Head of Middle School Report

On Friday the District Church Council (DCC) will, among other matters, meet to discuss Holy Trinity Lutheran School’s proposal to extend its education to Senior Secondary. This is the final step in a process that has had to satisfy a number of committees before reaching this point. If the DCC accepts the recommendations made to it by the CLE then an ‘in-principle’ agreement will be granted, allowing HTLS to proceed with preparations to gain Year 10 registration for 2017. We wait in anticipation for the outcome of Friday’s meeting.

This week the Wimmera Field Days has brought many visitors and locals together to celebrate all things agriculture. As in previous years the School Community has been strongly represented through its involvement over the three days. Many parent volunteers have helped with the coordination and running of the food kiosk. Having the opportunity to witness the kiosk in action gave me a real insight into what can be achieved by a committed and organised group of volunteers. The students also played their part. The Ambassadors and School Captains shared their time between the school’s booth and delivering corporate lunches. As always the students acquitted themselves well and represented the school with pride as they interacted with members of the public. Our Year 9 Overseas Learning Group had the opportunity to sell drinks in one of the drinks booth to raise funds for their tour in June. The students designed posters about the trip and discussed details of the tour with interested members of the public. A huge thank you to Mrs Fiona White who spent the three days coordinating and supervising the drinks booth.

The next couple of weeks will be a busy time for our students involved in a variety of sporting activities. Intermediate volleyball took place today with a number of students involved across Year 8 and 9. All Middle School students will be involved in 400m and 800m trials tomorrow. Next Wednesday the Interhouse Sports day will occur at Dudley Cornell Park with students rotating through a variety of track and field, novelty and relay events. I hope to see as many parents and friends as possible at this event to support the students as they compete in a friendly but competitive environment. The week will conclude with the Black Ranges swimming trials to be held at Warracknabeal. Good luck to all students involved in Inter-house and Inter-school sporting events over the next couple of weeks.

On Tuesday we farewelled our Hong Kong visitors. The students embraced our guests and did a wonderful job of making them feel welcome and at home in their new environment. A special thank you to those families who hosted visitors. We look forward to their visit again in 2017.

Jason Przibilla
Head of Middle School
Homework Club

There will be no Homework Club next Wednesday 9th March due to the Inter-house Sportsday.

Middle School Most Valuable Person (MVP)

Student of the Week Award

Week 4 Recipient: Sacha

Sacha receives her certificate and gift voucher from Thipatiy Coffee Lounge for consistently exhibiting the following qualities; leadership, respect, responsibility, service, achievement, motivation, care and school pride.

Thank you to Thipatiy Coffee Lounge for their generous sponsorship of this weekly award.

Drought Assistance Package—Apply Now

As part of the Victorian Government’s drought assistance package, all “Holy Trinity Lutheran School” students are eligible for a drought assistance payment through the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

This includes parents and independent students that do not hold a means-tested concession card, but are experiencing financial hardship as a result of drought conditions. Families who receive the means-tested CSEF payment are also eligible. A “one-off” amount of $375 per student will be paid to the school to be used towards educational expenses for the direct benefit of your child.

How to Apply

Complete a CSEF Drought Package application form, which was distributed on Monday and return it to the school office by Friday 18th March. If you have already submitted an application, please disregard this advice.