From the Chair of School Council

We welcome Dr Michael Davies to Trinity Grammar School.

On behalf of the School Council I am delighted to be able to use the pages of ‘The Trinity Grammarians’ to introduce Dr Michael Davies who at the beginning of the year took up his post as the 10th Headmaster of Trinity Grammar School.

On February 14, Dr Davies was commissioned as Headmaster of Trinity Grammar by Archbishop Philip Freier in a magnificent ceremony at St Paul’s Cathedral which was filled to overflowing with colleagues, family and friends.

Guests were a little bemused when a brief part of the service was conducted in Welsh in recognition of Dr Davies’ Welsh background!

During the ceremony our new Headmaster was presented with various symbols of office by representatives of Trinity staff, students, parents, Old Boys and School Council. Former Headmaster Mr Rick Tudor OAM presented Dr Davies with a Bible as a symbol of the faith and values upon which the School is founded.

Dr Davies is married to Donna and they have two children, Charlotte and Harry. He comes to Trinity following a successful career at St Kevin’s College where he was most recently Deputy Head and Head of Senior School. He is a Physics teacher, a very keen and accomplished sportsman and also an internationally qualified rugby coach. St Kevin’s is recognised for its achievement of outstanding results, both academically and within the sporting arena.

By the time you read this, Dr Davies, in conjunction with the School Executive, will be well on the way to establishing his vision for the School. This vision will build upon the 15 years of Mr Tudor’s leadership of Trinity Grammar.

When School Council first met Dr Davies during the selection process last year, we were impressed by how closely his values and approach to the education of boys reflected the Trinity ethos and values established by Mr Tudor and the Trinity staff over the past 15 years. This, coupled with his teaching and leadership qualities, gave us the confidence to invite him to take up the position of Headmaster of our School.

Dr Davies will be well supported in his role by Mr Rohan Brown who this year was appointed Head of the Senior School, following Mr Simon Le Plastrier’s appointment as Head of Eltham College.

We wish Dr Davies and Mr Brown well in their new and important roles.

On behalf of the Council and all associated with Trinity, I would also like to formally thank Rick and Liz Tudor for their outstanding contribution to the School. Rick has taken on a wide range of activities and appointments post-Trinity. We wish him well for the future and look forward to the Tudors staying in touch with Trinity as they will forever be a part of the Trinity family.

Finally, School Council would like to invite all members of the Trinity community to attend the School’s Open Day on Saturday 29 March. This is a wonderful opportunity for those with past, present and perhaps future associations with the School to take a guided tour and see the programs and facilities that Trinity has to offer.

Mr Garry Ringwood
Chair of School Council

Dr Davies being presented with symbolic gifts at his Induction Service

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Summer is a time of books. Books that you will always associate with relaxing on the beach or later retreated from the sun, with the call of the waves, the swish of the skimmer board and the persistent fly. Each book will pay the ultimate price, pristine on acquisition, it will be folded and dog-eared, covered in sand and sunscreen and ice cream. Books go where Kindles fear to tread.

This year’s books proved to be a mixed bag. I could almost tell from their opening line. Great first lines are crucial in any narrative. I am not a person looking for instant gratification, in life or indeed when it comes to reading, but with books as in life, I want to be intrigued from the outset. Whilst slow burns are good, I want to be drawn in from the opening gambit.

One of the best reads over the holiday was For the Green and the Gold and the Mitre: A Centenary History of Trinity Grammar School, Kew by Jane Mayo Carolan. As an introduction to the history of the School it was without equal; indeed it seemed fitting that it was published by Benchmark, as it sets a benchmark for all school histories. Its opening line sums up for me so much of what sets Trinity apart as a school of genuine greatness, ‘Trinity has dared to be different in schooling Christians, gentlemen and scholars throughout one hundred years.’ I recommend to all Trinity Grammarians that they read this outstanding tome to get a sense of our history and heritage.

I was also greatly buoyed in reading the results of the Year 12 cohort of 2013. Their academic achievements were simply outstanding by any measure. With 14 boys scoring an ATAR of above 99, placing them in the top 1% of the state, and 38% placed in the top 10% of the state we can be assured that the School’s senior boys are fully committed to their academic pursuits under the guidance of our outstanding teaching staff.

The journals and reports emanating from the various overseas and interstate trips taken by our staff and boys made for compelling reading. Whether bushwalking in the Alpine National Park, journeying with the Duke of Edinburgh scheme to Mount Buller, kayaking in the Murray Marathon, immersing themselves in the Renaissance History Tour or cricketing in Sydney, our boys represented us well.

The first few weeks of the year at Trinity have seen the school transform from a series of buildings into the vibrant school we know and love. The grandeur of the Tudor Centre is only matched by the sight of students, junior and senior, engrossed in their current book curled up in one of the nooks or seated amongst friends. It is with a great sense of pride that I walk the halls by the sight of students, junior and senior, engrossed in their lines gives a great insight for our boys. Men of Trinity, all in possession of a good fortune – a Trinity education – should heed the opening words of Jane Austen in Pride and Prejudice:

‘It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.’

For me, a favourite opening line comes from the strange, lyrical start to James Joyce’s final novel, Finnegans Wake. Perhaps it appeals to my Celtic roots:

‘Riverrun, past Eve and Adam’s, from swerve of shore to bend of bay, bring us by commodious vicus of recirculation back to Howth Castle and Environ.’

I have been pondering great opening lines lately as I start this chapter of my life at Trinity.

Over the summer, when I read the first line of Stephen Crane’s The Red Badge of Courage, I couldn’t help but imagine the massed ranks of Trinity boys gathering their strength for the year ahead whilst on holiday, eagerly awaiting their return to school:

‘The cold passed reluctantly from the earth, and the retiring fogs revealed an army stretched out on the hills, resting.’

