God our Father, source of all goodness, help us to remain aware of our own failings and to show others the same compassion that Jesus showed to the woman caught in adultery. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. (Taken from http://www.turningtogodsword.com/john-lesson-10/)

Dear Students, Parents and Friends of Trinity College

The Gospel of this Sunday, John 8:1-11, shared the story of the Adulterous Woman. In the scripture Jesus is surrounded by a mob of men wishing to stone a woman to death whom they consider had committed adultery. Jesus invites those without sin to throw the first stone. Slowly the mob disperses and, when Jesus looks up from writing on the ground, only the woman remains. He asks ‘Where are they? Is there no one left to condemn you?’ She replies, ‘No one, Sir’. To which Jesus responds ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.’ In this Year of Mercy, how can we ensure that we do not judge? We need to be reminded that we should not condemn. We are challenged to allow our actions to reflect God’s forgiveness through works of mercy.

Virtus Nobilitat

Our College Motto, Virtus Nobilitat, was also our College theme in 2013. At that time, our students and the wider College community were exposed to the motto over the course of the year. In the past week, I was asked to meet with a Year 8 homeroom as the students wished to explore the meaning of Virtus Nobilitat. I take the opportunity, therefore, through our College newsletter to explore our College motto.

I shared the following with the College community at our Commencement Mass in 2013:

‘What does our school motto mean? Virtus Nobilitat
What does it mean? A simple translation would share Virtue Ennobles
So what is virtue? It is moral excellence, goodness, righteousness
And Ennobles? To make honourable or excellent.
So then our motto means;
Goodness to make excellent
Or more simply;
‘Doing good things makes you a better person.’

Our College motto is a wonderful statement calling us to do good things, not because we have too, rather because it does make each of us a better person.

Year 10 Camp

Congratulations to our Year 10 students and thank you to the staff who attended the camp. The students experienced a range of activities while on camp including horse riding, mountain bike riding, beach walks and surfing. Camping in tents and preparing their own meals were also activities for our campers and they really appeared to enjoy the two nights at Anglesea. Thank you to Miss Hapgood (Yr 10 Level Coordinator) and the team of staff who made the camp possible.

Riding Disabled Association (RDA)

I had the privilege of observing our students who volunteered last week for the Riding Disabled Association (RDA) in Colac. A group of twenty students have undertaken training and now volunteer on a roster each Tuesday in Terms 1 and 4 with the RDA. This opportunity arose as a result of the outreach programmes our students participated in while on Yr 9 camp last year. Since that time, the local RDA made contact with the College and we are now able to assist the RDA in the wonderful service they provide in the Colac community.
College Board
The Annual General Meeting of the College was held last week and a new Board was formed. I wish to thank the members of our College community for their time and effort they contribute to the College to ensure our good governance through their work on the College Board. Mr Stephen Ryan, Mr Gavin Raison, Mrs Tracey Manson and Mr Terry Woodcroft have completed their time on the Board after a number of years of service and are acknowledged for their work. Stephen was Board Chair for four years and also served on a number of Board subcommittees including the Master Plan, Finance and subcommittees in the eight years he was on the Board. Gavin has been on the Board for four years and a member of the Policy subcommittee. Tracey was a member of the Master Plan and the Policy subcommittee in her four years on the Board. In his four years on the Board, Terry served on the Policy subcommittee. To each of these retiring members of the Board, we offer our great thanks for their service to the College.

The newly formed Board will be chaired by Ms Anne Ditty and we congratulate Ms Mardi Featherston, Mrs Mandy Murnane, Mr Steven O’Dowd and Mr John DeLorenzo on their election to the Board. They will join Mr Peter Lemke, Mrs Madeleine McCarney, Mr Simon Vaughan, Mr Gerard Barrow, Br Terry Burke (ex officio for the Christian Brothers), Fr Michael O’Toole (College Governor) and Br Peter Richardson (College Governor). In addition to the members of the Board, Mr Bill Slatter (Education Consultant for the Catholic Education), Mrs Mary Day (Minute Secretary) and I are in attendance at the meetings of the Board. We thank all members of the Board and wish them well as they further the good governance of our College.

Athletics Sports
Our College athletics day will be held on Thursday. This is a compulsory school day and all students are required to attend the sports. Once again our House Captains will lead the day with wonderful support from our Year 12 students and our staff.

