From the Head Master

I have never really understood the appeal of mountain climbing. That’s OK. I have never really understood the appeal of avocado either. We all have different tastes.

However, mountain climbing does punch above its weight in providing stories of heroism, drama, and metaphors that can be leveraged into life lessons. I was reminded of this last week when I attended a conference where the first Taswegian to climb to the summit of Everest was speaking. John Zechendorf was the ninety-sixth Australian to reach the top of the world, and is only one of about twenty Australians to have ascended the highest mountain on each of the seven continents. As you can imagine, he had some good stories to tell.

In recounting the day on which his party reached the top, Zechendorf was battling gastro-enteritis, as well as the debilitating effects of altitude and climate. He described the experience of looking up at one point, and being overwhelmed by the distance to go. As he thought about the immensity of the task before him, he became paralysed with hopelessness. He recognised, on a bone-deep and existential level, that this task was beyond him.

After that moment, he didn't look up again. Instead, he looked down, at his feet. Instead of contemplating the big picture, he focused on the smallest one. Instead of asking, ‘Can I get to the top?’, he started to ask ‘Can I take the next step?’ His answer to this second question was ‘Yes.’ So he did. And the next step. And the next step. You can imagine how the story went – and its successful conclusion. He was able to do it.

It was a great story, reminiscent of the cliched proverb about eating an elephant. How do you eat an elephant? One mouthful at a time. His story embedded the cliché in a narrative, which drew us along as listeners, where rolling out the cliché would likely have triggered a cynical defensive reflex.

Nonetheless, clichés become clichés because they capture an idea that has power, even if that power fades through familiarity over time. The only way to eat an elephant is to do it one mouthful at a time. The only way to climb a mountain is one step at a time. The only way to become fit is to exercise one session at a time. The only way to master the violin is one practice session at a time.

At this time of year, some students become despondent at the prospect of formal assessments that lie ahead. Examination timetables, assessment tasks, revision regimes and all the rest of it can loom forebodingly over them. Sometimes, our boys can be paralysed by the perceived immensity of the challenge. Sometimes they divert their attention to those tasks that they feel as though they can conquer, often on a games console. It makes good sense to remind our boys that focussing on the next step is all they need to do. Can you do half an hour of Maths? Of course you can. And then, when the half hour is done, can you do half an hour of note summarising? Of course you can. And then, when the half hour is done, can you do the next step?

One step at a time will get us there. And, remember, consistency is more powerful than intensity.

Detur gloria soli deo.

Tim Bowden
Head Master
From the Master of the Junior School

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

Dear Parents and Friends of the Junior School,

Well done to our older boys on a wonderful season of rugby, football, Oz-Tag and AFL. Teams have had varying degrees of success on the field and most teams had experiences of winning and losing, with boys encouraged to do both graciously. It is always pleasing to observe our boys learning important lessons through sport and seeing them maintain a positive attitude towards their sport, teammates and opposition regardless of the score. Particularly pleasing was seeing individuals and teams improving their performance each week as a result of perseverance and effort at training and in games. The Year 3 Friday Afternoon Sport Programme will run in Weeks 4-8 this term, commencing today. The boys gain exposure to a variety of sports, specific skills and the opportunity to participate in modified game situations all of which will prepare them to participate in the IPSHA Saturday Sport competition from the beginning of Year 4. The Athletics Team, led by Josh O’Connell, and assisted by Mr Robinson and Miss Morgan, commences their season with an Invitational Carnival tomorrow morning.

Next week is Book Week. Each year since 1945, the Children’s Book Council of Australia has hosted Children’s Book Week to honour and celebrate the work of Australian authors and illustrators. Miss Gratton has planned a full schedule of events across the week around the theme ‘Reading is My Secret Power’. Author visits, competitions, and a Book Fair have been scheduled. The climax of the week’s activities will be our Book Parade on Friday morning between 9am and 10am in the Sports Centre (adjacent to the Junior School). Parents and grandparents are warmly invited to enjoy the fun. You can even dress up. We would especially love parents and grandparents to purchase some books for their children at our Book Fair as the School receives credit to be able to expand our Library collection.

