



## Message From The Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa

One of the reasons I love my job is being surrounded by the energy of young people. That energy has been put to good use during a busy term of cultural, arts, and sporting experiences. The term began with the Matariki Night Market and Showcase, encompassing kapa haka performances, entrepreneurship, poetry, dance, and music. The success of this cross-curricular event was profiled in the "New Zealand Education Gazette" which was a fitting acknowledgement for those involved with the inception, planning, and execution of this event – well done team!

Awards were aplenty as the term went on. One of our Year 7&8 Classics teams won the University of Otago Classics Quiz (intermediate section), putting our name on the cup for the first time. I am not sure who was more excited by this - the teachers who prepared them or the students themselves! One of our junior hip hop teams that qualified for Nationals was rewarded with medals, Oliver Lodge continued to be recognised as one of New Zealand's best young songwriters, and our Chamber Music Group won at the Dunedin Performing Arts Society Competitions. In a similar way, junior sports held their own, with our Year 7 basketball team winning the Dunedin competition and a clean sweep of five out of five wins at the intermediate netball finals day with three teams winning their grades. It was an exciting winter tournament week for our junior boys' basketball team who came 3rd in the A grade Junior Zone 4 Basketball - a great result for our first-time entry into this tournament. Our girls' first XI football team gained a silver medal in the Lotto Sportswear Girls' Football Tournament in Timaru, which was our best result in ten years. Of course, these successes and opportunities can't happen without the support and commitment of the students, parents, staff, and coaches – thank you!

This year's Social Justice Week theme was "Imagine Peace for All" and it was valuable to have Farid Ahmed, MNZM, visit us to speak with our senior students. Farid lost his wife in the 2019 mosque shootings and his message about unity through diversity was an important one for our seniors to hear as they move out into the world to be the change makers of the next generation. Thank you to the Edmund Rice Network that provided the opportunity for Farid's visit.

We now move into the 'pointy end' of the academic year with practice exams completed and NCEA external exams just around the corner. Prizegivings and awards evenings will be upon us shortly and we have taken the opportunity to review some of these. As a result, this year we will hold our inaugural Sports and Cultural Blues Evening. The Sports Awards and Cultural Awards will also continue as usual because these are unique events with arts and sports prefect involvement, and they are an opportunity to acknowledge students who have committed and given their best throughout the year.

I have no doubt that Term 4 will be as successful as Term 3 but, firstly, our young people have a couple of weeks for some down-time. As spring unfolds and the world awakens to new life, encourage them to take the opportunity to reflect on the beauty of creation and the spiritual significance of this season. Spring serves as a reminder of God's constant renewal of the earth and the promise of new beginnings. Enjoy this special time of year, take time to stop and just be.

*Ngā manaakitanga*

*Kate Nicholson, Principal*



This term the Kāhui Ako held a combined social justice day. Students from the Catholic primary schools and from Trinity worked in their communities picking up rubbish, planting, and weeding, as well as cleaning at a local marae.



## Farid Ahmed - A Message Of Peace and Forgiveness

Early in September, Farid Ahmed (MNZM) visited Trinity Catholic College and spoke to the Year 12 and 13 students.

Farid was forced to leave his home country of Bangladesh as a 26 year old and has lived in New Zealand since 1988. Ten years later he was paralysed in an accident when he was struck by a speeding drunk driver while walking to work. Farid is also a survivor of the Al Noor Mosque Shooting in Christchurch in March 2019. During this attack, Farid lost many brothers and sisters of his faith community, but most tragically for Farid, he also lost his wife, Husna.

Farid spoke to the Trinity students about his experience of forgiveness and compassion and also his strong commitment to spend the rest of his life advocating for peace, unity, kindness, and friendship. Farid's talk was extremely relevant as it came during Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand's Social Justice Week with the theme "Imagine Peace for All / Pohewatia te Rangimārie mō te Katoa".

