



## Message From The Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa

Our inaugural Trinity Day was a resounding success. It started with a shared staff breakfast, followed by a school Mass led by Fr Hook, with students then going on to enjoy a variety of fun activities. The day concluded with the whole school joining together and performing our haka. In keeping with our faith-based values, the day also included a call to donate basic necessities such as non-perishable food items, toiletries, and other essential supplies. These items can make a significant positive impact on individuals and families in Dunedin who are facing challenging circumstances. A great example of social justice in action. Each one of us is a part of Christ's body. We all have different functions, but we are called to be his hands and feet since we are all called to serve one another and to love one another: "All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27).

I look forward to welcoming both existing and new families to the Trinity Catholic College Open Day on Sunday 30 July. This is an excellent opportunity to show the benefits of a Catholic, co-educational, Year 7-13 college education. There is much for us to be proud of, and the staff and students always enjoy the opportunity to share with the community on Open Day what Trinity has to offer regarding curriculum, extra-curricular activities, and pastoral support.

On Thursday 15 June, Te Whetū Tirama members attended the regional Ngā Manu Kōrero speech competition in the Dunedin Town Hall. They supported our speaker Patrick Cotter (Year 12) who was participating in the Korimako/Senior English section. It was a great opportunity for our rangatahi to hear inspiring and provocative speeches in te reo Māori and English.

Professional learning and development undertaken this term includes enhancing the capacity of staff within their faculties around inclusive pedagogies, differentiated teaching, and effective feedback strategies. Industrial action from the PPTA Te Wehengarua has continued into this term which is placing some pressure on students and staff to meet curriculum delivery timelines. It is important that all students have appropriately trained and qualified teachers supporting and guiding their learning. It is my hope that the Ministry of Education and PPTA can come to an agreement quickly.

Thanks to the Trinity Catholic College PFA for organising a successful Raffle in Term 1 and a Bingo Night in Term 2. These two events raised just over \$8,000 and will support the purchase of EPro8 Electronic Technology and Construction kits along with some more equipment for students to use at break times.

Kate Nicholson returns from her well-deserved sabbatical next term, and I look forward to returning to my usual role of Deputy Principal. I wish everyone a warm and wonderful holiday break.

*Ngā manaakitanga*

*Steve Read, Acting Principal*



Ngā Manu Kōrero is regarded as an important event for developing oratory skills and providing the stage for young people to express their views. The speech contest is intended to encourage the development of skills and confidence of Māori students in spoken English and te reo Māori. In addition, the Māori section is open to all students as part of a strategy to support everyone to learn and speak te reo Māori.



## Pink Shirt Day at Trinity

Pink Shirt Day this year was a huge success! As you may know, Pink Shirt Day is an annual anti-bullying campaign that aims to promote kindness, empathy, and compassion in schools and communities. On Pink Shirt Day (Friday 19 May) Aotearoa, as well as Trinity, was transformed into a sea of māwhero/pink as we all stood together to spread aroha, celebrate diversity, and end bullying!

Everyone was encouraged to wear pink on the day to show their support. Throughout the day we ran a clothing station where students brought extra unwanted pink clothing and, in turn, these items were used by students who didn't have anything pink to wear.

The most popular activity of the day was our Pink Shirt Day Photo Booth. The booth ran at interval and lunchtime and was enjoyed tremendously by our students. We've now made these photos into a wonderful display at school. There was also a canteen voucher up for grabs for the pinkest outfit spotted during the day. At interval, there was a chalk art competition with the theme of "How do we see kindness in our world?". We saw so many wonderful, colourful creations ranging from kindness quotes to actions of respect seen throughout the community. A mini house competition was run among our Year 7s for the most pink worn, and we're pleased to announce that the winner of the Pink Shirt Day House Competition was Rice House. Great effort guys!

Pink Shirt Day was all about recognising diversity in our community and making a difference to promote a culture of kindness here at Trinity. Thank you to everyone who participated in the activities and wore pink. It was such an amazing display of Trinity's values. Thank you all so much for your support.

*Olivia Oram, Wellbeing Prefect*



## Social Justice

Social justice is an important part of who we are at Trinity and, throughout the year, students have the opportunity to take part in various social justice activities by willingly giving their time to do things for others or help in the community. Some of the many things that Trinity students are involved with include:

- Attending Edmund Rice camps as leaders
- Assisting the St Francis of Assisi Trust at Mercy Parish prepare meals for the community
- Raising money for various charities or disasters
- Organising can drives

Earlier this year the head students organised a non-uniform day and successfully raised over \$2,000 for the Catholic schools in the areas impacted by cyclone Gabrielle, while on Trinity Day the Young Vinnies Group ran a Can Drive and they successfully collected a significant number of items. Showing our unity and compassion for those in need is central to our school values and our special character.