The corridors are beginning to be transformed for the Trinity Grammar Junior School Arts Festival. The highlight will be the Festival of the Arts Evening in a fortnight on Friday evening, 30th August, in the Junior School building (5-7pm). Apart from a display of the magnificent array of artwork that the boys have been making at school, the evening will also feature musical performances and drama. We hope that families will join us on the evening. For those who are unable to make it on the night, the artwork will be accessible for viewing after school each day until 13th September.

You will very soon receive the first direct correspondence concerning Student-Led Conferences on the afternoon/early evening of Wednesday 4th September. During the conference each boy will highlight his areas of growth and development and share his future learning goals with you. Student-Led Conferences provide boys and parents a rare opportunity to sit and talk about learning. I cannot overstate how strongly I encourage parents to book an hour in the classroom with your son, as the conferences will be a very rewarding experience for all involved and are not to be missed.

Term 3 is the term when all boys in Years 3 and 4 head off on their overnight outdoor education camp. Camp assists in the boys’ development of independence, collaboration, responsibility and life skills as well as providing wonderful social experiences beyond the confines of the classroom. They will be away for 3 days/2 nights from Monday 9th – Wednesday 11th September at Crusaders’ Galston site, in the north of Sydney. At all of our camps our staff plan programmes with the outdoor education professionals ensuring a safe and fun time for all boys. Parents are asked to ensure that they have communicated any updates to medical information before camp. Where teachers have sought permission to administer medication, it is greatly appreciated when these forms are returned promptly.

Mark Dunn
Master of the Junior School
This week we summarise the shortlisted books in the Picture Book of the Year category.

It’s almost Week 5, and our favourite time of year in the Junior School Library – yes, it’s CBCA Book Week time again!

We have a host of fun and engaging opportunities lined up for the boys, parents and staff including a Scholastic Book Fair, author visits, daily challenges and our annual Book Character Parade! Some further information is outlined below – please contact the Junior School library on 9581 6121 or jslibrary@trinity.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions.

**Scholastic Book Fair**

Always popular with the students, the Book Fair allows boys, parents and staff to purchase books and stationery items from a wide selection available, with a percentage of sales then returned to the Junior School Library as credit for future Scholastic Book purchases. The Book Fair 2019 will be open from Tuesday 20 August to Friday 23 August during library opening hours: before school from 8am, second half of lunch and after school until 4pm. Please feel free to visit the fair with your sons during this time. Each class will have the opportunity to preview the Book Fair on 20 August, and boys will be invited to complete ‘wish lists’ to take home. Items can be purchased via credit card online using this wish list form, or with cash in person at the Book Fair.

**Author Visits**

![Image of author and book cover]
This year we are lucky to have two renowned author/illustrators visiting the Junior School during Book Week. On Tuesday Juliette MacIver (author of *Yak and Gnu, Gwendolyn* and many more) will run one hour sessions for students from K-4. On Wednesday Donna Rawlins (author/illustrator of books including *Waves* and *My Place*) will run sessions for Years 5 and 6. We are sure the boys will find these sessions a valuable experience and look forward to reporting more in the newsletter next week.

**Book Character Parade**
This Year Our Book Parade Will Take Place In The Sports Centre, Commencing At 9am On Friday 23 August. As Always, We Encourage All Boys (And Staff And Parents!) To Participate In This Celebration Of Literature And Reading By Dressing As Their Favourite Book Character And Joining Our Parade. We Are Always Amazed By The Creativity And Enthusiasm Shown By All Involved, And We Can’t Wait To See What Costumes Are Dreamt Up This Year!

Boys will stay in costume for the day but must travel to and from school in normal school uniform, unless they are dropped off and picked up in the carpark.

