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From the Principal: Daniel Delmage

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Staff Development Day Monday, May 7 - A positive approach to learning....



Over the past two weeks, have you noticed more than the usual number of **Red Stamps** affirming your child appearing in his or her College Diary?

Firstly, congratulations to all these great young people who are doing so well in many different areas of school life and being recognised for it! Parents and students can

expect to see more Red Stamps in diaries over the coming months, accompanied by more selective use of Blue Stamps to raise issues of concern.

Building on the extensive professional development Trinity teachers have been engaged in over the past 12 months, working with real experts in the field, we are strengthening our positive approach to student learning and relationships to encourage maximum learning.

Proven psychological and educational research shows us that affirming and encouraging effort, progress and achievement is far more effective and long lasting than focusing on the negative. This is not confined to the classroom, but applies right across all areas of school life; as a teaching group we are committed to looking for opportunities to recognise our students when they positively contribute to the many aspects of their life at school; in their learning, in striving to make progress, by treating others well and following school expectations, by trying new things, through great attendance, co-curricula activities, service, kindness, good uniform standards, presentation and grooming, punctuality, etc. While there will always be a place for correction and consequences, we hope that a more overt focus on the positives may strengthen an even more positive relationship between staff and students.

We are consciously shifting our approach across the school to regularly search out and reward the positive, celebrating students when they do the right thing or make good progress. This may be through a Red Stamp but could also be from a positive spoken or written comment, or an affirming nod or smile, it could also be in the form of a certificate.

Positive ways of encouraging learning have always been part of successful teaching practice, and part of the way we build a successful learning culture for every student here at Trinity. What is a change is that we have committed as a whole staff to more consciously look for and affirm the positive, so please ask your child how they have been affirmed or recognised in their day at school. Some parents have told me a really great question to ask your teenagers at the end of the school day is 'Tell me three good things that happened today'. You should soon be hearing much more about your child receiving positive recognition from their teachers as part of their regular school day!

NAPLAN Examinations



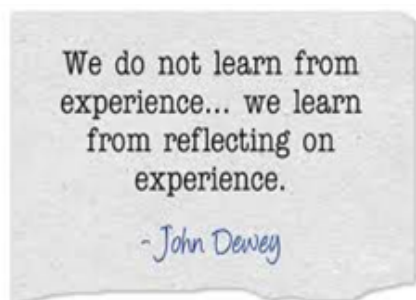
I would like to thank all parents for your support of your children as they prepared and presented for the NAPLAN examinations this week in Years 7 and 9.

While these examinations have been very much part of the media hype in recent months it is still only one test completed on one day and only presents us with a snapshot of your children's progress in a narrow aspect of the schools total curriculum. Having said that, we do use this data to track your children's progress and if used as it was intended it can be a valuable diagnostic tool for teachers to track progress and evaluate a range of interventions. On all reports the attendance rates were excellent and all students coped brilliantly with the challenge of these exams. I would like to thank **Mr Logitatos, Mrs Healey, Mrs Lowe and Mr Sullivan** for ensuring that the exams were well managed for the students.

Reflection on Learning



As many of our students are preparing for major assessments and examinations, I am pleased to see their commitment to study and application. Doing as well as we can in exams and assessments is an important part of the learning process. However, I often wonder about the power of self-reflection and its contribution to learning. Students who reflect on their effort, application and learning challenges often also excel in their studies. I wish all students well over the next few weeks as we finalise student assessments for semester 1.



Mother's Day Mass

I would like to thank all parents and families for your support of our **Mother's Day Mass**. We had a large number of mothers, grandmothers and carers here with us on the day and it was a wonderful opportunity for our students to show their appreciation. I hope that our Mums enjoyed the morning as much as we did in hosting you. I hope all of our Mother's enjoyed a wonderful day on Sunday.



St Marcellin Champagnat Mass, Wednesday, June 6

On Tuesday, June 6 we celebrate the Feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat. Our College Feast Day is a special occasion for the Community. Please save the date as we will be extending an invitation to all families to join us for Mass, at 9am at the Auburn campus, followed by morning Tea.

Homework

Term 2 is a very important term and all students from Year 7 to Year 12 should be undertaking homework every night. It is expected that students in Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8) spend 1-1.5 hours each night on homework. Students in Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10) should spend 2.5 hours each night and students in Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12) should spend 3 to 3.5 hours each night.

