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## From the Principal: Daniel Delmage



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

### Palm Sunday Reflection

Beginning in the fourth century in Jerusalem, **Palm Sunday** was marked by a procession of the faithful carrying palm branches, representing the Jews who celebrated Christ's entrance into Jerusalem.

In the early centuries, the procession began on the Mount of the Ascension and proceeded to the Church of the Holy Cross.

During **Holy Week**, Christians commemorate the Passion of Christ, who died on Good Friday in reparation for the sins of mankind, and rose on Easter Sunday to give new life to all who believe. Thus, while Holy Week is solemn and sorrowful, it also anticipates the joy of Easter through the recognition of God's goodness in sending His Son for our salvation. As we stop of a mid term break to celebrate Easter, I encourage all families in this year of Hope (Our Theme for 2018) to look at the Easter message of hope and renewal.



## Trinity Catholic College - No 1 in the Inner West Region for HSC VET Course Completion

Congratulations to Mrs Morath and our VET team for achieving the highest VET completion rates in the Region. In doing so, some of our students finished Year 12 with the Higher School Certificate PLUS a Certificate 2 or 3 that articulated to TAFE for advanced standing in post HSC courses. This is an outstanding advantage for our young people in entering the workforce or in obtaining employment. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our VET teachers. These courses involve specialised and



on-going training, a great deal of extra administration and continuing re-testing to help our students complete their courses successfully.

## Major and Minor Capital Works

### Regents Park (Major Capital Works)

With the wonderful support of Sydney Catholic Schools, we will commence the first stage of the refurbishment of the Regents Park Campus later this year (Term 4). The first stage of the project will involve the alterations and refurbishment to existing buildings (Block B & C) as part of this project (**valued at \$3.5 Million**). All classrooms, in these two blocks will be air conditioned, all classrooms will be renovated and the student's recreational areas will be improved. Importantly, the demountable classrooms will be removed. A more significant second stage will commence after the first stage is completed and the details of this will be communicated at a later stage.

### Auburn (Minor Capital Works in 2018)

We will be undertaking some renovations in Block 2 at Auburn. The program is on target to begin Week 11 of this term and we expect completion by Day 1 next term. This project is also funded by Sydney Catholic Schools, for which we are very grateful. The Scope of works is as follows:

- Replace concrete steps to ground level from the yard.
- Replace all balustrades on all levels and the stairs from Block 3 and the main stairs from Yard 2.
- Re-hinge all doors to open flat against the wall, and supply hooks to keep these open.
- Replace all timber windows on the eastern (Park Rd) side of the building and service all windows.
- Add a vision panel in doors that currently open out.
- Refurbishment of Room 231 .
- Paint outside and inside of Block 2.
- Add lever door handles, replacing of the older doorknob style.

- Repair veranda surface on each level.
- Repair cement edge, along the veranda on all levels.
- Install a new door to the Yr 9 Office and add a door to the veranda

We are also planning for some major capital works for the Auburn site and this will be communicated at a later stage. We are currently installing a new electrical sub-station so that sufficient electrical power can be provided to the Auburn campus. Once this is installed later this year, we will commence the airconditioning of all classrooms.

## Lenten Fundraising Update

It has been another busy week of fundraising, led by our wonderful staff and PC classes giving their time and energy to help others get a fair go in life. **Thirteen classes have passed the \$400 mark - congratulations!** Several others are very close and many others have events planned over the next two weeks.

A special mention to **Year 12 who have 4 PC classes having made the target of \$400 so far** - 12B, 12C, 12G and 12H...with others very close behind....a great effort folks!

\$7,606.25 to go...let's make every effort.

**Our current tally is - \$14, 393. 75 cents –  
Congratulations Trinity!**

## Br John Taylor Memorial Award



I would like to announce that **Akur Juach** from last year's Year 12 class has been awarded this most prestigious award. The Ceremony took place at the NSW Parliament. This is an outstanding achievement and I need to recognise the outstanding initiative of **Ms. Criss**, who wrote and submitted the application.

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) established this award in 1993 in memory of **Brother John Taylor**, a distinguished, long-term member of the Board of Studies. **It is awarded to a student who has overcome significant disadvantage to achieve academic excellence in the Higher School Certificate.** The prize is a cash grant of \$1000 and is awarded on the recommendation of a panel of trustees, following nominations from Principals for students they believe worthy of the award. This year the prize has been awarded to three students across New South Wales.

The Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Education, was present to present Akur Juach with her Award at this special ceremony.

**Congratulations to Akur!**

## The Clancy Prize

On Friday 16th March, students from Auburn and Regents Park took part in the Clancy Prize for Religious Art competition. This was an extremely fulfilling experience, as we were very privileged to exhibit our artworks in a professional environment at the McGlade Gallery, Strathfield.

We entered two collaborative works, drawing our inspiration from Pope Francis' quote: "***A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just***".

Students from Years 7 and 8 created a collection of icons depicting various images of Mary titled **Sub Tuum Praesidium**, and Year 10 portrayed significant events in Jesus' life through painting, titled ***The Benevolence of Christ***.