If the first line to I Capture the Castle was ‘I write this sitting in the Headmaster’s office’, perhaps it wouldn’t be as compelling as ‘I write this sitting in the kitchen sink.’

You will forgive me then if I try to write an opening line to my chapter My life at Trinity in the style of Jeffrey Eugenides of Middlesex fame.

‘I was born twice: first as a baby boy – one of twins – on a remarkably sunny Welsh day in July 1969 as men stood on the moon; then again, as a humble forty-something man, least in a line of 10, in January 2014. I draw my first breath.’

I look forward to meeting you all at various functions, both friend-raising and fundraising over the year, and I offer the entire Trinity Grammar community my very best wishes for the year ahead.

Dr Michael Davies
Headmaster
Year 12 Results

From the Headmaster
As Archdeacon Hindley wrote of Trinity Grammar in 1903, ‘The School has been founded for the training of gentlemen, scholars and Christians.’ Whilst the School has developed enormously since its inception in 1903 under the guidance of The Reverend Edward Taffs, the cohort of 2013 certainly lived up to these lofty goals. I particularly congratulate Alex Kilner who graduated as Dux of the School; his commitment and dedication to his studies and the fuller life of Trinity is an inspiration to all Trinity Grammarians.

We can judge the graduating class of students quite simplistically on the high number of perfect scores or on their outstanding VCE results across the board, but this fine group of young men deserves to be judged by a much broader measure. These are students who gave of their time and energy in outreach programs, who performed in plays and musicals, played instruments, debated, competed in the broadest range of sports, and involved themselves in leadership and outdoor education. They can be judged now on their contribution to society as they leave our company. Under the guidance of our talented and committed staff, they have shown themselves to be men of action, competence and service whilst at School. We have great confidence that they will take the lessons learned within Trinity walls to become men of integrity and influence in society as a whole.

Dr Michael Davies

School Council Prize
Alex Kilner was awarded the School Council Prize as the Dux of Trinity Grammar School for 2013. He is one of the very few students in Victoria to achieve an ATAR of 99.95. Commencing at Trinity in Year 7, Alex has won many academic awards: Year 12 prizes in English, French and Chemistry and prizes for Distinctions and Merits in 2009, 2011, and 2012. Alex was a School Prefect, Kent Hughes House Vice-Captain and a member of the Symphony Orchestra in 2012. We congratulate Alex on his outstanding results.

14 boys (9%) scored an ATAR above 99
Daniel Beratis, Owen Brown, Hugh Curnow, Fred Hiskens, Alex Kilner, Jack Lewis, Sam Macalister, Patrick Maclean, David Munday, Maximilian Plitsch, Denis Qian, Tim Yang, Stephen Yoannidis and Danny Smith.

27 boys (17.5%) scored an ATAR above 95
58 boys (37.7%) scored an ATAR above 90
(with a further 9 boys, scoring an ATAR of 89)

Perfect Subject Scores of 50
Daniel Beratis  Media
Owen Brown  Chemistry, Specialist Maths
Fred Hiskens  Maths Methods (2012)
Alex Kilner  Maths Methods (2012), Chemistry
Patrick Maclean  English, Further Maths
Maximilian Plitsch  German
Josh Robertson  Further Maths

Trinity Grammar School Tertiary Offers - as of February 2014

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Trinity Congratulates

We would like to introduce our School Captains for 2014.

Congratulations to Christopher Thuring (School Captain) and Jonathan Cooper, Ben Crofts, Henry Faithfull and Lachlan McDonald (Vice-Captains) on their selection to these positions of responsibility.

This year’s Senior School House Captains are: Mitchell Dyer (Arnold), Ben Mescher (Cowen), Angus Dunn (Henty), Matthew Zappala (Hindley), Atticus Lyon (Kent Hughes), Arthur Gioulekas (Merritt), James Hargreaves (Roberts) and Daniel Speake (Sutton).

All students and staff at Trinity strive to achieve ‘balance’ in their lives; this is not always easy to do. In his inaugural speech, the School Captain seemed to strike a chord with the boys through his use of the Mars Bar slogan ‘Work, Rest and Play’ to reinforce the importance of aiming for synergy in these three areas of our lives.

The Trinity community wishes these leaders, and all the Year 12s, the very best as they navigate their way through this challenging, yet ultimately rewarding, year. We are grateful to the Year 12 cohort for their leadership and look forward to them being wonderful and accessible role models for boys throughout the School.

Australia Day Honours

Congratulations to the following members of the Trinity community who were recipients of Australia Day Honours.

Mr Geoffrey Rush AC – Past Parent
For eminent service to the arts as a theatre performer, motion picture actor and film producer, as a role model and mentor for aspiring artists, and through support for, and promotion of, the Australian arts industry.

Mr Doug Humann AM – Past Parent
For significant service to conservation and the environment.

Professor Ruth Fincher AM – Past Parent
For significant service to education, particularly geography and urban studies, and to national and international geographic associations.

Mrs Margaret Andrews OAM – Current Parent
For service to the Catholic Church in Australia through a range of marriage education programs.

Dr Graham Cato OAM – OTG 1966
For service to community health, and to surf lifesaving.

