



Week 1-2 | Term 4 | 2023

TRINITY TRIBUNE

The recent school holidays witnessed significant behind-the-scenes efforts to enhance our school environment and provide an enriching experience for our students.

Games:

Our dedicated staff went above and beyond, investing time during the holidays to introduce new games in the Treehouse area specifically designed for primary students. Beyond the evident fun factor, these games boast educational value, creating a perfect blend that enhances both learning and enjoyment.



Two additional handball courts were added to the ground level Da Vinci area and our Year 12 Industrial Technology students have completed their final

project making a play deck for the Primary School students to use at the Basin Playground.



Line Marking:

In the concluding week of the holidays, we enlisted professional services to meticulously line mark our oval. In an exciting development, we also acquired our own professional line marking machine. This strategic addition ensures that we can uphold the highest standards of line quality throughout the year, all managed in-house.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM FOUR

WEEK THREE

Year 10 Respectful Relationships Workshop

Wednesday, 18 October

Year 4-6 Toy World Soccer Cup

Friday, 20 October

WEEK FOUR

Year 6 Camp - Emerald

Tuesday, 24 October -

Friday, 27 October

K - 5 Kaboom Percussion Presentation

Tuesday, 24 October

WEEK FIVE

Year 2 Calliope Historical Village

Monday, 30 October

Year 5 Camp - Boyne Island

Wednesday, 1 November -

Friday, 3 November

WEEK SIX

Year 10 RACQ Driver IQ Presentation

Friday, 10 November

DRAGSTERS

With exciting developments and opportunities in the CO2 energy industry, Trinity College places great emphasis on it in the classroom and STEM subjects.

A group of Year 8 students participated in the Queensland Finals of the country wide CO2 Dragster Challenge recently and achieved fantastic results.

Isabella Hopkins aced the challenge to win the Judges' award with her innovative design of a mouse chewing on a cheese block. Isabella said while initially she was not very sure of her idea, she was inspired by the support she got from her Design Technology teacher, Mr Mark Hodge, as well as Mr Andrew Young.

In the Teacher's category Mr Young's dragster proved to be a red-hot firecracker when he kicked sand in the eyes of his competitors and ended up with the fastest time overall.

In this competition, cars race on a 20 metre track and can cross the finish line in just over a second, travelling at an astonishing top speed of around 90km/h. They must adhere to strict weight, length and width specifications

as well as show a level of design finesse, something that Trinity's students passed with flying colours.

On top of Isabellas' and Mr Young's success, several students received certificates of participation, including Brackley Limpus, Hunter Lens van Ryhn, Chase Fuller, Marley Smith and Makayla Anderson.



KINDY NEWS

Recently our Kindy students put on their best Superhero costumes to raise funds and awareness for Muscular Dystrophy.

For a gold coin donation, the children dressed up as Superheroes, learnt that Jesus is our biggest Superhero, created superhero masks and crowns and played superhero games together.



YEAR 11 AQUATIC PRACTICES

Recently, Year 11 Aquatic Practices students spent a day assisting with the Facing Island Cleanup. It was a great day where students walked 11.7kms, filled twenty-one 56L bags, 4730 items (about 2000 of those by Trinity students), 111kgs of rubbish and 18000 steps.

This Cleanup effort managed to remove debris from the entire beach starting at Farmers Point all the way around The Oakes and South to East Point.

All the students did a great job, put in a huge effort with full participation. They did Trinity proud!



MENTOR GROUPS

Year 7 and 12 have bonded throughout the year in their mentor groups.

They shared likes and dislikes, highs and lows, and participated in activities together. The seniors have enjoyed their time with the Year 7 group and have seen them grow into confident secondary school students being able to share with them valuable tips and guidance to get the most out of their schooling.

It was fantastic to witness the mentor program and see how much students have grown together.



2024 FEES

Trinity College has emailed out the Fees for 2024, the Notification of Payment and, for those families who access our rebates, a new Income Assessed Rebate application for completion.

Trinity College endeavours to balance fee increases with educational and facility deliverables. As with all sectors, Trinity College has experienced increases in expenditures and have had to move to ensure sufficient income to make sure we are able to meet these commitments. Our fee increases have had to accommodate unprecedented increases in Insurances (up to 46%) and Electricity (up to 19%). Further to this we wish to continue investing in high-quality, researched backed approaches for classroom delivery of curriculum in a differentiated, engaging manner with accountability so that students are not just supported but extended in their classes.

While continuing to improve physical areas onsite for Trinity, and interest rates impacting us as much as our families, we wish to ensure we can continue to build into what Trinity delivers. Within the maintenance program for 2024, Trinity College has included equipment replacements (eg. air-conditioning upgrades to support our learning areas) and upgrades to essential traffic areas such as the roadway near the marked pedestrian crossing.

Trinity College continues to receive Government support for our students, however the Government Funding model has resulted in an increase insufficient to meet these growing costs based on their assessment of our parent demographic. As we have a diverse nature of family situations within our College, Trinity College provides a tiered rebate system for families based on income thresholds and number of children within the family. If you would like the opportunity to apply for the rebate, please contact Finances@trinitygladstone.qld.edu.au and request a copy of the Income Assessed Rebate Application.

Danielle Ellis, Business Manager

WEDDING OF THE CENTURY

On Sunday, 17 September Trinity staff and student got to witness the marriage of Mark and Kate Hodge at Port City Christian Church. It was a beautiful celebration of a much loved Trinity couple.

