



TRINITY  
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# College Newsletter

7 April 2017



## From The Principal

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

As the term draws to an end I can't believe just how quickly the term has passed. Just over 11 weeks ago I was a total stranger to this wonderful College and yet in a very short time I have been made to feel most welcomed by this community. I thank everyone for their kindness and patience, getting to know 1224 students, countless families and over 150 staff is a daunting task!

As I am now settled in my daily work, from Term 2 I will commence a process of consultation with staff, parents and students that will inform our future leadership plans for the College. I would like to ensure that we all walk together as we create a future for the College that respects our past, affirms our current practices and is bold enough to envision a new future; a future that we will build together to ensure that our College continues to thrive as a distinctively Catholic learning community, committed to excellence.

## Preparing for Easter

As we prepare for the upcoming school holidays, I would like to remind all members of our community of the key Liturgical events and encourage you to be actively involved in your local parish.

9 April - PASSION SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)

10 April - Monday of Holy Week

11 April - Tuesday of Holy Week

12 April - Wednesday of Holy Week

13 April - HOLY THURSDAY

14 April - GOOD FRIDAY

15 April - EASTER VIGIL



Since Ash Wednesday we have been preparing ourselves for this final week that sees Jesus welcomed, betrayed, denied, mocked, and finally crucified. Importantly, as Easter people we celebrate Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. As we come together as a worshipping community this Easter, let us keep Jesus at the centre of our thoughts, prayers and lives.

I would like to recommend to you a wonderful ecumenical service that **Fr. Thomas** from St Peter Chanel at Regent's Park is involved in on **Good Friday**. Fr Thomas will be leading the Stations of the Cross, commencing at our Auburn Campus at 12.00 noon!

## Upcoming Events

### Term 1, Week 10

**Friday 7 April**

*Last day of term*

### Term 2, Week 1

**Monday 24 April**

Staff Development Day -  
Pupil Free Day

**Tuesday 25 April**

Anzac Day - Public Holiday

**Wednesday 26 April**

*Students return to school*

**Friday 28 April**

5pm - Trinity Hosting Debating at Auburn campus

### The Season of Lent

#### POPE FRANCIS' WORDS

**Do you want to fast this Lent?**

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



## Yr 12 Exams

Over the past few weeks our Year 12 students have been completing their major assessment block and I wish to commend them on their focused attitude and commitment. A few weeks ago, I met with all of Year 12 to share a few strategies that over the years have proven to be highly beneficial to HSC success:

- Contribute to the **HSC Bucket** (We all benefit)
- **IWAM** (JAM) I Want Another Mark, every mark is important!
- **My Band 6:** I challenged our students to strive for at least one Band 6 result.
- **Working Collaboratively:** The HSC is about how the whole group performs, helping each other succeed is critically important.
- **Attendance:** We know that there is a direct correlation between attendance and HSC success.
- **Writing:** Developing your ability to write is critical to HSC success, start writing and keep writing until the HSC.
- **Never give up!** No matter what happens, never ever give up.

## School Holidays & Term 2

Term 1 concludes today on **Friday, April 7**. I thank parents for your support in ensuring that your child attended school on this day. The last day of term is as important as any other day and we have continued with teaching and learning programs at each campus.

Term 2 commences on **Wednesday, April 26** for all students, our staff will be at school on **Monday, April 24** for a Staff Development day.

## Winter Uniform (Start of Term 2)

I remind all parents that students are expected to be dressed in the full winter uniform from day one. I ask parents to ensure that all blazers are ready for Term 2, along with the correct tie.

God Bless,  
**Daniel Delmage, Principal**

## Clancy Art Prize for Religious Art

The official opening of the Clancy Prize for Religious Art took place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the McGlade Gallery, ACU, Strathfield. In preparation for this exhibition, selected students worked with their teachers to interpret this year's theme, a quote by Pope Francis,

***"A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just".***

Year 8 students created a large-scale painting inspired by the works of Michelangelo and the Italian Renaissance. Each student found an image that represented one of the seven Acts of Mercy. Working collaboratively, they arranged the images around the central figure of Christ and included Latin text.