This homework should include some time for general reading, but also time for completing work assigned in class, research assignments or projects and assessment tasks.

It is anticipated that by doing their homework successfully, students will:

- learn to manage their own study time more effectively;
- learn to work independently;
- consolidate what has been learned in class by revising and reinforcing the lessons of the day;
- extend their knowledge and skills beyond what has been learnt in class;
- set and manage their own goals;
- motivate themselves;
- strive for higher standards of performance;
- appreciate that learning extends beyond the classroom.

Debating 2018

Congratulations to our debating teams and their coaches, round 1 saw us host Delaney College and we came away with 6 wins. Round 2 saw us travel to Domremy College in Five Dock, and a great night was enjoyed by all who went along to support the students. Congratulations to **Joshua Brattoni, Kai Hughes, Isabella Aboul-Hasn** in Year 8 and **Aletta Bausse, Sophie Doherty and Christina Nguyen** in Year 11 who won on the night. Debating continues this evening with Round 3, we will be hosting Holy Spirit College here in Auburn. A big thank you to Ms Glynnatsis for organising these evenings and to all of our wonderful teaching staff for their wonderful support.



Enrolments for 2019 & beyond

I would like to advise that we will have a wait list again for Year 7, 2019 and 2020 is filling fast. From this year, we are conducting all enrolment interviews when students are in Year 5. We have adopted this approach to fall in line the requirements of Sydney Catholic Schools enrolment policy.

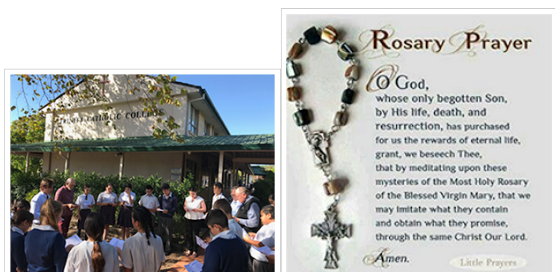
We currently have over 230 applications for Year 7, 2019. I ask all parents to ensure that sibling applications are sent to our office early (In Year 4) to ensure that your child can be accommodated.

Whilst we give preferences to our feeder schools and siblings, if we don't have your child's application by the start of Year 5, we may not be able to accommodate your application at a later stage, as positions may have been offered to other students.

Parent Consultative & Finance Committee Meetings

In recent week both of these meetings have taken place and I was able to present to these groups the College's progress in a range of financial and school based matters. I would like to thank the parents who make themselves available for these meetings as they contribute significantly to the college's future.

Reflection - Mr Ochudzawa and Mr Giurissevich Leading the Rosary at Regents Park.



Program for International Student Assessment (PISA)

We have been selected, once again, to participate in the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA), which is sponsored by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Every three years PISA collects information about students and schools to monitor differences in educational outcomes over time. Thirty students, aged approximately 15 years old and randomly selected, will be completing the PISA tests on Monday, August 13.

Inquiry and Review Team (Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 4)

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week a panel of experts assembled from Sydney Catholic Schools Offices and schools will be here to assist our leadership team work through our own reflections based on a range of data collected over the past twelve months and through the use of the School Improvement Tool. While the panel will spend most of the two days working through the data, they will be having morning tea at Regents park on Tuesday and Auburn on Wednesday. They will also be conducting learning walks, visiting classes and speaking with teachers and students. At the conclusion of the review the panel will present a report to me (signed by Dr Dan White Executive Director of Schools) and this will form the basis of our future strategic improvement plan 2019-2022.

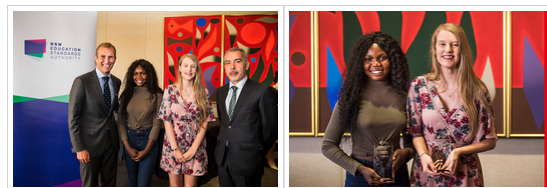
**God Bless,
Daniel Delmage**

From the Assistant Principal: Donna McLaughlin

Student Achievement!

Congratulations to 2017 graduate Akur Juach for receiving the Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize!

The Brother John Taylor Memorial Prize is presented each year to a student or students who have overcome significant hardship to attain academic excellence in their HSC.