Mr William Oakley OAM – OTG 1965
For service to the community through voluntary roles with youth, service and recreational organisations.
In her comprehensive history of Trinity Grammar School, Kew, ‘For the Green and the Gold and the Mitre: A Centenary History of Trinity Grammar School, Kew’, school archivist Jane Mayo Carolan explains how in 1929 ‘38 St Paul’s Cathedral choristers joined Trinity on full scholarships and an annual progressive intake of choristers was established.’ Reading Carolan’s account of these boys’ time at Trinity, it is clear that they worked very hard to fulfil their duties to the Choir (which included copious amounts of travel between Trinity and the Cathedral), ‘It was a six-day, sometimes seven-day involvement, with practices often before and after school, two services on Sundays, weddings on Saturdays and occasional funerals.’ This was, of course, in addition to school work and co-curricular activities! Ultimately, however, this quality music education and the development of the discipline and organisational skills needed for these students to survive, meant that many of them went on to achieve success in music or other fields.

The tradition of St Paul’s choristers at Trinity continues today; there are 20 boys in the School who sing with the Choir, in the Trebles section. There are also, however, currently eight Trinity boys who sing in the Men’s Choir as either Altos, Tenors or Basses. For all of these boys, the commitment is still significant and they certainly need to develop effective time-management skills. We spoke to Trinity staff member and Old Boy Mr Siegfried Franke, Year 8 student Tom Stella and Year 4 student Ben Zhou, all current St Paul’s choristers, about their experiences in the Choir and what this opportunity has meant to them. A common thread through all their stories is supportive parents who nurtured their talents. Mr Franke’s parents, despite being ‘unmusical’ themselves drove him across town to the western suburbs on his ‘non-Choir night’ so that he could continue his lessons on the organ. Another common theme is that the initial passion for music, be it singing or another instrument, came from the children. The parents recognised this and directed their children towards teachers who could nurture this interest and talent. Tom tells of how the Australian Boys’ Choir came to his primary school and he had an audition. He got in and loved it, so when his cousin told him about the St Paul’s Choir, he tried out and was selected. Ben has only just started at Trinity and is still a probationer in the Choir, but he seems to be taking it all in his stride and, even at such a young age, sees it as an opportunity to improve his music skills and make lots of new friends!

Mr Franke is perhaps best known for being organ player extraordinaire at Trinity Grammar School. Many readers will recognise his name from the Trinity News, which advertises his availability to accompany boys performing in lunchtime recitals and practising for exams. This exemplifies his generosity, his passion for music and, in particular, his love of playing the organ. Siegfried has been at Trinity for 40 years - first as a student and then as a piano teacher and classroom music teacher. He has been a St Paul’s Chorister (singing and playing the organ to accompany the Choir) for a similar amount of time; indeed, he began at both Trinity and the Choir within five days of each other!

Mr Philip Nicholls, who last year took over from Dr June Nixon AM as Director of the Choir, is appreciative of the talent and commitment of his choristers. They sing the 10.30am Choral Eucharist on Sundays and Sunday Choral Evensong at 6.00pm, as well as Evensong during the week, on Tuesdays to Fridays at 5.10pm. Everyone is welcome to join these services to support the boys and enjoy the beautiful strains of the St Paul’s Cathedral Choir.
From the Early Learning Centre

The past three weeks have seen 72 three and four year olds walk, run and skip into the Early Learning Centre, exhibiting a wide range of emotions. The majority of the children are excited, enthusiastic, ready to try anything, play with everyone and generally be involved in all that the Centre provides.

For some, these early days are rather more of a challenge as they farewell parents for the first time, meet a larger group of children than they have ever seen before and adapt to unfamiliar routines and experiences.

We do understand the stress this places on parents and at all times our priority is to ensure the wellbeing of each child in our care. The gradual introduction for children in the Three Year Old Group is a very deliberate strategy as we believe this allows opportunities for separation and time away from mum and dad to be managed in the most positive way possible. We appreciate too that this introduction is not always convenient for parents and we are very grateful for your support and understanding.

As well as a number of new children commencing, we warmly welcome two new staff to the Early Learning Centre. Ms Bernadette Gioia has been appointed as the Coordinator of the Three Year Old Group and Ms Cara McKie joins us as the Lunch/Rest-time Assistant in the same room, working additional hours on Tuesday and Thursday. We trust their experience will be a very happy and positive one.

Recently we welcomed the Headmaster Dr Michael Davies to the Four Year Old room and we know he will become a very familiar and popular visitor. His knowledge of children’s literature has already impressed many children as they share favourite books with him.

We wish Dr Davies and his family, and indeed all our families at the Early Learning Centre, the very best as they settle into the Trinity community.

Mrs Genevieve Read
Director of the Early Learning Centre
From the Junior School

New Junior School Staff
This year we welcome two new staff members to the Junior School, Mrs Virginia Middleton and Mr Matthew Lander.

Headmaster's Science
For selected boys in Years 5 and 6 who show a consistent and deep curiosity about matters of science, there has been an opportunity to attend a special class once each week. The teacher is the Trinity Headmaster and lessons have hitherto covered some human physiology, botany, genetics, fossils, crystals, pond life, forensics and other introductory aspects of science. With the arrival of Dr Davies, the focus is expected to shift to his areas of interest – physics and chemistry. We look forward to working with Junior School students to foster their love of science.

Curriculum at the Junior School
What is a question with legs?
The Junior School curriculum is based on the Wiggins and McTighe ‘Understanding by Design’ planning model. Teachers plan curriculum according to a concept or idea and write essential questions to which students respond in multi-modal form via a process-product connection. The strength in the model relies on key and essential questions answered by the students before, during and after a unit of study.

The difference between a closed question, which is easily answered, and an essential question is the time, effort and sheer brainpower required to answer. Here are a couple of examples:
1. A closed question: How many bones are there in the human body? The answer can be quickly memorised and recalled. Its justification for the learner is obvious.
2. An essential question: Which bone in the human body is the most important? The answer to this question takes much thought, justification, research and design. It is not intended for students to answer the essential questions immediately, but to follow a process in their own learning to arrive at a justified answer based on fact and gathered evidence.

