Thank you to all of the parents who assisted at Prep Stalls during the Fiesta on Saturday. The School appreciates the work of families who ensure the success of these activities. The boys seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves and the School will certainly benefit from the generosity and commitment of many families. Congratulations to the boys in the Band who performed during the Fiesta.

On Monday we were able to recognise a large number of boys for their achievements this year during an Awards Assembly in the Chapel. The awards covered our Summer and Winter sporting programmes as well as co-curricular activities and specialist classes. In addition, the Premier's Reading Challenge awards were presented along with the Platinum awards for each year. It was pleasing to note that Euan Germanos, Gabriel Willis and Nathan Dang were awarded Premier's Reading Challenge Platinum Awards for their seven years of completing the Challenge. Congratulations to all of the boys who received awards on Monday.

The PK Nativity Play – “The Gigantic Star”, on Tuesday morning was a tremendous success. The boys were brilliant performing for 40 minutes, remembering numerous songs and delivering their lines on cue. The costumes were outstanding and I am sure there were some very proud parents in the audience. I know that the Chairman of Council and Mrs Pegg thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to the boys on a wonderful performance and well done to all of the Pre-Kindergarten staff on their efforts in pulling this all together.

On Tuesday afternoon, all boys from Kindergarten to Year 6 were involved in our end of term Chapel Service. This service provided an opportunity for the boys to reflect on the message of Christmas and the birth of God’s son, as well as giving thanks for what has been a fantastic year. It also gave us the chance to farewell a few boys who are moving to new schools in 2015, as well as a number of staff who finish at the end of the year.

The K – 2 final Chapel Service was also a lovely occasion on Wednesday morning. It was great that families were able to join with us and celebrate the end of the year.

The Years 3 – 6 Picnic Day activities are always thoroughly enjoyed. On Wednesday, the boys in Years 3 and 4 went to Ryde Aquatic Centre for a day of swimming and water activities, whilst the boys in Years 5 and 6 travelled to Balmoral beach. This day provides a lovely way for the boys to end their School year.

The Annual Preparatory School Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony is a traditional way to end the year and was a wonderful occasion in the Assembly Hall at Summer Hill on Thursday afternoon. Congratulations to all of the boys who received awards, The Trinity Singers and Orchestra who performed so beautifully, and the boys who were announced as the School and House Officers for 2015.

I would like to thank and acknowledge all boys for their contributions to a great year in 2015. I have been impressed with the manner in which the boys have conducted themselves and represented the School. I am very proud of each and every one of them. Our teachers and administration staff also deserve special praise and thanks. The boys’ interests are always foremost in their minds. We are blessed with a great team at Prep!

I trust that everyone will have a wonderful Christmas and New Year holiday period. May God watch over and protect all families and bring everyone back safely for another great year in 2016.
## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### TERM 1 | 2016

## JANUARY

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9:00am: Year K - New Parents’ Morning Tea  
9:00am - 12:00pm: Year PK Group A Staggered Start  
12:30pm - 2:35pm: Year PK Group B Staggered Start |
| | Thursday, 28 January | Year 4 to 6 Summer Sport Trials  
Year 3 and New Year 4 Students Swimming Assessments  
9:00am - 12:00pm: Year PK Group A Staggered Start  
12:30pm - 2:35pm: Year PK Group B Staggered Start |
| | Friday, 29th January | Year PK - First Full Day for Boys |
| | Saturday, 30th January | No Sport |

| **Week 2** | Tuesday, 1st February | 9:30am: Photographs Year PK to 6 [New Students & School Office Bearers]  
7:00pm: Years PK - 2 Parents Information Evening |
| | Wednesday, 2nd February | 7:00pm: Year 3 to 6 Parents Information Evening |
| | Thursday, 4th February | 7:00pm: Year 3 to 6 Parents Information Evening |
| | Friday, 5th February | 8:30am: School Office Bearers Induction |
| | Saturday, 6th February | Summer Sport Round 1 |

### AWARDS FOR THE WEEK

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### FROM THE ACADeMIC DEAN

For many years the School has been committed to utilising a variety of survey tools to better understand the learning and well-being needs of our boys. These include:

- Primary Well-being Survey (Years 2, 4 and 6)
- Year 7 Head Master’s Survey
- Years 8 and 9 Gatehouse Survey
- Year 10/11 Well-Being Survey
- Year 12 Head Master Individual Interviews

In 2016 the School plans to introduce a Motivation and Engagement survey with selected Primary, Middle and Senior School Year groups. This survey will complement our existing surveys, providing an additional focus on the “will” of learning or the inner drive required to develop and sustain learning. Students will also be supported in developing ways to increase their motivation and engagement “boosters” as well as reducing their motivation and engagement “mufflers and guzzlers.”

Our holistic approach teaching, learning and well-being is well aided by the ongoing information we receive, and respond to, from these surveys.