Stage Six Parent, Teacher and Student Interviews

As you are aware, Parent, Teacher and Student Interviews are a vital part of ensuring the best possible education for every student. We will conduct our Parent, Teacher and Student Interviews for Year 11 and 12 on Wednesday, 30 May 2018 from 8:30am to 8:00pm in the College Hall.

This is an important opportunity for students, parents and teachers to discuss each student's progress so far and to raise any issues or concerns. Parents are asked to book an appointment with each of their son's/daughter's teachers through the Sentral Parent Portal.

The booking site is live as of 8.00 a.m. on Monday May 7. An email and note has been sent home with details on how to book and detailed instructions on making a booking are also available on the Parent Portal website. Please note that the online bookings close on Tuesday May 29.

Consequently, Year 9 and 10 students will **NOT** be required to attend school on this day. We ask for your support in organising supervision for your child on this day. If you have difficulty in arranging supervision for your child please contact your child's Pastoral Care Coordinator so that arrangements can be made to supervise your child at the College. Please note classes will continue as normal for our Year 7 & 8 students.

With many thanks for your cooperation and support.

ANZAC Memorial Service

During Week 1 of this term the Student Representative Council took the leadership to lead a reflective, solemn and thought provoking ANZAC Day memorial service at both the Auburn and Regents Park campuses.



Coder Academy

A number of students in Year 9 and 10 have started participating in a coder academy run by Apple Education Australia.

So far it has been a huge success and we are excited to see what our creative students can design.



Pacifika Achievement to Higher Education (PATHE)

The Pacifika Achievement to Higher Education (PATHE) group visited the Regents Park and Auburn campuses to inform a number of our students of the opportunities available in the future.

It was an enlightening and informative session that many of our students enjoyed!



From the Religious Education Coordinator: John Coppola

On Wednesday 9 May, the College held a Mother's Day Mass to honour and celebrate all the amazing mothers and women who play an important role in our student's lives.



From the Regents Park Campus Coordinator: Jennifer Lowe

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Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by **advancedlife**. Whilst an envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly, if possible it is our preference that ordering be completed online to reduce administration and potential security issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

Orders for photography packages can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique **9 digit Online Order Code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photography day.

Should you have any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering, please direct them via email to enquiries@advancedlife.com.au

From the Sports Coordinator: Lauren Hadchiti



From the Leader of Learning: Peter Logiotatos

Year 10 Semester 1 Examination Timetable Week 5

Year 10 will be completing their Semester 1 examinations on Monday May 28 and Tuesday May 29.

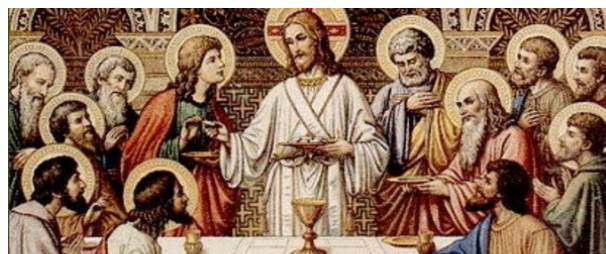
NORMAL LESSONS will be held when students are not completing examinations.

DATE	Periods 1 & 2	Periods 3 & 4
Monday Week 5 28th May 2018	MATHEMATICS –1.5HR + 5 Reading Time [196 students]	AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY – 1HR + 5 Reading Time [196 students]

DATE	Periods 1 & 2	Periods 3 & 4
Tuesday Week 5 29th May 2018	RELIGION – 50 minutes + 5 Reading Time [196 students]	SCIENCE –1.25HR + 5 Reading Time [196 students]

Students who are absent from any examinations due to illness must follow the College assessment procedures regarding documentation and parents are asked to notify the College on the morning of an examination should their son/daughter not be in attendance for any reason.

It is expected that a student who is absent from an examination, where applicable, will sit for a 'makeup' examination as close to the original examination date as possible.



NEW MASS TIME

SUNDAY | 5:00 PM

Opportunity for Confession available from 4PM

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
EAST GRANVILLE

200 THE TRONGATE, EAST GRANVILLE



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COMMUNITY



Young Talent Annual Art Exhibition

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Young Talent
Annual Art Exhibition

19th August 2018

at
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Theme - Australia

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