Open Day
We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to our College Open Day on Sunday, 20th March. Tours of the College will commence between 1.00 and 2.00pm and we appreciate the opportunity to meet the Year 6 students and their families on the day. Just a reminder that our staff will be involved in Professional Development on Monday, 21st March. This day will thus be a student free day.

Loud Fence
The Loud Fence Movement is a symbolic act of solidarity with survivors of sexual abuse, their families and communities. We invite all in our community, students, staff and parents/guardians, to tie a brightly coloured ribbon to the fence outside the Mercy Wing as a show of our support for the people who have suffered, and who continue to suffer, as a consequence of violence against members of various communities.

In this Year of Mercy, we loudly and tenderly tie ribbons on the fence as a symbolic act of compassion and solidarity with survivors of sexual abuse, their families and communities.

You are invited to bring any coloured ribbon and tie it to the fence. In addition, memory cards are available at Reception. Feel free to keep the card, tie the card to your ribbon and even write a message of support.

We also acknowledge that this visual symbol of intolerance of any abuse may be distressing for some and we urge those in need to search for support. Should you or anyone close to you require support, please contact:

- Trinity College Wellbeing Team
- Kidshelpline: 1800 55 1800
- Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse: 1800 099 340

The Catholic Church established the Truth, Justice and Healing Council to help the Church fully embrace the Australian Government’s Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. I encourage you to visit the website http://tjh council.org.au/ to maintain an awareness of the work of the council.

While on a recent professional development opportunity, I was provided with the following words written by St Augustine:

“Hope has two beautiful daughters: their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are.”

In this Year of Mercy, let these words support us all as the Church seeks forgiveness for the wrongs of the past. And, as the Gospel this week speaks to us, let us be challenged to allow our actions to reflect God’s forgiveness through works of mercy.

Way of the Cross
In 1979, Trinity College first hosted the ‘Way of the Cross’ on the grounds of Trinity College. After the first two years of this practice, the decision was taken to host the service at the Lake Colac foreshore. In 2009, the service was relocated to the Colac Botanical Gardens. In 2016 Trinity will again host the ecumenical service at the Botanical Gardens. The service will remember the Passion of Our Lord as it recalls the final hours leading up to his death on the Cross. Invitations have been sent to various churches, schools and the Colac Otway Shire to lead part of the service and all members of the public are invited to join in this prayerful service on Good Friday. The service will begin at the playground end of the Botanical Gardens at 11.00am on Good Friday.

The Catholic Education, Mrs Mary Day (Minute Secretary) and I are in attendance at the meetings of the Board. We thank all members of the Board and wish them well as they further the good governance of our College.
Easter
As we journey through our last week and a half of Lent, we continue to prepare for our Easter celebrations. Easter is the most important event in the life of the Christian liturgical calendar. We celebrate Easter with Easter eggs and holidays. May we never forget the meaning of these symbols of joy and new life. May we take time to remember Jesus’ gifts to us: the gift of his life and death on the cross and the hope of eternal life that his resurrection brings.

Holidays and thank you
Thursday of next week is the final day of Term One and our students will be dismissed at 2.20pm. As this is the last newsletter of the term, I wish to thank all of our students for their conduct and attitude towards their studies over the course of the term. In particular, I thank and congratulate two groups of students: our Year 7s on the way in which they have transitioned into the school and our Year 12s on the way in which they have settled into their studies this year and demonstrated a high level of leadership in our school community.

I also thank the hard working and dedicated staff of Trinity College. You will have noted the many extra opportunities that are provided to our students by our staff who, time and time again, keep giving of themselves to support the students of Trinity College. To all of our staff and students: you deserve a well-earned holiday. I know that our senior students will continue to focus on their studies over the holidays and I certainly encourage them to find up to a week of time to dedicate to homework, study and revision of work that has been completed over the course of first term.

At Trinity College, we are very blessed to have students who value their education, teachers and staff who care for and support their students and their families, parents and friends who are actively interested in our school. At Trinity we are a community and together we should be proud that, in so many ways, ‘we make a difference’.

