Dear Parents, Guardians, Parents and Friends

“Be the light, lead the way”

As we reflect on the busyness of our daily lives, may we take a moment to ask ourselves: how am I being the light in the lives of those around me? Have I led the way for someone in need? Have I shown Mercy?

Last week allowed me the opportunity to walk the Beechy Rail Trail and experience how Mercy is at work within a group of 40 Year 9 students and five support staff. To say I was proud of the way the students worked with each other would be an understatement: all students and staff were the light and led the way in the way they interacted with each other and set about the challenge of trekking the 46 kilometres from Beechy Forrest to Trinity College.

This week sees students tackle the Trinity Cross Country course and another opportunity for members of our College community to show leadership. It is not just about those who excel, but just as much about those who finish the course and are satisfied with their best effort.

NAPLAN testing takes place next week and is an important opportunity for students in Year 7 and Year 9 to illustrate improvements they have made in the past two years of their learning journey. Whilst it is a snapshot, the emphasis is on students performing as well as they can so they can see how they have enhanced their skillset in the past two years since their last opportunity to take part in NAPLAN.

Thursday sees our second College Assembly for the year take place and another chance for us to recognise and share stories of success throughout the year. These assemblies are an opportunity for us to gather, as a collective, and share the light of some of the excellence that has taken place since our last Assembly in March.

Friday sees all staff take another opportunity to pause and reflect on our practice and continue to strive for improvement in the way we teach our students. A reminder that Friday is a Student-Free Day and no classes will run on this day.

Of course Sunday sees us celebrate Mother’s Day and allows us time to reflect on the impact our parents/guardians have had on us. Please take the time to contemplate the positive impact that those who care for you have had on you and enjoy an opportunity to thank those people. These people are often our light and lead us to the right path.
I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all members of our school community for making me feel so welcome since I started at the beginning of Term One. I continue to enjoy the school more and more each day and feel blessed to be part of such a fantastic school community.

In this Easter season and year of Mercy, let us take the time to reflect and ask ourselves: how have I been the light and led the way today?

Virtus Nobilitat.

Mr Brad Smith
Director of Students

**ADMINISTRATION**

**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND APPLICATIONS CLOSING DATE**

The Victorian Government has announced a Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) payment of $225 for *each* eligible student to assist in the participation of school trips and sporting activities. CSEF payments will be made directly to schools and will be credited to fee payer accounts. To be eligible for the funding, a parent or legal guardian must be the holder of one of the following:

- Veterans Affairs Gold Card
- Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC)
- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder
- Temporary foster parents

If you are eligible to claim CSEF and have not returned your application, the final day for schools to accept CSEF applications is **Friday 3rd June, 2016**. Application forms can be obtained from reception or downloaded from http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/csefapplicationform.pdf

**TRINITY SPIRIT AWARDS**

We congratulate the following student on recently exemplifying Trinity Spirit consistent with the Trinity College Core Value of Social Justice:

Ruby O’Dowd, 12A McAuley
Emily Raison, 12A Rice
Toby McCarney, 12D McAuley
Murray Callahan, 12D McAuley
Olivia Swain, 12C McAuley
Ethan Schroder, 12E Gleeson

Ruby, Emily, Toby, Murray, Olivia and Ethan all volunteered their own time to count Project Compassion Coin Line money. They showed a great willingness to serve the Trinity College Community and their sense of Social Justice by volunteering their own time.

**CURRICULUM**

**ENGLISH**

Congratulations to Year 6 students, Jordan McDonnell and Bec Buttigieg, for winning the English quiz on Open Day. Both students receive a book pack for their entries. We trust they will enjoy their prizes.

Ms Libby Ryan
Domain Head: English
LITERACY

With NAPLAN just around the corner, we need to remind students that we are never quite sure what the genre in the Writing component will be. The following is a suggestion of how you can ask your child to practise writing for a narrative tension scene. Often the tension in a narrative is short and lacks a build-up of suspense. This will give you an idea of how to go about the writing. Enjoy!

