**Little Desert & Black Ranges Swimming Carnival**

The Little Desert and Black Ranges Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday 24th of February (week 5) at the Horsham Aquatic Centre outdoor pool. Students who have shown an interest in competing have been sent home with information letters and entry forms. We will all the entrants the best of luck as they compete on Tuesday. Programs will be sent home with competitors this Friday 20th of February. Competitors need to arrive at 10:00am for a 10:30am start. Competitors please remember you will need to pay a $3.00 charge as you arrive on the day. The carnival is expected to finish by 1:30pm. Parents are to organise their own child’s transport and supervision for the swimming carnival.

**Year 3/4 Hockey Clinic**

Our Year 3 and 4 students participated in and enjoyed a hockey clinic on Monday which was held at school by Hockey Victoria. The year 3/4 students were sent home with a flyer with information about a “come and try” night to be held by the Horsham Hockey Club on Sunday 22nd of February and Sunday 15th of March at Horsham College front oval. Anyone who is interested please see the Office for a flyer with the information.

**House Captains 2014**

Congratulations to all the House Captains and Vice Captains who were elected at last week’s house meetings. I look forward to working with you all throughout the year, especially on our sports days this term. I know that you will all do a great job in leading, encouraging and supporting your house.

**Little Desert Tennis Trials**

Good luck to Jordan and Jack who will be competing at the Little Desert Tennis Trials this Friday the 20th of February at the Horsham Lawn Tennis Club. The tournament will be starting at 9:30am and expected to conclude at 12 noon. Two girls and two boys will be selected from these trials to represent the area at the Greater Western Region Tennis Championship in Colac on Friday 20th of March.

**HTLS 800m Day**

This year, as we have another year level to include in our athletics, we are planning to run an 800m day in Week 6 on Friday the 6th of March. Students will be awarded points based on their finishing position, which will go towards the overall Individual Championship Medal and the House Athletics Shield. Results will also help with interschool team selection. The 800m day will be run for Year 4 - 8 (10 year olds to 14 year olds). Students will need to wear their full sports uniform on this day. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

**From Pastor Jonathan**

When you do good deeds, don’t try to show off. If you do, you won’t get a reward from your Father in heaven. When you give to the poor, don’t blow a loud horn. That’s what show-offs do in the meeting places and on the street corners, because they are always looking for praise. I can assure you that they already have their reward. When you give to the poor, don’t let anyone know about it. Then your gift will be given in secret. Your Father knows what is done in secret, and he will reward you. (Matt. 6:1-4)

Yesterday, we entered a new season in the church year. This season, which we call Lent, gives us the opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made for us as he went the cross to die for our sins. A lot of people, during this season, choose to do something special to help them focus on Jesus’ sacrifice. This might mean making special gifts to people in need or doing a special service project. These are good things to do, and it doesn’t need to be Lent for us to do them, either. As Christians, we are called to look after our neighbors and care for them. But when we do these things, they should glorify Christ, not ourselves.

In our verses today, which are traditionally read in church on the first day of Lent, Jesus pointed out that some people would give to the poor just to show off how good they are. People who do that are not really loving their neighbors. They actually love themselves — they simply use their neighbors in order to get the praise for doing good. Jesus encourages us instead to give to people in secret. That way people won’t know what we have done. That way we won’t be tempted by the praise of other people.

This Lent, we remember that Jesus sacrificed everything he had for us. Not only did he sacrifice his comfort, he sacrificed his life as well. As we consider what he has done, we have the opportunity to make sacrifices for other people. Let’s ask God to help us to do this, not for our glory, but for his.

Heavenly Father, as your Son gave up his own life for our benefit, teach us to give of ourselves for the benefit of other people. Keep us from doing this for our own gain, but help us to give you the glory. In Jesus’ name. Amen

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**Monday**
- **Feb 23rd**
  - Assembly 9am
  - Student Banking

**Tuesday**
- **Feb 24th**
  - Uniform Shop 3-4pm
  - Swimming Carnival School Council 7:30pm

**Wednesday**
- **Feb 25th**
  - Canteen

**Thursday**
- **Feb 26th**
  - Canteen

**Friday**
- **Feb 27th**
  - Chapel - 2F Uniform Shop 9-10am

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**Year 6 Camp**

**Week 7**
- **Mar 2nd**
  - Assembly 9am
  - Student Banking

**Week 8**
- **Mar 3rd**
  - Field Days Uniform Shop 3-4pm

**Week 9**
- **Mar 10th**
  - Prep 1st Wednesday

**Week 11**
- **Mar 16th**
  - Assembly 9am
  - Student Banking

**Week 12**
- **Mar 23rd**
  - Assembly 9am
  - Student Banking

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**Prayer Points**

- We pray for:
  - Jesse and a speedy recovery following surgery
  - Christine Hinch and her upcoming wedding this Saturday