# Sports Update

## Senior Catholic Sports Tournament

In the last week of Term 1, a group of Trinity Catholic College students went up to Oamaru for the annual catholic school sports tournament played between Trinity, Verdon, St Kevin's, and St Peter's. Excitement levels were very high this year as it was the first time since 2020 that all four of the southern catholic schools would be participating, with the past two years being affected by Covid.

Over the two days, we were able to pick up some good results with the boys football winning both of their games in convincing fashion, while the girls football team achieved two wins out of their three games. The boys basketball faced some pretty stiff competition, but still ended up getting one win out of their three games over the weekend.

The hockey team delivered two great performances, but unfortunately ended down in both of their very close games. The netball team was using the tournament as a trial for their upcoming season and showed some great promise for the year ahead.

For the first ever time, chess and e-sports teams also came along for the ride and played some great competitive games. It was awesome to see some new and exciting action going on at the tournament.

Overall, Trinity placed second in the tournament and will be hoping to make that one better next year. A huge thanks to all of the coaches and staff that came with us and help this event happen every year.

*Lachie Tait, Sports Prefect*

## Cross Country Series

Unfortunately our own Trinity Catholic College cross country had to be cancelled early in the term because of bad weather. However, over the last few weeks a number of Trinity students have participated in a variety of other cross country events with some great results.

### Logan Park Road Race

Brooke Cathro - 4th in the Junior Girls  
Tomas La Hood - 5th in the Junior Boys  
Jeremy Meikle, Joseph Brennan, Tomas La Hood & Brooke Cathro - 5th in the Open Relay

### Otago/Southland Cross Country Relay

Brooke Cathro, Angelus Parker, Made Newson & Asher Armstrong - 2nd in the Junior Mixed section  
Oliver Lodge, Jeremy Meikle, Joseph Brennan & Tomas La Hood - 3rd in the Senior Boys section

### Otago Cross Country Champs

Asher Armstrong - 5th in the Boys U14  
Angelus Parker - 8th in the Boys U15  
Made Newson - 10th in the Girls U14



## Volleyball

Congratulations to the Trinity students listed below who were all selected to represent Otago in the Inter-Provincial Volleyball Championships in Napier during King's Birthday weekend:

Evie de Graaf  
Paige Clark  
Alice Kelsall  
Luke Tili  
Hannah Davis-Gorrie



## School Musical - The Addams Family



In Term 2, Trinity Catholic College presented the musical *The Addams Family*. We had been planning this production for two years as we ended up having to postpone it in 2022 because of Covid restrictions, so it was very exciting to finally get this show onto the stage. We had wonderful audiences every night, including a full house for the last show, which was a brilliant way to finish.

The musical provides a great opportunity for students from across the whole school to come together with Year 7s through to Year 13s taking part. It's a massive undertaking and this year involved more than 100 students (in the cast, band, and tech crew), as well as a large production team and various other assistants and helpers. A huge amount of time and energy was put into learning lines and songs, sorting harmonies, characterisation development, creating choreography, band practices, designing costumes, creating sets, planning lighting and much, much more - but the end product was a spectacular show and a fantastic experience for all the students involved.

*The Addams Family* was a very fun and entertaining show with plenty of humour, catchy songs, and some very interesting and quirky characters. A massive thank you to everyone who contributed in some way to this production and helped make it such a success, all those who supported the students involved, and the hundreds of people who came and watched a performance (or two).

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# Performing Arts

## Shakespeare Festival

At the end of Term 1, a number of Trinity Catholic College students spent the day immersed in Shakespearean drama as they participated in the regional Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival.

Eight schools and approximately 125 students from Dunedin participated and throughout the day presented either 5-minute student-directed scenes or 15-minute teacher-directed scenes. Trinity entered four different 5-minute scenes in the festival from *King Lear*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Othello*, and *The Tempest*.



Two of our four scenes (*Othello* and *The Tempest*) made it through to the final showcase in the evening which was a fantastic achievement and our students received a number of awards:

- Denise Walsh Memorial Trophy for the Best Ensemble - Trinity Catholic College (*Othello*)
- Notable Performance Award - Amalie Latton
- Notable Performance Award - Isaac Tili
- Best Student Director - Ted Kerr-Bell (*Othello*)
- Runner-Up, Direct Entry to NSSP (National Shakespeare Schools Performance) - Amalie Latton



## RockQuest

Trinity had six bands perform in the regional heats of the SmokeFree RockQuest in May which was awesome. RockQuest is a nationwide, live music event for youth and all the songs performed have to be original compositions written by one or more of the band members. Huge congratulations to Trinity's King Electric Blue (Sophie Jonathan, Camila Barns, Daniel Ryan, Liam Davis, Evie Dummer) who won the APRA Lyric Award for their song "Ina hoa pono ki a koe - True Friend to You".



