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From the Principal

Welcome to Trinity College South School this year and especially to new students and their families. You will find a strong community spirit at South and I invite you to make yourself known to the staff and the South School Parents & Friends South.PandF@trinity.sa.edu.au

I hope that your child has enjoyed a successful transition to South this year. I encourage you to make contact with your child's teacher and the diary or email is often the most effective way to keep in touch.

New Staff

Jennifer Lewis, Yr 1

Sue Philp, Yr 3

Katrina Cole, Yr 4

Melissa Apa, Junior School

Karen Benz, Yr 7

Scott Charlton, Geography, History, Outdoor Ed

Anna Rek, French

Rupert Sapwell, Director of Sport, English

Leadership Team

Principal	Mark Simpson
Head of Junior School	Jenny Bednall
Head of Teaching & Learning R-6	Jarrold Warnest
Head of Pastoral Care R-6	Serah Fitzgerald
Head of Middle School	Audrey Somerville
Head of Teaching & Learning 7-10	John Palmer
Heads of Pastoral Care 7-10	Sue Norris Damon Wilson
Counsellors	Karen Twigg Janine Tuffery
Daily Administrator	Mark Paton
Office Manager	Daphne Roman

Student Absence

If your child is going to be absent please phone Di Pollard in the South Office on 8522 0626 or text 0416 905 258 by 9.00am. After 9.30am an SMS text message will be sent to the mobile phones of all Middle School parents explaining that our records show that your child is absent from school.

New Pastoral Care Structure

One of the major benefits of the new Middle School Pastoral Care structure is the chance for students to work with a House Tutor in a smaller group who can get to know your child better. Please support the initiatives of the Head of Middle School, Audrey Somerville to make contact with your child's

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Home Tutor as soon as possible.

The tutor is the first point of call that a student, parent or teacher can turn to for help or information. They will act as an advocate and mentor for our students. Please [click here](#) to view the list of Heads of House and House Tutors for 2011.

In the Junior School we are fortunate to have provided a greater opportunity for Serah Fitzgerald to support Jenny Bednall in the Pastoral Care area. Her role as Head of Pastoral Care will enable us to better support your child.

As with all new processes it is important for us to review what we do. Your feedback is invited to myself, Audrey Somerville or Jenny Bednall.

Common Expectations

Our experience shows us that students feel most supported when the expectations made of them are commonly supported both at school and home. There has been a very successful start to the school year and a positive sense of enthusiasm is evident. Thank you for your support in making it clear that we as adults share a common understanding with respect to matters of personal responsibility for uniform and courtesy. Please [click here](#) to view guidelines for students. If in doubt contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to our 2011 Student Leaders. There was a successful Induction Ceremony on Tuesday and we enjoyed hearing from the Head of Trinity College, Mr Nick Hately, College Captain, Gavin Matthews and College Prefect, Kimberly Lush. The respectful manner of all South students as they sat quietly and attentively says much about the importance they place on this role.

The 2011 Trinity South Students Leaders are:

- Lachlan Arthur (School Captain)
- Rachel Dempster (School Captain)
- Hayley Bellchambers
- Jayden Cairns
- Jordan Earl
- Claire Hornsby
- Jade Koek
- Ben Langdon
- Jade McFaul
- Conor Roche
- April Sanderson
- Bradley Schaper

The Year to Challenge Yourself

We have adopted this theme for South this year in the hope that students will strive to approach their school work, co-curricular activities and all that they do at school in such a way that they are fulfilling their potential.

Challenging yourself in this way requires that you are brave enough to aim high, take a risk and be prepared to fail. I believe that this theme will provide the words and framework for you to support your child.

Please ask them about what these words might mean to them as they consider their goal setting for this year.

Trinity South Old Scholars Who Have Achieved

Jake Hansen-Humble (Yr 10 2010 Kingsford-Smith House) won the Gawler Council's Young Citizen of the Year.

Mathew Arnold (Yr 10 2008 Mitchell House) was one of 7 out of 17,000 students to achieve a perfect score.

Ryan Harris (Yr 12 1997 Tebbutt House) plays cricket for Australia.