Jason Cheers | Academic Dean

### ABSENTEE INSTRUCTIONS

Listed below, in preference order, are the methods available for Absentee reporting that would assist the Office:

1. Use the Trinity Grammar School phone APP and follow the prompts  
(From the APP home page select Preparatory School the select Absentee Form to open the absentee form). Instructions for installing the APP on your phone can be found by clicking here
2. Using the Absentee email address prepabsentee@trinity.nsw.edu.au  
   Also, if you wish, you can ‘CC’ the class teacher on this email.
3. Lastly, you can phone 8732 4658 and leave a message with your son’s name and class
From The Sportsmaster

It has been a very quiet week in sport at the Preparatory School. Last Thursday, we conducted the first training sessions dedicated to grading the boys for Term 1 teams. There are a number of aspects that help decide a boy's place in a team such as skill level, sportsmanship, team spirit, attitude, and potential. Selection is a continual and ongoing process. If boys are disappointed in the teams that they are in, I encourage them to use that as motivation to push themselves to be the best sportsman that they can be. To the boys that are happy with the teams that they are in, I encourage you to not be complacent and to continue to improve your skills. This is how successful teams maintain their success.

Although we did not have any sport last weekend due to the Fiesta, we did have two boys representing the school at the Pacific School Games held in Adelaide. Lachlan Chung (4O) and Andy Lee (6H) were both members of the NSW Swim team. Lachlan participated in 5 events, reaching the final in both the Under 10 Breaststroke in which he placed 8th. He was also a part of the Under 10, 4 x100 Freestyle which placed 4th. Andy Lee competed in 14 events in the Under 12 age group, winning 1 gold for the 200m Individual Medley, 3 silvers and 3 Bronze Medals. For these boys to compete at such a high level is a credit to their individual drive and dedication. Well done Lachlan and Andy.

Over the holiday period please try to encourage your boys to do 30 minutes of exercise daily. It will certainly go a long way towards their development.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody who played a part in Sports at Trinity this year. I wish you all a fantastic and safe festive season!

James Bremner | Sportsmaster

Library News

The library staff would like to say a very big thank you to the wonderful library monitors. These boys come to the library three times a week to assist the staff with various tasks. Thank you to Gabriel Willis, William Orr, Michael McPartland, Ivan Fang, James Kaye, Nathan Dang, Ben Prsa, Euan Germanos, Duncan Feng, Nathan Nguyen, Brian Tran, Elias Chahine and George Krambousanos. We would also like to thank all the volunteers who have come in during the year to help out in the library. I would like to wish everyone a happy and holy Christmas and all the best for 2016.

Michaela Hashim | Librarian

CanTeen News

Dear Parents,

Enrolment for Trinity English Centre Term 1, 2016 has begun. All students currently doing the TEC programme must re-enrol for Term 1. There is no TEC for Pre-K term 1. To read more about TEC click here.

TEC Term 1, 2016 will begin on Monday February 8th. Enrol your son by completing the online form by clicking here.

After receiving the enrolment application for the TEC programme, a link to pay online will be sent via email. All payments must now be made online. Cash payment can no longer be accepted. If you have any questions contact me by email at dmunnoch@trinity.nsw.edu.au or phone 9581 6000, ext. 6318

The times for TEC next term are:

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David Munnoch | TEC Co-ordinator

Notice to Parents

Before + After School Care and Vacation Care.

Please call Mary Saba on 8732 4654, if you can spare some time to volunteer in 2016.
Hi everyone,

Where do I start? How about where do I finish?! What a year!

And it was rounded off nicely with the Fiesta - an extravaganza of community spirit and fun. Of course all the Prep Stalls RULED the Fiesta. Thank you to all the stall coordinators and volunteers who make it all possible. From the people who were able to donate to the stalls and silent auction baskets, to those who gave an hour of their precious time, to the old faithfuls who stayed all day, together we made it all work. We sold the goz, the shirts, the coffee, the sweet treats, the mangoes, the petting of the animals, the rides. All quality, all day, all paid for with the ATM.

We’re tops!

Specific details as to how much each stall made are not out yet, but let’s just say on initial reports, basically, we’re unreal.

So from the Auxiliary (yes, I will speak for all of us) thanks for all your support this year, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we’ll see you in 2016.

Elizabeth McMullen | President Strathfield Auxiliary

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CUBS & SCOUTS

The Trinity Scouts Group has been soaring this last week and ending the year on a great high. On Sunday we joined scouts from Drummoyne, Balmain and Enfield to visit the Historic Aviation Restoration Society at the Illawarra Regional Airport. This special living collection of civilian and military aircraft were inspected up close as we had a tour through the hangars and onto the nearby tarmac. There were many planes to inspect apart from the recently arrived Qantas 747 which we all walked through right up to the cockpit. These included the Constellation, an F11-11 and Mirage jet fighter, as well as submarine hunters and seaplane. The base is also the regional hanger for the NSW Ambulance rescue helicopter which was called out on a mission while we were there.