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**Worship Services**

- **Holy Trinity Church**
  - Sunday 22nd February
    - 9.00am - Holy communion
    - 10.00am - Kids’ Time
  - 10.30am - Holy Communion
  - 7.00pm - Holy Communion
- **HTLS Chapel**
  - Friday 20th February
    - 9.00am - Year 2B
  - 10.00am - Lay Reader
From the Principal

The introduction of our Middle School has been a wonderful and welcome addition to Holy Trinity, but it has caused an increasing amount of pressure from those within and outside our school community to continue through to Year 12. The School Council has carefully considered this issue; detailed financial projections have been completed, concept drawings from our architects have been drawn up and some initial costings done. After much deliberation and thoughtful discussion, the School Council resolved to commence the process by which we may attain approval to extend our educational programmes to Yrs 10, 11 and 12. This is a very deliberate and complex process that requires approval from five (5) other bodies / committees before any announcement can be made. Our School Council does not have the authority to make that decision and the final say will be made by the Lutheran Church of Australia, Victorian District.

Last Sunday Holy Trinity Lutheran congregation unanimously passed a motion giving the school in-principle approval to extend into Yrs 10, 11 and 12 subject to the approval of other Church and educational committees. The next stage for us is to seek the support from the Council for Lutheran Education (Victorian, New South Wales and Tasmania) and its Business Committee. These are the two major bodies we need to satisfy. To help give weight to our submission, I would ask that any parent, friend or prospective parent who supports our push into the senior secondary school years, write a letter of support to the Business Committee. These are the two major bodies we need to satisfy. To help give weight to our submission, I would ask that any parent, friend or prospective parent who supports our push into the senior secondary school years, write a letter of support to the Business Committee.

I love pancakes and these two ladies love cooking pancakes. I ask you to remember to focus on their joyful and exuberant expressions rather than their attempts at creating the perfect pancake which you can see on the BBQ. Many thanks to all of the mums who helped out on Tuesday and we all enjoyed the deliciously sweet delights, even the burnt one!!

Mr. Jeff Gork
Principal

AWARDS

Last week’s Awards went to

FG  Emily
FH  Deagan
Hayley
Yr 1H  Claudia
Yr 1M  Jack
Yr 2B  Logan
Yr 2F  Sophie
Matthew
Yr 3C  Jessica
Yr 3K  Jeremy
Yr 4K  Katelyn
Yr 4S  Aaron
Emily
Yr 5E  Lauren
Yr 5G  Kayla
Yr 6T  Rouxle
Art  Charlie
Chinese  Nathan
Music  Ishwyn

CONGRATULATIONS

Uniform Shop Hours
Tuesday 3 - 4pm
Friday 9 - 10am

Lucky Banker
Nellie, pictured below is the Lutheran Lucky Banker for this week.

School Sores
A case of school sores has been confirmed at school. If you notice any new red spots appearing on your child/ren bodies please monitor closely.

Head Lice
Parents are asked to check their children’s hair regularly. If any eggs or live nits are present please treat before sending your child back to school.

Pancake Day
Thank you to all the wonderful people who assisted on Pancake Day. The day raised $350 to support Wimmera Uniting Care.

Philippines Service Tour
An information evening is being held on Monday 2nd March at 7.00pm, for anyone interested in learning about the Service Tour to San Agustin School in the Philippines. Please return your reply by Friday 20th February.

Wimmera Machinery Field Days
The school will be operating Kiosk 2 at the field days on the 3rd, 4th & 5th March, 2015. Thank you to the parents who have already offered to assist. The school still requires helpers on Tuesday and Thursday, even if you can only help for an hour or two this would be greatly appreciated. There is also free entry for all volunteers. Please complete and return the form by Friday 20th February. For further details contact Kim van Buuren on 0411 057821.

Social Networking
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Carpark - Peppertree Lane
When exiting the Trinity Drive/Peppertree Lane carpark (vacant block of land), please refrain from using these sites to encourage students to be mindful of people and vehicles. Please complete a form with your details. Please note that under the Domestic Animals Act 1994, all dogs over 3 months old must be microchipped and registered.

Cheap Microchipping
For $20 per animal, you will get your dog/cat microchipped for life. This is a saving of approximately $30 each. All you have to do is come to the Horsham Rural City Council offices and pay $20 per dog/cat and complete a form with your details.

Canteen Roster - Term 1

Serving
26th Feb - Kate Carter
23rd Feb - Tammy Hobbs

Baking
26th Feb - Lucy
23rd Feb - Hugo

PANCAKE DAY SNAPS

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School Musical
Rehearsals are going along nicely and auditions will commence on Tuesday 3rd March.

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