This year’s Book Week theme is ‘Reading is my secret power’, however costumes do not need to reflect this theme, as long as the character appears somewhere in a fiction, non-fiction of graphic novel text.

CBCA Picture Book Of The Year Shortlist

The Feather by Margaret Wild and Freya Blackwood

This story of hope, kindness and redemption is set in a grey, dystopian world. When a great feather drifts from the leaden sky, two children recognise its extraordinariness and take it to the village for its protection. The villagers, however, want to encase it, and so the feather changes as the story unfolds. The ambiguous ending invites multiple interpretations about the effects of selflessness and kindness.”

The Mediterranean by Armin Greder

Precarious boats navigate the waters of the sea, from south to north. And more often than not, it is not only hope that drowns. This picture book for older readers is a devastating indictment of our society's treatment of refugees. With eloquent and powerful imagery, the creator of the multi-award-winning book The Island again asks us to examine our responses to the plight of refugees. How long will we remain silent witnesses?

Girl on Wire by Elise Hurst

Girl on Wire is a simple yet brilliantly uplifting allegory of a young girl struggling to build her self-esteem and overcome the anxiety that many children feel as they grow – she walks the tightrope, afraid she will fall, but with the support of those she loves, her toes grip the wire and she walks forward, on her own, with a new confidence.

Chalk Boy by Margaret Wild and Mandy Ord

“Barnaby is a pavement artist. This morning he started drawing me. I have a head that can think, eyes that can see, ears that can hear and legs that can run. Best of all, I have a heart that can feel. Thank you, Barnaby.”

The All New Must Have Orange 430 by Michael Speechley

Harvey owned a heap of stuff but could always use more. The Orange 430 was the latest and the greatest. Harvey wasn't sure what it did, but he had to have it! A cheeky picture book for anyone who's ever bought a thingy or whatsit . . . and doesn't quite know why.

Cicada by Shaun Tan

Cicada works in an office, dutifully toiling day after day for unappreciative bosses and being bullied by his co-workers. But one day, Cicada goes to the roof of the building, and something truly extraordinary happens. A story for anyone who has ever felt unappreciated, overlooked or overworked, from Australia's most acclaimed picture book creator.

Gill Gratton | Teaching and Learning Librarian Primary School
The Whale Wall

In Visual Arts, Year 4 2018 created ceramic whales in their Ceramics in Schools incursion. This was part of their investigation into Australian Indigenous storytelling and culture. As a class we chose to represent the Eora nation- the land and tribes in and around the Sydney basin and used the Whale as a totem to express our acknowledgement of their history and continued respect for their stories and culture. The Whale Wall (as it has been now called) is an acknowledgement of country and is now a permanent feature in the K-2 courtyard for all to see.

Finella Clark | Teacher Primary School
Awards for the Week | Junior School

**KM**
Aaron Cherian
Jonathan Lan

**1K**
Ian Deng
William Millena
Hugo Song

**2T**
Seb Lamb
Dominic Lowe
Jack Zhou

**3N**
Elijah Harding
Arles Hanning
George Hassapis
Charles Russell

**3M**
Christian Antoniou
Austin Da Silva
Jason Lan

**4G**
Luke Nada
David Miller
Max Munday

**4T**
Benjamin Loughnan
Emerson Urbano
William Saunders

**5B**
Heony Cho
Izac Duval
Hudson Myliotis

5J
Maddox Knapstein
Aidan Lang
Kody Murphy
Asher Paoli
Hamish Turner
Hugh Williams

5T
Samuel Michail
Laurent Milham
Ben Lim
Rory Wenden

6H
Tom Bishop
Raphael Mahmood
Adrian Rasica

6K
Zaine Bachir
Matteo Cordaro
John Markos

6R
James Craigie
Luke Gergis
Sam Griffiths
Gaby Martino
Jacob Pham
Matthew Sefein
Andy Zheng