It was an absolute honour to hear Farid share his message of love, hope, and forgiveness. He challenged us all to see every person we encounter as a brother and sister of God, one human family.

*Hamish Sutherland, Co-Director of Religious Studies*



## Board Update

The Board welcomes Tama Walker as a parent representative and Mika Mafi as an appointed proprietor's representative, and we appreciate once again having a full complement of board members. Congratulations to Jeremy Meikle who was re-elected as Student Representative for another one-year term.

Thank you to all the staff and students who supported the school's very successful Open Day at the beginning of August. We had a huge turnout and the feedback we have received to date is very positive. It takes a significant amount of time to prepare for Open Day and students and staff freely gave of their time to share their experiences and showcase the opportunities that the school offers to many families who are considering Trinity as the next step in their child's learning journey.

The Board is currently progressing the strategic planning process including reviewing feedback that has been received to date from students and whānau. The strategic plan covers a two-year timeframe and is due to the Ministry of Education at the beginning of 2024. There will be further community consultation at the beginning of next term so we are able to:

- Ensure the needs of students are met.
- Ensure the voices of students and whānau are heard.
- Develop and implement teaching and learning programmes to improve outcomes for students.

This term has been busy with sports tournaments, the Bishop's Shield, hip hop competitions, Polyfest, and out of town curriculum subject trips just to name a few activities. Thank you to the whānau, staff, and students who support these trips and participate in these activities. I often hear many positive comments about how well our students represent the school when out in the community which is a wonderful reflection of our young people living out the school's values.

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 Board section on the school website. We welcome attendance at meetings and feedback from the Trinity Catholic College community.

The Board wishes all staff and students a restful break as we prepare for the final school term.

*Barb Long*

*Presiding Member, Board of Trinity Catholic College*



## Year 12 Geography Trip to Aoraki Mt Cook

Early in Term 3, the Year 12 Geography class was fortunate to have three perfect days at Glentanner and Aoraki Mt Cook National Park to study glaciation and human impacts on the South Island High Country.

The group enjoyed the Hooker Valley Walk and the two swing bridges, before a session on glaciation by a DOC ranger. Dinner was followed by a visit from a Glentanner Station farmer who values farming as a way forward for the Mackenzie Country, but has concerns about wilding pines.

The next morning the students were up bright and early to board the chopper. It was an exhilarating, once in a lifetime experience which allowed the group to view glaciers, braided rivers and, of course, Aoraki Mt Cook.

Following the flight the students went data hunting and collecting on the Red Tarns track, returning with all the info they needed for the upcoming internal assessment. Finally, the group headed out to see the Tasman Glacier. By this time the class was becoming fluent in using geographic terminologies like moraine, scree, and accumulation zones.

The class acquitted themselves very well throughout the trip which included lots of new and wonderful experiences for the students, as well as interesting and important learning.

*Sue Roberts-Blyth*



## Year 13 PE Cross Country Ski Trip

In August, the Year 13 PE class embarked on a three-day immersive cross country skiing adventure at the picturesque snow-covered landscapes of the Cardrona Snow Farm in Wānaka.

Clad in their ski attire, the students underwent a transition into the world of cross-country skiing, marked by an enlightening introductory lesson. Distinguishing itself from conventional snow skiing, the technique involved a different binding, securing only the front of the foot to the ski. Navigating the art of braking, stopping, and turning was quite tricky, resulting in an entertaining and challenging start to the trip.



After the lesson, our task was clear - ski 5km to our lodging at Musterers Hut (a two-hour journey). The hut provided a great two-night stay with stunning sunrises and sunsets that added to our experience.

On the second day, confidence grew as students explored more of the snow farm and navigated its numerous tracks. Evaluating the balance between risk and reward, students seized the chance to push their boundaries on the slopes with many mastering the ability to control their speed and keep their balance. The fresh snow proved fortunate, offering a soft landing for those moments when things didn't unfold precisely as intended.

The final morning was absolutely stunning with a third day of blue skies and sunshine. We packed up and skied from Musterers Hut back to the base before heading home.