Step 3 Tightening Tension with a you-tube clip from “The Voice”. The blind auditions the voice 2014.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C44KsgfCjY

On paper, The Voice does not seem like a good topic for Step 3: Tightening Tension. In The Blinds series, there is no 'bad cop' judge to polarise people, no one-on-one competition where if someone sneezes wrong they get eliminated and no 'us' against 'them' mentality.

Every one of the judges sincerely wants each competitor to succeed. And Seal, Joel, Delta and Ricky are working more as a team together than against each other.

So where does the tension come from?

It’s about identifying with the person. The Voice is brilliant because it gives a powerful 90 second insight into every competitor’s life - and that back story engages us emotionally. From the boy with the stammer and the incredible singing voice, to the determined single mother with no singing tuition, to the 51-year-old rocker who has seen it all but wants to be more than just part of a band.

The Voice makes us connect and care for each person.

On the day we see the singer and their family walk the red carpet, nervous, smiling, hopeful. They get interviewed with their family in the green room and we hear in more detail about their hopes and hardships. We see the love and care of the friends and family surrounding them.

Then finally, we see the singer in the wings, taking a huge breath to gather all their courage - and then they walk onto the stage alone.

Tension is in every viewer’s heart at that moment.

That’s what great writers do: they give us interesting characters, with hopes and flaws and dreams, then the back story is revealed and then the writer places the characters in the middle of a flood, or fire or fight - or singing competition.

And we sit with fingers clenched, on the edge of our chair, turning the pages, willing each person to survive and succeed.

That is where the tension comes from.

After watching the you-tube clip, students can write a tension scene about Nicholas McDonald’s performance, a guy with an amazing and wonderful voice, building up the scene to be large and strong. The character they are describing should almost fail.

Collect all pieces of work, place them in a plastic pocket and place in my pigeon hole.

Thank you for encouraging your children to write. Practise makes perfect! Practise! Practise! Practise!

Mrs Caroline Grist
Literacy Coordinator

YEAR 9 BEECHY TREK

The Year 9 students successfully completed the 45km, two-day hike from Beech Forest to Colac last week as part of their outdoor experience. The weather for the first two groups was very unseasonal with high temperatures throughout the day and mild evenings. Group three was faced with inclement weather overnight on Thursday and light rain throughout the trek on their walk into Colac from Gellibrand on Friday.

The students enjoyed their time together walking the trek, preparing and cooking meals, finding out about tent life, sitting around the campfire and meeting time schedules.

The Trinity staff are to be thanked for their organisation and commitment to this outdoor experience for all Year 9 students.

Mr Des Ryan
Year 9 Coordinator
CLAY TARGET SHOOTING
On Wednesday, 20th April, 22 students from Years 7 – 12 participated in the Annual Colac Schools Clay Target Shooting competition which was held at the Colac Gun Club. Participating in this competition was a first for a number of the students and all students performed well.

For the second year in a row, Trinity College won the overall Best School Performance which is awarded to the school with the highest aggregate score based on the individual scores of the best five shooters. Well done, boys and girls!

Our best performers for the day included Casey Sanders who shot 13/20 resulting in a shoot off for second with Casey coming third in the junior girls’ section. Daniel Demasi also had a good day, shooting 17/20 to be second in the junior boys’ section. Calob Moore shot 18/20, being even with two junior boys to shoot out for Overall Champion. Calob’s final result was placed first in the senior boys’ section. Well done to these three students and to the other students who improved their results in their second round. Congratulations to all students involved and well done on your efforts.

I would like to thank Mr Rob Halliday for his assistance on the day and for the transportation of the students’ guns. His generosity and support are much appreciated.

On Thursday, 21st April, Daniel Demasi travelled to Melbourne to compete in the Yarra Valley Annual Clay Target Championships which consisted of 10 shots down the line (DTL), 10 skeet shots and 10 shots stand/sporting set up. Daniel placed second in the junior boys section. This is a great opportunity for our experienced shooters.

