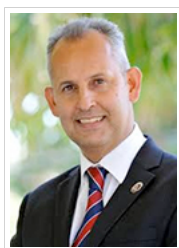




26 May 2017

Principals Report



Dear Parents, Carers and friends of the Trinity Catholic College community,

Welcome to our **new look Newsletter**. A key feature of this newsletter is the ability to **translate the newsletter into multiple languages**. Another feature is the **School App (SZapp)** that can be downloaded from either google play or App store. Over the

next few weeks we will be integrating these features into our parent communication strategy. I hope that you enjoy the change!

When you open our school new Newsletter all you need to do to translate it is click on the button and select the language of choice.

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Our Lady of Fatima Statue Visit

Thanks to Fr. Eduardo (Parish Priest of St Joachim's Lidcombe), we had a wonderful opportunity to host the statue of Our Lady of Fatima last Wednesday at both Campuses. It was a solemn occasion that enables our community to develop a deep understanding and appreciation of the apparitions at Fatima one hundred years ago. We prayed the Rosary together in many of our community languages and were moved by the story of the apparitions. I thank Mr Coppola, Sr Mary Rachel and Mr Ronchetti for their organisation and support.



Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day May 24

The Feast Day of Mary Help of Christians has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800's.

Napoleon Bonaparte had jailed Pius VI who died in jail. When Pope Pius VII was elected he too was jailed by Bonaparte, who kept him prisoner at Fontainebleau. The Holy Father vowed to God that if he were restored to the Roman See, he would institute a special feast in honour of Mary. The military eventually forced Bonaparte to release the Pope and on 24 May 1814, Pius VII returned in triumph to Rome. Twelve months later the Pope decreed that the Feast of Mary Help of Christians be kept on 24 May.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive. Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patron. St Mary's Cathedral was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral. When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patron, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title.

God Bless,

Daniel Delmage

Year 12 HSC Aim High Program

Ms McLaughlin and I presented Year 12 with the second workshop in our "Aim High" program. The focus was on providing HSC students with a range of practical skills and motivational ideas that will enable them to be focused and prepared for the HSC Examinations. The key topics covered were:

- Contribute to the **Trinity HSC bucket** (If they all perform well, they will all benefit)
- To be very clear about their **learning target**, what Band or Grade are they trying to achieve?
- Remember to always look for that extra mark! **(IWAM)** That could be the difference between a Band 5 and a Band 6 or an A or B Grade.
- Cultivate your **relationships** with your teachers; you need them, as they will go the extra mile for you.
- Address your **distractions** - Facebook, snapchat, text messages emails can all interrupt learning
- **No one can work as hard as me!** Challenge yourself to work as hard as you can!
- Develop a **Work/Life balance** and strategies for managing HSC stress. In doing so, we shared with students the Youth Beyond Blue website, which has some wonderful support ideas for students and their parents
- Develop **"Dot points and summaries"** to ensure that all syllabus dot points are covered
- Work in small groups (**Collaborative Learning**) to teach each other essential parts of the syllabus
- And above all, **never give up! Never – Ever!**

To support **Collaborative Learning** opportunities, our Library will be open for Year 12 students on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 - 6.00pm from Week 5 up until the Trial HSC. I encourage parents to support your child by encouraging them to use this wonderful opportunity. A staff volunteer will kindly be on duty during this time. We thank the staff for their generosity.

Year 11 and 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

A reminder that Year 11 and Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews will be conducted on Tuesday May 30 in the College Hall at the Auburn campus between 8.30 am and 8.00 pm. This is an important opportunity for 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. Detailed instructions on making a booking are available on the Parent Portal website.

May: The Month of Mary

During May, the month of Mary, the staff and students of Trinity Catholic College are given the opportunity to pray a Decade of the Rosary at the beginning of each lunch.

Each lunchtime during this month, a large group of both staff and students have taken this opportunity and gathered as a community to show their love and gratitude towards Our Good Mother.