6T
Alan Chen
Alex McGrath
Leon Livingstone
Lachlan Yap
Football Clinic | Years K to 9

October School Holidays | Tuesday 8th To Friday 11th October

Boys from Kindergarten to Year 9 have a magnificent opportunity to attend the Trinity Grammar School Football Clinic in the October Holidays. Benefits of participating at this camp include:

- 18 hours of football tuition over four days.
- Participants train as per the Football Federation Australia National Curriculum.
- 5-8 year old participants focus on natural development (in Striking the Ball, Running with the Ball and 1v1) through fun football exercises and games.
- 9-13 year old participants focus exclusively on improving their technical skills in the areas of first touch, striking the ball, running with the ball and 1v1.
- 14-15 year old participants focus on improving the above technical skills and learning how to apply these core skills in a functional way.
- Middle School participants have opportunity to partake in video analysis using Hudl Software. The video analysis viewing facility includes the newly refurbished 110 seat Latham Theatre.
- Training facilities include a synthetic all weather football field and three indoor basketball courts.
- Participants play in mini tournaments that replicate the ‘A-League/Champions League/World Cup’.
- Participants are tiered according to their playing level.
- All participants receive BBQ on Tuesday and Friday.
- Drinks and fruit provided each day.
- Coaching Staff are fully qualified coaches who were former distinguished Football players. Leading coaches will be David Barrett and Luke Gray, both current school teachers at Westfield’s Sports High and Trinity Grammar School respectively. David played well over 300 National Soccer League games and Luke is MIC and Director of Football Coaching at Trinity and is the current 1st XI coach.

THE DETAILS

Where Trinity Grammar School, Summer Hill.

When Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th October

Time 9am to 3pm (check in at 8:45am Tuesday only).

Bring Football boots, indoor shoes, sunscreen, hat, and water bottle. Bring your own Football.

Cost $280. BOOKING and PAYMENT made by clicking here.

The Clinic will run rain, hail or shine (with indoor facilities available in case of wet weather).

CANCELLATION FEE 20% cancellation fee occurs after Wednesday 2nd October, 2019.

Enquiries To: Mr Luke Gray email lgray@trinity.nsw.edu.au
Dear Parents,

Our final round of winter sport produced some tight results across the day in blustery conditions. Years 4-6 will move into the second half of their summer season from Thursday, September 20th, Week 9 of this term and will continue to refine skills and in some cases re-trial for teams heading into the second half of the season which commences in the first week of Term 4. Yesterday and next Thursday will give the Track & Field team time to prepare for the IPSHA carnival and other boys a taste of other sports at school. All Years 4-6 are to wear House uniform for sport for the next 3 weeks. We will continue House OzTag in Week 5 before changing to other activities’ in the window between official sport seasons. Year 3 continue Cricket and also wear House uniforms.

Tomorrow and the following Saturday we have Track and Field Invitationals for boys who impressed with their results at our carnival or in some P.E. lessons, where we have conducted some High Jump and Discus. Both invitationals are at SOPAC Warm Up track and are being co-ordinated by Newington this week & St. Patricks’ the following Saturday. All boys invited tomorrow have brought home a note with times of events. After these two meets an abridged team will be chosen for the IPSHA Track & Field meeting, also held at SOPAC on Monday, August 26th.

Congratulations to Kobe Harb (4T) who again won his division of the Australian Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Championships last weekend.
(Kobe pictured above in the centre)

**Sports Results | Saturday, August 10th, Round 10 Of IPSHA Winter Season**

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5B v Newington 2-4 loss
5C v Newington 0-4 loss
4A v Grammar St. Ives 3-1 win
4B v Grammar St. Ives 6-1 win