## Shakespeare Composition Success

Oliver Lodge (Year 12) was selected as a finalist in the Shakespeare Globe Centre NZ/Morrison Music Trust Shakespeare Composition Competition and, as a result, got to spend King's Birthday weekend in Wellington attending the National Shakespeare Festival.



Oliver was able to watch the different Shakespeare scenes presented by the schools that had won the regional competitions throughout New Zealand, and he also attended the prizegiving where his composition was awarded 3rd place (in New Zealand).

Oliver's composition, entitled "Stars Hide Fire", focuses on the character of Macbeth and expresses the way his ambition spirals out of control and eventually leads to his downfall and destruction.



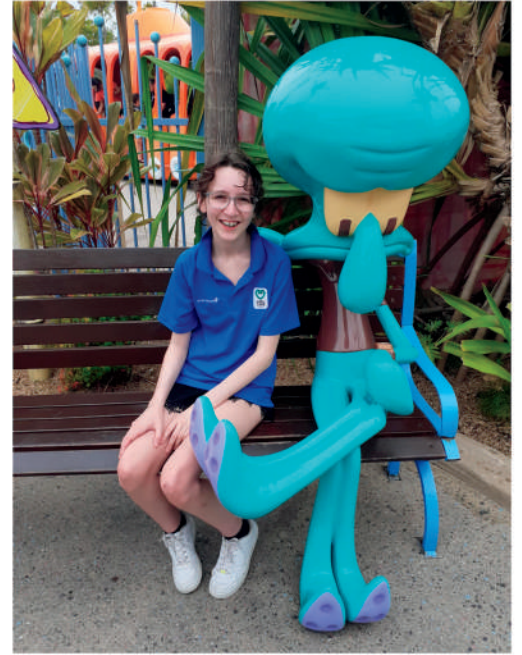
## Trip to the Gold Coast

Earlier this year, I had the opportunity to travel to the Gold Coast in Australia with the Koru Care Club. We spent six days getting away from our normal daily lives, having fun and lots of relaxation. We went to Sea World, Dreamworld, and Movie World and we went swimming lots at our resort hotel.

I made lots of new friends who, like me, were away from our parents for the first time. We experienced our first taste of independence as young adults. It was the first trip out of New Zealand for all of us. We had supervisors who provided our main meals, but we had to make our own lunch snack packs to take with us each day.

My favourite experience was going on all the rides at the theme parks, especially "Storm" at Sea World. I really enjoyed my time on the Gold Coast thanks to Koru Care.

*Lizzy Peacock, 12LEW*



## Board Update

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Read for his leadership as Acting Principal this term while Kate Nicholson has been on sabbatical. We look forward to her returning in Term 3 and sharing her learnings with all of us.

The recent school musical, *The Addams Family*, was a wonderful example of the high calibre of the performing arts in the school. There were over 100 students involved in this production and the audiences each night thoroughly enjoyed the show. A tremendous thank you to all those involved with the musical - the students on the stage and in the band, the staff who willingly gave so much of their time, the alumni who supported the band, the student tech crew, and the parent and other volunteers behind the scenes who all came together to make this an outstanding production.

Term 2 has also seen the return of winter sports and the College is well represented in multiple sporting codes across the city. Thank you to the staff, parents, and alumni who coach and manage the many teams we have.

In May, the College received its Catholic Special Character Evaluation for Development report. The purpose of this evaluation is to assess how effective the school is in managing faith and special character. This includes evaluating the efficacy of the Religious Education programme and how the whole school community engages in authentic Catholic witness and evangelisation. The evaluation noted the previous recommendations from the 2019 external review had been met. The panel members commended the Principal for her leadership in relation to the special character of the College. The report notes that the Board and the Senior Leadership Team work in unity with a high level of expertise and a strong pastoral emphasis. The result of this is a vibrant Catholic college with an evangelising influence that extends across the city's network of Catholic schools. The full report is available in the special character section on the school website.

Positive outcomes from external evaluations such as this are not achieved without significant cohesion, commitment, and support of the leadership team, together with the teaching and support staff. The Board sincerely appreciates the contribution all staff make to Trinity Catholic College.

The Board's meeting dates are on the school calendar and the contact details for the Board, as well as the Board's policies and procedures, can be found on the school's website. We welcome attendance at meetings and feedback from the community.