As evident in the photo, our Catholic faith is an integral part of the Trinity Catholic College identity, one that binds the community together.



Trinity Community praying a decade of the Rosary

Sydney Catholic Schools Parent Forum

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Sydney Catholic Schools will be hosting a number of Parent Forums over the coming weeks regarding the Federal Government's schools funding model. Attached is a letter outlining the details and we encourage you to make every effort to attend this very important forum.

Kind regards

Daniel Delmage
Principal

Careers News

Have you had many conversations about Careers lately? There are a number of events coming up designed to get people talking about what they might want to do after school and what they have to do in school to get there.

If you visit the Careers Google Classroom and subscribe, you will be up to date with the latest events for University, Private Educators, Apprenticeships and Internships. (kkdq57 is the class code)

Work Experience: A number of students have approached me wanting to go to work experience during school time. The College encourages students to not miss out on school time, but to use the study breaks as their chance to undertake the work experience they are after. If there are some insurance issues, please come and see me.

Finally, it is never too early to have a chat about Careers, and parents and students are welcome to come into my office and start exploring the possibilities available to them. You can also visit:

<http://jobjump.com.au/>

<http://thefootnotes.com.au/>

<http://seek.com.au/>

<https://www.education.gov.au/career-bullseye-posters>

Mr Morris Hassarati, Careers Advisor

Wellbeing – Building Better Connections

Social researcher, Brene Brown, describes the impact blaming has on relationship and connection. Moving into accountability during times of conflict or challenge can build empathy, which in turn allows connections to remain and resolution to follow. A short clip below provides more information.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZWf2_2L2v8

Sports Reports

CGSSSA Basketball

On the 17th May, the Year 10 Girls Basketball team competed at the CGSSSA Basketball Competition.

The girls were chosen only a week before the tournament and had just one training session to prepare for what proved to be 5 gruelling games of basketball. For a vast majority of them, it was the first time they had ever dribbled or shot a ball outside of a PDHPE class. On the day, the girls had phenomenal defence, often holding the opposing team to less than 10 points. It was through this that the team was able to go through to the group stage undefeated - a great feat in itself.

Unfortunately, after finishing first in their pool, the girls fell short and lost to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in the semi finals. Overall, the girls represented our school community with pride and were great ambassadors of the College. Congratulations to our girls on their fantastic effort!

Football Representation

On the 15th and 16th of May, Paul Mariani of Year 10 trialled for the Under 16 Australian National Football team.

If Paul is successful in the trials he will undergo a training week at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. Additionally, if successful, Paul will have the opportunity to represent the country in Thailand for the Under 15s Youth Championships and in Mongolia for the Under 16s Championship Qualifiers.

Paul thoroughly enjoyed the experience and said that the, *"trials alone have improved my mental and physical skills, which will benefit me in all parts of life and in the game"*.

The College is extremely proud of Paul's achievements so far and wish him the best.



Paul Mariani in action, trialling for the Under 16 Australian National Football Team

Ms Lauren Hadchiti, Sports Coordinator

Advertising Opportunities



We are pleased and excited to inform you that we'll be producing a new eNewsletter with Schoolzine. The move to this new format will enable us to communicate with the school community across multiple channels. It will promote and enhance our engagement with parents, students and the wider community.

We believe you'll find the eNewsletter highly engaging, as it will provide us with a more efficient and effective means of connecting with you. The new format will allow the inclusion of video, photo galleries, online bookings, mobile app, feedback forms, calendars and so much more.

The newsletter also has a sponsorship section, which provides a great opportunity for local businesses to engage with our parent community. If you would like to be a part of this, please contact Schoolzine.