Virtus Nobilitat

Mr Tim O’Farrell
Principal

ADMINISTRATION

2016 OPEN DAY – SUNDAY, 20TH MARCH
Open Day is fast approaching for Trinity College. As in previous years, the Friday afternoon prior to the event is a form of celebration with our current students as well as allowing some setting up to be done in preparation for Sunday. On Friday, 18th March students will be involved in various activities:
Year 7 to 10 students will follow their regular program until 12.00pm. After an early lunch and a tidy of their respective rooms/areas, students will be participating in various excursions.
- Year 7 students will walk to the Colac Indoor Tennis Centre to participate in a round-robin sporting event.
- Year 8 students will be bussed to COPACC to watch a film as arranged by Mrs Barclay and Mrs Holt
- Year 9 students will be bussed to the Memorial Square where they will purchase lunch (as practice for their Melbourne Experience) and then will be going ten pin bowling as arranged by Mr Ryan.
- Year 10 students will be bussed to COPACC to watch a film as arranged by Miss Hapgood
- Year 11 and 12 students will have their regular classes until lunchtime at which time Year 11 students have been offered a RECALL session. This is when they may go home and continue with their own study. To take up this option, students must return the permission slip that has been handed out to their homeroom teacher. Year 12 students will have RECALL as per their normal Day 10 program. Of course, Year 11 and Year 12 students may remain at the College for the afternoon where they will have supervised study in the Library or participate in Open Day preparations.

Please note that the canteen will not be open at lunchtime. The canteen will open as usual at recess. Please do not place lunch orders for Friday.
Many students volunteer to help on Open Day itself and we thank them. These students are required to be at Trinity College in full summer uniform by 12.45pm on Sunday and will be finished by 4pm. Some snacks and drinks will be provided in each of the rooms in which students are helping to keep them going for the afternoon.
Thanks to all the students that help make our Open Day successful.

LOCKS AND LOCKERS
Students in all year levels are reminded of the importance of locking their lockers. All students have been provided with a school lock and a school locker and each student is expected to use the lock in a responsible manner to ensure that their personal belongings are safely secured in their assigned locker. In addition, students are reminded that Trinity College does not accept responsibility for the loss of students’ belongings.
VCE/VCAL ASSESSMENT TASK PROCEDURES
The Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) sets out the guidelines and procedures for VCE/VCAL School–based Assessments, such as what happens when students are absent for School Assessed Coursework (SACs) or other assessment tasks. For equity and fairness, dates for all VCE/VCAL assessable work must be adhered to by all students.

To ensure consistency across the College, these guidelines and procedures will apply to all students studying a VCE subject, either at a Unit 1 and 2 level or at a Unit 3 and 4 level, or at VCAL Intermediate and Senior level.

Should a student be absent for a School–based Assessment task for a valid reason (medical reason or extenuating circumstances), students will need to complete this APPLICATION: SPECIAL PROVISION FOR A SCHOOL-BASED ASSESSMENT TASK form. This process includes:

1. Students collect this form from their Year Level Coordinator.
2. Students to discuss the possibility of special provision with their subject teacher and obtain subject teacher signature.
3. Obtain a medical certificate in case of illness or a letter from a parent/guardian for extenuating circumstances (such as a funeral).
4. Complete and submit this application form to the Year Level Coordinator, which must include the required student and parent/guardian signature and other required documentation.
5. The special provision application will then be assessed by a panel and the student will be notified of the outcome by the Year Level Coordinator.

This process is applicable should a student be absent for a School–based Assessment task due to medical reasons or extenuating circumstances, such as a funeral. However, family holidays outside of the gazetted school holiday periods are not a valid reason for missing a School–based Assessment task.

Should a student be absent for a School–based Assessment task without a valid reason or no parent notification or documentation has been provided, the student may receive a zero mark for the Assessment Task. Students may be required to complete the missed task and/or other work to demonstrate that they have satisfactorily met the outcomes of the unit of study.

- The above evidence will be examined by a panel prior to any extension being granted, if in fact this is to be the case. Subject teachers may encourage students to apply for an extension, yet ultimately the decision to resit a SAC for marks does not rest with them.
- Any student who has been granted an extension, must present to a room as arranged with the Yr 12 YLC where their writing of the SAC will be supervised.

The correct implementation of these procedures will afford a more consistent and regulated approach to the completion of SACS, in turn will add to the sense of "equity" for both staff and students.

Please contact your child’s Level Coordinator should you have any further queries in regard to these procedures.

MATHEMATICS
“When will I ever use this?” is a common catch phrase in when talking about Mathematics. Check out the website below with your children to see how changing one’s mindset can assist one’s development in Maths. https://www.amazon.com/gp/withmathican?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWWf9wsRoluqviZKXonjHpsX54uwqWqC3hokz2EFye%2BLHiETpodcM5cdnMK%2BTFAwTG5toziV8R7jMK81rz98QWxbj

Fostering the development of growth mindset in our children, especially when it comes to Mathematics, is an integral piece of their future success in any field or job. With a growth mindset, students believe that intelligence can grow. It's that optimistic outlook that we must learn to guide and support.

