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*Albury-Wodonga*

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## From the Principal



### Night of the 'Rising Stars'

Congratulations to all those students who performed in last week's Night of the Rising Stars! It was a wonderful evening showcasing our students' talents across a number of areas! Like I am on so many occasions each year, I was very proud of all of those students involved in last week's performance event! Well done!

### Eisteddfod Participation and Successes

Over the course of the last couple of weeks the Albury-Wodonga eisteddfod has been conducted with many Trinity students and ensembles competing in numerous sections. I take this opportunity to congratulate our students who have performed so well in so many of the eisteddfod's sections. The specific results will be reported in more detail in other sections of this edition of the newsletter but I really want to pass on my congratulations to all of those students who have competed so well in this year's eisteddfod!

### Some Habits to Promote Mental Health in Kids

Kids who are mentally healthy are equipped to handle many of life's curve balls that come their way. They also don't let their emotions overwhelm them. As a result, they learn better and have more friends as well.

It seems strange to talk about promoting good mental health in children. Shouldn't all children naturally have good mental health habits? After all,

childhood is supposed to be a pretty relaxed time of life, free from the pressures and stresses that can come with adulthood.

Sadly, it doesn't seem that way. According to the Australian Psychological Society one in seven Australian children experience some type of mental health issue, with ADHD, anxiety and depression being the most common kind.

Having good mental health doesn't mean that kids don't experience difficulties or worries. Feeling worried, sad or fearful is normal. Kids who are mentally healthy are equipped to handle many of life's curve balls that come their way. They also don't let their emotions overwhelm them. As a result, they learn better and have more friends as well.

As a parent it's useful to reflect on the mental health habits that you promote in your kids. Here are five basic mental health habits that you can consider right now:

**1. Sleep:** Sleep is the one of the building blocks of mental health and well-being. Many children and just about all teenagers are sleep-deprived at the moment. Many parents are sleep-deprived as well! Children need between 10 and 12 hours sleep to enable proper growth and development, while teenagers need a minimum of nine hours. One of the single, most powerful strategies to improve kids' ability to cope with stressful or changing situations is to ensure they get enough sleep.

**2. Exercise:** When my mum told me all those years ago to turn the television off and go outside and play she didn't know that she was promoting good mental health. She just knew that physical activity was a good thing for an active, growing boy. Kids today get less exercise than those of past generations, which is an impediment to mental health. Exercise stimulates the chemicals that improve mood and release the stress that builds up over a day. An hour's movement per day seems the minimum for kids. ***How much exercise does your child receive?***

**3. Help others:** Social isolation is a huge predictor of poor mental health. Encourage your child to be connected to others and to help others in any way possible. Helping others reinforces social connectedness and the importance of being part of a community, as well as providing opportunities for positive recognition.

**4. Talk:** A problem shared is a problem halved! Talking about what's worrying you is a great way to remove the burden of worry and reduce anxiousness.

Some kids bottle up what's inside, while others will catastrophise a situation, which can make matters seem worse. If your child or young person has a problem let him know that his concerns are important to you. Kids often can't tell you what may be wrong, so be observant and gently ask questions to help you get a clearer picture of how they may be feeling.

**5. Relaxation:** Make sure your child or young person has a hobby or activity that relaxes them. The ability to relax and get away from the stresses of everyday life is essential. Some children who have real difficulty switching-off may benefit from practising meditation or mindfulness, but most kids just need to have the time to chill out, and they'll relax quite naturally.

These five habits are basic common sense. However, as kids' lives get busier these essentials get squeezed out. Here's my recommendation to ensure that mental health habits don't get overlooked or neglected.

**First**, see these habits as the building blocks of mental health. Don't ignore them or trivialise them. Talk to your children and tie these activities to their mental health but do so in your own way and in your own timeframe.

**Second**, assess which of these five essential habits need your attention and make some adjustments over time to push the pendulum back, if necessary, in favour of your child's mental health.