The skill of the teacher these days centres on allowing students the flexibility to explore their own answers whilst directing them to the essential learning they need to become successful and confident learners.

Junior School Leaders’ Induction Service
Seventy-eight Year 6 students were inducted as leaders of the Junior School at a ceremony on Friday 7 February in the South Room. The boys were very excited and looked splendid for the occasion. Dr Davies and Mr Nalder shook hands with each boy and presented him with a badge. The ceremony was attended by many parents, grandparents and friends, as well as all the students from Year 3 to Year 5. The boys recited the Leadership Oath, affirming their promise to the School. Following the formalities morning tea was served under the shade of the gum trees outside the Peter Crawley Centre for the Arts.

Roberts House Lunch
At the start of every year it is always wonderful to see our new Prep parents becoming part of our Trinity community. In particular, it was fantastic to see so many Prep and Year One parents attending our annual Roberts House Lunch. Despite the hot weather, the Lunch provided the opportunity for parents to meet each other in a relaxed environment and share their experiences of the first week of school.
Prep to Year 2 Swimming

The Prep to Year 2 boys undertook four weeks of intensive swimming tuition in the school pool. The weather was superb and the boys really enjoyed their involvement in all swimming activities. Attending swimming classes two to three times per week is an excellent way to develop the boys’ confidence in the water, stroke technique and water safety skills. They received tuition in ability groups and their skills improved rapidly.

The swimming program culminates in the Prep to Year 2 Aquatics Display held in the Trinity pool. This is a great opportunity for the boys to demonstrate their skills and for parents and friends to celebrate their learning. Events on display were My Best Freestyle, My Best Backstroke/Breaststroke, Survival Course, Boogie Board/Raft Relay, and the Treasure Hunt.

House Swimming Carnival

Our first major sporting event for 2014 took place on Friday 21 February. The Junior School House Swimming Sports were once again conducted in the School’s outdoor pool. All boys from Years 3 to 6 were selected to represent their House in a broad range of aquatic events, displaying their ability to swim 25 or 50 metres in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly, along with opportunities to swim for their House in relays and participate in novelty events. The whole day had many highlights and it was pleasing to see the House Spirit among the four Houses. House areas were well decorated and the cheering and very many chants sung by the Houses throughout the day added to the atmosphere.
Trips and Tours

RACV Energy Breakthrough Challenge

At the end of 2013, staff, parents and 23 students took two vehicles, Ricky-T-Racer, and Rollin’ with Rothers to Maryborough for the RACV Energy Breakthrough Challenge, a 24-hour race. A disaster-filled start included a crash on practice night, the loss of a chain-wheel crank bolt, collapsed wheels and three punctures. Despite these apparent obstacles, thanks to the efforts and expertise of the support crews of staff, students and parents, our vehicles still managed to perform well with Ricky-T-Racer coming 5th in its class and winning the Display & Presentation category, while Rollin’ with Rothers finished 2nd in its class and 7th overall. Over the 24 hours, it managed to complete 603 laps of the circuit – quite an achievement! These cars will be travelling around during Open Day – they really are quite spectacular to see.
Trips and Tours

The Renaissance Tour

On Boxing Day last year, a group of 25 Trinity and Ruyton students, led by Trinity’s foremost Renaissance expert Mr Smith, embarked upon a three-week tour of Italy. The tour was designed to enhance our understanding of the Italian Renaissance, but our immersion in a country so different from our own meant that our travels proved to be far more than a solely educational experience.

After a long and arduous flight we finally found ourselves in London, and as expected it was bitterly cold, raining and blowing a gale. While (in spite of the weather) it was a shame to leave a city like London only a few short days after arriving, most of us were more than consoled by the fact that we were on our way to what was, by all accounts, one of the most amazing and bizarre cities in the world, Venice. Our time in Venice was mostly devoted to touring the main historical and cultural sites, such as the Doge’s Palace, the Academy and the glassmaking island of Murano.

From Venice we travelled by bus to Florence, and this city is where we spent the largest amount of our time. We studied the impact that key families, such as the Medici, had on the development of this city, as well as how the social values of the time were reflected in its artwork and architecture.

The Renaissance Tour was first and foremost an educational one, and to that end it was a enormous success; the knowledge of Renaissance history that we gained over the course of the trip was significant. Those intangible aspects of the trip, however, that went beyond the realms of education will be, for many of us, most meaningful and long-lasting.

Josh Pryor (Year 12)

Murray River Marathon (Kayaking)

The Murray River Marathon, a 404km five-day kayaking event, has been run from Yarrawonga to Swan Hill for forty years. Trinity has been sending teams for almost 20 years, starting with David Bevan’s organisation in the early 1990s. This year marked the last time it would be organised during the Christmas-New Year break, when parents could ‘easily’ give their time as land crew to support their sons. Some of this ease would commence at 5:30am to start making breakfast or lunch, to break and transport camp, and to move boys and kayaks along the river.

In 2013, Trinity sent a team of 19 boys, including five students keen to maximise their Year 12 experience to the very last day. Patrick Maclean and Tom Noonan, who were competing in their sixth event, led our fastest Trinity Green team. They finished 2nd in the schools competition to an exceptionally strong Camberwell Grammar 18A team and were fourth fastest relay craft overall. The Trinity Gold team finished 4th in the schools competition while the younger Trinity Mitre team finished 5th, though a very strong 1st in the Under 16 competition against the Camberwell Grammar and Blue Mountains Grammar teams.