**Rugby**
1st XV v St. Aloysius
Year 6 7s
11As v St. Pats
10A Internal
Year 4 7s

**AFL 5/6**
A v Waverley

**Intra OzTag**
Y4 Yellow v Y4 Blue
Y5/6 Yellow v Red
Y5/6 Blue v Prep Pink

2-4 loss
2-4 loss
0-4 loss
3-1 win
6-1 win

Lincoln Sinozic
Dylan Petrides
Isaac Bassily
Tom Henry
Will Saunders

**Best & Fairest**
Zeke Cartwright
Ben Warrilow
Archie Groundwater*
Izzy Constanti
Ace Sharma

**Consistent Effort**
Ahmad Ammoura
Casey Chan*
Matthew Chen*
David Miller
Hugo Tsai

**Encouragement**
Rory Flanagan

**CE**
Geoffrey Olsen, Ryan Wang
Alex Jutrisa, Aedan Nalliah
Isaac Halcrow

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Music News | Junior School

PERFORMANCES

Ensemble schedule:

19 August *Prestissimo Chamber Ensemble* - Edward Layson (6Yo), Dimitri Giannakopoulos (6Ta), Bennett Lo (6Ta) and George Stavrakis (6Ta) *(10:15am - Junior School Library)*

30 August *Trinity Arts Festival - Primary Years - Music and Drama Performances* - Junior School’s Concert Band and Choir, and Vivaldi Strings *(5pm - Junior School)*

16 September Mozart Strings *(10:15am - Junior School Library)*

23 September Year 3 Training Band *(10:15am - Junior School Library)*

20 November *Junior School Evening of Music* - **All** ensembles including Year 2 and 3 *(6pm - Assembly Hall)*

27 November *Family Carols’ Service* - Junior School Choir *(6pm - Memorial Chapel)*

5 December *Annual Prize Giving* - Junior School Choir and Vivaldi Strings *(10am - Assembly Hall)*

WEEK 5 REHEARSALS

Monday 19 August
Mozart Strings (2:15 - 2:45pm) - After Care Room
Intermezzo Strings (3:15 - 4:00pm) - Band Room
Junior School Concert Band (3:15 - 4:10pm) - Orchestra Room

Tuesday 20 August
Junior School Choir (3:15 - 4pm) - Choir Room

Wednesday 21 August
Year 2 Instrumental (11:30am - 12:30pm) - School of Music
Year 3 Instrumental (2:15pm - 3:15pm) - School of Music

Thursday 22 August
Vivaldi Strings (from 7:15am) - Band Room
Junior School Concert Band (from 7:30am) – Orchestra Room

**Friday 23 August**

Junior School Choir (from 7:30am) – Choir Room

As Mr Dunn has previously requested, please ensure your son is registered with OSHClub. This is a ‘just in case’ registration for that one-off emergency when your son needs care after rehearsals. No one plans for this to happen, but it happens to almost everyone at some stage across the primary years. It is free and relatively easy to register online at [https://www.oshclub.com.au/login-and-register](https://www.oshclub.com.au/login-and-register) (be sure to choose Trinity Grammar School – Junior).

**LOWER BRASS VACANCIES**

We are looking for lower brass players to join the Concert Band. If you would like to set your son a challenge and be a part of a great ensemble of boys playing music together, please consider enrolling in Baritone, Euphonium or Trombone lessons. We would be very interested in answering any queries about our Music Instrumental lessons. The enrolment form can be accessed here: [http://community.trinity.nsw.edu.au/1_senior/docs/spirit_musicTuition.pdf](http://community.trinity.nsw.edu.au/1_senior/docs/spirit_musicTuition.pdf)

**DONALD HOLDER SCHOLAR MESSAGE**

Please remember to advise your private instrumental teacher of absences as soon as possible, even when you go on an excursion. That especially applies to Year 6 this week with our excursion to Centennial Parklands on Monday.

Our music ensembles are really important. As we get closer to our performances at the Primary Arts’ Festival, please make sure you bring both solo and ensemble music to go through with your teacher. Our friends and families will enjoy the music more and it will make our ensembles even better!