(From Michael Grose's website: [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au))

### **Re-enrolment forms**

All families should have received the re-enrolment forms in the mail this week. Please complete the forms and return to the College by the due date. Your assistance in this is very much appreciated and will assist the College as it progresses it's planning for the 2013 academic year.

If you have not received the re-enrolment correspondence, please contact my Personal Assistant, Heather Watson at the College on 60493402 or via email [heather.watson@trinityac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:heather.watson@trinityac.nsw.edu.au) as soon as possible.

**Steven J O'Connor**  
Principal

### **Coffee Shop - Albury**

Don't forget that the Coffee Shop is open every Tuesday and Friday from 7.35 am – 8.30 am. Come and get your delicious coffee, chai, or hot chocolate from The Coffee Team. By the way, we have Soy!



## From the Acting Deputy Principal

### Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews will take place on the following dates and times:

- **Monday 13 August** 3:30 – 6:00 pm & 7:00 – 8:00 pm - Albury and Wodonga
- **Tuesday 14 August** 3:30 – 5:30 pm – Albury

Parents can make online bookings by following the instructions below. Bookings will remain open until midday on Monday 13 August.



## Book School Interviews Online

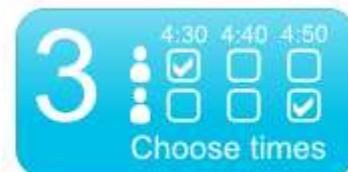
You can now book interviews for the times that suit **YOUR FAMILY**.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au/home.code](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/home.code) and follow these simple instructions.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE Monday 13 August at 12:00 pm**



Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.



When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

### **BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN SO THAT ALL FAMILIES MAY BOOK AT THE SAME TIME**

Interview times need to be strictly adhered to. If you require more time, please ask the teacher to make alternative arrangements. We are very keen to keep the interviews to the required time to ensure teachers and parents are not inconvenienced.

**Malcolm Thomas**  
Acting Deputy Principal

## From the Wodonga Campus Coordinator

### Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod

On Tuesday the Junior Choir competed in the K-6 Combined Choir section of the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod. Accompanied by Ms Tilbrook and Mrs Wade, the students did the College proud and performed excellent renditions of 'Miaou' and 'I Can See Clearly Now'. As a result the Choir achieved a First Place. Well done to all the students involved along with Ms Tilbrook and Mrs Wade!



### Speed Limits Around The College

It has come to my attention that some vehicles are still travelling above the 40kph speed limit before and after school. This is of concern as there are a number of students crossing roads, getting off buses and arriving at the campus. I ask all parents to please adhere to speed limits in and around the College, including Ellen McDonald Drive, so we can ensure our children's safety. Being late to the College is not a good enough excuse when the safety of children is at hand.

### Campus Ski Trip

The Campus Ski Trip is nearly upon us and the final stages of preparation were completed this week. The fittings for students were completed by Paul's Ski Shop on Wednesday. If any accompanying parents need to hire any clothing/equipment, could they please go to Paul's Ski Shop as soon as possible to be fitted. Please note that payment for any parent hire is to be made directly to Paul's.

### Year 1-3 Cooking

As a part of the Year 1-3 Humanities course, Mr McGregor and the Year 1-3 class have been busy in the kitchen learning how to prepare a range of meals. Mrs Natalie Watkins, parent of Eloise, has kindly volunteered her time and Stephanie



Alexander kitchen experience, to assist with creating these culinary delights. These sessions take place on Monday and will run for 5-6 weeks. It has been great to see a number of parents come in and participate in the sessions. This element of the College is not only a great learning experience for the students, but a great way for parents to share an experience with their child.

### **Prep-Year 3 Excursion**

On Wednesday 29 August the Prep-3 students will be travelling to the new Wodonga Performing Arts Centre, 'The Cube', to see a puppetry performance. 'A Little Bit of Blue', is a puppet show aimed at lower primary students. This should be a great chance for the students to not only see a performance, but to also set foot in Wodonga's newest community facility.