Well done to the students who persevered, adopted a positive attitude, and encouraged each other and themselves to make the most of this experience.

*Naomi Tupai*



## Matariki Night Market and Showcase

At the beginning of Term 3, Trinity Catholic College celebrated the Māori new year with a Matariki Night Market and Showcase.

The event began as an initiative developed as part of the NCEA Level One Commerce programme and the Commerce students hosted the night market stalls which offered a variety of kai, arts and crafts, face painting, and games. Several other departments were also involved in the event, including Māori, Dance, English, Technology, and Music. Much of the event was student-led with the stall holders having to create business plans, come up with marketing strategies, and work out how to present their goods for sale.

There was a great turnout for this Matariki event and the atmosphere on the night was vibrant and excited. A mild, fine evening allowed people to mingle outside at the market, eating and chatting together, before everyone moved into the auditorium to be wowed by a fantastic array of student talent, including music, dance, drama, and poetry. Our kapa haka group did a wonderful job of welcoming everyone to the event and performing a number of items during the showcase.



## Bishop's Shield 2023

Twenty Trinity Catholic College students and seven staff spent the first weekend of August in Gore at the 79th Bishop's Shield Competition.

The Bishop's Shield is an annual competition where students from the four Catholic high schools in the Dunedin Diocese (Verdon College, St Peter's College, St Kevin's College, and Trinity Catholic College) compete against one another in prepared speech, impromptu speech, junior and senior debating, junior and senior drama, and junior and senior scripture.

This is a significant event not only in terms of the competition, but also because it brings together the four Catholic colleges in the diocese and provides a wonderful opportunity for students to make friends and reconnect with those they've met at previous Bishop's Shield weekends. Indeed, the sense of

community and camaraderie evident during the Bishop's Shield event is very special for all those involved.

Well done to all the students who took part this year and special congratulations to Jeremy Meikle who won the Prepared Speech and to Ethan Then, Akein Wickramagedara, and Ché McGivern who won the Junior Debate.

This year the Bishop's Shield was won by St Peter's.





# Performing Arts

Term 3 has been a very busy one for those involved with the performing arts at Trinity. There's been hip hop competitions, musical events, a drama festival, and a number of song-writing successes.

## TheatreFest

This year, for the first time, Trinity entered the Otago regional round of the drama festival TheatreFest which took place in July. A group of ten senior students performed a 30-minute New Zealand play called "The Careers Room" written by Philippa Werry. The Trinity group did a wonderful job bringing their play to life and provided the audience with an entertaining piece of theatre - and also achieved an award for Excellence in Ensemble Playing.

## Hip Hop

At the beginning of August, four Trinity Hip Hop Crews competed in the Otago/Southland Hip Hop Competition. There were two crews in the primary/intermediate section (Titanium and Collision) and two in the secondary school section (Syndicate and Legacy). All the crews were superbly coached by four senior Trinity students - Jemma Mortimer, April Gamao, Phoebe Harris, and Tia Mawhinney.

The crews performed wonderfully at the regionals with Titanium coming 1st in the primary/intermediate section and Collision 3rd, while Syndicate took 3rd place in the secondary section. As a result, these three crews qualified for the National Hip Hop Competition a month later. Once again these crews did Trinity proud - Syndicate made it to the finals against some very tough competition, while Titanium gained 3rd place in their section.

## Jazz Festival

This term the Trinity Jazz Band and a Small Combo took part in the annual Dunedin Youth Jazz Festival held this year at Hanover Hall. The musicians played very well and several of them were highlighted as excellent jazz soloists!

## BandQuest

This year Trinity Catholic College was represented at BandQuest (a live band competition for musicians in Year 8 and below) by a group called *Wallflowerz* which was made up of Camila Barns, Isla Harris, and Jemma Hapeta. They did an awesome job and really enjoyed the experience of performing to a large and appreciative audience.