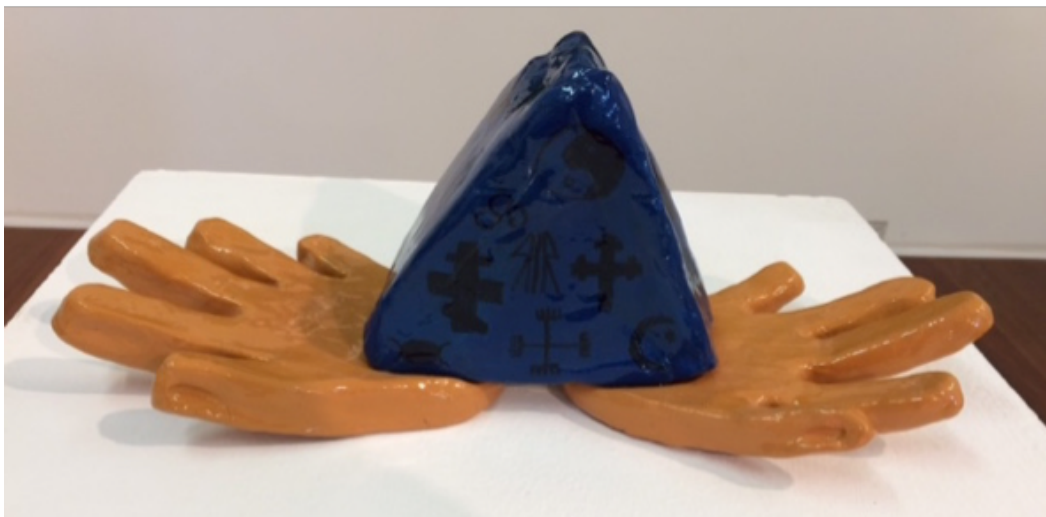
Each of the seven Acts of Mercy are relevant today in a discordant world of much war and displacement, hunger and misery, leaving many people ignored by the greed and selfishness of modern society.



Congratulations to the following students who won the **Year 8 Collaborative Award**: Taylor Tran, Isaac Onato, Kelly Huang, Marco Sindoni, Emily Ngo-Le, Patrick Tran

### ***"Septem Actus Misericordiae"***

Cherish Wartmann from Year 9 interpreted Pope Francis' quote through ceramics. Her artwork addresses the idea that universal mercy has no cultural, religious or political boundaries. Open hands, representing the inclusive nature of care, alms-giving and mercy, support symbols from multiple belief systems.





### ***“Universal Mercy”***

Year 11 student, Victoria Ferguson’s drawing *Turn to you*, is an artwork that not only identifies the struggle experienced by refugees and asylum seekers, but more so, the personal experiences that stems from her Vietnamese heritage. Whilst creating this artwork, Victoria gained an understanding of the challenges her family encountered in the face of famine and civil unrest as a result of the Vietnam War. She came to recognize the extremities of their desperate pursuit of a new life and aimed to communicate this through her drawing. The relevance of the monochromatic image intensifies the desperation of the refugee’s journey; her family’s journey.



Refugees, at this time, turned to us as a nation, and, as a nation, we showed them mercy.

***“Turn to You”***

Information on each of the works was adapted from the student's artist statement.

**Trinite Colette, Creative Arts Coordinator**

## **Young Marists in 2017**

The Young Marists is a volunteer group of students who have undertaken to do 2 hours of work for other people in their own time, each school term. They do this in the way of St. Marcellin Champagnat who dedicated his life to help others, as Mary, the mother of Jesus, did.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at lunchtime, at our second meeting, Mr. Perry started off with a prayer. Mr. Delmage, our Principal, gave an inspirational talk, and then, with the help of Ms. Sarkis, presented Marist badges to 48 students who committed themselves to do this work. This was followed by 18 students recommitting themselves to a second year of membership of Young Marists.



Our meetings finish off with games organised by Mr. Ronchetti.

**Br. Tony, Young Marists Co-ordinator**

## Marist Connect

On Friday, March 17, ten Year 12 students attended a regional Marist Connect gathering. Mixing with students from local Marist schools, they explored the Lenten theme of Almsgiving by identifying local needs in the community and ways they could address these.



## MCS Swimming Report

On Tuesday 21st March our boys' swimming team competed in the MCS Carnival at the Aquatic Centre, Homebush. This was a night of great excitement as young men from a host of schools competed against each other in a spirit of good sportsmanship, pride and intense effort.