**Simon Fairall**

Coordinator of Wodonga Campus

## **From the Director Studies**

### **Year 8 and Year 10 Subject Information Evenings & Year 12 Trial HSC Exams**

**Parents of Year 10 Students:** It was lovely to see so many parents with their sons and daughters this Tuesday night at the Subject Information Evening. It is an exciting time for Year 10 students as they give thought to the subjects that will engage them over the next two years. One parent commented that the teachers would give many salespeople a run for their money in their quest to sell the merits of their specialist subject! Please contact me at the College if you have any queries about the process of subject selection, and a reminder to Year 10 students to return their green selection forms by Monday of next week.

**Parents of Year 8 Students:** Year 8 students are preparing for the Year 9 2013 Subject Information Evening from 7.00 pm Thursday, 16 August in the Multi-Purpose Hall. The students have enjoyed experiences across many different subjects over the last two years and this is their first opportunity to pursue their interests in the choice of elective subjects. Parents are most cordially invited to attend the evening with their son or daughter and talk to teachers who will be keen to provide information about their specialist subjects.

**Year 12 Trial HSC Exams:** The focus of our Year 12 students is firmly on the Trial Examination which commences Thursday, 16 August. For all students, these exams figure as significant assessment items that will assist in determining the assessment component of their final HSC mark. The students have received the

examination timetable and are busy honing their study schedule in order to maximise their results in this important set of exams.

The first of these exams is the English Area of Study paper which is completed by all students of Advanced and Standard English on Thursday, 16 August 2012. For this first Trial paper only, the students will be travelling to the Wodonga campus and completing the exam at this venue. On this day, students will travel to school by their usual means and will be taken to Wodonga in the College buses. They will be accompanied by Mr Thomas, Mrs Willis and Ms Armstrong. This is in order to familiarise the students with the Wodonga site as they will complete all of their HSC exams there. The completion of HSC exams at the Wodonga campus was trialled in 2011 and students were overwhelmingly positive in their comments about the venue; they found the quiet setting very conducive to the sort of concentration and focus that the exams require.

If you have any queries about either of the Subject Information Evenings, or about the Trial HSC Examination, please contact Ms Kym Armstrong at the College.

**Kym Armstrong**  
Director of Studies

## Homework Club

As you are aware, a weekly homework club is offered to all students in Years 7 to 12 as part of the co – curricular programme here at the College. The purpose of this is to enable students to complete homework tasks with teacher assistance when needed. With our busy lives today, it is an opportunity to complete some homework and/or assessment tasks before the students get home... this then takes some of the pressure off parents and also allows students a bit more freedom to continue to participate in work or sporting activities, knowing that some of their homework has already been completed. During this hour, students have the chance to ask for assistance with any written tasks that they may be struggling with or simply to sit in a quiet environment and complete homework tasks given throughout the day. I encourage all students to take advantage of this opportunity as this is a very busy term with many students already involved in a range of co – curricular activities. As a parent myself, I appreciate this time offered by the College. Let's get started on our homework tasks and keep up to date!

Homework Club started up again this week and will continue through to the end of the term.