Negativity about Maths runs deep
Over 50% of people in Australia (ages 18 to 34) say that they can’t do Mathematics according to a 2010 survey conducted by Change the Equation.

The future depends on Maths skills
In the 21st century, jobs across the country and around the world require a higher degree of Maths fluency and comfort. Careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) are the fastest growing sector of jobs.

The world outpaces the Australia in Maths
Studies show that other countries are outpacing the Australians in Mathematics achievement. As the economy continues to grow globally, it is more important than ever to improve the Mathematics skills of every Australian.

Mrs Pam Hacking
Domain Head: Mathematics
It is crucial when we write tension scenes that the character or characters in our essay almost fail. So often students cut short the tension and let the reader down when they have the opportunity to make the reader enthralled in their story. The following gives you an example of how we can make that change.

**How to Write Tension Scenes - Narrative**

**Before ....**

*He stood at the flying fox and he was really scared. Jacob was sneering at him again.*

'You can do it,' said the instructor. 'Trust in yourself.'

Kon took a deep breath. Then he grabbed hold of the bar really tightly and jumped.

**After ....**

*Heights... heights... he had always hated heights. He fought the thudding of his heart.*

His hands gripped the bar of the flying fox. His knuckles were tight and rigid. Below him the valley stretched out, green and deep and far, far below.

'Go on. I dare ya.' It was the voice of Jacob, that faint sneering in his voice as always.

'He's chicken.'

'He won't jump...'

'He'll never do it.' The sounds of Jacob's buddy bullies, seemed to surround him. Sometimes they were worse than Jacob.

Kon fought for breath. Hot prickles of fear and loathing washed over him. He looked down at the valley below. The trees were so tall.

The ground was so deep and dark.

'See, I told ya!' Jacob again.

*The handle of the flying fox seemed so slippery. Could he hold on?*

'Yeah, no hope.'

'Chicken. Cluck, cluck...'

Thick tears of sweat roll down his face. Quickly he lifted a hand and wiped them away. Would they think they were tears?

There was movement beside him, the instructor was saying something. Kon fought to see his face.

'You can do it,' said the instructor. 'You have the courage.' Kon shook his head. His fingers were frighteningly white on the bar.

'Trust me,' said the instructor, 'And trust in you.' The words echoed in his brain. Kon couldn't make sense of them. Yet strangely there was a calmness there, a confidence flowing out to him. The instructor smiled at him.

Kon looked out over the valley and saw the rich green of the tree tops and the glittering strength of the bar he was holding. Somehow he was taking a breath, long and deep. Then another. Then one more.

Then his body tightened and his knees bent and pushed forward. His hands gripped the bar like steel.

Then he jumped off – and flew.

*Mrs Caroline Grist*

*Literacy Coordinator*

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**When you get home from school, do you find it hard to start studying?**

Then what you need is the After School Library!

Just bring your homework such as:

- Your MathsMate
- Your Pearson English homework sheet
- Your Humanities, IT or Science assignment

**Bring whatever you need to get done.**

The School Library is open after school each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 5.05pm. All students from Years 7 through to Year 12 are more than welcome to attend. You can come for 10 mins, for half an hour, an hour or the whole session.
**HOUSE ATHLETICS**

Parents and students are reminded that the Trinity College House Athletics day has been calendared to take place this Thursday, 17th March at Central Reserve.

As this day is a usual calendared school day, **all students are expected to attend school on this day**. We would appreciate parental support in this matter. Whether students are spectators, cheering on their house athletes from the sides, or whether students participate in the various fun events on offer, every student has an important role to play in the House Athletics. As with the House Swimming Day, students make much effort to support their Houses. Staff also organise novelty races for the various year levels so much fun is to be had by all students.

On this day, our usual College expectations apply. Students are thus not permitted to use their mobile phones, technology devoices or music devices. Students are expected to wear their Trinity College sports uniform or their House Colours and must bring a hat, lunch, sunscreen and enough water to keep hydrated. The SRC will be managing a BBQ stall and a canteen with various refreshments will be available.