While it can be dangerous to single out the contribution of particular parents, the Murray Marathon would be a significantly less pleasant experience without Neil and Jake (OTG2010) Weatherson and Weatherson Foods Catering. Neil is a past-parent who has continued to support the Trinity Kayaking team beyond the departure of his sons from the School. Joe Alia has also been coaching the team for many years, and we thank him again for his efforts.

Mr Alan Daley

2013 Kayaking Captains. Patrick Maclean and Tom Noonan in fine form on the Murray

Alex Boyd and Leo Arthur prepare to take over from Ed Noonan and Tom Roberts with Andrew Roberts stabilising the Joe Alia

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The Philippines Connection
Post-Super Typhoon Haiyan

‘You cannot imagine the scene I saw when we reached the place.....it was devastated. All the houses were destroyed and washed away by the storm surge. It was as if an atomic bomb had literally been dropped in that place......when the people saw our two vehicles coming to their place, they all rushed in. We stopped in the shade of a big damaged tree and set up for our medical mission.’ This was the sight which greeted Pastor Choi when he travelled to the disaster zone. The funds raised by Trinity had been dispatched through International Needs, Melbourne and reached those who had literally been through hell and had somehow survived. Thousands did not and many of these were children.

The Trinity Community showed great compassion for the people gutted by the typhoon and over $18000 was raised. Originally the target was $10000 but this amount was soon exceeded thanks to the generosity of Trinity boys, families and friends. On the fundraising day the boys showed a brilliant solidarity for the Filipinos. I was so moved I teared up!

The trauma continues as people deal with grief, loss of homes, livelihoods and all other necessities of life. Choi recalls a conversation with one man, a father of three children, two of whom had passed away in the typhoon. One can pray that this parent and his family may one day come out of the darkness and somehow make sense of life again. It will be a long and difficult journey. There are so many stories of children who have been orphaned. Imagine the uncertainty they must feel about the future.

We are in constant communication with the ground parties in the Philippines both through International Needs, Australia and personally by email and Facebook. They are very tired and stressed by the devastation of life and the physical carnage they have confronted. We will continue to uphold them in prayer, to support them with friendship and continue to monitor their needs.

Thank you from our hearts for the love and compassion you have shown as the Trinity Community.

Southville National High School
Water Project Manila

2000 students do not have the benefits of running water in this school and the estate next to the school has 15500 families who do not have taps in their homes. There is only one water filtration plant to supply clean drinking water for the whole estate.

Trinity has undertaken to raise $7000 to ensure a water filtration system is installed in the school, ensuring clean running water for drinking and flushing toilets for the staff and students. This water supply will also service the people on the estate. All the students at Southville National High School come from this estate.

This commitment was made before the typhoon and so far $4800 has been raised. This means that there is not far to go so if you want to be part of a terrific solution for the students, your contribution will joyfully be received.

Rev Tom Stokes

The estate which is home to all the children attending Southville National High School
The best bits about it were probably the school visits and staying with the families. The first school visit was at Southville 5a High School. When we got there, it was clear that the whole school had come out to welcome us; it felt strange because they were all screaming and acting like we were celebrities. They then put on a big assembly with students showing off their amazing dancing and singing. When it started to rain, however, we moved into a classroom where we had a Q and A session with some of the students. That night we stayed with a local family - a new experience for all of us. This turned out to be great fun as the whole community came out and we had a big street party. The next morning we were up at the break of dawn to get ready for a day of classes and activities. When it was time to leave, it was sad saying goodbye to these people even though we had only known them for a short time.

After a couple of days in Manila, we travelled to Ligao where we visited Ligao National High School, which has around 4000 students! Once again we were welcomed like celebrities and treated like that for our entire stay. This time, we spent three nights with local families and participated in a full day of classes (7am to 4pm). I was in the SPA area which focuses on the performing arts so I had a lot of fun. We were also given access to the Principal’s office at any time, where there would always be snacks for us… and air conditioning.

This trip was an amazing experience that I will never forget. I strongly recommend it to everyone as you meet so many great people and do so many things that you would probably otherwise never have the opportunity to do.

**Lachie Clarke** (Year 10)
The Trinity Community

The Trinity Community

The Founders’ Day Fair
The Trinity Founders’ Day Fair captures the very essence of what is meant by ‘friend-raising and fundraising’. Many schools strive to achieve success in these areas and to get the right balance between the two. At Trinity it seems that the ‘friend-raising’ comes first and the ‘fundraising’ follows naturally when people are having fun and enjoying each other’s company. The Founders’ Day Fair, however fluid the organisers may make it look, certainly does not just happen naturally! The conveners, Mr Roger Bobbera and Mrs Dominique Harden worked tirelessly, admirably supported by the Fair Committee and teams of volunteers, to ensure that the event was, again, a resounding success.

Sustainability at Trinity
Sam Cornford and Harrison Rule are Trinity’s first ever Environment and Sustainability Captains. Both boys agree that their first and foremost goal is to promote greater environmental awareness within both the School and the wider community. They are excited about this new role and the opportunity it affords them to explore different ways to achieve their goal. Open Day will be the first large-scale forum to promote environmental values. Also on their agenda are plans to organise mobile phone recycling in the School and a fundraiser for the adoption of an Eastern Barred Bandicoot through the Melbourne Zoo.

From the Parents’ Association
This year has begun with a frenzy of activity as we not only welcomed new families and returning families but also a new Headmaster. The Parents’ Association hosted the New Parents’ Welcome which enables new parents within year levels to meet each other as well as members of the Parents’ Association and the conveners of the different parent groups at Trinity. These groups and their activities foster the Trinity community. The Class Representatives have already held some ‘friend-raising’ functions and will continue to do so throughout the year. Look out for the Green and Gold Ball on May 24, A Black Tie for a White Night, it should be a fantastic evening.