**Kate Millan**  
Homework Club Coordinator

## Junior School News - Albury



### Congratulations to our Junior School Award Winners:

| Name of Student & Class | Name of Student & Class    | Name of Student & Class |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Alana Diver (4NP)       | Camden Kotzur (2AP)        | Cooper Davis (6EP)      |
| Anna Jaico (KKM)        | Stella Mamouney (5CO)      | Lochlan Maclay (3JT)    |
| Clementine Hunt (3JT)   | Ben van der Veeke (1TO)    | Griffin Sowden (5SM)    |
| Jamison Scott (3JT)     | Talissa Salan (1KS)        | James Wilson (5SM)      |
| Lara Lambert (2AP)      | Kiesha Zurek (6EP)         | Jake McGrath (5CO)      |
| Litia Rawaqa (2JH)      | Archie Mohan (KDP)         | Grace Horner (5CO)      |
| Luke Kirk (1TO)         | Zahlia Hutchinson (5SM)    | Finlay Campbell (4NP)   |
| Rhiannon Clark (KDP)    | Abigail Adams (5CO)        | Ben Sampson (2JH)       |
| Sam Lockhart (2JH)      | Clarisse Summerfield (KKM) | Jarryd Sundblom (5CO)   |
| Tahlia O'Sullivan (1KS) | Alice Wheeler (5CO)        | Elle Weissel (3JT)      |

### Congratulations to our Deputy Principal Award Winners:

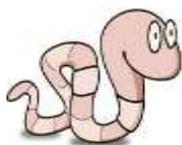


| Name of Student   | Year | Award           |
|-------------------|------|-----------------|
| Paige McDonald    | KKM  | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Georgia Pigdon    | KKM  | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Olivia Hope       | KKM  | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Eric Niedzweidzki | KDP  | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Katie Fletcher    | KDP  | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Pia Pille         | 6EP  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |

| Name of Student    | Year | Award           |
|--------------------|------|-----------------|
| Abby McDowell      | 1TO  | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Lachlan Terrill    | 1TO  | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Christina Halford  | 2JH  | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Conor Willis       | 2JH  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Thomas Summerfield | 4TC  | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Kiesha Zurek       | 6EP  | 1 <sup>st</sup> |

**Chris O'Loan**  
Head of Junior School

## Library News - Albury



### Premier's Reading Challenge

Children working on the Premier's Reading Challenge have to finish reading the books by the end of this month. If your child is worried that they won't finish in time, please tell them to talk to me about it as I may be able to help them.

### Book Week Assembly

On Monday, 27 August our Book Week assembly will be held in the MPH during period 1. Every Junior School class has been reading the shortlisted books and

will present a short item about one of these books at the assembly. Parents and friends are welcome to join us.

**Tanya Trebilcock**  
College Librarian

## Chess Club



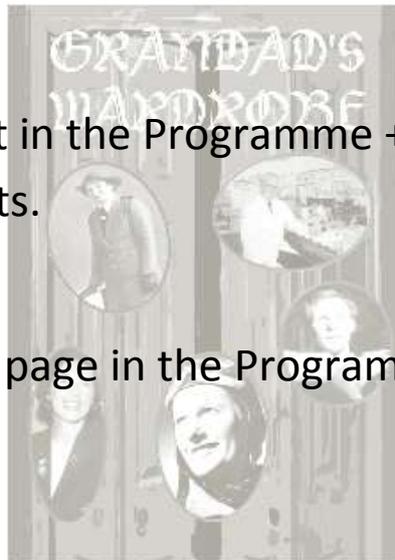
The Chess Club meet every Monday at Lunch time in Art Room 2. You may bring lunch!

**Sarah Bradbury**  
Chess Club Coordinator

## Junior Production News

Sponsorship opportunities are now open for this year's Junior Production.

- **Gold Sponsorship (2 available)** **\$500**  
Full page Colour advertisement in the Programme + 8 complimentary front row tickets.
- **Silver Sponsorship** **\$200**  
Business 'logo' on sponsorship page in the Programme + 6 complimentary tickets.
- **Family Sponsorship** **\$100**  
Family name recognition in the Programme + 4 complimentary tickets.



Please call the Office to register your interest, and Mr Greg Davis will call you regarding the details.

## Community Announcement

Home break and enters have decreased in Albury in recent years -. **You are invited to join other residents to gain some extra knowledge about keeping your home safe:**

**Wednesday 15 August**

**7.00 – 8.30 p.m. Thurgoona Community Centre, Kosciusko Road, Thurgoona**

Please respond for catering purposes to Heather Webster, Community Safety Officer, AlburyCity, ph 6023 8744 by close of business two working days prior to the session you would like to attend.



