Ag Team
2D Reconciliation at 9am in the AV Room
Board Meeting at 7.30pm in the Newberry Cr.
- Fri 6/11 First Eucharist practice at 9.15am at the Church
No school Mass
"Beach to Bush" lifesaving workshop – K-6
- Sun 8/11 First Eucharist on Sunday at 11am at the Church