## Song Writing

Trinity student Oliver Lodge (Year 12) has had multiple successes this term with his song writing. He was a finalist in the 2023 Play It Strange Peace Songwriting Competition for his song "Te Ao Marama" which earned him the opportunity to have his song recorded in a professional recording studio to go on the 2023 Peace Song digital album.

He also entered the University of Waikato Composition Competition and was one of three secondary school

students selected to have his composition ("Darkness, Grief and Unspeakable Sorrow") workshopped and performed.

And, just recently it was announced that Oliver, together with fellow Trinity musicians Anamika Jones, Jamie Hall, and Jayden Deuster-Parker, had won the senior section of the 2023 Caritas SINGout4JUSTICE competition.

*Tor Devereux*





## Class Act 2023

Trinity Catholic College's ODT Class Act recipients for 2023 are April Gamao and Samuel Kelly.

The only criteria the Otago Daily Times gives schools for selecting students for this award is "excellence" which allows for a wide range of achievements, talent, and leadership to be recognised and celebrated.

Both Samuel and April have achieved academic excellence during their time at Trinity. In addition to this, April is a highly skilled hip hop dancer, the environmental prefect, and hopes to make the world a better place for others, while Samuel is a very talented performer (actor, singer, dancer) having appeared already on stage in numerous musicals and plays, as well as being an adept football player.

The students received their award (which includes a University of Otago scholarship) from the Prime Minister.

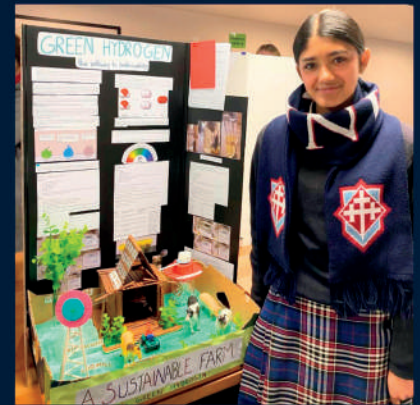


## Science Fair

Saira Eldho (Year 10) won three prizes at this year's Otago Science Fair for her project entitled "Green Hydrogen", which she completed entirely out of the classroom.

Saira was awarded the NZ Institute of Chemistry Award, the Aurora Energy Award, and the Keith Dawber Memorial Award for Alternative and Renewable Energy.

The goal of Saira's project was to see if there is any pH difference in water sources and if she could produce hydrogen gas from these water sources to use as a renewable source of energy ("green" hydrogen). She used electrolysis to carry out this experiment to produce hydrogen from different water sources - sea water, distilled water, tap water, lake water, and river water.



## Classics Quiz

Tuesday evening, 15 August, saw teams of Classical Studies scholars come together in a quiz hosted by the Classics Department at the University of Otago.

Trinity Catholic College entered three teams this year into the intermediate and junior competitions. The Year 9 team (made up of Heath Kettish, Keziah Porthouse, Harrison Rich, and Luke Wild) was named Dionysus' Dolphins, while the two Year 7/8 teams were Apollo's Arrows (Julian Osland, Will Paterson, and Mina Suwanarusk) and The Olympians (Thomas Walker, Austin Gillespie, and Kaila Rioveros).

The teams had to answer questions about Greek and Roman mythology, history, the Otago Museum collection, the Greek alphabet, art, and important historical figures.

At the end of the evening, The Olympians were tied for third place in their section and Apollo's Arrows won the competition, taking the first place trophy for the intermediate section back to Trinity Catholic College.



*Brent Ford*



## Sports Update

### Congratulations!

#### Handball

Aya Oseki, Therese Tili, Nuala Kelly, Bella Anderson, Isla Simonsen, and Angie Quinn have all been selected for the U17 NZ Indoor Handball team going to New Caledonia in October to compete in the IHF Oceania Trophy tournament.

#### Curling

In July, Year 13 student Ellie McKenzie was selected for the New Zealand Curling Youth Development Squad and in August she spent a week training in Lillehammer, Norway.