Phone Jude 07 5414 2363

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Catholic Care

Strengthening Families



This week, at CatholicCare, we are celebrating National Families Week 2017. The enduring theme of the week is 'Stronger families, stronger communities.' Our passionate Family Support Team put together their 5 Top Tips for stressed parents to help make families stronger:

- 1 Take a deep breath when you feel overwhelmed. This helps to reduce anxiety.
- 2 Get together with another family you know. Sharing your own family experiences and culture helps boost wellbeing.
- 3 Treat yourself regularly to a cup of tea and time to reflect on how you are feeling.
- 4 When you feel low, remind yourself you are doing your best. Go a little more gently on your expectations.
- 5 Ask for help if nothing you are trying seems to help. There are many sources of support for families. You can chat to our friendly Customer Service Team on 13 18 19 or call Parent Line NSW on 1300 1300 52.

Trinity Catholic College has a new app!



SZapp is a great way to keep up to date with all of our latest news and information. Using SZapp will give you easy access to information such as:

- Newsletters on the go
- Latest News & Reminders
- Calendar
- Forms and Documents
- Contact Forms



Installing SZapp



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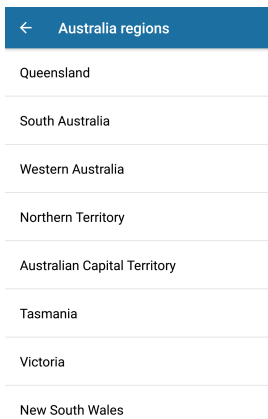
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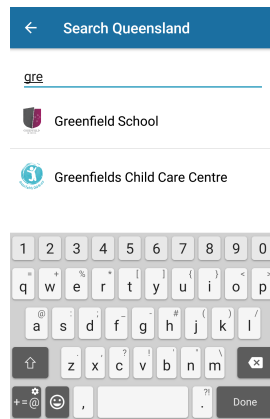
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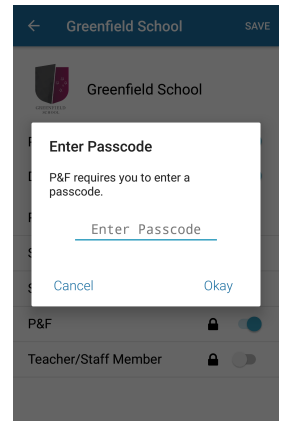
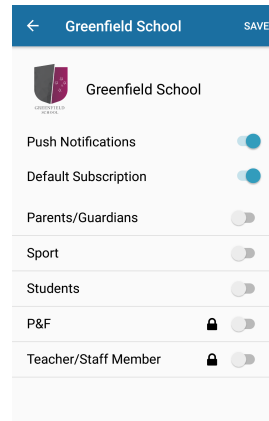


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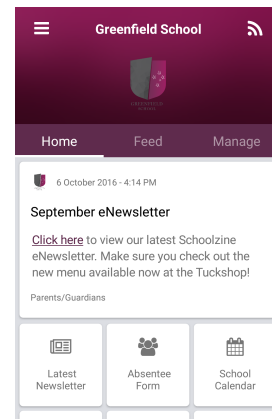
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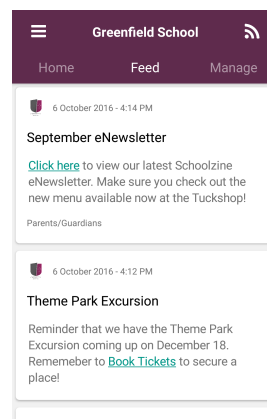
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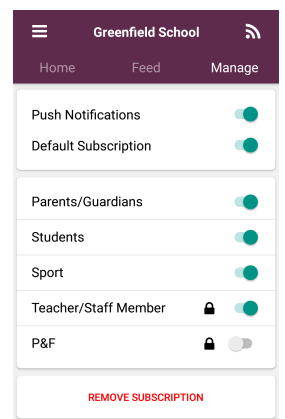
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View all feed items for every group you belong to.



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Manage push notifications, your default subscription and groups.



For more information please view our FAQs page

<http://www.schoolzine.com/szapp-faq>