I encourage you to participate in the Trinity community, as there are many interest groups within the School such as Friends of Music, Friends of Art, Friends of Drama, Green Thumbs and Craft. Keep an eye on the Trinity News for community events, as some groups host MTC theatre nights or NGV Breakfasts. Other ways to become involved are by volunteering at the Trinity Swap Shop, a wonderful asset to parents of growing boys, or the Cafeteria, which could always use a spare pair of hands - even if it’s only once a term. We also always welcome volunteers for the Trinity Fair.

One of the activities of the Parents’ Association is to support the School through minor projects. We funded $20,169 worth of projects encompassing air-control timing system and cushions for a Prep reading corner, to name a few.

As outgoing President I would like to thank the Parents’ Association Committee for their outstanding commitment and support, the Convenors of all our parent groups, and of course all the volunteers, as you all contribute to making a very good school….GREAT!

Ms Lucy Muchic
President of the Parents’ Association

There was music aplenty at the Fair

Many thanks to all the parent volunteers, including Mike and Con, who helped make the event a success
With 2014 well and truly underway, the OTGA Committee is looking forward to a big year.

In our first meeting for the year, we were joined by the new Headmaster, Dr Michael Davies. It was obvious that everyone felt a good level of rapport with him and he had some great ideas to add to a few of our projects.

I was fortunate enough to attend Dr Davies’ Commissioning by Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne Dr Philip Freier which was held at St Paul’s Cathedral in February. The School celebrated the event in style. It was also wonderful to see our retiring Headmaster, Rick Tudor OAM, at the ceremony conferring his good wishes on Dr Davies.

The survey asking for Old Boys’ thoughts on how we can better serve past students is now available for your comment, and I welcome your thoughts.

We will continue our CBD business lunches in 2014, hold a dinner, and continue to better support our associated clubs: thespians, soccer, cricket and football. Reunions, functions and other events will also take place. Furthermore, we aim to further utilise social media to connect and communicate, including developing a new website, thereby enabling better access and functionality for all OTGs.

Please contact Sharon Kendall, at the School to update your contact details and to receive further details of events, on kendalls@trinity.vic.edu.au or 9854 3600.

As a committee, we look forward to another year of helping to bring together OTGs and continuing to support our community.

OTGA President

The Trinity Gift
Trinity hosted the inaugural Trinity Gift (like the Stawell Gift but smaller) at the Marles Playing Fields on 16 February. Over 200 athletes ran 70m, 120m, 300m, 400m or 1600m on a handicap system. It was a most successful day and the Daley Oval looked a treat.

Photographed are the key organiser OTG Tom Robertson, the Headmaster Dr Michael Davies and the Trinity Gift winner. Trinity will be pleased to host the event again next year.
2014 Reunions
Dates have been set for the following reunions which will be held during 2014. Invitations are sent by post approximately four weeks beforehand and for this reason we appreciate you keeping us up to date with notifications regarding change of address and contact information. If you have recently changed your details please email kendalls@trinity.vic.edu.au

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We will also host some regional reunions later in the year in Ballarat, Gippsland and Geelong. These reunions will provide an opportunity for OTGs to catch up over lunch or dinner and hear about current happenings in the School.

OTGA CBD Lunch with Rick Tudor
On November 29, 2013 some 120 Old Trinity Grammarians gathered at the RACV Club to hear Mr Rick Tudor, retiring Trinity Headmaster reflect on his forty-year career in teaching. In a very thought provoking speech, peppered with some hilarious anecdotes, Rick provided some insights into how teaching methods had changed but the essential qualities of a good teacher remained constant. The audience gave him a standing ovation both to recognise the wisdom of his words but also the magnificent contribution he has made to the School in his fifteen years as Headmaster.

Matt Hale, Nick Burke, Matthew Kepitis, Sam Smith, Tom Corini, Robbie Gillies, Nathan Merzvinskis and Dan Smith

Andrew Heyhoe, Jacob Cherian, Nick Burke and Marcus Del Rio

Nathan Merzvinskis and Tim Lane

Neil Williams, Rick Tudor and David Orford

Peter McIntyre, Murray Verso, Rod Lyle, Neil Williams, John Daniel, Russell Jones and Stuart Stockdale

Peter Tibballs, Tony Scott and David Barnes

Terry White, Noel Frame, John Sutcliffe and Lyn Boyes
The 2013–14 season saw mixed results for the Old Boys’ Cricket Club. With a tough draw, the First XI began the season with two close losses to a traditional foe – Old Xavier. A mid-season recovery brought a string of victories, including against undefeated reigning premiers Melbourne High. Despite this fight back, luck was not on the side of the First XI who finished mid-table and out of the Finals for the first time in a number of years. After its inaugural season in 2012–13, the Second XI made some strong gains this summer with a number of well-earned victories and some tight losses against top-four teams to ultimately finish mid-table. The most positive outcome from the 2013–14 season was the growing popularity of the Club with over 50 Old Boys playing at least one match. The Club is planning to expand into a third team for the 2014–15 season and is keen to recruit new talent. Please contact Hugh Krantz if you are interested in joining OTG Cricket for the 2014–15 season.

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The Old Boys managed a respectable mid-table finish, with some admirable performances coming late in the year. A notable achievement was winning the 2013 AGSV Old Boys’ Cup against Ivanhoe, 2–1. Off the field, the Club had some fantastic social events, the most successful of which was the end of year Trivia Night. Over 120 Old Boys and friends filled the P&F Hall; hopefully this can be repeated in the coming year.