#### Squash

Squash player Aria Bannister has secured a three-year full scholarship to St Paul's High School in New Hampshire, USA. This is an amazing opportunity to attend one of the top 10 private schools in the US and be able to play squash in a 1st division school team against some of the best junior players in the world.



Last year Aria was the NZ U15 National Champion and earlier this year she won the South Island U17 title.

#### Cross Country

Eli Bungard finished 3rd in the Year 7/8 Arika Cup Cross Country held in August. In a very tough field, Eli paced himself brilliantly and held off a very strong chasing pack. His performance, along with David Hola and Jimmy MacKenzie who both finished in the top 15, contributed to an overall 3rd place for Trinity Catholic College in the boys team competition.

#### Basketball

The Trinity Year 7 boys Celtics team ended up winning their basketball section this year when the season finished recently.



The team only lost one game and their victory in the final was secured with only five players against a very well drilled Tahuna side. The skill level of these players is of a very high standard, but their team spirit and support for one another proved a key component of their success.

## Tournament Week



At the end of August a significant number of students spent the week out of the classroom participating in the annual Secondary Schools Tournament Week.

This year Trinity had a record number of teams travelling to all parts of the South Island to take part in various competitions, together with managers, coaches, and teachers in charge of each sport. The netball team was in Invercargill, the boys football and boys junior basketball stayed in Dunedin, the under 15 rugby team went to Alexandra, the hockey team was in Oamaru, the girls football and girls basketball teams were in Timaru, while the senior boys basketball team made their way up to Nelson.

The week had lots of ups and downs in terms of results, but credit must go to our students who all continued to try hard and show good sportsmanship regardless of whether they won or lost. The most successful team was the girls 1st XI football team which placed second in their tournament in Timaru after an amazing week of persistence and giving it their all. This is the highest placing for Trinity in girls football in 10 years!





## Year 7/8 Disco

At the beginning of August the social committee organised a school disco for the Year 7/8 students which was a great success. There was an amazing turnout and all the students dressed to impress, pulling off that classic disco look!

Crazy lights and decorations transformed the PED Room which soon filled up with the awesome Year 7s and 8s. All of their happy faces and smiles set the place alight, and their energy was amazing!

Thank you to all the Year 7/8 students who attended, all the Year 13 students who helped to organise this event, and all the staff who supported it.

*Michael Louw-Young, Social Prefect*



## Adaptive Sports

On Wednesday 23 August, the Adaptive Sports Crew represented Trinity Catholic College in the Otago Secondary Schools Special Olympics Football Tournament at the Edgar Centre.

Jade Boyd, Krystal Lee Boyd, Lily McCabe, and Monty Robertson showed terrific sportsmanship and skill in a mixed team together with two friends from Otago Girls' High School. The team's name was the Trinity Titans and they were just that - strong, driven, and fighting to the end. Their dedication to the game gave them a second place position in the Division 2 competition.

There were many memorable moments - Lily standing strong in the goals, Krystal with her superior defense skills, Monty being a perfect teammate and always first to congratulate the opposing team, and Jade a super striker who achieved a mammoth 12 goals for our team over the three games.

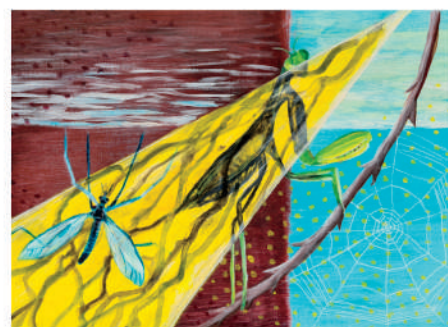
It was a wonderful day and all four students represented Trinity so well by showing great respect towards each other and the whole adaptive sports community.

*Skye Haig*

## Student Art



Artists: Joseph Kelly (left), Maverick Gayoma (above), Keian Zamente (top right), Harlan Smith (bottom right).



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