It was an amazing experience to view all of the works on display by other schools participating in this competition and to see the talents of our fellow students. We wish to thank Ms Colette (Auburn) and Mr Flint (Regents Park) for their help and guidance with our artworks.



## Staff Development Day Reminder & Change of Date

Term 1 will end for students on Thursday April 12th and our staff will be engaged with a Staff Development day the next day. School will resume on **MONDAY** April 30th as noted in a letter sent home last week, due to the availability of our presenter. Our **Staff Day for Term 2 will take place on Monday May 7th.**

**Mr. Daniel Delmage**  
**Principal**

## From the Assistant Principal: Donna McLaughlin

### Students excel in the Step Up Into Teaching program

Congratulations to our Year 12 students Vanessa Abou Malham, Nellie-Anne Alchikh and Nathan Saroufim who received great results in this university level course, which introduced them to the career of teaching. Nathan is to be congratulated on his Distinction result.



**Nathan Saroufim**  
Distinction



**Nellie-Anne Alchikh**  
Credit



**Vanessa Abou Malham**  
Credit

## Trinity Catholic College in the Cinemas

Keep your eyes peeled for Trinity Catholic College on the big screen at Event Cinemas, Parramatta and Reading Cinemas, Auburn.

We are proud of the great community we have at Trinity Catholic College and wanted more people to know about our school and thought that the cinemas was a great idea!

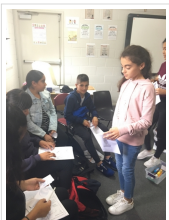
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpFI2pwsfXc>

## From the Religious Education Coordinator: John Coppola

### Year 7 Reflection Day

The Year 7 cohort joined together for a spirituality day on Wednesday 21 March.

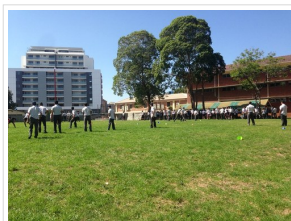
It was a great day filled with fun activities and great faith formation opportunities.



### Lenten Fundraising

Congratulations to all the students and staff members for continuing to work so generously to raise money for our Lenten Fundraising Appeal!

Here are some images of students participating in a Dodge Ball Competition held by Ms Lockhart's Year 10 Pastoral Care Class.



## From the PDHPE Coordinator: Cheryl Klimko

The students of Trinity Catholic College were able to test out their strength in their PDHPE classes when they were able to climb an artificial rock wall set up on the grassed area.

The students had a great time and found it a lot harder than they thought.



## Catholic School Funding Update



Sydney Catholic Schools

**Catholic School Funding Update #1**  
For parents and school communities in the Archdiocese of Sydney  
Term 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

Last year we gave an undertaking to keep you informed about school funding issues. This is the first of an update that will address a range of funding-related matters.

- 1. Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) Fees** – I wish to reassure you of our commitment to maintain low-fee affordability for all families seeking to enrol their children in a systemic Catholic school within the Archdiocese. As announced last year, the Board of Sydney Catholic Schools has determined to keep fee increases to a minimum and at a level that reflects the 'cost of education index'. It is anticipated that on average across the system, fees will increase annually by around three to four percent for at least the next three years.
- 2. Positive news** – Continued advocacy from SCS and the National Catholic Education Commission has taken place to ensure funding levels will remain equitable for our schools. We have been pleased to learn about Federal Labor's pledge to restore funding levels, including an extra \$250 million in its first two years in office. Its commitment to fully restore the \$17 billion worth of cuts over the next decade is very welcome news. This is in line with addressing the concerns we have held with current federal policy for future funding.
- 3. Upcoming negotiations** – We acknowledge the goodwill of the Government in establishing the SES Review and will forward the outcomes to you by the middle of this year when they are published. Over the next couple of months SCS looks forward to positively engaging with the Federal Minister for Education regarding:
  - Reviewing and changing the current flawed SES (socio-economic status)
  - Looking at parent contribution through 'capacity to pay' especially for primary schools
  - Review the planned transition time to new funding model from six years for Catholic sector to 10 years for the Independent sector.
- 4. Contact with local Federal members** – During Term 2, as Executive Director, I hope to make direct contact with all MPs focusing on the funding issue. As a parent of Sydney Catholic Schools, if you have the opportunity to talk to your local member, don't hesitate to highlight the ongoing concerns regarding equity of funding in all sectors.

Further updates will be provided through communication throughout this year and leading up to the next Federal election.

Kind regards

*Dan White*

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## Lidcombe Waratah Football Club

**Players wanted for 2018 – our 81st season**

Online visit:

[www.lidcombewaratah.com.au](http://www.lidcombewaratah.com.au)

or

**Come to our training days at Coleman Park,  
Georges Avenue, Lidcombe**

**Under 12/13/14/15 – Thursday 5:45pm**

**Under 16/17/18 – Wednesday 7pm**

### **NEW PLAYERS WELCOME**

**From under 6 years to seniors, over 35s and over 45s, girls and  
boys, men and women.**

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