Students must report to school at their normal time and will walk, as a school group, to the Oval Central for the day’s events. The arrangements for the end of the day are:

- Students who normally walk home will be dismissed from Central Reserve and are not required to walk back to Trinity first.
- Students who catch buses must return to Trinity College to catch their bus. They are not permitted to catch their bus at Colac Secondary College.
- Students who are collected by their parents may be picked up at the Reserve.

Please note that no bikes, skateboards, scooters and the like are to be taken to Central Reserve. Should students have these at Trinity College at the start of the day, students are to return to Trinity College to collect them.

A roll call will be taken at the end of the day and no student may leave the premises during the school day without the necessary arrangements being made with the student’s homeroom teacher. This includes a signed parental note.

Events have been filled through the running of trials in HPE classes and through nomination by House Captains. Any student who cannot compete in an event needs to contact their House Captain as soon as possible (with an organised replacement if possible). Alternatively, any students who are keen to compete in more events can let their captains know as this will be very useful on the day.

Should you have any queries about the Trinity Athletics day, please feel free to contact the College.

**INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TENNIS**

Last week our intermediate and senior boys’ teams travelled to Ballarat to compete at the SSV Greater Western Tennis Championships. Our girls’ teams didn’t make it this year due to a clash with the Year 10 camp and an increasing VCE workload for our senior girls. However, the boys put up a great display of tennis against tough opposition. The intermediate boys finished third for the day after winning two rubbers against Balmoral and Daylesford and losing two against Horsham and Warrnambool. The senior boys finished runners-up after having a win against Phoenix College Ballarat and then a close tussle with the winning team in Warrnambool College but couldn’t win the key points and games to get over the line for a win.
SSV COASTAL SWIMMING
Recently our swim team travelled to Apollo Bay for the next level of competition after our House Swimming Sports. As always our team gave their all in both individual events and team relays and, as a result, we have another large group qualifying for the SSV Greater Western Swimming Championships to be held in Ballarat on Wednesday, 23rd March. Excursion forms will be distributed early this week so make sure you get them back promptly. In addition to the swimmers that qualified for the next level, Trinity was also successful in having five age group champions on the day.
- Lauren Markham (14 years)
- Stella Harrington (15 years)
- Andrea Towers (16 years)
- Will Wheaon (16 years)
- Mitch Marwood (17 years)

Mr Michael Tomkins
Sport Coordinator

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Year 10 Camp
We have several items that have been left behind after the Year 10 Camps last week. Please call by Reception if you have left something behind.

TRINITY COLLEGE COLAC
OPEN DAY
Sunday, 20th March
Tours will commence at regular intervals between 1pm and 2pm. The school will be open until approx 3.30pm but, for the full tour, please arrive before 2pm.

ST BRENDAN’S HERITAGE DAY
From past to present…….

SUNDAY 10th April, 2016
MASS 10.30am St. Brendan’s Church - all welcome
LUNCH 12 noon $30 Prepaid Bookings ONLY
Includes: Gourmet BBQ Lunch – Devonshire Pie – Self-g Guided Tour – Program
OPEN HOUSE 2 to 5pm $15 per person (10+)
Includes: Devonshire Pie – Self-g Guided Tour – Program
Available for purchase:
Wine – Juice – Sandwiches – Drinks – Sweets
Children’s Activities – Free entry for under 12’s
Tickets available at St. Brendan’s School, Cole Road, Camperdown
and online at www.trybooking.com.au

Mr Brendan’s School Tour and Friends Together
TRINITY COLLEGE OPEN DAY – SUNDAY, 20th MARCH 2016

As in the past, our Parents and Friends will once again welcome people to the Afternoon Tea Area. We urgently require help in two forms:

1. Donations of cakes and slices
2. Assistance in serving tea

Please return this slip to Reception or email mdprezza@bigpond.com or text a reply to Denise on 0400 822 296. Afternoon tea will be served from the canteen area, so please deliver your food at the canteen on Sunday or to Reception on Friday

I can donate:

☐ Cake  ☐ Savoury/Fruit  ☐ Slice

☐ I can help on the day between 2.00 – 3.30 pm

☐ I can help on the day between 3.30 – 4.30 pm

Name...........................................................................................................................................  Phone Number..................................................................................................................................

Many thanks in advance.

P & F Committee

P & F MEETING

The next P & F Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16th March at 7.30pm in the Gleeson Building. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Students and the Riding Disabled Association (RDA)