Keeping the group flying with activities we also spent our last night for the year this year at the Qantas Heritage Museum with Balmain Scouts on Tuesday evening. Located a level above the end of the Qantas terminal, the museum gave a birds-eye view of the operations of the airport with many different planes arriving and departing. We even noticed the unusual event of an unmarked plane taxi into the international terminal. This plan is used by the Australian Defence Department as a troop transport plane. Also taxiing into the gate right below the museum was Qantas’ newest plane which has been distinctly painted in the 1970’s paint scheme to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the flying kangaroo last year while Qantas also recently celebrated its 100th birthday and is the second oldest airline in the world and the longest continually operating airline. The airline is even older than the RAAF!

Congratulations to William Brown, Nathan Anjul and Kelvin Kong for completing the Cub Scout Flight achievement badge while Scouts Harrison Brown and Ryan Snowsill completed their Explorer level Air Activities Badge.

Trinity Scouts caters for boys 7-10 ½ (Cub Scouts), 10 ½ to 14 ( Scouts) 15 to 17 (Venturers). The group also works in partnership with surrounding Scout Groups to support all sections. Students are welcome to join the group any time. Scouts will resume in week 2 of Term 1 2016. Wishing everyone a happy and restful Christmas Break.

Group Leader: David Hull (Chil) Mobile: 0411 853 798
Group email: 3rd.summer.hill@TrinityScouts.com
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Your son/daughter is invited to attend Aqua Sports Camp, which will be held at Trinity Grammar School, from Wednesday 16th to Thursday 17th December 2015. The camp will be run and supervised by Mr Bruce Duffy, Director of Water Polo Coaching. Additional staff employed during the camp will consist of Swim Instructors that have been used in the Learn to Swim School program. All Swim Instructors are AUSSWIM accredited and undertaken CPR courses.

The camp is open for both boys and girls from Year 1 to Year 6.

The range of activities will include tyre raft races, water polo shooting, Dodge Ball and as well as other water activities while in a safe controlled environment.

Please Note this is not a learn to swim camp and students are expected to be able to swim comfortably without swimming aids.

Student Expectations:

Whilst on this camp, children are required to exhibit exemplary conduct at all times. The front green section of the Record Book clearly outlines the School’s expectations of the child’s behaviour and it is their responsibility to adhere to these expectations to ensure the safety and enjoyment of themselves and others. The staff on this camp will have no hesitation in taking action with boys who do not comply with these expectations.

WHERE – Trinity Grammar School Pool, Summer Hill
WHEN – Wednesday 17th to Thursday 18th December 2015
TIME – 9.00am – 3.00pm (check in at 8.45am)

All participants will receive drinks and fruit daily. A BBQ lunch will be provided on Thursday 17th December.

Equipment Checklist

- Swimmers
- Towel
- Swimming Goggles
- School Sports Uniform
- Morning Tea/snacks for each day
- Water bottle
- Lunch for Thursday
- No allergy related food

Epipen/Medications

If your child has been prescribed an EpiPen or on any other medication, they should bring it with them on the day(s) attending and give it to his supervisor. It should be clearly labelled with their name.

To register please click here

All payments are non refundable

Enquiries

Mr Bruce Duffy, Director of Water Polo, phone 9581 6409 or email bduffy@trinity.nsw.edu.au

Emergency Contact Details

In case of an emergency only, your child can be contacted on the following numbers during the camp:

Camp Mobile 0428 622 930

Aqua Sports Camp

Wednesday 16th to Thursday 17th December 2015
TRINITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL Multi-Skills Camp
December | School Holidays 2015

YEARS K-6

Improve your sports skills and fitness with 4 days of intensive multi-skills coaching. Learn skills at appropriate learning levels, so that you gain the knowledge, confidence and experience to ensure success and long-term development.

Mr Ian Moran, PDHPE teacher at Trinity Grammar School will be conducting the clinic.

Participants will have the opportunity to improve skills in the following areas:

> Basketball
> Cricket
> Soccer
> Touch Football
> Swimming
> T-Ball
> Fitness
> AFL
> Athletics
> Hockey

THE DETAILS

WHERE  Trinity Grammar School, Sports Centre - 119 Prospect Rd, Summer Hill, 2130

WHEN  Monday 7th of December to Thursday 10th of December 2015

TIME  9:00am - 3:00pm

BRING  > Hat
> Towel
> Swimmers
> Drink bottle
> Lunch
> Suncream
> Goggles

COST  $290 for 4 days
All participants will receive drinks and fruit daily

Trophies are awarded each day to boys who show commitment, co-operation and determination.

A BBQ lunch will be provided on the Friday of the clinic.

Please book online via the Trinity Grammar website

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW

Any questions please contact Mr Moran at: imoran@trinity.nsw.edu.au

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BUY ART FOR CHRISTMAS!
Exhibitions now on at Delmar Gallery
Gallery open during the Fiesta from 11.30am

SOCIETY OF THE ARTS

STREET STORIES

Delmar Gallery’s summer show, this year with an urban theme and featuring painting, sculpture, ceramics and more by over 20 local and interstate artists.


PRINT CULTURE

Limited edition prints, zines and batik by artist print collectives from Yogyakarta, Torres Strait and Sydney.


Exhibitions continue to 6 December. Gallery opening hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 12-5pm.