



Editorial

Archie Shaw and Matt Clayton, Co-Captains of Faith and Outreach

What a cracking start to the year! While Harambee managed to show remarkable resilience through the disruptions of 2020, it now feels better than ever to be back at school gathering, supporting and spreading awareness with the full force of a truly remarkable cohort of boys from across the school. Already this year, we have seen an enthusiasm and level of involvement from both boys and staff that is reaching what we think are record levels and showing no signs of slowing down!

Our ministries at Africa Homework Club are being regularly attended by a wide range of boys every week, with staff from across the school getting involved too. The success of our International Women's Day event and the World's Greatest Shave are testament to the passion of our group and keenness for involvement from the whole community, more on those events below.

While of course immersions and trips are still limited by COVID, the seeds of outreach are still being planted across the school, and our commitment to supporting our overseas ministries is unwavering. Below, you can hear from Ethan Orr about some exciting things we have planned for Term 2 - "the biggest event in the history of Harambee", to quote Mr Purcell. A massive thank you is due to the school leadership team for their incredible support, and of course to all the students and staff who got involved this term. We can't wait to get back to doing the good work with you all in Term 2.



You Matter and International Women's Day

Ahmaey Coelho

The You Matter Foundation is a charity that provides furniture and home furnishings for victims of domestic violence, but it is so much more than that. You Matter takes up the mantle of an often-unappreciated step to escaping domestic violence. There are plenty of agencies that deal with the initial house finding and safety, but after that, transitioning to a normal life is often the most difficult part of the process. This is where You Matter steps in: once a residence has been selected, the team moves in and fully furnishes the house, with everything from washing machines to toastie makers, with every part of the house being furnished to an Airbnb level of quality and aesthetic.



So, where do the Trinity Boys come into this? Since You Matter relies on the kind donations of the public to get their furniture, it needs to be picked up, transported, stored, and then delivered to the new home, all of which needs a degree of manual labour. And that's where we come in. Every Saturday from about 1-4 PM, three to five students and two adults drive around the suburbs with a truck, picking up donations and delivering them to the You Matter warehouse. I had the honour of being a part of the inaugural team, and seeing the kindness that people are willing to show was astonishing to me. Entire couch sets, dining tables, beds, appliances and so much more. Despite the rain and the cold, I can say wholeheartedly that the entire team found the afternoon immensely rewarding.

Our work with You Matter was also part of our wider efforts to celebrate International Women's Day, and many boys and staff purchased purple ribbons to raise money for this worthwhile cause. We managed to raise over \$1,300 to support You Matter's work, and I'm sure that I speak for the whole Harambee Team when I say that I look forward to continuing our work with You Matter.

"Australians are increasingly aware of the prevalence of domestic violence within our society and You Matter aims to be part of the solution"

- You Matter -



The World's Greatest Shave

Oscar Howard, Cowen House Vice-Captain

On Friday the 12th of March, Harambee held an event as part of the World's Greatest Shave. A number of students and teachers shaved their luscious locks at lunchtime, and money donated went to support research into and treatments for Leukemia through the Leukemia Foundation. The shaving of one's head is a show of solidarity with those who suffer from cancer and lose their hair in treatment, and the community was incredibly generous in supporting the passionate boys and teachers who participated. To support around a dozen boys and staff, including Niv Gill, Andrew Hain, Olek Beavis, Mr Brown and others, over \$4,700 was raised, with over \$1,630 being raised by Oscar Cranshaw from Year 7 in a truly remarkable effort. After having his own head shaved, Max Yakubowski ably compered, making the day truly one to remember. Thanks to everyone who supported this great event.



Upcoming Event - 'Harambee Sundee'

Ethan Orr, School Vice Captian

'Harambee Sundee' is an event that will take place on 16 May this year. Our aim is to make it an annual event that is an integral part of Trinity life and culture. It is very similar to previous large-scale fundraising events at Trinity such as the Bushfire Appeal and Dawn to Dusk Walkathon. It will involve the Trinity community running, rowing or riding for as long as they can on stationary machines to raise funds for and awareness of Harambee's causes. Our vision for this event is that it will be a reliable source of fundraising to support Harambee's ministries for years to come. It will also be a challenge where as a school community we will tally the overall distance travelled on the exercise machines for that day, and in each year to come we will attempt to run/ride/row further than in previous years.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, others need our help more than ever before. Melbourne is in a far better shape than many areas of the world, including Africa and remote communities in Australia who have found the challenge of accessing food, housing, jobs and health care and education even more difficult post-COVID-19. Through 'Harambee Sundee' we can use our position of privilege to make real positive change where it is needed most. All proceeds of the event will go towards Harambee's ministries with HopeBuilders in Africa and Gunbalanya in the Northern Territory, as well as local causes including Good Grub and You Matter, and many other worthy causes.

This annual event will become instantly recognisable as a piece of the furniture in our calendar, reinforcing the values of the school to boys and demonstrating our commitment in this area to the wider community. We look forward to seeing as many boys from the Trinity community in the gym, running, riding or rowing to show our support for people less fortunate and making the world a better place!