Drivers and the Car Park

From time to time we have had complaints from drivers about the behaviour

of other drivers with respect to their driving, parking in loading zones, parking in the the bus bay and even parking in car parks designated for disabled drivers. It seems to me that the 200 car parks are sufficient to allow the efficient collection of students for a school of our size providing reasonable courtesy is observed. It is unreasonable to expect staff to police this behaviour and I would remind the minority of drivers about whom we receive complaints that the role modelling they offer may not be something they wish to be followed by their children as future drivers.

Best wishes
Mark Simpson
Principal

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From the Head of Trinity College

It gives me great pleasure to welcome back all members of the Trinity Community for 2011. There is a wonderful community feel to the College and good routines are being established in each of our Schools.

Yr 12 Results

2010 finished very strongly with some wonderful academic results being achieved by our Year 12 students. Matthew Arnold's 5 twenties (only one of seven students in the state to achieve this) was an obvious highlight. Pleasingly, scores of students were able to secure their first preference to university or into TAFE courses. The results always reinforce the need for individual students to develop a focussed, goal orientated approach. Good results come from hard work.

Trinity College Lego Team

The end of the year also saw the news that the Trinity College Lego team (Team BaCoN) had won a place to represent Australia at the world event to be held in St Louis, USA in April. This is a magnificent achievement and the team are busily fundraising. They can use our help as there is a public vote system used to select prize winners. More detail can be found by going to the website

<http://fillinnovationaward.firstlegoleague.org/teams/bacon/submission/space-saver-spacer> .

Please support our team.

FamilyLink - The Synergetic Portal



Now that student movement

between classes has largely finished, we are pleased to announce the opening of the FamilyLink portal.

<https://familylink.trinity.sa.edu.au>

What is FamilyLink?

Synergetic is the name of the database system which underpins a large part of the organisational, educational and financial business of Trinity College. The FamilyLink portal is a way of accessing information stored in Synergetic, relating to you as a parent and your student(s), using an Internet browser such as Explorer or Firefox.

Access to FamilyLink is totally secure, relying on a password and username (the Synergetic ID number which appears on your fee statement) to give you access to your family record. You do not have access to the records of any other family.

The web site is 'secure' (https) which means that any passwords entered are 'encrypted' before being transmitted across the Internet. Your password was printed on your January fee statement. The login screen has links which will enable you to change your password (we recommend that you change your password the first time you visit the portal), or to have it emailed to your registered email address (i.e. the address which you have supplied to the College) if you have forgotten it. If you did not receive a password please email familylink@trinity.sa.edu.au for assistance.

The information in FamilyLink is organised into a number of pages (tabs):

- An **Introduction** page
- The **Results** page
- The **Timetable** page
- The **Absences** page
- The **Attendances** page
- The **Finance** Page
- The **Interviews** page
- The **Contacts** page
- The **My Profile** page

All queries regarding the portal should be addressed to familylink@trinity.sa.edu.au

Nick Hatelly

Head of Trinity College

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P & F News

Hello Everyone

To all the new families starting at Trinity this year the P & F welcomes you to our school and we are sure you will grow to love this school as much as we do. To all the families who are starting back at school we welcome you also and especially to the routine of school life – trying to wake our children up, trying to get them to have breakfast quickly then get ready on time to drop them off at school. Oh how I have missed that start to the day!

Seriously though it is good to get back into a routine and I'm sure all the Trinity students are happy to be back at school.

First Day

On the first day back at school the P & F organised for each student to get a frozen juice drink at recess time. On a 42 degree day I'm sure everyone appreciated having something cool to drink. Thanks to all the P & F parents who helped to distribute these. We also had a tea and tissues morning for new parents to come along and share some stories. I am sure that the Reception children get smaller and smaller every year; they are so cute in their uniforms and in some cases with bags as big as them. Thanks to everyone who bought a plate of goodies along to share.

The Year Ahead

We have another exciting year ahead of us with the P & F activities; this year we are planning on having small sub-committees for each of our events so if anyone would like to be a part of the P & F but can't commit to the whole year you can still be a part of the P & F but concentrate on just one event. If this sounds like something that would interest you please come along to our first meeting next Wednesday evening 16th February at 7.00pm in the South Staffroom. We would love to see some new faces come along.

