How can the parent support group offer pastoral and practical help?

Where practical class leaders may help by:

- Organizing a social activity for the class families at the beginning of the year aiming for at least one per term.
- Organizing a social activity whenever a new family comes to join the class.
- Visiting new families, linking them to another Trinity family and assisting them to integrate into the College community.
- Phoning people or making a meal when they are sick or in distress.
- Sending a card or flowers to cheer someone up.
- Inviting new families to PTFA meetings.
- Encouraging families to support College events.
- Organizing a morning tea for mums.
- Organizing family outings or activities such as to the park, swimming, movies etc.
- Being alert to areas of need and the response required in specific situations.
- Inform parents of the appropriate channels to use within the College and assist in passing on feedback to the College principal.
- Encouraging families to help each other.
- Communicating regularly with their coordinator.

In Emergencies:

- Organizing transport for children to and from school when needed.
- Help with basic grocery shopping or house work.
- Emergency respite.

Where do I fit in?

If you would like to be a class leader OR if you need to use the support group OR know of anyone in the College community who does THEN you can contact either:

- The College registrar (Gill Roberts)
- Your support group coordinator
- Your support group class leaders (Names available from your coordinator)

Support Group Coordinators 2016

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The aims of the Trinity Parent Support Group are:

- To support the provision of pastoral care, confidential support and practical assistance to College families especially in challenging times.
- To encourage and create opportunities for friendship among College families.
- To support new families to the College so that they feel welcome and part of the College community.

Introducing our Support Group Coordinators 2016

**Year 3 & 4 Support Group Coordinator**

Debra Heinrich

My name is Debra Heinrich. I have been a classroom teacher for twenty-two years and this year I have the exciting role of being Trinity Lutheran College’s Ministry Worker. We have been a part of the Trinity community for the past two years and have enjoyed our move to Mildura, which brought us closer to family, after living in Queensland for twenty years. Both Tim and I grew up in the small town of Rainbow, Victoria. However, our two beautiful girls, Zoe and Holly, are born and bred Queenslanders. I’m looking forward to my new role as one of the support group coordinators and getting to know more of our families at the college.

**Prep to Year 2 Support Group Coordinator**

Monica Munro

My name is Monica Munro. I am Mallee born and bred and have a background in environmental management. My husband (Ash) and I have three cheeky cherubs and run our own grain marketing business. I am in my 6th year as a stay at home Mum, the most challenging but rewarding role yet! Our family selected Trinity as it offered the sense of community we wanted for our children’s education. The role of support group co-ordinator is part of our family’s contribution to assist others at TLC to feel part of a community.

The role of the support group coordinators is to bring together a team of class leaders who work together to fulfil the aims of the parent support group. There is regular contact between the coordinator and their class leaders. The coordinators have direct contact with the College Registrar as well as the Principal so that issues and concerns can be addressed in a timely manner.

**Year 5 & 6 Support Group Coordinator**

Kerrie Walsh

My name is Kerrie Walsh. I have an Arts/Administration background specialising in Event Management and have been a mum at TLC for the past twelve years. I have three children and have thoroughly enjoyed being actively involved in the College community. I have coordinated the Support Group over the last four years and look forward to continuing to help in this area.

**Year 7 to Year 10 Support Group Coordinator**

Jacqui Tilley

My name is Jacqui Tilley. I have been a parent at TLC since 2004. My main roles in life are being a wonderful wife to my husband Cameron and a good mother to my three children, Mimi, Ella and Isaac. My husband and I work together in our 42 year old family business. We are both born and bred here in Mildura. We like to travel both with business and as a family. We are also foster carers. We love being community minded in all areas of our life and have always felt so rewarded when given the opportunity.