A special welcome to our ensembles goes to the following boys:

- Flautist Hugo Newman (5Ta) into the Junior School Concert Band
- Violinist Layth Nazha (4Yo) into Intermezzo Strings
- Cellist Harlan Starr (3Yo) into Intermezzo Strings
- Chorister Isaac Bassily (5Yo) into the Junior School Choir
- Chorister Jack Lai (3Ta) into the Junior School Choir
- Chorister Samuel Zheng (4Fo) into the Junior School Choir

If your son has any music news, please let us know so we can include it in this weekly column. Please come and see us anytime.

**Christopher Lowe (6Fo) and Nathan Pham (6Yo)** | 2019 Donald Holder Scholars

**Trevor Adams** | Director of Junior School Music
EVENTS

Dates for the Diary | Junior School

TERM 3

WEEK 5

19 Aug Book Week commences
19 Aug Y6 Excursion - Centennial Parklands
20 Aug K-4 Incursion - Author/Illustrator Juliette McIver
21 Aug Y3-6 Incursion - Author: Donna Rawlins
21 Aug Minimites - 4:00pm - 5:00pm
23 Aug Book Week Parade - 9:00am
23 Aug Y3 Sport Cricket - 3:00pm - 4:30pm
24 Aug Track and Field Invitation – 8:00am – 11:00am

WEEK 6

26 Aug Primary Arts' Festival commences
26 Aug K-Y2 Swimming Programme commences
26 Aug Track & Field - IPSHA Championships
28 Aug Fathers' Day Stall (Auxiliary)
28 Aug Minimites - 4:00pm - 5:00pm
30 Aug Y3 Sport Cricket - 3:00pm - 4:30pm
30 Aug Primary Arts Festival - Art Exhibition, Music and Drama Performances - 5:00pm - 7:00pm

WEEK 7

02 Sep K-Y2 Swimming Programme continues
04 Sep Open Day - 9:15am – 10:30am
04 Sep Student-led Conferences (No After School Co-curricular)
05 Sep Y3-6 Photos - Representative Sport, House and other Co-curricular
05 Sep JS Auxiliary Meeting 9:00am
06 Sep K- Y2 Swimming Programme concludes
06 Sep Y5 Father and Son Breakfast and Chapel Service - 7:30am
06 Sep Y3 Sport Cricket - 3:00pm - 4:30pm
Year 5 Father and Son Breakfast

Trinity Grammar School Junior School warmly invites Year 5 fathers and their sons to the Father and Son Breakfast.

**Friday, 6th September, 2019**

**7:30am** in the **Dinning Hall**

**Cost:** $12 per student and $15 per adult

**RSVP 30th August**

[Please click here to RSVP now](#)
Trinity Prayer Group | Summer Hill Campus

Parents and friends are most welcome to come and pray for our boys and the School on Tuesdays | 8.30am - 9.30am.

The Prayer Mornings are run on a rotational basis, on alternate weeks, at the Preparatory School campus and the Summer Hill School campus.

Junior, Middle and Senior Schools Summer Hill – held in the Head Master’s Residence (Prospect Road - entrance via Head Master’s garden), on the even weeks of term (Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8...)

**Dates for Term 3, 2019**

**Term 3:** 27 August and 10, 24 September

Come and join us for a time of encouragement, community-building and to sincerely bring the needs of the School community before our gracious God.

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**Margaret Chu** (Summer Hill)  
mobile 0433 124 523
Hollywood Night | 2019 Trinity Ball

Saturday 17th August 2019

7.00pm - 12.00am

To be held at Canada Bay Club, 4 William Street, Five Dock, NSW 2046

Price $100 per person (ticket includes cocktail on arrival | 3 course meal | beverages | DJ | Photo Booth)

Dress Please come dressed as your favourite Actor, Film/TV character etc (Prizes throughout the evening)

RSVP and payment by 10th August 2019 - please click here to RSVP