The Board wishes all staff and students a restful break after a busy term.

*Barb Long*

*Presiding Member, Board of Trinity Catholic College*



## Year 12 Retreat

The Year 12 Retreat took place early in Term 2. For many students, this was their first time going on a Catholic school retreat so there were lots of questions about what it was and what they would be doing. The answer given was that it is like a camp to bring the year group closer together.

The retreat started with a blessing from our school chaplain Fr Hook to send us on our way to Tirohanga Camp. Once there, the students noted the peaceful surroundings and the quaint layout of the campsite. Presentations on "Accompaniment", led by our Co-Director of Religious Studies Hamish Sutherland, inspired our students to walk alongside and support each other. Many fun games and challenges created an environment of joy and encouragement. Workshops led by other staff on special character, leadership, and facing challenges had the students moving and thinking. We were also blessed to have Eddie Rice leaders come and run a workshop for the students.

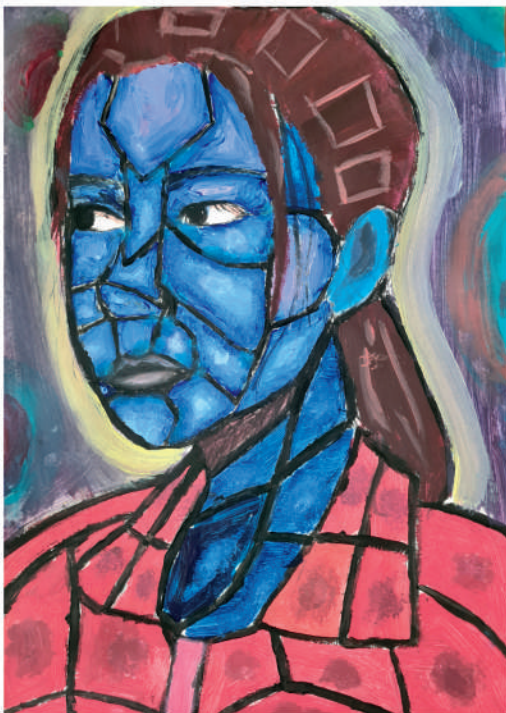
In the evening during prayers, as they passed the candle around, many students gave thanks to God for the opportunity to gather together at the retreat and for their new friends. A powerful moment came when everyone sang Ka Waiata to Our Lady, with students bringing in the different layers, such as the harmonies and echoes, that help make that song so beautiful. After prayers, the students had free time to play cards, instruments, games or cook.

The following day we had more games and activities, and then tidied up. We finished our time at Tirohanga Camp with a Mass led by Fr Hook. Feedback from the students was that they had a great time at the retreat and it really did bring their year group together.

*Pesamino Tili*



## Student Art



Left: Madeline Holmes  
 Above: Diya Vinod  
 Right (top): Ayu Shimazaki & Stani Cherkun  
 Right (bottom): Izabella Christofoletti





## Trinity Day

We celebrated our first ever Trinity Day on Friday 2 June, the last school day before Trinity Sunday.

This year, we wanted to shake things up a little, which resulted in a completely new set of fun and exciting activities for all to enjoy. The day started off with a Mass led by Fr Hook, where we were reminded of how amazing our school is and how, under the name Trinity Catholic College, we are a community of love and unity. We then split off into our house groups and rotated around the five different activities - the relay, gala, dodgeball, scavenger hunt, and e-sports.



After lunch, we all gathered back in the gym for a house haka competition followed by all the students joining together to perform the haka for the staff, which was such an amazing experience for everyone.

The competition throughout the day was very tight, but the final winner of Trinity Day 2023 was Nagle on 81 points, closely followed by McAuley and Rice both on 79 points, and Dominic on 78.

A huge thank you to all the staff and students involved in making this day possible.

*Cole Phillips, Head Boy*



## Book Week

Book Week - a celebration of books, reading, and all things literary - took place at Trinity in mid-June with a variety of fun events organised for the students.

The Year 7 and 8 classes enjoyed taking part in the "Free the Teacher" activity in the Library during the week. The teacher was chained and padlocked to a chair and the students had to answer escape room type questions to solve the padlock code. These questions took them all over the Library, and the first team to solve the clues won.

Lots of students and staff took part in the Dress as a Book Character event with the best dressed student in each year level winning a Paper Plus book voucher. This was a chance for people to show their creativity and it was such fun to see all the different outfits that people had come up with. This activity also raised over \$300 for Women's Refuge which was fantastic.



Crime writer Vanda Symon visited during Book Week. She gave a talk and also ran a writing workshop which allowed students to gain an insight into her creative process and the stories behind her captivating characters.



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