We were proudly represented by:

- Alanson Garcia , Alpay Albayir and Tony Vo of Year 7
- Cameron Aquino and Elio Sassine of Year 8
- Samuel Harris, Alex Hejajj and Janam Limbu of Year 9
- Richard Ly and Terrence Lei of Year 10
- Isaiah Parker of Year 11
- Michael Cao of Year 12

Many thanks to the parents, families and teachers who attended to support the boys, in particular, Mrs Hadchiti, Miss Brown, Miss Duncan, Mr Fox and Mr Delmage.

Highlights of the evening included the great success of our Under 15s Relay team in placing second. This team included Alex Hejajj, Samuel Harris, Janam Limbu and Terrence Lei.

We also applaud the great talent of Terrence Lei, who competed at this event and then represented us at the Combined Catholic Colleges Championships, in his signature event of the 50 metre Breaststroke. A fantastic effort, Terrence!

## Naplan reminder

A reminder that Year 7 and 9 students will be sitting their NAPLAN tests on Tuesday May 9, Wednesday May 10 and Thursday May 11. As students complete their tests at the beginning of each of the days, it is important that they are not late to school on these days.

Students are reminded to bring the following equipment to the tests:

- A HB or 2B pencil
- A sharpener
- A black biro
- A calculator (numeracy tests only)
- An eraser



## Year 11 Reflection Day



## Lenten Fundraising - Regents Park

Throughout Lent, Trinity Catholic College comes to life with great purpose and energy as each PC group organises a huge variety of initiatives to raise money for the Lenten Appeal.

A variety of food is sold, ranging from egg and sausage sandwiches at breakfast, to pancakes and waffles at recess and a Lebanese Feast at lunch. Other fundraising events included a Talent Show that showcased some of RP's best musicians and singers, an Oztag competition, Shoe Shining and a Flower for a Friend drive.

Through such fundraising activities, it is hoped that we can raise a substantial amount for our chosen charities. This year our projects are the social justice and charitable works of the Church, the Lavalla School in Cambodia and the Starlight Foundation. All of our initiatives have made this special time of Lent an extra special season for Trinity Catholic College, as students and teachers bring an atmosphere of great joy and working together to help the less fortunate..



## Teenagers and their Families Course, 2017

This year the course was once again presented by Br Tony, our school counsellor, and Mrs Maria Dera, who is the mother of two students who have successfully completed their education at Trinity. Mrs Dera works in adult education and is a great asset to the course, in helping parents to confidently navigate their children's teenage years.

Sixteen parents spent three Tuesday evenings from 7pm to 9pm together. Some of the topics covered were:-



- ❑ What is Adolescence like today?
- ❑ Stepping into the shoes of our adolescents, to more fully understand them.
- ❑ Overcoming stress, first in yourself then in your teen.
- ❑ Resilience
- ❑ How to communicate with your teen
- ❑ How to build up their self-esteem
- ❑ Looking at values we have and those we want to pass on in the family
- ❑ The 5 Love languages
- ❑ Dealing with confrontation
- ❑ Setting Boundaries
- ❑ Parenting Styles
- ❑ Looking at your teenager's strengths

**Some comments from the parents who took part:**

- ❑ The discussions helped and I felt I was not alone.
- ❑ I need to listen more and create better opportunities for talking together as a family.
- ❑ I will try to be more relaxed and stress free.
- ❑ I want to be more positive and nag less.
- ❑ I would highly recommend others to do this course.
- ❑ This course was fantastic. I would highly recommend it. The presenters were very friendly and easy to speak to and there was no judgement from anyone.

## **Exciting Year 8 & 9 Personal Development Workshops at School next Term**

On May 24th we will hold a special day here at the College for our students in year 8 and 9. The boys will take part in a day entitled '**Goodfellas**' and the girls will complete a mini-course called '**Girls Essentials**'. This day revolves around building student's respect for themselves and others as young people, and developing their knowledge and skills in successfully and safely interacting and building friendships with others. Very importantly, the workshops aim to help the boys and girls understand that they are valuable individuals who are all different and that they can make sensible and informed decisions in their behaviours and conduct, when using the internet, the media and in dealing with others in person. Personal safety, including in the online world, is a particular topic of both the boys and girls workshops.

There will be separate workshops for boys and girls and the issues that affect them will be dealt with sensitively and constructively, building their confidence and resilience.

There will also be a **free parent workshop** in the evening of the 24th to help parents in understanding their teenagers and how to support them in today's world.

All of Year 8 and 9 will be based on the Auburn campus for this important day and we look forward to your support of this very important initiative. More details will be sent to families shortly.

With thanks for your support,

**Donna McLaughlin, Assistant Principal**