Keep smiling and don't forget to have fun with your kids!

Bruce Hobby
President

South.PandF@trinity.sa.edu.au

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Lachlan Arthur

From the School Captains

Dear Students, Teachers and Parents of Trinity College South

Our names are Rachel Dempster and Lachlan Arthur and we are the School Captains for 2011. We welcome you back to the new year and hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday.

This year we plan on getting out into the community more and to really connect with the students. Please feel free to contact us or approach us anytime. We're always available for a talk.

Good luck for the year ahead, we're positive it will be a great year.

Lachlan Arthur arthlach09@trinity.sa.edu.au

Rachel Dempster demprach@trinity.sa.edu.au

Trinity South School Captains

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Rachel Dempster

Chaplains' Column

Welcome to the 2011 school year at Trinity College. This year there is a real sense of not taking our facilities and resources for granted as we see and hear of schools damaged by fire, flood and cyclone in recent weeks. We find that we want to express our care and concern for those who have been seriously impacted by natural disaster this year.

Many Australians have been generous with financial donations and in volunteering their time. Sometimes in situations like this, or when friends and family are sick and suffering, we may feel that there is little we can do and yet we want to do something. One thing we can do is pray. This year as a chaplaincy team we would like to support the Trinity College community in prayer.

Morning Prayer

We will meet for Morning Prayer in the Chapel (Gawler) at 8.00 am on Tuesday mornings and you are welcome to either come along or send prayer requests by contacting one of the chaplains.

Confirmation

Also this year we will be offering Confirmation Preparation to Middle and Senior School students. Confirmation is when someone chooses to "confirm" their baptism, to take on this commitment to Christ for themselves. If you would like to contact me with prayer requests, confirmation enquiries or any other matter I can be contacted on 8522 0625 or mathieru@trinity.sa.edu.au

In closing I would like to provide the prayer recommended by Archbishop Aspinall during the time of the Brisbane floods:

Prayer for Flood Victims

God whose love for us knows no bounds, we pray for all those who are affected by floods:

Comfort all who grieve for loved ones lost; strengthen those who face destruction of homes, memories and livelihoods; encourage and sustain police, defence force, SES and church personnel and all who bring relief and assistance.

Fill our hearts with compassion and generosity for all in need. As we face our greatest fears may we know the assurance of your presence with us and hold fast to the promise of new life beyond all adversity. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and who lives with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.

Ruth Mathieson (co-ordinating Chaplain)

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Catastrophic Bushfire Weather Days & Bushfire in General

All Trinity College Schools have been assessed as being in low bushfire risk areas. Consequently we will remain open on Catastrophic Bush Fire Weather Days.

These days may have an impact on some of our families depending on where they live and on students travelling to the various schools of the College. We will do our best to cater for any students who might experience difficulty in getting to school on such Catastrophic Bush Fire Weather Days.

There may also be some families who wish their students to be collected by a different person on such a day. If this is the case would you please contact the school office to inform them of the details.

Brochures Available

Each of the school offices has a number of brochures relating to Catastrophic Bush Fire Weather Days that are available for collection if families are interested, including some information from the CFS about preparing for bushfires at home and whilst travelling.

Nick Hately
Head of Trinity College

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PE Uniform

Students at all levels are reminded that the PE uniform to be worn in PE lessons must include only those items which have a Trinity logo and therefore, can only be purchased at STARstore in STARplex. (Trinity socks, shorts, shirt, rugby top, tracksuit top).

The one exception to this is the Trinity 'House' shirts. A small number of our older Middle School and Senior School students have become accustomed to wearing alternative brand shorts and socks.

Can you please support this uniform policy so that consistency can occur from Reception to Yr 12?

Mr David Schell
Head of PE

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Canteen Menu for Term 1

Please [click here](#) to view the Canteen Menu for Term 1. Please note there have been some price increases.

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Ambulance Cover

Trinity College has an insurance policy with SA Ambulance that covers students for Accident Emergency. This policy will cover ambulance transport of students to the nearest appropriate place of medical aid in the event of an accident emergency.