The new year has brought fresh faces to the Club, both players and staff, and it still isn’t too late to get involved. 2014 is shaping up to be another great year for OTG Soccer, so we encourage departing Year 12s to come and join our pre-season, beginning in February at Bulleen. This is a great way to continue your relationship with the School and enjoy some soccer with friends.

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Unfortunately, our Finals campaign started with a loss to Old Brighton in the second semi-final and then a one point win against Old Melbourne at the old Coburg Oval, in the Preliminary Final. The Grand Final was close and we had the opportunities on the day but Old Brighton ran out 11 point winners. The loss was enough, however, to earn us promotion to A grade for the 2014 season.

OTGAFC also had some magnificent personal achievements in 2013 with Brendan Iezzi, Ned Hunt and Gabriel Hamilton gaining VAFA selection, with Gabe captain of the successful U19 group. Duncan Moore representing the VAFA against New Zealand in NZ and Ned Hunt travelling to Ireland as part of the VAFA U23 squad were also fine achievements. The club is looking forward to 2014 with great optimism and, with minimal player losses, we look to be very competitive this season.

We have gathered together for pre-season buoyed by the influx of old players returning or having recuperated from long term injuries: Matt Kilpin and Will Oldfield are leading that charge respectively. We are also thrilled with the influx of new lads from School with Polidoros, Scott, Beasley, Tyson and Holloway showing early promise from their excellent runners-up performance at AGSV level in 2013. All coaches have been re-appointed with Adam Andrews in charge of the group. We welcome Steve Galloway as head physiotherapist and Speros Beasley appointed again as the Under 19 coach.

Come and support the Club! Join the Greenbacks as past players by contacting Clint Hillas on 0402 203 681 or the Club via our website oldtrinityfc.com.au or sign up to our app at teamapp.com.au You can also call Gil on 0418 365 101 or Tony on 0419 598 279 for further information.

“We strive to be a complete football club not just a place to play football.”

Tony Gale
OTG AFC Director of Football

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Ruyton alumna Mollie Farrell (2011), directed by Ruyton alumna Emily Keene (2009) and artistically directed by OTG Club Secretary Mollie Farrell (2011), directed by Ruyton alumna Emily Keene (2009) and artistically directed by OTG Theatre's Sam Ward (OTG2011) received the award for Best Male Performer in a Variety. OTG Theatre was thrilled with this outcome and is looking forward to another successful season with the production of ‘The Importance of Being Earnest’ this April. The classic comedy will be held in Trinity Grammar School’s P&F Hall during the last week of Term 1. The company’s inaugural play attracted over 70 auditionees and, after great consideration and deliberation, a strong cast of funny and quick-witted actors was selected, including OTGs Ben Stanford (2010) and Thomas Little (2013) who take on the roles of Algernon and Jack respectively. The show is production-managed by Ruyton alumna Mollie Farrell (2011), directed by Ruyton alumna Emily Keene (2009) and artistically directed by OTG Theatre's Sam Ward (OTG2011) received the award for Best Male Performer in a Variety. OTG Theatre was thrilled with this outcome and is looking forward to another successful season with the production of ‘The Importance of Being Earnest’ this April. The classic comedy will be held in Trinity Grammar School’s P&F Hall during the last week of Term 1. The company’s inaugural play attracted over 70 auditionees and, after great consideration and deliberation, a strong cast of funny and quick-witted actors was selected, including OTGs Ben Stanford (2010) and Thomas Little (2013) who take on the roles of Algernon and Jack respectively. The show is production-managed by
News of Old Boys

Congratulations to OTGs Luke McDonald (2007-12), Tom Cutler (2008-13) and Jay Kennedy Harris (2009-12) who were all selected in the November AFL Draft. Luke was selected pick 8 and will be playing at North Melbourne, Tom was selected at pick 33 and will join the Brisbane Lions and Jay was selected pick 40 and will be playing for the Demons. All three of these boys were part of Trinity’s 2012 AGSV Premiership team. Jay joins Dom Tyson (2006-11) playing at Melbourne. We wish them all the best in their careers.

Mick Coupland (1953-63) recently retired after 20 years running his recruitment business in Blackburn. Prior to that, he worked in personnel and management consultancy roles for many years.

Chris Potts (1996-03) is area manager for Fonterra, East Gippsland and has been chosen as one of six young Victorian dairy leaders to visit New Zealand in February on a United Dairyfarmers of Victoria Study tour.

Bryce Iseppi (1992-97) recently announced his engagement to Anne Sharma. Bryce is a Director at Jenison Construction and Development, a family business. Bryce and Anne will marry late 2014.

Ryan Hillas (1995-00) became engaged to Shalini whilst in Pangkor Laut, Malaysia in late-2013. They plan to marry in 12 to 18 months.


Hugh Doyle (2000-03) announced his engagement to Katie Hansen.


Gavin Davis (1983-95) announced his engagement to Rachael Lethbridge. Gavin is working in London.


In Memoriam

We were saddened to hear of the passing of the following members of the Trinity Community. Our deepest sympathies go to their family and friends.

Len Ryder (1942-48) sadly died in late 2013. Len regularly stayed in contact with the School, particularly for the Scout Reunions and the Gold Mitre Lunches.

Robert Stella (2001-04) passed away in January after a long battle with cancer. Robert was living in England and his parents are working to support cancer charities in the UK.

David Chesterfield (1944-47). David died in January after a long battle with illness. David was a member of the OTG Tennis Club for many years and was a regular attendee at Gold Mitre events. David and his wife Gwenneth were great supporters of the School. David’s sons Mark (1968-74), Ian (1970-76) and John (1972-79) all attended Trinity as did his brother Neil (1946-49). A memorial service for David was held at the (School) Chapel of the Holy Trinity.