### Attention: All Senior School Tennis Players!

Trinity Championship Tennis coming soon. See Ms Armstrong for details!

### Basketball

The Albury Junior Basketball Summer season is due to commence at the start of Term 4. They are now calling for nominations for the summer season. If you are a current Trinity basketball player and would like to continue in the summer season could you please express your interest with your coach. Any new students who are interested can see Mr Payne for more details. Because it is a new season many students will need to move up into the next age group. The table below indicates which age group students will participate in according to their age.

| Year of Birth | Age Group for Term 4 season | Year of Birth | Age Group for Term 4 season |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 2005          | Under 10                    | 2000          | Under 14                    |
| 2004          | Under 10                    | 1999          | Under 16                    |
| 2003          | Under 12                    | 1998          | Under 16                    |
| 2002          | Under 12                    | 1997          | 18 & Under                  |
| 2001          | Under 14                    | 1996          | 18 & Under                  |
|               |                             | 1995          | 18 & Under                  |

| Yr 3 – 6 PSSA Team        | Location 17 August | Location 24 August |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Senior AFL                | Norris Park        | Xavier 2           |
| Junior AFL Team A Saints  | Jelbart Park       | Jelbart Park       |
| Junior AFL Team B Bombers | Jelbart Park       | Jelbart Park       |
| Junior Netball A          | JC King            | JC King            |
| Junior Netball B          | JC King            | JC King            |
| Senior Netball Red        | JC King            | JC King            |
| Senior Netball White      | JC King            | JC King            |
| Senior Soccer             | Glenn Park         | Scots              |
| Junior Soccer A           | Glenn Park         | Alexandra          |
| Junior Soccer B           | Alexandra          | Alexandra          |
| Senior Hockey             | Hockey Centre      | Hockey Centre      |
| Junior Hockey             | Hockey Centre      | Hockey Centre      |



**Nick Payne**  
Head of Sport

## Music News - Albury

### Border Music Camp

Matt Inglis, 5SM was also involved in this year's Border Music Camp, Matt we are so sorry that we missed including your name in our list in Newsletter 20, but know that you had a great time improving your percussion skills!



### Eisteddfod

Eisteddfod time is a busy but exciting one. Students push themselves to showcase their skills and if they feel well prepared the experience is a rewarding one. I am very proud of all Trinity's students who have performed (or will perform) in this year's eisteddfod. There is a lot of work behind the scenes to get students to a good standard. One of the great benefits of a student attending the eisteddfod is that they are amongst like-minded students. They also get to see what their peers are doing in other schools. Our students are very generous in acknowledging great performances from other schools and they know how to behave as an appreciative audience.

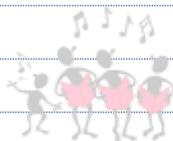


I would like to thank Mr Nick Andronikos for assisting with transporting stands and equipment down to the eisteddfod for the Jazz Band. Nick has helped the Jazz Band every year and we are very grateful for his generosity and his cheerful encouragement. Thanks too, to our talented Sonja Dionysius (who works tirelessly to develop our string programme at Trinity);

Beth Ylvisaker, who generously gives her time and expertise to assist developing our choirs and vocal groups and Emily Cunningham, who helped the senior choir's soloists develop a Gospel feel in "Well, well, well".

If you have performed in the eisteddfod, please give Mrs McMillan your results and we will acknowledge all of our students at the conclusion of the eisteddfod period.

| Group   | Results   |
|---|---|
| Junior Strings - Section 383  | 1 <sup>st</sup> place &   |
| <b>Winner of the Greg Aplin Award for Best Primary Orchestra/Band</b> |   |
| Jazz band - Section 386   | Highly Commended  |
| Chamber group - Section 363   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place   |
| Junior Choir - Section 487  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place   |
| Senior Choir – Section 490B   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place   |
| Vocal Ensembles - Sections 471,472,473                                | 1 <sup>st</sup> Place, 1 <sup>st</sup> Place and 1 <sup>st</sup> Place! |



## The Night of the “Rising Stars 2012”

Parents, friends, staff and students all enjoyed another wonderful celebration of Trinity talent at The Night of the “Rising Stars 2012”. I would like to congratulate all students on their performances. Thanks to all the teachers who generously gave up their time preparing the students and ensuring that the night ran smoothly.