COASTAL ATHLETICS
Trinity College had a very successful coastal athletics day on Friday, 22nd April, when students from Apollo Bay, Lorne, Lavers Hill and Colac Secondary College competed for a chance to represent their school at the next level. Students needed to finish first in all events to go through to the next level, with the exception of the 800m, 1500m and 3km events. In this instance, the first two finishers can go through to compete in the Greater Western Championships in Ballarat on Friday, 7th October.

Trinity College had quite a lot of competitors that were successful in finishing in first place and who have booked their place at the next level of competition.

We also had many successful athletes who were placed in more than one event and went on to be an age group champion for the coastal athletics. They are as follows:

13 Boys  Jack Barber
14 Girls  Darcy Maloney
14 Boys  Noah Allan
15 Girls  Jamika Hickey
16 Boys  Zeb Marwood
16 Girls  Holly Robertson
17 Girls  Courtney Barrow

Congratulations to our age group champions and to all athletes who participated with excellent spirit and sportsmanship throughout the day. Best of luck to all competitors who achieved success and who will be representing Trinity College at the next level.

Mrs Jane Hawker
Teacher
CHOIR
The TCC Junior Choir has been busy over the past few months. We finished 2015 by singing at the Colac Carols by Candlelight, an event which brought together students from several schools, plus members of the Colac community, to experience the joys of singing and sharing the festive spirit. Although it felt more like the lead-up to Christmas in the northern hemisphere, with the promised balmy summer evening failing to appear, replaced with cold wind and a touch of rain, this was an enjoyable evening for all involved.

We welcomed new members to the choir with a performance at the Birregurra Easter Arts Festival on the first Saturday of the Easter holidays. It was a relatively small group in attendance this time, but they performed wonderfully, with some audience members likening their singing to that of angels – very high praise indeed! Those present also learnt an important lesson in performance: if something doesn’t happen quite as planned, just go with it!

This term, we have started regular visits to sing with residents at Mercy Place. These outings, which will be occurring about once a month, are a great opportunity for the students to be involved in the local community in a different way, through interacting with people they may not have otherwise met. Our first outing was more in the style of a performance, but, as the relationship continues, we will be migrating more towards leading and joining in with singalong-type sessions.

I would like to thank all the students involved in the choir, both last year and this year, especially to those who gave up some of their free time to be involved in the Carols and the Easter Arts Festival. Special mention must also go to our wonderful 2015 Junior Choir Captains, Jess Mackay and Tessa Williams, as well as this years’ Choir Captains, Connor Knight and Chelsea Sharp (who have very big shoes to fill). A huge thanks also goes to the parents and guardians (and, in a number of cases, siblings) for their wonderful support of their children, especially at the Easter Arts Festival.

We are always ready to welcome new members from Years 7 – 9 and are not concerned about any student’s perceived ability to sing: like any musical instrument, singing requires practice and practice leads to improvement, no matter who you are.

Miss Catherine Bates
Teacher

KEEP CALM AND DO YOUR HOMEWORK

- Have you got a speech to prepare?
- Are you wondering when you will get your debate written?
- What about the revision for your Maths test next week?

Use the school library after school and you will be surprised how quickly you can get your work done!

Open Monday - Thursday until 5.05pm.
See you there.
P & F CAR RAFFLE – STREET SELLING ROSTER

HELPERS NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAYS

Our ‘Annual Car Raffle’ (the major fundraiser for the College) has now been launched. Tickets were mailed out on Friday, 29th April to all current and past families, staff and students. Street Selling will commence on Wednesday, 11th May.

It would be appreciated if you gave this form priority and returned the following slip by Thursday, 5th May 2016, as we begin selling on Wednesday, 11th May. You may also email jweller@tcc.vic.edu.au with your preferred day and time.

Thank you for your support.

Street Selling will be from Wednesday, 11th May until Wed, 15th June 2016.

Name ________________________ Ph. ______________________

Are you willing to be included on the roster on more than one occasion if required?
☐ Yes ☐ No

________________________________________

SIGNED

PLEASE fill in now!