David Wood (1951-57) passed away in Narbonne, France late 2013. David and his wife Nancy had lived in Tourouzelle for the past decade. He was a chorister in the St Paul’s Cathedral Choir, along with his two brothers Michael (1953-59) and Clarrice (1954-66).

Donald Macaw (1948-49) sadly passed away late 2013. Donald was a regular at the Gold Mitre Lunches and his grandson currently attends Trinity.
BRAD NELSEN (1986-89) has been appointed to Firbank Grammar School as Head of Junior School, Sandringham campus. Brad was Assistant Principal, Head of Junior School at Ruyton Girls’ School from mid-2007 to the end of 2013.

Congratulations to JEREMY SETTLE (1996-01) and his wife Sally on the birth of their son Owen. Jeremy’s father ANDREW (1970-73) is on staff at Trinity and is a beaming grandfather!

STEPHEN ROSS (1983-88) is currently enrolled at Deakin University and undertaking his Graduate Certificate in Counselling and Coaching.

DAVID JAMES (1950-55) and his wife completed the Melbourne to Osaka double-handed yacht race. More recently, David’s son followed in his parents’ footsteps and also completed the same race!

JAMES CORK (1994-03) is now living and working in New York.

PADDY HERROD (1994-06) is teaching at St John’s School, Roma which is located in the Western Darling Downs area of Queensland.

Congratulations to OTTO CHEN (2009-10) and REUBEN LIM (2003-10) who have been accepted into the Melbourne Medical School for their second degrees.

Stephen Ross

ALAN ESKANDER (1986-93) and his partner Suzy Wilson welcomed the birth of their first child, a son, Arlo Michael, in February 2014.

We congratulate SCOTT KERTES (1992-97) and his wife Christy on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Charlize Grace born in January 2014, weighing 8 pounds.

Australia Day Awards

Congratulations to the following Old Boys who were recognised for their service in the 2014 Australia Day Awards with the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division:

Dr GRAHAM CATO OAM (1960-66) for service to community health, and to surf lifesaving.

Mr WILLIAM OAKLEY OAM (1960-65) for service to the community through voluntary roles with youth, service and recreational organisations.
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Mitchell is heading back to Europe after being part of the winning Greenedge team in the recent Sun Tour. He turned professional in 2006 and has ridden for Drapac Porsche and Skil Shimano before signing for Orica Greenedge in 2012. Mitchell has had some impressive performances in tours in Asia and Europe, most notably the Paris-Roubaix known by professional cyclists as the ‘Hell of the North’. How did you start your cycling career? In 2000, we travelled up to Sydney to watch some of the Olympic Games. We were lucky through the ballot process to receive tickets to the cycling events. That particular night ended up being the most exciting, as Australia won a gold and a silver medal in the Madison and Keirin events respectively. After this I remember saying to Dad, ‘Wow, what’s this track cycling?! It’s awesome, can I have a go?’ We always watched the Tour de France and Dad cycled casually, so cycling wasn’t too foreign to me, but track cycling was something new and exciting. After this night, Dad took me down to the Brunswick Cycling Club, where they ran (and still run) a free cycling clinic for juniors on a Sunday morning throughout the summer. They had bikes at the Club so I got the opportunity to learn how to race. Pretty much from that time on, I have been hooked. A few race wins here and there and the winter road season sounded very enticing! From there, I pretty much progressed through the ranks each year on the track and road to where I am today. How do you stay in touch with family and friends whilst travelling overseas? We watch UCI cycling events including the great European Tours. They are gruelling endurance events. What sort of training do you do to prepare for such an event? It’s difficult to keep good contact with everyone back home, especially with my mates. It’s probably the thing that is the hardest during the year, the time away from family and friends. The races are tough, the Australian scene is building up now, but it is very different in Europe. After my first season in Europe I was ready to call it quits, I just couldn’t see how I could ever be able to compete in the races, but as time has gone on, what everyone told me has ended up happening. I have become stronger physically and mentally; now I have finally noticed I am able to sometimes get in there and mix it up a bit. How did attending a school like Trinity assist you in your career? The thing that separates me from a lot of other guys in the peloton, is perhaps my ability to talk and have interests away from the bike. I believe that Trinity really helped me to become the more rounded person I am today. Cycling is a huge part of my life at the moment, but I believe Trinity has allowed me to keep in touch with the world outside of cycling. How important has ORICA Greenedge been to Australian Cycling? Very important! I think it has given the Australian public, who are interested in cycling, a team to follow and therefore it has brought about increased awareness of the sport in Australia. It also opened up a pathway for good Australian cycling talent to get into the European circuit. You recently signed for another two years with ORICA, what are your goals for 2014-2015 season? My main goals will be to do well during the Spring Cobbled Classics (March/April), in races like the Tour of Flanders and Paris Roubaix. I have found over the past few years that these are the races that suit me best. This year I will also be racing in two of the Grand Tours: the Giro d’Italia and Vuelta Espana. I have more specific goals related to these two races. I would like to ride in the Tour de France in the not too distant future, but time will tell. If you had some advice for our current students about being successful in professional sport, what would it be? I think one of the most important factors is to have a life outside your sport. At times, becoming and then being a professional sportsman in any sport can seem like everything. What keeps you sane in the hard moments of your sporting career, is being able to switch off and enjoy other things in life. Life after cycling? I was able to finish my degree in Food Science and Nutrition before I headed overseas. Given the nature of cycling with its strong emphasis on diet and food and that it is such a central part of my life, I would love to continue in that field and leverage off the knowledge I have gained from cycling.

Noel Stevens interviews Mitchell Docker (OTG 2004) who currently rides with the Orica Greenedge Cycling Team.