Bravo!



### 2013 Trinity Musical FAME

Our next exciting venture is casting our 2013 Trinity Production, “Fame”... Trinity style!

I encourage students to go to Mrs Craven and get audition material. Auditions commence Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. Students are reminded that the movie “Fame” is different from the Musical. There are plenty of excerpts on You Tube for students to look at to get a good idea of the show.

Musicals are for everyone!!

**Helena Brennan**

Head of Music

## Uniform Shop

### Lost Property

We still have numerous items in lost property. It is difficult to return items if they are not named. Included are a pair of nearly new trackpants in size 10 which have been taken up. A blue Trinity bag with complete sports uniform including socks and US size 5 white joggers with lime green. We also have 20 or so drink bottles also with no names. Please ensure all items bought to school are named so I can endeavour to return them.

**You may ring the Uniform Shop directly on 6049 3440**

### Uniform Shop Operating Hours during School Terms

|                   |                                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Mondays</b>    | 8:30 – 10:00 am    2:30 – 4:30 pm | Cathy Katsoolis |
| <b>Tuesdays</b>   | <i>Closed</i>                     |                 |
| <b>Wednesdays</b> | 8:30 – 10:00 am    2:30 – 4:30 pm | Cathy Katsoolis |
| <b>Thursdays</b>  | 8:30 – 10:00 am    2:30 – 6:00 pm | Cathy Katsoolis |
| <b>Fridays</b>    | 8.45 – 9.30 am                    | Sam Baker       |

**Cathy Katsoolis**

Uniform Shop

## Canteen News - Albury

Thank you to Week 2 volunteers Ellen Uniacke and Judd Waters.

### Roster Week 4, Term 3

| Month  | Day          | Helper                    |
|--------|--------------|---------------------------|
| August | Monday 13    | <i>Volunteer Required</i> |
|        | Tuesday 14   | <i>Volunteer Required</i> |
|        | Wednesday 15 | Ellen Uniacke             |
|        | Thursday 16  | Trudy O'Connor            |
|        | Friday 17    | <i>Volunteer Required</i> |

**Margaret Cochrane**  
Canteen Manager

## From the Tutorial Centre



### Literacy

Focus for this term will be on **comprehension strategies**.

Students from **Years 3 to 6** are welcome. **Place:** D1 (next to the Tutorial Centre.)

**Time:** 3:15 to 3:50 each Thursday afternoon.

More information: [lyn.maxwell@trinityac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lyn.maxwell@trinityac.nsw.edu.au)

### Last week's challenge – 'A Fishy Problem' – Answer

Wayne, Frank, Peter and Fred

### Question – Week 3

Which Column Does Not Conform?

| A  | B  | C  | D  | E  | F  |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 17 | 14 | 22 | 31 | 29 | 33 |
| 9  | 13 | 15 | 22 | 19 | 8  |
| 13 | 11 | 17 | 17 | 31 | 19 |
| 24 | 7  | 2  | 13 | 5  | 20 |
| 2  | 29 | 8  | 4  | 2  | 17 |
| 10 | 6  | 21 | 3  | 10 | 3  |

Be the first to bring your answer to the Front Office to receive a voucher for the Canteen! Prizes are to the value of \$2, \$1 and \$0.50.

**Lyn Maxwell**

Head of Tutorial Centre

Newsletter Week 3, Term 3, Week Ending 10 August 2012

# *Fathers' Day* Fathers' Day Stall 2012 – Albury Campus



The Annual Fathers' Day Stall for the Junior School will be held on Wednesday, 29 August, from 9 am to 12 noon. Gifts will range from \$1 - \$10.