However it is quite limited cover and there are some specific exclusions that parents should note.

This policy does not cover emergencies that are non-school related; eg. pre existing conditions like diabetes, asthma, allergic reaction, substance abuse.

This is a new condition on the policy that has only come to light in 2010.

Please note that a short journey in an ambulance is in the order of \$850.

The College would recommend that parents take out personal family ambulance cover that can then be used to cover ambulance transport costs if the school policy does not apply or make sure that personal medical insurance includes appropriate ambulance cover.

College staff administering First Aid will continue to call ambulances if the circumstances warrant as they will always act with caution.

Stephen Rosier
Business Manager

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Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer your time to help at South School in the Classrooms, Office or Canteen please collect a Volunteer Pack from the South Office and complete and return the application form.

The school will contact you when a vacancy occurs.

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Team BaCoN

Trinity College Robotics Team BaCoN to go to the USA

The team has been selected to represent Australia in the World Robotics Festival and will travel to St Louis, Missouri in April.

Everybody loves BaCoN!

As part of Trinity College's Targetting Talents academic extension program, Michael Lynch, Brandon Matthews, Matthew O'Malley, Liam Scott, Adam Sheridan, Damon Smith, Daniel Woods entered the *FIRST* Lego League Robotics competition, forming Team BaCoN. The team, coached by Head of Academic Extension, Susan O'Malley, worked closely with engineering mentors from BAE Systems, Peter Drennan, Brenton Robb and Ben Brodde. Their dedication and willingness to share their experience in design and project management has been a real highlight of the group's involvement in the *FIRST* program.

Lego League

The team is participating in the *FIRST* Lego League, a program specifically developed to promote the study of science and technology. This year over 200,000 students from over 80 countries around the world competed in a challenge with the theme "Body Forward". The Lego League challenge has four main components, including the designing a NXT robot to complete a series of challenges in 2½ minutes, programming the robot, presentation of a research project that will help the well being of people and most important of all, a teamwork challenge. Our research focused on Asthma and we developed the "Space Saver Spacer", a collapsible spacer to use with metered dose inhalers. Made of silicone, the spacer's compact design and ability to be sterilized makes it far more likely that asthma sufferers will have their spacer with them when needed.

In our first competition we were awarded the South Australian Robotics Challenge Award and were named the South Australian Champions. BAE sponsored us to compete in the National Championships in Sydney.

National Championship

The National Championship was a great experience and incredible fun. We met teams from all around Australia and New Zealand. Their robots and inventions were quite astounding. Our team uniform which consisted of a yellow shirt, blue shorts and "Morph Suits" (which are full body suits) drew a lot of attention and the Danish Ambassador Susanne Shine asked specifically to see our presentation. We were awarded the Australian Research Project Award and the People's Choice Award. Team Beaucephalis won the Robotics Challenge with an amazing feat of driving and were named Australian Champions. We were overjoyed to be selected as the team who best demonstrated the *FIRST* Core Values and we were asked to represent Australia in the World Robotics Festival, to be held in St Louis, Missouri, USA this April.

World Robotics Festival in USA

Following our success, we are determined to raise the money we need to reach the USA and have been hard at work all holidays, with a range of fundraisers and events. We have also been seeking sponsorship and have been so grateful for the generosity shown by so many. Our principal

sponsors, BAE Systems are flying us to St Louis, on condition that we use our time in the United States to expand our horizons and experience some of the outstanding engineering opportunities available there. So, we have booked into Space Camp and will spend an intensive week undergoing Astronaut training. On graduation from Space Camp, we will be awarded course credits from the University of Alabama! Other parts of our tour include viewing a Space Shuttle Launch at Cape Canaveral, behind the scenes tours of Disney World, investigating the physics and mechanics of rides, a tour of the JET Propulsion Lab, the Smithsonian Institute and of course, BAE Systems, California.

[Please Vote](#)

To achieve our dreams, we need your help, log on to www.teambacon.org.au to see what we have been doing and our upcoming events. We also need your votes! We have been nominated for the Global Innovation Award as part of our *First* Program. We need every one to vote for us, every day until the middle of March. Just log on to <http://bit.ly/teambacon> You can vote every 24 hours, so please add us as a shortcut and write a reminder! The Award comes with a \$20,000 first prize!