Selling Times will be:
Wednesdays 9.00 until 3.00 pm
Thursdays 9.00 until 3.00 pm
Fridays 9.00 until 3.00 pm
Saturdays 9.30 until 12.30 pm

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR PERFERRED DAY(S) and TIME THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HELP.

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LOST PROPERTY
We have several articles left behind from Year 9 Beechy Trail. If you have misplaced something, please see Reception.
Weekly Career News

Term 2

Tuesday 3 May 2016

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Are you a female interested in trades? The following two websites provide fantastic resources for women who would like to gain a trade qualification:


Meet Cassandra Shanahan: She completed a Certificate III in Painting and Decorating through Riverina TAFE and Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE.

“In 2010 I became a Painting and Decorating apprentice. During the four-year apprenticeship, I worked hard to develop and refine my skills and work towards becoming a qualified tradeswoman.

I was grateful to be nominated for the Apprentice of the Year Award in 2012 where I travelled to New Zealand for a Dulux Conference and I was announced as a runner-up for Australia and New Zealand. This was a huge achievement as trade jobs are often perceived as being a mans job.

My career in painting is my whole life. I love it. It involves such a varied range of tasks and my workplace changes all the time. I've painted in domestic buildings, industrial factories, schools and hospitals. On some construction sites I'm the only female working with around 40 boikes.

There's so much support – it's like I've got a never ending supply of brothers. I absolutely love my career; it's pretty awesome that I get to live my passion as my career and I wouldn't change a thing!

VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

I would say to those who are not sure where their career is heading to not be afraid to break stereotypes and try anything.

New campus for Collarts: Collarts is a private college offering vocational and higher education courses in Entertainment Business Management, Music, Audio Production, and Entertainment Journalism. A new campus will be opened in Fitzroy on 30 May at 209 Brunswick Street and will feature a dedicated live performance space and several professional-quality recording and rehearsal rooms. A public launch will be held 30 July. For photos and more information, go to https://collarts.edu.au/

New IT courses at Federation University, Ballarat: From 2017, FedUni will be offering three new IT degrees with a focus on Networking and Security, Big Data and Analytics, and Cloud and Enterprise Computing. To find out about the new courses, go to http://bit.ly/24hMap4

Science news: Be inspired by the latest stories featured on RAUS – Australia's Science Channel. Some of the topics covered this week include:

- Ultimate Science Guide – digital copy
- What is nuclear science?
- Did modern humans out diet the Neanderthals?
- The end of malaria and polio?
- Your laugh can give away your relationship status

Access the stories at this link - http://bit.ly/1Unw8IX
News from Macleay College: Macleay is a private college that offers vocational and higher education courses at the Melbourne campus in advertising and media, journalism, public relations, entrepreneurship, business, travel and tourism, event management, sports management, and business management.

Their current newsletter contains the following stories, which may be of interest to students interested in any of the above courses.

- **Entrepreneurship**: students had 5 minutes to pitch their business ideas to real entrepreneur judges. See how they went!
- **Graduate success story**: Ruby has started ‘Chick Driven’ – America’s number 1 car website for women
- **Journalism**: Macleay College hosted the International Reporting Conference. Ralph Tucker spoke to Macleay alumni Cassandra Wood who now works at Channel 9.


**Cadetships**: Year 12 students have the opportunity to apply for a 2017 cadetship in fields such as accounting, information technology, and business etc. You will combine university study with part or full time employment.

The following are two examples of companies who offer cadetships and some have early application dates.