We are seeking volunteers to assist on the day with the stall. If you feel you can help in any capacity, please contact Megan Salan on 6026 2494 or Michelle Densley on 6025 0553 or email [mldensley@hotmail.com](mailto:mldensley@hotmail.com).

To ensure there are enough gifts for all the Dads or special person, we are asking for donations of gifts for the stall. Donation ideas include: Boxed Chocolates or Share Packs, Liquorice, Bathroom Gift Sets/Deodorants, Gardening Tools/Gloves, Mugs, Car Air Fresheners/Cleaning Products, Crossword Puzzles/Sudoku, Golf Balls & Tees, Sporting Equipment, Notepad & Pens, Gloves, Socks, Scarves, Hats and Keyrings. Donations, large or small, will be greatly appreciated (no sharp objects please).

Donations can be left in your Child's Classroom or at the Front Office with Jenny McMillan before Tuesday, 28 August.

On the day of the stall can you please ensure you send your child to school with a carry bag and an envelope clearly indicating your child's name, the amount of money enclosed and how many gifts are to be purchased.

Please note, a maximum of 2 gifts per child may be purchased.

**The Fathers' Day Stall Committee**

## ☺☺☺ *2012 Trinity College Twilight Fete* ☺☺☺

Trinity P&F will be holding a Twilight Fete on **Friday 19 October** as its major fundraiser for the year. We will need everybody's support (large or small) on the day and also in the planning stages. The funds raised from this year's fete will go towards purchasing additional interactive whiteboards for both campuses.

If you can be of assistance, please email your details, including what stall/event/idea you would like to assist with; please email your contact details to:

[office@trinityac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:office@trinityac.nsw.edu.au)

**Trinity College Wodonga**  
**Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser**  
**Sunday 26th August**  
**9:00am—4:00pm**



**Volunteers required for 1-2 hour blocks throughout the day (or as long as you can stay!). Come along for some sausage sizzling fun!**

**Please see Mrs Phillips at the front office of the Wodonga Campus to register your time slot.**

**Thanks for your support. Trinity P&F Committee**



***PISA is coming  
to our school!***

***Our school has been chosen to represent Australia for the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) which is taking place between 30<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012. A random sample of 15-year-old students will be part of a once in a lifetime opportunity to represent Australia in education!***

PISA is an international assessment, occurring every three years, which measures skills in mathematics, science, reading, problem solving and financial literacy at a point when students have almost finished their compulsory schooling. PISA helps to inform policy makers involved with education on how well schools are succeeding in helping students to acquire the skills and knowledge they will need to meet challenges beyond school.

Since the first PISA assessment in 2000, the survey has continued to raise interest amongst educators and policy-makers world-wide. In 2012, Australia will be one of almost 70 countries participating in PISA. More than 800 schools and over 15 000 students will represent our country in this important project.

PISA is part of the National Assessment Program in Australia. Participation in these sample assessments is an obligation for government schools under the National Education Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories, and an obligation for non-government schools under Commonwealth schools funding legislation and funding agreements for 2009-2012.

### **What will PISA mean for our school?**

Twenty-five students who are randomly selected from our school will be sampled to complete a two-hour paper-based assessment consisting of mathematics, science, financial literacy and reading questions. These students will also be asked to complete a questionnaire.

After the paper-based assessment and questionnaire, a sub-sample of 20 students who participated in the paper-based assessment will also participate in a computer-based assessment of problem solving, mathematical literacy and reading literacy.

***Date of Assessment: 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2012***

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***Every participating school and student has an important role in showing the rest of the world what Australia can do.***

***ACER will provide your school and participating students with a certificate, recognising their contribution, and students will receive results from PISA. Each student will also receive a small gift in appreciation of their participation.***