[Team BaCoN's Movie Night](#)

Please [click here](#) for information of Team BaCoN's Movie Night on March 7.

Thank you to all our supporters and sponsors

Team BaCoN

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South School Social Skills Groups

There is no substitute for the experience children gain from interacting with their peers. Recess and lunch can be a busy environment and some children find it difficult to interact with their peers.

Social Skills Groups allow small groups of children to come together to improve social skills such as being friends, expressing themselves and their feelings, being caring, understanding and considerate of others.

[Benefits](#)

Research has shown these groups to be very beneficial in several areas:

- Children who are encouraged to think in terms of others' feelings and needs' are more positive and pro-social with peers.
- Children whose parents and teachers talk with them more often about emotions are better able to develop empathy.
- Children also benefit when adults offer them positive ways to interpret the events that are a part of their daily lives.
- As with most things, children need practice to develop their social skills and small groups can become a safe place to do so.
- Children's social competence with peers is an important aspect of their social development. Teachers and parents who are aware of the elements of social competence in children can encourage and nurture these skills.

Social Skills programs are a part of Pastoral Care at Trinity College. Programs which will be used in the Social Skills Group Program are Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT) based programs which include Fun Friends, Stop Think Do and Cool Kids.

Junior School students can be referred for Social Skills Group work by teachers and parents.

The program will run each Term – once a week for a period of 8 weeks. A session is approximately 25 minutes long and an appropriate time will be negotiated with class teachers. Louise Brook will be running the programs in conjunction with the Junior School Counsellor, Janine Tuffery.

If you would like further information or have any concerns please contact the

Junior School Counsellor – Janine 8254 5844 or email
tufferja@trinity.sa.edu.au

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Mark Le Messurier Parent Workshop

Wednesday March 9 2011

Please [click here](#) for more details.

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Athletics 2011

Trinity College has a very rich history in athletics and 2011 is another opportunity to create school history.

Do you have what it takes to write your own records? Athletics coaches Mr Alozie (sprints), Mr Burvill-Holmes (jumps/throws), Mr Bennett (middle distance) and Head Coach Mr Pounsett would love to help you reach your personal best. Trinity College competes in School Knockout and Achilles Cup competitions throughout the year.

Do you want to improve your fitness, strength, speed or jump? Are you looking to supplement your pre-season training for winter sport? Your athletic potential is waiting for you at the Back Oval every Monday & Wednesday nights. Rise to the challenge!

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Winter Sport Nomination

By now many of the students will have completed winter sport nominations via our new online registration system. If students have not completed the process, they must still do so, even if they do not intend to play a sport.

The system can be accessed via the Trinity College online toolbox:

<http://toolbox.trinity.sa.edu.au/toolbox/desktop/logon.asp>

The whole process takes only a couple of minutes. A step-by-step information sheet is available on the sports news page of the College website:

http://www.trinity.sa.edu.au/sp_sportsnews.html Once the form is completed, a signed copy must be forwarded to the school PE Department or the Sports Office located in STARplex.

A friendly reminder that if the school offers a sport that you currently play, you are required to represent the College in that sport. Trinity's sport policy is available here:

http://www.trinity.sa.edu.au/documents/Trinity_Sport_Policy_2010_000.pdf

Trinity College has a rich and successful sports history and we look forward to our students continuing the tradition in 2011.

Christine Murray & Rupert Sapwell
Trinity Sports Office

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STARplex News

What's on at STARplex?

Enrol now for Baby Boogie, Dancing Child, Creative Moves and Junior Hip Hop. [Click here](#)

Like to dance the night away? Try Ballroom, recruiting now for beginners and intermediate. [Click here to find out more](#)

JUMP START yourself today! 6 week program starting February 26,



designed to improve your fitness, increase your energy and deliver a healthier you.

STARfit Kids 10 week term. It's not too late to enrol! [Sign up now](#)

Pre-season Netball Carnival, Saturday 19th March. Register your team now. [Click here](#)

WANTED: Junior netball players 8-12 years for Wednesday competition. [Click here](#)

www.starplex.com.au

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