- **Professional Cadetships Australia**: advertise Sydney based cadetships in business for UBS and technology for Westpac, [http://tinyurl.com/lqohz7](http://tinyurl.com/lqohz7)
- **Ernst & Young**: cadetships are available in Melbourne for business, commerce, law, information technology, information systems and computer science, [http://bit.ly/26lKwTf](http://bit.ly/26lKwTf)

**International College of Hotel Management (ICHM)** offer courses in International Hotel Management and Hospitality Management at the Adelaide campus. Applications for their 2017 scholarships are now open and close on Friday 7 October. For information and to download the application form, go to [http://bit.ly/23lcks](http://bit.ly/23lcks)

**Think Education Scholarships**: Think Education is the umbrella organisation for several education institutions offering vocational and higher education courses in Sydney and Melbourne. The following institutions are offering scholarships for the 2017 intake:

- **William Blue College of Hospitality Management**
- **Jansen Newman Institute** (counseling, community service, human resource management)
- **Southern School of Natural Therapies** (Chinese medicine, naturopathy, western herbal medicine, clinical myotherapy, nutritional medicine)
- **Australian College of Natural Therapies** (natural therapies, sports development, massage)
- **Australian National College of Beauty**

For information about the scholarships, go to [http://bit.ly/1vG01k6](http://bit.ly/1vG01k6)

**Macpherson Smith Rural Foundation** offers scholarships to year 12 students from rural/regional Victoria to enable them to participate in tertiary study. The scholarships provide financial support of $15,000 per annum for three years, and also participation in mentoring and leadership development programs. Applications are now open and close July 18 2016. For more information, go to [http://bit.ly/1X3WjaA](http://bit.ly/1X3WjaA)

**Careers with Science and Engineering**: this is a flip-cover magazine, e-zine and website which shows high school students the wide variety of careers that science and engineering can lead to. You can access the online magazine at [http://bit.ly/24hW6WV](http://bit.ly/24hW6WV)
UPCOMING EVENTS

Food and Fibre Careers Day: Students in Years 9 - 11 are invited to attend a Food and Fibre Careers Day on 19 and 20 May, Dookie Campus, University of Melbourne. Students will be able to explore courses and careers in the following areas:

- Beef and dairy
- Horticulture and viticulture
- Veterinary Science
- Sheep and wool
- Equine
- Agriculture
- Conservation and land management
- Plant and animal science.

For information and to register, go to http://bit.ly/1Y22xvea and to watch a video about the event, go to http://bit.ly/1VGJ1B.

Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne - VCE Winter School: Developed in consultation with VCE experts and examiners, this is an excellent opportunity for VCE students to prepare for Literature and History exams with Australian and International scholars who are experts in their fields. Dates are between 27 June - 1 July. For more information and to register, go to http://bit.ly/1QMAQvg

Trinity College Young Leaders School: Trinity College at the University of Melbourne is running an intensive residential program for talented students. You can choose a one week themed academic program in areas such as law and justice, arts, commerce, science, biomedicine, sports development and management, environment and sustainability, drama and communication, fine arts, social justice and personal development for future leaders. The program will run in June and July and scholarships are available. For more information and to register, go to http://bit.ly/1T80q1b

UPCOMING EVENTS

High School Workshops at JMC Academy: You have the opportunity to attend a workshop at JMC Academy during the school holidays. You will be able to spend the day undertaking hands on activities in your area of interest. The following workshops will be run in June and July:

- Animation fundamentals
- Film and television
- Entertainment business management: design an event
- Entertainment business management: releasing your music
- Songwriting
- Game development
- Introduction to Pro Tools
- Introduction to Ableton Live
- Stagecraft and music performance

Please RSVP your place as soon as possible as workshops will fill quickly. For dates and more information and go to http://bit.ly/1YfuD9

Science in the City and Laboratory Tour at RMIT: Science in the City is a specialised tour of RMIT's facilities where students and parents can learn more about the following RMIT single and double degree science programs:

- Biology
- Biotechnology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Food Science
- Nanotechnology
- Physics

The next tour will be run Monday 27 June. For information and to register, go to http://bit.ly/1TFeCBv
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- 12: Info Night, SAE Creative Media Institute, Melbourne, [https://sae.edu.au](https://sae.edu.au)  
- 2: Experience La Trobe University, Shopporton campus, [http://bit.ly/1RiIhzw](http://bit.ly/1RiIhzw)  
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20, 27: Health Sciences Information Sessions, Deakin University, Geelong (20), Melbourne (27), more information to come.  |  